

# MINUTES

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

**JUNE 19, 2010**

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT  
CANTON, OHIO  
AUGUST 21, 2010 @ 10:00 AM**

Nominations are open for Regional Competition Director  
and Regional Membership Director.

### **SCHEDULE OF 2010 MEETINGS:**

#### **REGIONAL:**

August 21, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH

October 16, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH

December 4, 2010 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Bidding)

#### **NATIONAL:**

July 24 – 30, 2010 at Convention in West Palm Beach, FL

September 10 - 11, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO

November 12 - 13, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO

**EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.  
Chuck Stephens, Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Peggy Stephens, Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc.

EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.

Dennis Arthur, Governor  
Lory Arthur, Guest  
Al Flanhofer, Guest  
Warren Obert, Guest  
Mark Wehagen, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Chuck Heretta, Governor  
Roger Flading, Guest  
Elaine Heretta, Guest  
Bob McKee, Guest  
Bob Thomsen, Guest  
Ted Vannelli, Guest  
Linda Vannelli, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Terry Muich, Acting Governor  
Ken Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Dan Lundblad, Governor  
Jane Lundblad, Guest

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

Dan Lyden, Governor

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor  
Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

Ken Jecmen, Governor

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Aurel Ouellette, Governor  
Mickey Ouellette, Guest

- EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB  
Pat Adams, Acting Governor  
Louis Michalovich, Guest
- EO-148 CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Kent Pascoli, Governor
- EO-223 KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.  
William Wood, Governor
- EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB  
Dave Wlodarczyk, Acting Governor

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was called to order by Regional Executive, Chuck Heretta, at 10:04 AM. He determined that a quorum was met. The Governors of the Region introduced themselves. Chuck announced we have a new club in the Region, Crooked River Corvette Club.

**SECRETARY:**

Alan Moore motioned, seconded by Pat Adams, to suspend the reading of the March Minutes. Sue made a correction to the March minutes. Page three, first paragraph should read: "West Region has 402". All were in favor. Sue reminded everyone that the Minutes would be sent by e-mail to all Governors and would no longer be available in hard copy at the meetings. Sue asked any Governor that did not receive them by e-mail to see her after the meeting.

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer's report for the period of March 1, 2010 through June 1, 2010 was read by Sue Hamilton. Terry Muich motioned, seconded by Aurel Ouellette to accept as read and printed. Motion passed with no discussion. 2010 Regional Banquet financial report was given. All banquet numbers are reflected in the treasurer's report. There were no questions.

**HALL OF FAME:**

No representatives were present. Chuck said Al Etzel was not present as he and Carol are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Chuck Heretta stated that applications are now being taken for the 2011 class to the Hall of Fame. Application can be found on the region website. Any questions should be directed to Bill Quine or Al Etzel.

**CHARITY:**

Chuck Heretta has tickets available if anyone would like them. The committee will still accept green sheets.

**BANQUET:**

Ric Keller had no comments regarding the March Regional Banquet that was sponsored by LakeShore Corvettes. Ric hoped that everyone had a good time.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy Stephens welcomed Crooked River Corvette Club, Ltd. as our new club. Peggy advised that, as of May 10, 2010, the East Ohio Region has 17 clubs with a total of 846 members. The region's goal is 960 members. The top clubs are Buckeye Corvettes with 173 members, Central WV with 91, Corvette Cleveland with 90, Competition with 79, Tiretown with 70, Lake Shore with 65 and 11 clubs with less than 60 members.

NCCC, as of April 30, 2010, has 16,504 members. We have lost 9 clubs since May 1, 2009. Peggy has provided each governor with a new membership list. Please check your list to make sure there are no errors. Check the spelling of members' names, addresses, etc. If any errors are found, please send an e-mail letting Peggy know what corrections need to be made.

FCOA membership, as of January 1, 2010 was 2,719. As of April 29, 2010, total membership is 2,771. The Midwest Region has the highest number of members with 506. The West Region has 402, Michigan Region has 294, East Region has 277, Florida Region has 240 and the East Ohio Region remains in sixth place with 169 members and Corvette Cleveland has the most FCOA members with 53.

Pat Kelly supplied Peggy with new FCOA membership applications and she passed those out. Please do not use the old form and use the new one only. The new form can also be found on the NCCC website at [corvettesnccc.org](http://corvettesnccc.org). Pat said the tracking of each individual FCOA member that is dropped when they reach 16 to an actual NCCC member was up to each club and not up to her. If a child's address changes or their sponsor should pass away, that it's up to that club to send that information to the RMD so the change can be reported. Pat still has Corvette books to purchase for \$10. These make great gifts for the children and the profits from this sale go to help run our kids program. Contact Pat if you would like to purchase one.

Everyone should have received the spring issue of Blue Bars by now. Sylvia Hoaldrige is having a site visit by the postal service to see if everything is in line to proceed on with the periodical rate she has been working on for the past year or more. When this goes through, NCCC will save from 40 – 50% on postage. There is a possibility that the RMDs will no longer be receiving extra copies of Blue Bars in the future. Also, Sylvia said the postal service is requiring that all NCCC membership applications be signed. Please make sure the new application form is signed before you send it to Peggy. Please discard the old applications. Also, ask the new member if they have belonged to NCCC before. If they have, ask them if they know which club and what year.

Since our last governor's meeting, the East Ohio Region has lost one of our NCCC members. William R. Knox was a member of the Kanawha Valley Corvette Club in Charleston, WV and was their oldest member at 86 years old. Mr. Knox still competed on occasion but mainly attended car shows, cruises and rallies. He was a member for 9 years. Mr. Yanko, NCCC president, as well as Sylvia Hoaldrige, have been notified of his death. Please remember to let Peggy know if your club loses one of its NCCC members. She needs to inform National as well as make a note in the region membership records.

Peggy asked if anyone has been playing around with the new system. She sent everyone an e-mail with the website address and how to use your password. If you haven't tried it, please do so, and if you have any problems, please let Peggy know what those problems are. That is the only way problems can be resolved.

#### **COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens passed out the form for information from the Governors for voting on specific items. He asked the governors to get back to him with your input in regard to rulebook changes. MVP Award requirements have been revised. 65% of the each type of event must be attended. You must be a chair or co-chair of a qualifying event to qualify for the award. Chuck discussed the low speed event to be held in West Virginia. He stated that it will be a very tight course.

Chuck also discussed the Clarksburg, WV event on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Robert C. Byrd High School. He feels it won't be fun. It is turn, turn, turn and then get exit. Chuck apologized for not checking the course better.

Chuck advised Stan Wolf had open heart surgery due to an aneurism and is doing well.

Chuck Stephens said that once he has received a flyer, the event/events cannot be changed. There is a \$1,000 deductible with insurance from K & K in the event that something is damaged. Chuck and Peggy have rates for three motels for the Clarksburg weekend. They are the Days Inn, Holiday Inn and Sleep Inn. All are within \$2 of each other. Ask for the NCCC rate when making your reservations. Please let Chuck know which hotel is preferable as he has eight rooms blocked at each. If you want to go down on Friday, the rate is good for that night as well.

Chuck Heretta asked Chuck Stephens to review the rulebook proposals. There are three proposals. (1) Fire extinguishers have been dropped for low speed in Group 2. (2) There is a request for minimum entrant in sub-group to be raised from the minimum of two. (3) Non-sanctioned events within 100 miles cannot be the same as sanctioned events. There was a discussion with Chuck Heretta and Ken Rutherford in regards to how the rule has read in the past. Chuck Heretta stated that it had read "like event within 150 miles." It has been changed unbeknownst to us. Chuck Stephens read the rule book and it states "No NCCC events." Regarding proposal #2, Chuck Heretta feels the number should be raised. He also feels there should be only one FTD. In regard to the minimum FTD sub group, Chuck Stephens feels we should go back to ONE FTD or a minimum of 3 in the class. The RCDs have decided to keep all the sub group points for one year.

Regarding proposal #1, Chuck Heretta stated that we should not take safety away from the events in regard to fire extinguishers. Ken Rutherford stated he had an old fire extinguisher with a composite bracket rather than metal. Alan Moore stated that the plastic ones could break. Chuck Stephens advised the mounting bracket and strap MUST be metal.

Chuck Heretta stated there is not a bonus point structure for Economy Runs. These are treated as speed events which makes no sense. We should treat these as a Rallye and award 2 points for best overall mileage. He will write up the proposal and send it to Chuck Stephens. Pat Adams begged to differ because of the computer systems in C5/C6 models. Chuck Heretta stated that he got best overall mileage in a C4 at the last Economy Run. Ken Rutherford gave examples of how to win in older cars, as did Chuck Heretta. Terry Muich stated that if changes are made, the car should be classified as Economy Prepared. Then we would have to have tech people there to check these things. Ken Rutherford stated that we used to have fun and that this rulebook is written for autocrossing and they don't care about the rest of the competition events. Chuck Stephens stated that we are a very diverse Region. Comments were made regarding PC Car Shows v Concours and how they used to be fun. Chuck Stephens talked about cleaning the car to prepare for a Concours and how it is not worth it. Alan Moore said that years ago it was nothing to get 12 points knocked off; now people argue about 1/2 point being taken off. Chuck

Stephens asked that if you have changes you would like presented, please write them out and forward them to him.

Ken Jecmen explained the NEOVC July 4th shows at Aurora Farms will set up the cars in the back parking lot this year. It is more open and there will be signage designating the area. Pat Adams asked if Peggy would send the information on Clarksburg. She said she would.

### **REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Chuck Heretta discussed By-law updates and a proposal in regard to numbers of members from one club sitting on the Executive Board (E-board). Spouse/significant other cannot both sit on the E-board whether elected or appointed. They want to keep family ties off of the board. They cannot change clubs for both to sit on the E-board. The REs saw the preliminary draft of the 2011 budget. It is a negative budget. The Finance committee always suggests we increase the membership dues. Chuck asked to find out why we will have a negative budget. Chuck proposed a 15% cut in each Committee's budget. They have already taken the perks away from the members. The cut would deal mostly with the mileage they are paid to represent their Regions. The deficit is approximately \$30,000. By the officers taking a 15% cut, it equates to approximately \$20,000. Hal Tumbleson has contacted other insurance companies for bids and has asked for a breakdown on how our insurance is calculated. Chuck received feedback from other Regions that they thought the 15% cutback is a good idea. Alan Moore said that some tracks are no longer using K & K. K & K has been good to us but that doesn't mean that there isn't someone better out there. Ric Keller stated that when he has called, he has always had immediate action. At the end of this year, Rose Bailey will no longer be there and you will no longer talk to someone who knows who we are. Sue Hamilton stated it is common practice to get rate quotes at least every two years. It doesn't hurt to go shopping. Ken Rutherford said that he saved his Lodge \$1,000 every month and stayed with the same company by getting quotes. Alan said that we have never gone away from K & K.

Nominations are open for NCCC offices. Contact Peggy for information.

Chuck Heretta touched on the new computer program. REs are not scheduled to meet at the Convention although there will be a Governor's meeting. The By-law committee does not change the INTENT of a submitted by-law. Their purpose is just make it fit in. Pat Adams asked if it would be a possibility to eliminate a meeting and hold it electronically. Chuck Heretta stated that they are looking for proposals for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 years and are asking for 3 and 4 meeting proposals in addition to the Convention meeting. Chuck Heretta stated that there were 6 meetings when he became Governor in 1981. Chuck also said that there is not enough time NOW to get the business accomplished and doesn't think fewer meetings would be feasible. A computer is too impersonal. What you write is not necessarily what you want to say. Chuck told of how many people actually attend the meetings for the number of clubs we have. Governors are NOT attending. Chuck stated that it is always good to hear it from the horse's mouth. The best way is to BE PRESENT. Alan Moore said that you don't hear the discussion that goes on; you only hear what is decided. Whether or not tele-conferencing

will ever happen cannot be determined. There are things that are voted on THAT day and, those not in attendance, could not participate in the vote. The more people present the better off the organization. Chuck told of the EOR Governor's subsidy program. Right now, each club must have used the program before it will start over. Peggy discussed her savings suggestions. The E-Board could cut back on the perks that they receive in regard to their Convention package. Chuck stated that the E-Board person and their spouse both get their package paid and also their seven day hotel stay is paid. They are responsible for their competition events. Chuck Heretta stated that the funds do not come out of the Convention budget although it used to be handled by them. Gail Moore stated that it is not actually a perk because of all the work that has to go on at the Convention. Gail is a past National Officer.

Broke for lunch from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chuck Heretta discussed the proxy forms. If you are using a notary, please make sure their expiration date is not during the year that he will be using the proxy form. The forms do not need to be notarized. They only need to be witnessed by an NCCC member from your club. The club that was interested in hosting the 2011 Banquet has backed out. There have been no other proposals submitted. Therefore, the RE takes responsibility for putting on the Banquet. Hopefully, before the August meeting the Governors will have something electronic to look at.

Convention 2010 has approximately 250 people registered. They need approximately 300 to break even. The Southeast Region and the West Region will probably make bids for the next convention.

Timing equipment owned by the East Ohio Region is available to clubs for sanctioned events. The equipment can only be used for sanctioned events even if held in conjunction with non-sanctioned events. The region needs to establish guidelines for costs involved in using the equipment. There are fixed and non-fixed costs involved. Chuck Stephens had timing boards printed at the beginning of the year at a cost of \$85.20 for 100 sheets. The beginnings of an operational manual are being set down. There has been no set procedure for what to do from when you pull into the parking lot until you leave the event. The computer programs are updated every year. We need to seriously look at how we reimburse this program and its workings. Chuck is asking for input on a set of guidelines so that there is a level playing field for each event and the clubs that are using the equipment. Bill Wood mentioned that Crooked River was putting on non sanctioned events in morning and sanctioned events in the afternoon. At the Clarksburg events, Bob Thomsen is driving there and possibly spending the night to operate the equipment. We need to figure out if and how much he needs to be reimbursed. He is sometimes paid for his travel. Clubs have donated money for use of the equipment. Pylons, etc., will eventually need to be replaced. Pat Adams feels that the club using the equipment should bear

the cost for its events. Alan stated that Chuck Stephens should have a feel for how much it costs to use the equipment for events. Alan Moore and Ken Rutherford feel that Bob should be reimbursed for wear and tear on his vehicle by paying the standard IRS mileage. Dennis Arthur feels that Bob should be reimbursed for the Clarksburg event. We were reminded that this is a volunteer organization. Chuck Stephens feels that HE should have the timing equipment in HIS trailer since he carries everything else. Elaine Heretta asked how we ever got involved in reimbursing someone in a volunteer organization. This is a catch 22 situation. Alan stated that we have someone who has dedicated himself to doing this and we NEED to take care of him. Chuck Heretta said that he had visualized the Region having a small trailer to hold all of our equipment and all we would need to do is make sure it gets there. NCCC uses the National IRS mileage figure to reimburse the Regional Officers. We need to make a "figure" available to clubs so that they know their expenses prior to their event. Fred from CCA has said that if we buy labels on-line we can get them substantially cheaper than buying at Office Max or Staples. Alan Moore would rather see a per-day fee plus mileage to reimburse Bob. Chuck asked Dave Wlodarczyk whether Bob has given Tim Obert a cost for the Crooked River events. Dave didn't know. Chuck Stephens was asked to find this out. Chuck asked that the Governors explain to their clubs that there will be a fixed cost to use the equipment and there will be a mileage reimbursement using the IRS rate, one way only. Chuck Stephens will put together the amount. He will need a response back ASAP in regard to this proposal or to let him know if anyone has other suggestions. We will do this as a test program for the year 2010. At the end of the year we will be able to make the determination for the cost for 2011. Right now we have not had to purchase cones. We have taken donations from clubs that no longer use them. We will, eventually, need to replace equipment. We need to build a rainy day fund. Pat Adams inquired if there has been an amount set up for events taking place soon. Crooked River didn't know. CCA thinks Bob has already told them. Bill Wood thinks we should look at non-sanctioned events as money makers. Maybe they can find someone else to do the job. Chuck Heretta told of someone in the Indiana Region that owns his own timing equipment and hires out to do events. He doesn't feel that it's worth it. We have the equipment to promote NCCC events; not for clubs wishing to make money with non-sanctioned events. It is up to the individual club to decide whose equipment they use.

Terry Muich asked if there was a time-line on the operations manual. Chuck stated the deadline was yesterday. Ken Rutherford said there is a basic manual; it just needs to be refined. Alan Moore doesn't feel that the RCD should be responsible for all of the equipment. Ken Rutherford said that you could purchase a concession trailer for about \$3,000. Warren Obert questioned why the mileage was only one way and if it was because that's what NCCC pays. Chuck Heretta responded yes to that. At 44 cents per mile it should be enough. Bill Wood asked if the equipment is insured. Chuck Stephens stated it is not. The cost was not cost effective. It would cost more for the insurance than to replace the equipment. Terry Muich stated we should ask Bob Thompsen for input. Chuck asked again that the Governors get back to him ASAP.

## **ROUNDTABLE:**

**Kanawha Valley** - Bill Wood is having trouble tracking the NCCC rulebook as it seems to change constantly. Chuck Heretta stated it should change only once per year, but there are always clarifications. The new changes are on the website. Bill questioned why NCCC is inviting United Council of Corvette Clubs to our Convention.

**Fun Center** – Aurel Ouellette mentioned their seven events car shows on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake Shore** – Ric Keller said this would be the last year for Vettemilion. They are having a lot of issues with the city. The merchants seemed to be burned out donating items to all events.

**Mid Ohio** – Terry Muich clarified the even on August 14<sup>th</sup> would benefit the Christian Children's Home. They feel they are more deserving of help. The event will have the same set-up as Boy's Village. They will be meeting at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. This group seems very appreciative and the money stays locally.

**Tiretown** – Alan Moore had nothing to discuss.

**Blennerhassett** - Dan Lundblad thanked all that came to their events in Parkersburg. They were able to donate \$1,000 St. Jude's.

**Medina** – Pat Adams thanked those that attended their shows and rallyes.

**Kanawha Valley** - Bill Wood mentioned their one non-sanctioned car show. They donated \$150 to somebody (he was not sure). Their next event will be a low speed in Clarksburg. He asked if we prefer hamburgers or hot dogs. Chuck suggested they have both available.

**Crooked River** - Dave Wlodarczyk hopes everyone will come to their events.

**Corvette Cleveland** – Dennis Arthur thanked those that attended their events. He said they are working on their rallyes in August.

**Buckeye** – Chuck Heretta mentioned the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and what a success it was. He thanked those that attended the rallyes and car shows. Buckeye partnered with Life Share at the car show and collected 21 pints of blood. He encouraged all to insist that all members be members of NCCC due to a member having a problem after donating blood. The club would have been covered if any problems had occurred when our member passed out. This is why all clubs need to be 100% NCCC.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$70. Dan Lundblad won the drawing of \$35 and donated his winnings to the EOR HOF account.

The next Regional Meeting will be on August 21, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Esber's Restaurant. Nominations are open for Regional Competition Director and Regional Membership Director. The next NCCC meeting will be September 10-11 in St. Louis.

Terry Muich asked how Terry Sells was doing after his neck/vertebrae surgery. All went well. He will not be back to work until the end of the year and is then retiring.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region