

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

MARCH 5, 2011

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
CANTON, OHIO
MAY 21, 2011 @ 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

July 23, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
October 15, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
December 3, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (BIDDING MEETING)

NATIONAL:

April 29 – 30, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO
June 18 – 24, 2011 (Convention) in Tinley Park, IL
September 9 – 10, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO
November 11 – 12, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club, Inc., Governor
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.

Warren Obert, Governor
Al Flanhofer, Guest
Cindy Flanhofer, Guest
Bob Niznick, Guest
Warren Obert, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Guest, HOF
Carol Etzel, Guest
Roger Flading, Guest
Elaine Heretta, Guest
Bob Thomsen, Guest
Ted Vannelli, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Terry Muich, Governor
Ken Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

John Callery, Governor

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor
Jeep Austin, Guest
Geoffrey Gott, Guest
Susan MacDonald, Guest
Gail Moore, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB

Pat Adams, Governor
Dan Gallagher, Guest

EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB
Bob Rogers, Governor
Jim Oliverio, Guest
Stan Wolfe, Guest

EO-148 CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA
EO-223 KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.
William Wood, Governor

EO-257 COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Don Burk, Governor
Sharon Burk, Guest
Bill Faunce, Guest

EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.
Mark Thurin, Governor

EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB
Tim Obert, Governor

Guests from WINDY CITY CORVETTES
Dave Heinemann, speaker
Joan Heinemann, speaker's wife

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The meeting was called to order by RE, Chuck Heretta at 9:36 AM. It was determined that a quorum was met. Chuck announced the hospitality room will be open from noon until 4:30 today. Registration opens at 5:00 PM for dinner.

Chuck also announced that only a governor can make a motion. The Governors and board then introduced themselves.

SECRETARY:

Mark Thurin made a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Tim Obert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of November 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011 was read by Sue Hamilton. Terry Muich motioned, seconded by Don Burk to accept as read and printed. Pat Adams asked if the books had been audited. Alan Moore commented on how expensive audits can be. Chuck Heretta advised if he wants one done on a regular basis he should make a motion.

HALL OF FAME:

Al Etzel stated he received 13 of all ballots sent out. He has the Inductees for the banquet later today.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta stated the Charity Committee received a hardship request. A member of the Midwest Region is getting custody of their grandchildren. Request was granted for a donation of \$500.

Elaine also commented that their books had been audited by the Finance Committee and all was in order. Both of the Charity programs are in good shape. The taxes have also been filed. Both programs are doing well. Elaine announced Windy City Corvette Club from the Midwest Region donated \$37,500 to the Spina Bifida foundation and was recognized at First Look for Charity as a "Benefactor". Scholarship applications must be received by May 1, 2011.

The giveaway car will be a white grand sport with the Heritage 3LT package. This year's mailing will be larger due to the Transplant Games being held in 2010.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy Stephens announced the Blue Bars periodical rate has finally been approved.

Peggy reported there are 17 clubs as of March 05, 2011 with 875 members, having lost 32 since the end of 2010. The standings are as follows: Corvette Cleveland with 88 members, Buckeye Corvettes with 173, Mid-Ohio Corvette with 37, Blennerhassett Corvette with 12, Mahoning Valley Corvette with 39, Mound City Corvette with 18, Tiretown Corvette with 70, Lake Shore

Corvettes with 66, NEOVC with 47, Fun Center Corvette with 8, Medina Corvette with 22, Central WV Corvette with 93, Corvette Club Of WV with 6, Kanawha Valley Corvette with 57, Competition Corvette with 79, Corvette Canton with 10, Crooked River Corvette with 17, Members At Large with 33.

NCCC membership total is 15,816 with 265 clubs. NCCC has 284 Lifetime Members and 378 Members-At-Large. Buckeye Corvettes remains the largest club in the East Ohio Region with 173 Members.

Peggy reminded everyone that she will no longer be printing copies of the membership list for the Governors. You can go into the database and print your club's membership list. Please continue checking and correcting your club's information to make sure all information is correct. If you find an error, please correct it right away or contact Peggy for the correction. Peggy thanked everyone for getting the information sheets to her and for the work on the database. We were the only region that didn't receive any returned packets.

If you have a change of Governor, make a transfer of member from one club to another, or any other pertinent information, please send her a message so she knows changes have been made. If there are any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to call Peggy (704-378-6398) or send her an e-mail at (Stephecr2@Windstream.Net).

FCOA membership is 2,916 as of February 23, 2011. The Midwest Region remains at the top with 541 members. East Ohio Region has 177 members with Corvette Cleveland at the top with 46. When your club has an FCOA child turn 16, please keep track of the child to see if they actually join NCCC as a member. Peggy asked that you keep all information up to date. There has been a dues increase to \$10 per child. This \$10 covers the child from birth to age 16.

Page 3 of the Blue Bars shows the new periodical number. Sylvia Hoaldrige has accomplished this feat.

Please make sure you are using the new NCCC Membership Applications with proper signatures.

Peggy distributed the 2011 pins she picked-up in St. Louis. If you didn't receive yours, please check with the Patrick's.

Peggy reported that the RMD group discussed money savings for NCCC at the national meeting.

Per Peggy, \$10 per sanction for National goes to pay for awards. In Peggy's National meeting, they discussed consolidating awards. RMD's voted against this. Bill Wood questioned why we lost 11 clubs. Alan Moore stated we are now a club of older people who seem to want to do more social things and they question why they need NCCC. Pat Adams questioned advertising in Blue Bars and asked if sponsors are paying for ads. Chuck Heretta responded that most ads are trade-offs for sponsors. Revenue from these ads would be very minimal.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens asked for opinions on raising the points from 200 to 300 points. Chuck had asked for opinions on several matters a few months ago when he gave all Governors a hand out. On the back of sheet he needs your input.

Discussion centered on the MVP award and the events they must attend this year.

Chuck Stephens reported on the following four clarifications submitted at the National meeting:

1. RM – Page 2-2, Sec. 2.2.2.2.A Course Setup.

Clarification – A. Competitors who assist in course setup are specifically barred from driving any vehicle, including setup trucks or cars, through any portion of the actual course. This rule is mandatory to ensure that no one has an unfair course orientation advantage and that all competitors have an equal opportunity to learn the course through walking, official parade laps, etc. If, I were to use the exact same course setup in two autocrosses that were a month apart, does that constitute a violation? **Answer:** No.

What about the seven autocrosses on the same day and the course doesn't change?

Answer: No.

What if the only people that set up the course are the people that are competing? **Answer:** Once the course is set up, they can not drive on any portion of the actual course. They can only drive on the perimeter of the course.

Who should run the course to verify that it meets the safety and other considerations for setting up an autocross in that case? **Answer:** Only non-entrants.

2. MW – Page 7-11, Section 7.9. Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint and Item 2, Non-original Body Components.

Clarification:

1. Item 7.9.3, Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the use of decals to alter painted areas. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? Decals could be considered under item 7.9.3.A. with each part of the Corvette that has a decal or part of a decal attached adding 1 point or they could be considered under item 7.9.3.C the same as painted scallops, flames, etc. **Answer:** Decals which we put under the term of "Applied Graphics" are covered under Sec. 7.9.3.B Stripping (paint & tape). We will address more specific language for the 2012 Rulebook.

2. Item 7.9.2 addresses Etched Glass in 7.9.2.I but doesn't address the usage of decals on the glass. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? **Answer:** Applied graphics to glass are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.

3. MW – Page 7-11, Section 7.9 Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint.

Clarification: Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the

use of a clear vinyl protective coating to protect painted areas that are vulnerable to stone chips and other road damage. Should there be a points deduction or not and if so how much?
Answer: Applied protection paint coating/coverings are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.

4. WR – Page 2-27, Section 2.7.1.8, Item #59, States: 1953-82 – Any carburetor or mechanical Rochester FI unit that will fit stock manifold. **Spacer between manifold & carburetor not allowed. Class C limited to 600 CFM with Holley carburetor. Class D limited to Rochester Quadrajet only.** This item is marked “Y” as it applies to **Group 2**
Clarification: Since “Y” means “Allowed but not required”, therefore... Does this mean for Group 2C, “Any carburetor is allowed, but not required”, so therefore, one could use an 800 Holly? **Answer:** No.

Does this mean for Group 2D, “Any carburetor is allowed, but not required” so one could use a Holley? **Answer:** No.

Regarding the Protest (not from EOR), a chairman/entrant drove the course because of cone changes. It was determined that he could not drive the course prior to the event and his points were taken away for that event only.

2010 National Point Standings were read by Chuck Stephens with Geoffrey Gott in 12th place. Buckeye will finish eighth in the National Standings. Buckeye will finish first, Competition second and Corvette Cleveland third in the region. Chuck also reported on the top 10 men and women for 2010.

Chuck discussed the events calendar and that governors are responsible for asking for pylons, etc at their events.

If you are not a member of NCCC you are not covered by our insurance. If someone is hurt and refuses treatment, document the incident and forward to Brown and Brown. All forms will be available on-line. Turn around seems to be quick. 18 and younger must have signed waivers for each day. Now only one parent or guardian is required to sign the waiver. They can be used for a “weekend” but both dates must appear at the top of the waiver. Rallye waivers are no longer being replaced by the competition waiver. Al Flanhofer questioned coverage for metal cars at speed events and was told they are not covered under our insurance.

Chuck Heretta stated that only NCCC members are covered. The new insurance program has much better coverage; up from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 at no additional charge. K & K’s bid was almost double that of Brown and Brown. We now have Directors’ and Officers’ Liability coverage from the top level through appointed positions at the club level. All forms you need can be found under “insurance” on the NCCC website, including waivers. He will ask Bob Kirsch to put a link from our website to this. Waivers must be kept for 7 years. No waivers need to be signed for meetings, dinners etc. as long as the event has been pre-announced and common

knowledge. Anything where an award is received (competition event) must have signed waivers. Homecomings and parades still need to have signed waivers by under age 18 participants. NOTE: forms are not yet available on-line – they may be ordered. As a rule of thumb, follow the rulebook. In the past the trailer at the speed event had to be 100 feet from the track. Now they are considered part of the course.

Dave Heinemann gave an explanation of “third party insurance.” Signing the waiver does not relinquish your rights; it only acknowledges your attendance for coverage. Pat Adams asked about non-sanctioned events. As long as a sanction number is obtained and the event complies with the rule book, there is coverage. Chuck Stephens asked that you send your newsletters to him and stated that he keeps files with everything that is sent to him; i.e. newsletters etc.

Questions had been asked about spectators signing the waivers and you are asked to do the best you can. Alan Moore asked that Chuck send out the clarifications.

Alan Moore presented a new program in regard to Regional awards for “East Ohio Street Championship”. Alan stated his proposal is based on “earned points” only. You would need to attend 10 speed events as a participant or a worker, enter a minimum of 20 car shows or concourses and enter 6 rallyes. If you are eligible for Team 200 or in the top 15 of the region, you are exempt from this award. Awards will be a polo shirt and will go 6 places. Chuck Heretta asked how this will be funded. Alan suggested that the money come from sanction fees of donated Regional events. Ken Rutherford questioned the type of Rallyes considered. Alan said that would be too difficult to decide ahead of time. The question was asked why 6 places. Because conceivably couples could win and someone would be eliminated. Comments were made regarding car shows not being competition nor are poker rallyes which are the luck of draw determining the award. Chuck Heretta mentioned the first event is on April 17, 2011 and there are 13 events between now and our next Regional meeting. Each club should have a meeting before the first event so this should be taken to the clubs and vote at the next Governors meeting making the vote retroactive.

A motion was made by Alan Moore and seconded by Don Burk to implement the new program at this time. There was discussion following. Bill Wood asked Alan if he had considered only new participants being eligible. The answer was no. The vote passed to try this for one year. Alan will write this up and send to the Governors. At this time, Chuck Stephens will track the points.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta mentioned the presentations given at the last National meeting. The first was the insurance which was already discussed and also the meeting site. Two site proposals were presented, Indianapolis and St. Louis, for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 years. They gave the room rates for the three-year proposals. Meeting dates are slightly different in each proposal. Ric Keller stated that he has stayed at the Indianapolis facility and it has more attributes than were alluded to in the presentation. Ballots must be mailed back by April 15th.

They discussed who owns the NCCC software. There will now be a contract drawn up that says “we” own the program. Regarding e-mails from National, “NCCC Communications” is how they will be headed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Heretta is looking for a host for the 2012 Regional Banquet. No one has volunteered at this time. Ric Keller asked if more than one club can host the banquet and Chuck responded yes.

Chuck explained the reimbursement program that has been in place for use by the governor of each club in the East Ohio Region on a one time per club basis. The Governor of that club can be reimbursed up to \$150, with receipts.

The guideline for use of timing equipment is \$60 per day.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a suggestion that we include an area for East Ohio Region members to advertise their businesses in our web-site. Do we do this as a free service or do we charge for this service? Mid-Ohio charges their sponsors for this service. Bob Niznick stated that his original intent was to go within our own for services. Possibly a section titled “Who can do it?” Alan suggested that NCCC members get this service for free and others pay a fee. Pat Adams motioned that we begin a Community Bulletin Board on the regional website, Ric Keller seconded and motion passed.

East Ohio will host the Hospitality Room at the May NCCC meeting. Chuck stated that we have funds in our budget for this under Regional Parties. Alan and Gail Moore volunteered to handle this as they are driving out to the meeting.

Convention 2011 will be held in Tinley Park, IL. Dave Heinemann stated that 461 people are registered so far. Events are filling up quickly so if you plan on competing it would be a good idea to register soon. If you registered right away and are staying all 7 nights you will most likely be in the host hotel. Dave will be our speaker at tonight’s banquet.

In the December meeting Chuck discussed the proposed wording for the removal and filling of vacancies on the Regional Board and that we could be without representation at a National meeting in the event of a vacancy. Chuck proposed that the Regional Executive appoint an RCD or RMD immediately. This appointment, for the balance of the term, would then be affirmed at the next regional meeting. Should there be an RE vacancy, the RCD would assume the responsibility to call a meeting for the election of a new RE for the balance of the term. Pat Adams asked if the vacancy could be handled electronically. Alan confirmed that we shouldn’t have a delay in the next RE because of his vote at the National meetings. Dave Heinemann explained that a proxy could be appointed to represent the Region. Tim Obert motioned to accept the proposal as read by Chuck Heretta. Terry Muich seconded and the motion passed.

Pat Adams made a motion for an annual audit for the protection of the officers of the Region. There were no seconds to the motion. Chuck explained that an audit was done last year. He asked Peg Quine, a past Convention Treasurer, and Roger Flading, a Tax Preparer, to do this. Suggestions were made to implement as needed. Al Etzel asked about the feasibility of doing the audit annually and if we really needed to do this so frequently? Chuck explained how it is being done at the National level. Roger Flading recommended that our audit be done every two years and when there is a change in Treasurer.

Alan Moore changed the motion suggesting that we use Roger's recommendation that we have a review every two years and at the change of a Treasurer, using the fiscal year. This motion was seconded by Pat Adams and vote passed. The next audit will be at the end of the 2011 fiscal year.

Roger Flading brought up the House Bill 107 in regard to eliminating the front license plate and asked that Governors mention this to their clubs.

Chuck Heretta read a thank-you letter from the National Corvette Museum in regard to our \$3,000 donation toward the MotorPlex. This was our second installment of five.

ROUNDTABLE

CORVETTE CLEVELAND – Warren Obert reported on the death of Pauline Kintner. They have a trip to the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh on April 9, 2011 and have tickets for Goodyear Tires to be given away at CORSA.

KANAWHA VALLEY – Bill Wood is taking a trip in mid April to the Museum and plant.

LAKESHORE - Ric Keller thanked Chuck Heretta for his work for the Region and noted that it was good to see things first hand as he attended his first National meeting. He did not realize how much Chuck does for us. He also stated that it really is different to hear things first hand.

MEDINA - Pat Adams said he will take the proposals back to his club.

CORVETTE CANTON – Mark Thurin said he needs judges for their April concourse.

CENTRAL WV – Bob Rogers has their website up and running. Harry Green Chevrolet is a great sponsor and gave all members 25% parts and 20% service discounts. He also mentioned House Bill 357 which will eliminate taxes on high priced vehicles.

COMPETITION – Don Burk reminded everyone of their speed events in June.

BUCKEYE – Chuck Heretta is saving his comments for the banquet.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan M. Hamilton

Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region