

**MINUTES**  
**EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2010**

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT  
CANTON, OHIO  
JUNE 19, 2010 @ 10:00 AM**

**SCHEDULE OF 2010 MEETINGS:**

**REGIONAL:**

June 19, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
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:**

April 30, May 1, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO  
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

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### **PRESENT:**

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Governor, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Chuck Stephens, Regional Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Peggy Stephens, Regional Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Don Burk, Governor, Competition Corvette Association, Inc.  
Dennis Arthur, Governor, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Ric Keller, Governor, Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc.  
Dan Lyden, Governor, Mahoning Valley Corvettes  
Tony Muich, Governor, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, Inc.  
Dan Gallagher, Proxy, Medina Corvette Club  
Ken Jecmen, Governor, North East Ohio Vette Club  
Alan Moore, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Bob Kuty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Bill Quine, Hall of Fame, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Al Etzel, Guest, Hall of Fame, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Roger Flading, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Elaine Heretta, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Ted Vannelli, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Sharon Burk, Guest, Competition Corvette Association, Inc.  
Lory Arthur, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Kathy Dybo, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Al Flanhofer, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Cindy Flanhofer, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Bob Thomsen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Wayne Davidhizar, Guest, Mahoning Valley Corvettes  
Terry Muich, Guest, Mahoning Valley Corvettes  
Peg Quine, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was brought to order at 9:35 AM by Chuck Heretta. Chuck determined that a quorum was met. Chuck asked that everyone speaking say their name first. Chuck asked if there have been any deaths in the region to report. None were noted. Introductions were made of all present.

**SECRETARY:**

Minutes were available on the table. A motion was made by Bob Kuty to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Second was made by Don Burk. Motion passed with no corrections. Chuck Heretta advised that all Governors receive the minutes by e-mail and that hard copies would no longer be available at the meetings. Chuck advised that he sent e-mails to all Governors to respond with a list of current information for Governors and did not receive many responses.

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer's report for the period of November 30, 2009 through February 28, 2010 was read by Sue Hamilton. Dan Lyden made a motion to accept as read. Second was made by Ken Jecmen. Motion passed with no discussion.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Bob Kuty advised that a candidate has been elected and will be inducted at the banquet tonight. The inductee is Bob Thomsen from Corvette Cleveland.

**CHARITY:**

Elaine Heretta advised the 2010 raffle car will be a yellow Grand Sport. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 6 for \$50. If you use the green sheet in your renewal packet they are 5 for \$25 which is a better deal. Elaine also has tickets. Bob Kuty advised that you send a self addressed stamped envelope if you want your stubs returned.

Eight \$1,000 scholarships were given out. 2009 ticket sales were down, most likely, because it was not a Transplant Games year.

**BANQUET:**

Ric Keller reported on the banquet. The hospitality room will be open from noon to 4:00.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy Stephens advised that as of March 6, 2010, the East Ohio Region has 16 clubs. The region has 828 members which is a loss of 54 since December 31, 2009 before renewals. We had 801 members on March 7, 2009; therefore, we gained 27 members. Peggy is setting the goal for 960 members this year. The top clubs membership are Buckeye Corvettes with 171, Corvette Cleveland with 94, Central WV Corvette Club with 91, Competition Corvette Club with 79, Tiretown with 70, Lake Shore with 61 and ten clubs with less than 60 members.

As of February 26, 2010, NCCC membership totals 15,890, which is a loss of 484 members since February 27, 2009 and has lost ten clubs since that date. NCCC has 286 Lifetime members and 367 Members at Large.

FCOA had a total membership of 2,719 as of January 1, 2010. There have been 39 new members less 31 children who reached the age of 16 for a total of 2,728 as of February 25, 2010. The region with the highest number is the Midwest Region with 500 members, the West Region has 4034, Michigan Region has 294, the East Region has 266, Florida Region has 236 and the East Ohio Region is in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 163 members. Corvette Cleveland remains the largest club in the East Ohio Region with 53 members.

Peggy advised that Pat Kelly assigned FCOA number 4200 to a second generation member – granddaughter of Joan Thomas. Joan is webmaster for NCCC. Just a note that specific numbers will not be assigned. They are assigned as they are received. Pat advised the FCOA mailings went well as she only received 118 back and has already received 69 new addresses for those. Pat still has the Corvette book you can purchase for \$10. These would make great gifts and the profits help run the kids program.

The deadline for articles to Sylvia Hoaldridge for the spring issue of the Blue Bars is March 15, 2010. If you would like to have your club spot-lighted in Blue Bars, or you have a member in your club that has done something outstanding in the community, etc., please send an article to Sylvia so it can be put in Blue Bars. Peggy stated they need to get some exciting articles in this magazine. You may also send along pictures. Sylvia is hoping the periodical rate change is in effect for the winter issue. This could save 40-50% on postage costs. The postage cost for the last issue was \$6,300.

Peggy advised that if an NCCC member passes away, the President's office will mail a sympathy card to the family from fellow NCCC members. Please remember to notify Peggy if you lose a club member.

There were membership application forms on the table. These are the last of the four-part forms. Please use up this supply first. Peggy has the new two-part forms if you need them.

Joan Thomas will set up an e-mail blast if your club has a website. If you would like them, please contact Joan.

The RMDs were asked to advise their clubs that if a husband and spouse/companion/dependent are in different clubs, as of 2011 renewal, they will have to be registered as a primary member. They will no longer carry a primary in one club and a spouse/companion/dependent in another club.

Peggy mentioned that Larry Higgins said he has discovered that distribution is really a two person job. He is behind because he has been trying to do this alone. His daughter is now helping him, so everything should be completed within a week to ten days.

## **COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens stated that the East Region has been sponsoring teen driving schools. They rent areas to do skid tests, etc. using the family car. The teen drives the car with an instructor present in the car. The parent may ride in the back seat. Soap is put on a skid pad where the car is thrown into a slide to teach them how to control the car. They also set up pylons to test maneuverability. Chuck Stephens has the information on putting one of these schools on if any club is interested in sponsoring such an event. It is quite a bit of work to put on, but has been well received in the East Region.

The Convention Steering Committee has put compiled a Competition Checklist due to the fact that the Program never seems to be the same as what happens during the rest of the Competition Season. It will be incorporated into the Convention Manual.

If you are requested to provide a copy of NCCC insurance coverage when holding an event, it can be found on the NCCC website - [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org) – this covers the “club.” If coverage is needed for a “specific event” such as was at the airport in West Virginia, you must contact K & K insurance. If more than one million dollars in coverage is needed, it can be obtained for a fee. The only thing you will be able to obtain is the Certificate of Insurance – not the “policy.”

Ken Jecmen asked if there had been any claims. Chuck Heretta advised that there were none last year. Two years ago, the premium was reduced due to good claims experience. There has been a change of representatives at K&K. Pam Walker is now your contact for NCCC and can be reached at 1-800-348-1839 extension 5802.

Chuck has post cards to request waivers and other needs from K & K. We have been using a blanket waiver, however, now there is a regular waiver and a rallye waiver. To be safe, when sponsoring a Rallye, have entrants sign one of each. It is important to remember that ONLY NCCC members are covered by the Insurance. Some clubs do not require that spouses/significant others join NCCC. If the spouse is not an NCCC member, there is no coverage for them. Chuck emphasized that it is only \$10 for the spouse to join. Elaine Heretta reminded all that this is not only coverage at Competition events, but also Social events. Alan Moore explained that this is third party insurance – it protects you from lawsuits, not damages.

**Clarification:** Are GPS systems legal to use on rallies? They are not allowed on a time/speed/distance rallye. It states that in the Rulebook; it does not say for any other type of rallye. Although, if the Rallye Master decides to allow electronic devices, that is HIS decision. It is nearly impossible to police since some vehicles come equipped with them. Alan Moore stated that a good Rallye Master can make sure by his use of direction that a GPS cannot be used.

**Clarification:** Is the reference chart putting more restrictions on wheel size? Chuck Stephens has the reference chart and it does not supersede the rule book. It is a guide and reference only. The reason it is not in the Rulebook is because it is being added to and changed frequently. Alan Moore explained that the '82 and older models use the same tire size all around, where the newer models have several different sizes and combinations that can be used. Chuck H. asked why it is not in the Rule Book. Alan stated that the reference sheet can be changed at any time, whereas the Rule Book cannot. He went into detail about how many changes can take place in the course of a year when Chuck complained that you would not have the chart in the Rule Book. It can be updated when needed and printed off the NCCC website.

**Clarification:** Forms were originally reduced to fit the small rule book. They can be expanded.

2009 NCCC Final Standings: Geoff Gott finished 12<sup>th</sup> in NCCC Competition for 2009. Elaine Heretta finished 34<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Stephens 40<sup>th</sup>, Linda Vannelli 41<sup>st</sup>, Carol Etzel 44<sup>th</sup>. Corvette Cleveland finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place, Buckeye 16<sup>th</sup>, Tiretown 20<sup>th</sup>, Mid-Ohio 35<sup>th</sup>, Kanawha Valley 42<sup>nd</sup> and Competition 47<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck emphasized that if you are putting on a Sanctioned Event that requires timing equipment to contact

Bob Thomsen. Chuck will send him the schedule so that he knows when the events are, but you still need to contact Bob. If you need any other equipment, let Chuck know. Fire extinguishers and flags are needed. There was a question as to who sets up the course for a speed event. It is up to the club sponsoring the event. If any help is needed, Chuck is there for that, but, again, his primary concern is safety.

Information in regard to the MVP Award was discussed. To qualify, you must participate in 65% of the Sanctioned Events that are offered within the East Ohio Region. If there is one Concours, you MUST go to it. If there is one Funkhana, you MUST go to it. If you do not go to either one of those, you are out of the running right off the bat. You must chair or co-chair an event during the Competition Season. The winner will be determined by the best average. The tie-breaker will be the individual that participated in the most Sanctioned Events. Tony Muich questioned if this meant "attend" or "enter" the event. Chuck stated that you must ENTER the event. Alan Moore expressed concern that the number one finisher in the region will win the award and asked that Chuck monitor this. Chuck explained that the total points divided by the number of events entered gives a percentage and that not necessarily would that number one person win. He agreed to track how the top finishers in the Region fit into the structure of the MVP award. Terry Muich inquired as to the purpose of the MVP award. Chuck explained that we are recognizing the person that achieves above and beyond. There are people that put out extra effort by working and chairing events. Terry wondered why the person that comes out to work the events can't qualify for the award. Maybe it should be based on what you DO at the events. Alan Moore stated that a person getting worker points cannot get a good percentage rating. Terry believes that the award should be based on attendance at events. He thinks that the person who comes in first will always win the award. Alan explained how Gene Stenger initially set up the award – only using 16 events. People could manipulate the system by only coming to the minimum number of events and win. The system was deemed to be an inadequate way of determining the winner and was therefore dropped for a couple of years to try to come up with a fairer way of determining an MVP. Terry believes that the award should be based on participation and not the points that you win. Roger Flading stated that the same person would win every year. Elaine Heretta explained that the award is given to the person who has come out and competed to the best of their ability and done the best that they can do. It has nothing to do with working at an event. We have worker awards. It is given for the best average point total. Going to all the events can be a person's downfall – especially if attending poker rallyes, etc. You take the chance and hope to do well – so it is not necessarily the person that achieves first place. Alan stated that he began recognizing the workers because it is so hard for them to place in the Region. Chuck Heretta asked Terry for his definition of "participant". Terry stated that he believes even if you are a worker, you are participating in an event. Chuck H. said that NCCC does not clarify what a participant is. Chuck S. stated that the MVP definition says that Participants MUST ENTER the event. Chuck S. and Terry agreed that the award statement could be changed for next year if it did not work to our satisfaction this year. The question of an MAL winning the award was asked – it was stated that they do not qualify for the award since they are not members of a CLUB and therefore cannot chair an event. Chuck H. said that the MVP qualification statement was attached to the minutes and will be revised. Bill Quine took issue with the tie breaking procedure – said that some entrants work schedule does not allow them to attend everything. Chuck S. said that he is open to suggestion. Tony Muich expressed concern that there is only one Concours and one Economy Run – if you have to miss it – you no longer qualify. Chuck H. suggested that we have to encourage clubs to host these type of events so that there is more to chose from if you are unable to attend something that would disqualify you from the MVP. Concours' went by the wayside

when Car Shows became the easier way to go work-wise and money-wise. We cannot please everyone in this Region. People do not view Concours' as "fun" and therefore people do not attend. Alan Moore again explained that in the beginning stages of the MVP Award 16 events were all that needed to be attended and that you had to attend a minimum of two events of each type offered. There were no Car Shows at the time. When Car Shows came into being, they were exempt from the calculation because of the easiness. We cannot eliminate the Concours' etc. because it would almost guarantee that a "racer" would win the award and that is not the intent at all. It makes the award well-rounded. Chuck H. reminded that under the new structure to qualify you must also be a Chair or Co-Chair of an event. That is also another limitation. But if you really want to qualify, you can. Ken Jecmen pointed out the negatives of holding Concours' and the inconsistency of judging. Alan talked of the argumentativeness of the entrants when points have been taken off. He said he volunteers his time to do this and sometimes it's just not worth the aggravation. There are a lot of qualified judges that will no longer judge. Chuck S. said that there is an article in an upcoming Blue Bars discussing Concours' and Car Shows. Roger Flading stated that new members come to a Concours with no beforehand knowledge of what to expect and go away angry when their car has been ripped apart. Chuck H. said that he did not mind all of the discussion on these subjects, but reminded all that when these subjects come up again later on for all of you not to have your hands in your laps.

#### **REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Chuck Heretta reported that there were three Governors and one proxy in attendance at the National Meeting in St. Louis. He held 12 proxies to cover the other clubs. K&K is renewing with no change in the premium due to the fact that we have a good history with them. Hal Tomlinson, NCCC Business Manager, is shopping around to see what other companies are offering. Chuck asked Hal for a breakdown on how the rate is determined. He is putting together some information in regard to putting together a proposal as to how National Council is funded. This meeting was organizational for the RE'S in that they elected Kevin Milton to represent the RE Committee in another committee that will look at by-laws to bring back to the RE's for revision.

The RE's passed a Standing Rule that deals with the Periodical Rate for Blue Bars. In order to qualify for the Periodical Rate, there must be a subscription charge. This needs to be in our Standard Operating Procedures and By-laws. As the Blue Bars is a perk of membership, a change was needed. Therefore, they have been amended to include a \$10 charge as part of the membership dues for the annual subscription to Blue Bars. This was passed to meet the government's requirements. When this is passed, the post office will rebate the costs retroactively in the year that it was passed. This will be a \$10-15,000 savings to NCCC per year. There is a one-time fee. Blue Bars is printed near Findley, OH. Additional copies are mailed from the distribution center for new members. Bob Kuty asked if there was a page limit. Chuck Heretta advised there was neither a page nor weight limit. A periodical rate is actually First Rate postage. The NCC distribution center is located at Larry Higgins' home in southern Illinois.

Tom Blair, the person overlooking the motor sports complex at the National Corvette Museum gave a DVD presentation bringing us up to date in regard to what will be offered and what has been accomplished so far. He thanked the East Ohio Region for their donation. Chuck Heretta will get a copy of the DVD and send it to all the Governors. The NCM needs \$22 million in order to do everything in their plans. They have an option on 500 more acres. They presently have seven acres. The plans have changed from having two road courses to having one road course of 2.5 miles. The front straight-a-way

and some chaquanes will be duplications of Le Mans. There are some turns that are duplicates of Sebring. An article featuring our donation to the Museum is featured in the May issue of Corvette Enthusiast. Other Governors inquired how we were able to make the donation.

National offices that will be coming up for election this year are: President, Vice President of Membership (Larry Morrison can run again), Treasurer (Bernyce Molenda can run again), Parliamentarian (Kevin Milton can run again), Public Relations (Larry Bebee cannot run again). Members of the Nominating Committee are Gail Yanko and Barbara Harris. Bios and guidelines are on the NCCC website if you are interested.

The RE's discussed the Membership Committee wanting to do Membership via computer. Their question is – Will it be a total integration of the data base where both the Competition and Membership Committees can draw from it or will it only be for Membership purposes with NCCC footing the bill? A committee with complete computer understanding would have to put this program together. Chuck questioned how the Regional Membership person will collect the dues. The system sounds great, but no money will be saved because money and control sheets will still have to be mailed. Cindy Flanhofer asked whether the developer could design it so that Pay Pal or MasterCard could be used. The RE's decided that if both Competition and Membership could not use the system, it would not be worth the expense. The Bowling Green Corvette plant is now scheduled to be open 5 days a week 10 hours a day through July.

Break from 11:12 AM to 11:34 AM

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chuck Heretta took into consideration a question from a member of the Region as to whether the Region does an Audit? He chose Peg Quine, a past NCCC Convention Treasurer, and Roger Flading, owner of a tax business, to conduct an audit of the East Ohio Region Treasury. The audit of the Regional books from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009 (fiscal year) was completed on January 16, 2010. The Region runs on a fiscal year not a calendar year. They performed a short line audit. Chuck read the letter they prepared (attached). The bank accounts are set up in a bank that is available throughout the state since the officers live in different vicinities (Huntington Bank). The only two persons with availability to these accounts are Chuck Heretta and Sue Hamilton. Peggy Stephens can only make deposits of membership checks she receives. She then forwards this information to the Treasurer. We have a business account. We have both savings (interest bearing) and checking accounts with no fees. A lot of the banking is done electronically. Chuck feels that this is working well for the Region. He then read the recommendations that Peg and Roger have made. (See attached) It has yet to be determined if this will be a yearly audit. We now have a starting point. Please pass on to Pat Adams (Medina Corvette Club) that his inquiry has been satisfied. Chuck S. as if the Treasurer should be bonded. Roger stated that it would be for the Treasurer's protection. Chuck H. explained that we tried to get Regional Officers bonded under the NCCC package but since NCCC has no control over Regional funds, it cannot be done. We will gather information on bonding the Treasurer. Alan reminded us of a prior incident in the Region when funds disappeared and the trouble we had getting it back.

Chuck Heretta found the Banquet Guidelines that were prepared in April 1992. He has updated these as

of February 2010. He has revised these guidelines with information that he has gathered from helping Clubs put the Regional Banquet on over the past few year. They were forwarded to all of the Governors. They will become a part of the East Ohio Region Operating Procedures.

The Governor subsidy program was instituted to try to get Governors to attend the National meeting. Chuck feels that the more information that is heard first hand the better off we will be. The Governor subsidy is to help defray the cost and to encourage Governors to attend the National meetings. It has been used five times since it was instituted around 2000. This \$150 reimbursement is a one-time payment per club. Chuck feels that once a Governor attends, he/she will continue to go. The \$150 should be enough to pay for the airfare to get to St. Louis. The next National meeting is May 1, 2010. Alan Moore encouraged the new Governors to use this reimbursement and attend a meeting. He feels that the cycle should start again so that "new" Governors will attend. You will have a good time and meet people from all over the country.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chuck discussed the proposed 2010 Regional Budget that was passed out. Former Governor, Dick Downs made the suggestion that the Region have a Budget after we hosted the 1997 NCCC Convention and our Treasury became very healthy. Chuck commented that budgets do not necessarily need to be balanced. Sue said that the Budget Committee suggested that she move the subsidy of \$500 to the General Fund to balance it. Chuck said that unbalanced shows a truer picture. We follow along the lines of what we have done in past practice to put together a budget. Chuck said that already some things have changed. Budgets are really just a guess as to what we will have as income and expenses. He explained the line items in the budget. We operate at a plus because of the Regional Competition Events that are held. Our budget may not be balanced at this time but at the end of the year we will have operated at a plus. Tony Muich asked if the cost of Quick Books Pro was in the budget. Chuck Heretta said it was not and will investigate the need for this program further. He will also take the other recommendations into consideration. A motion to accept the budget was made by Alan Moore and seconded by Tony Muich. The motion passed with a change from "2010 Proposed Budget" to "2010 Budget." He will take questions in regard to the budget at a later date if there are any.

Chuck is putting together a Regional Learners School. It will be designed for new people and those that have not autocrossed for at least five years. Jack Alexander (Tiretown) put together a school and a manual several years ago. This event will be open to anyone in the Region. He is looking to hold the event in Hartville possibly on May 23, 2010. There will be class room time and a small course set up.. This will not be a competition. Instructors will give you the fundamentals of what autocrossing is all about. He will discuss how to prepare your car, equipment that you need and what to expect the day of the event. This will be designed to get people comfortable with this type of event and to make them understand that the car will not be harmed. The timing equipment will not be there. There may be stop watches, but only for reference as to improvement. There will also be a workers school so that people who come out to work events will know exactly what is expected of them and that we have uniformity within the events held in our Region. Chuck will need veterans to ride with new people. There may be a small charge for this to defray the cost of using the parking lot. Alan Moore stated that Captain Jack did not run an entire course. Students were in groups and worked on different scenarios of a course at a time. After you rotated through each section, a course was built and you were able to run an entire course. Bill

Quine asked if maybe the first speed event after the school be a Matching Time Trial so that the new people would not have to deal with "speed" immediately. The question was asked if the school could be held somewhere else on another date to "spread it around." Chuck answered that if at all possible, it would be done.

Chuck asked for a bid for the Regional Banquet. At this time there were no volunteers. He reminded all that he has forwarded the Banquet Guidelines – please take back to your clubs and discuss the possibility.

Convention 2010 in West Palm Beach, FL – registration is now open on line. April 30, 2010 through May 1, 2010 is the next National meeting. Chuck suggested that the Governors check for airline deals soon. The next Regional meeting is at Esber's Restaurant on June 19, 2010 at 10 AM.

November 2010 is the intent date for bidding the National meetings for the next three years. There are two years left in St. Louis. Chuck has suggested to the East Ohio Governors in the past that we look for a sight in the Region. The meetings have been held in St. Louis for twelve years. The bidding process begins this November with the final bid submitted by February 2011 and would be voted on in May 2011. Although there is plenty to do in St. Louis, Chuck feels that it is time for a new venue – why not East Ohio. Alan Moore stated that in the late 60s and early 70s the meetings were in Akron, then in Cincinnati. Chuck said that when door prizes were given out in February there were 69 numbers. This includes not only Club Governors, but also Regional Officers. So, in reality there are only approximately 50 Governors in the room – down from 200 Governors present 20 years ago. The rest are proxies. Chuck wondered why the numbers are down so far. He stated that we continue to do the business that is needed to be done for NCCC – he is a firm believer that hearing things first hand is the best and maybe a change of venue is that answer to getting more Club Governors at the meetings. Over the years, meetings have been held in Akron, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and Nashville, and used to be bid on every year. Ted Vannelli suggested the use of the museum for meetings since they have a new conference center. Chuck told of the hassle that certain people gave because that venue wasn't originally bid. Chuck suspects that John McGee (Nashville) will be placing a bid for Bowling Green. Alan Moore commented that you would need to rent a car from the airport due to the distance from the airport – either Nashville or Louisville – to the Museum. Alan commented that St. Louis is nice because of the shuttle service from the airport to the hotel and that when events have been planned at the Museum it seemed to be a hassle because of transportation. Chuck would like to pursue to see if it would be feasible to host the meetings in East Ohio. A preliminary bid will be due in November. Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown have major airports. Please think about this and let Chuck know of ideas in the next 30 days. Alan brought up that on Friday evenings at the National meetings there is a hospitality room for all to enjoy. He feels it is time for the East Ohio Region to reciprocate on the treat. Regions or candidates for office supply the munchies, etc. The next available date to host is in November of 2010. It was originally intended to just be snacks but has gotten out of hand and turned into a meal. It is a \$400 - \$450 expense and food would be purchased in St. Louis. NCCC provides the beverage. We can take a look at doing then.

#### **ROUNDTABLE:**

**Mahoning Valley** – Dan Lyden said they are loosing membership. Need to find a way to attract members. Same sponsor for show/same location.

**Lake Shore** – Ric Keller said that their sponsor for VetteMilion stiffed them last year – Jack Matia Chevrolet has stepped forward – looking for new ways to make money.

**Central WV** – Bob Rogers said that their sponsor, Harry Green Chevrolet has been wonderful to them. Their website is up and will be connected to EO soon. Looking for ways to help potential members find the club.

**Mid Ohio** – Tony Muich said that they are looking for a new charity to replace of Boy's Village

**Tiretown** – Alan Moore said they have been very lucky to still have a healthy treasury without having a sponsor. As with everyone else they are having trouble with membership. Tony Muich stated that sometimes new people don't receive a very warm welcome when attending our events and are sometimes turned off. We need to do a better job in that respect. Tiretown has a new website – [www.tiretowncorvetteclub.com](http://www.tiretowncorvetteclub.com)

**Corvette Cleveland** – Dennis Arthur stated that he thinks the autocross school is a fantastic idea and offered his help. He will urge his Competition Director to put a matching times in place. Chuck S. advised him of the flyer deadline.

**Medina** – Dan Gallagher – Reminded everyone of their events on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Renacci Chevrolet is helping them with the car shows. Their membership numbers are on the positive side this year. Dan also expressed concern in how to become more visible so that others that may want to become involved can find us.

**Competition** – Don Burk stated that they have no sponsor. They meet at Quail Hollow in Concorde. There will not be Halloween rallies this year. There is more money to be made in hosting speed events so that is what the club has decided to do this year. Their Charity Car Show will also not take place this year. Although their membership numbers have gone up, it is the same people doing everything. They are good members, but don't seem to be interested in anything other than cruising and eating.

**Kanawha Valley** – Chuck Stephens said that club would like do a summer cook-off around Cambridge or Seneca Lake so that we could drive our cars. Chuck will be talking to Stan Wolfe in regard to a high school parking lot that may be a possibility for low speed events. He has the cards to send to K & K to request more waivers. Make sure that you contact Bob Thomsen if your club will be hosting a speed event and would like to use that Regional equipment.

**Buckeye** – Chuck Heretta stated the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is March 9, 2010. The party will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and has been in the planning for a year and a half. As with everyone else, there is trouble in attracting an active membership

Peggy Stephens asked the Governors to survey of clubs for ideas to make our organizations more fun and attractive. Chuck H. stated that National membership is down and it affects all of the budgets due to the fact that we are funded mostly by membership dues. Alan Moore said that it seems the only way to get people excited is to go out to eat! Tiretown is going out to eat once a month – someplace different each time – and it is attracting more members that their meetings do. Peggy stated that more women are

starting to attend the events. Bob Rogers said that they will be having a ladies choice this year and that women are starting to come to their meeting without their husbands. Terry Muich brought up an email that had been sent by Tim Obert in regard to Piston Power at the IX Center. Chuck S. said that it is way out of our price range.

The next Regional Meeting will be on June 19, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Esber's Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

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