

# MINUTES

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

**MARCH 3, 2012**

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**NEXT MEETING @  
CANTON, OHIO  
May 19, 2012 @ 10:00 AM  
Location to be announced**

### **SCHEDULE OF 2012 MEETINGS:**

#### **REGIONAL:**

July 21, 2012  
October 13, 2012  
December 1, 2012

#### **NATIONAL:**

May 4 – 5, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO  
June 23-29, 2012 at Convention in Topeka, KS  
September 7-8, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO  
November 9 – 10, 2012 in Saint Louis, MO

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**PRESENT:**

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

- EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.  
Warren Obert, Governor
- EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.  
Al Etzel, Hall of Fame  
Carol Etzel, Guest  
Roger Flading, Guest
- EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.  
Terry Muich, Governor  
Ken Rutherford, Guest  
Pat Rutherford, Guest
- EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION
- EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES  
Dan Lyden, Governor
- EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB
- EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB  
Alan Moore, Governor
- EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB  
Ric Keller, Governor
- EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO VETTE CLUB  
Ken Jecmen, Governor
- EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.
- EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB  
Dan Gallagher, Governor
- EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB
- EO-148 CORVETTE CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA
- EO-223 KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB, INC.  
Bill Wood, Governor
- EO-257 COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Don Burk, Governor  
Sharon Burk, Guest  
Ted Vannelli, Guest
- EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.
- EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB  
Tim Obert, Governor

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was called to order by RE, Chuck Heretta at 9:35 AM. It was determined that we have a quorum. The Governors introduced themselves.

Chuck advised that Aurel Ouellete has stage four cancer of the brain. Al Flanhofer just had by-pass surgery and is doing well. Cindy and her son will attend the dinner tonight.

**SECRETARY:**

Alan Moore and Don Burk seconded to accept the minutes as sent. All were in favor.

**TREASURER:**

Sue H. went through the Treasurers report which is attached. Tim Obert motioned to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Terry Muich. All were in favor.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Al Etzel advised there are no nominations for this year. He will need nominations by July for 2012. Alan Moore suggested a committee of Governors to turn in names to the committee who would select the person. He said we are running out of long term people.

**CHARITY:**

Elaine Heretta was not in attendance for a report.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy reported there are 17 clubs as of March 3, 2012. Peggy mention NCCC and the East Ohio Region have lost two more members; Bill Quine of Tiretown Corvette Club and David P. Campolito of Mahoning Valley Corvettes. They will certainly be missed.

Peggy passed out three reports for the Governors: EOR membership report as of March 3, 2012, NCCC membership report as of February 24, 2012 and the FCOA membership report as of February 23, 2012. EOR has 901 members which is a loss of 44 members. NCCC membership total is 16,290 which is a gain of 474 members since this same time last year and the club count of 265 remains the same. NCCC has 307 lifetime members and 351 Members at Large.

Buckeye Corvettes remains the largest club in the region with 175 members, Competition Corvette Association is in second place with 90 members and Corvette Cleveland is in third place with 85 members.

FCOA has 2,842 members which is a loss of 81 FCOA members. The Midwest Region remains in 1st place with 525 members; East Ohio Region is in 6th place with 174 members. Peggy advised FCOA children who have turned 16 can be signed up as a youth members in NCCC. Youth members can help at sanctioned events; they can work in concession stands, chase after pylons and even compete. If you have an FCOA child who hasn't received their packet, please let Peggy know so she can report it to Pat Kelly. Please be careful where you post the FCOA membership list. Do not post it on your club's website or in your club's newsletter. These are children and we do not want this information public. The FCOA membership application was revised on January 1, 2011 showing a one-time charge of \$10 for membership fee. The new

form can be found on the Corvettesnccc.org website. Please use the new one. Pat has some new items which can be purchased for FCOA members. Vinny the Vette, is new for 2012 and costs \$9. There is generation art which is a coloring book and costs \$10. There is a Corvette drive-ride-fly and costs \$9. Pat wanted to let everyone know Rally Productions is featuring the FCOA license plate in their catalog. Corvette Cleveland remains first in the East Ohio Region with a total of 44 FCOA members.

The NCCC membership application has been created in a fillable pdf file. Peggy has used it and it works great. You must print the completed form as it needs signed by the applicant and a copy needs to be sent to Peggy. This is a big savings as the application will no longer be printed. If you or a member of your club hasn't received their Blue Bars, please let Peggy know. If a Blue Bars is returned to Sylvia Hoaldrige by the post office, she only receives the front page. They discard the rest of the book and it costs between \$3.00 and \$3.50 for the returned Blue Bars. If you change your address this is only good for 6 months. So please make sure your club members' addresses are correct. Their address corrections must be entered into the membership database before March 21st. If you do not want the Blue Bars magazine, please advise Peggy and she will have your name removed from the mailing list.

If you ordered 2012 collector pins and asked Peggy to pick them up, you should have received them this morning. If you didn't, then let her know or you can contact Dennis Patrick to see what happened to your order. The NCCC-Duntov performance award requirements and entry forms have been updated. You can find them on the NCCC website.

#### **COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens questioned, according to the Minutes, rallye checkers must sign the waiver before the event. He discussed signing the waivers on the day they go out. Chuck mentioned the PC car shows where both people get points. If you are running for a National position, check the calendar.

The new insurance company wants a report if incident within 72 hours. Insurance broker has changed from B&B to Legacy. Our contact is John Gries and his phone number is (410) 371-9431 or you may contact him at [JFGries@yahoo.com](mailto:JFGries@yahoo.com). They will allow the same waivers. He is not sure why they changed insurance as it was not due to cost.

There were five rule book clarifications discussed and you may check the minutes on the web site to review them. Alan discussed awards and Chuck would like feedback. He believes the cost of gas will impact our region's attendance. The MVP will need to be cut down from 65% with now having 16 events. Should it drop to 50%? Chuck Stephens will need to make changes today to effect this year. The discussion was about making people go to more events and smaller clubs may not go. How many are really eligible for the MVP award? Alan said when he was RCD he had 15 to 18 qualified under the old MVP qualifications. Chuck asked if they wanted to change or leave as is. Majority vote was to leave as is for 2012. Tim Obert suggested an economy run should be changed to rallye, not a speed event. That can't be changed as we must follow National rulebook. The MVP is a regional award and not National. The question was asked, if for this award, we could classify an economy run as a rallye. The vote to move the

category for 2012 passed.

Regarding the EOR Street Championship designed by Alan to get other people awards didn't work. He would like to add the wording that Team 200 would not be eligible. Vote passed.

The Region now has 22 events; 7 will be at Lakeland and 1 at Kanawha Valley's site. Ken Rutherford thinks 7 events in one day makes for poor quality. We are not giving people what they go for. Alan said to set up a schedule wouldn't change. They should reconsider next year. We are too old to work 7 events in one day. Alan agrees with Ken. Terry Muich said 2 runs for 7 events is the same as 4 runs for 3 or four events. Ken said since the course doesn't change for each event it is the same as one event. It is just the cost and seat time. It seems we run more in one day because our season is so short. We are missing opportunities and not getting new people. NORO events have a rookie class and are mostly metal cars. Should we include metal cars? Ken mentioned we had more years ago and Don Burk said now it is a matter of insurance. Dan Gallagher ran at Geauga Lake which was a long track with 16 runs for \$40. He had a great time. We need to make more enticing. Why don't we have rookies as we need new blood? Terry Muich mentioned a Hot Rod club is joining their charity event. Alan said we need to get the word out to other types of clubs.

Ken brought up using food vs. awards. There were mixed feelings. Old racers have walls of trophies yet new members seem to enjoy an award. Could a choice be given at the beginning of the event or giving the next event free in place of award? Alan said they would need to make the choice at the beginning of the year as a sign-up. He tried a different cost if you didn't want an award and that didn't work. Terry Muich said we need to check the rule book.

Chuck Stephens thanked everyone for their input. Ken Jecmen mentioned Lally added steel Chevys and had over 60 cars. Mahoning Valley used to have lots of steel cars.

#### **REGIONAL EXEC:**

Chuck Heretta mentioned at the committee meeting there were 5 proposed by-law changes end of year vote. Member compliance is you must attend 3 out of 5 meetings. Seventeen clubs were not in compliance. Nine were allowed to vote. Is this fair? They discussed how to handle.

The electronic ballot was approved. 110 clubs participated in the test run. Another test is scheduled for late spring.

Final numbers are in on the Tinley Park Convention. They lost approximately \$5,200 of which \$5,000 was the advance from NCCC. The IRS audit is ongoing. They have paid their taxes for 2009 and 2010 and the estimated for 2011. A firm in Texas will be looking at them. The IRS is looking for W-2s for National Officers. They are trying to determine if they are employees or not. Alan Moore said the IRS is attacking all clubs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chuck Heretta mentioned the Governor's Subsidy of \$150 per club is still available. This is a one time per club reimbursement.

Alan Moore gave an update on the banquet. There are 91 members attending. Everything is going well. Please see Alan for anything you may need. Cocktail hour starts at 5:00. It may be slow getting in as there is a wedding going on. There were enough rooms booked to get a free room for the speaker. Alan is playing a game during cocktail hour. Hospitality room will open after the meeting until 4:00. Please get door prizes to Alan. A good portion of the goody bags were donated by Aaron Quine. Alan thanked him.

Alan also mentioned they are having a memorial for Bill Quine at Father Bob's church that is open to the Region. Kids are welcome. Donations will be accepted for FCOA.

Chuck Heretta revisited the MVP award and how it is scored. Proposal was discussed that if you are a one car class and you beat someone in your sub-class, you would get 9 points. If no one else in your sub-class, you would only get 7 points. Bill Wood asked if this applied only to speed events and was told yes. This was voted on and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Terry Muich and Ric Keller are working on the 2013 banquet at the Hilton in Fairlawn. They seem to have everything we need.

New appointments have been made. Due to the death of Bill Quine, Ken Rutherford has been added to the Hall of Fame committee and Ric Keller has been added to the Budget and Banquet committee. Terry Muich has been added to the By-law/Standing Operating Procedure committee. Aurel will remain on the By-law committee.

The next National meeting will be May 4th and 5th in St. Louis. The next Regional meeting will be May 19th at 10:00 at a site to be determined due to the closing of Esber's Restaurant.

Ken questioned why the October and December Minutes have not been posted. Chuck Stephens has had trouble getting the event calendar posted. Sue Hamilton will check with Bob Kirsch.

Chuck Stephens mentioned National has Goodyear tire \$1,000 certificate for any club for a fund raiser. These are for standard passenger vehicles not Corvettes.

Sue Hamilton announced she had tendered her resignation to Chuck Heretta. She also advised that Bob Thomsen and Pat Adams completed their review of the books and signed off that everything was in good order.

Bill Wood questioned why the Board was not reimbursed mileage to Regional meetings. A motion has never been made. Sue also mentioned that the Board's banquet meals are not paid by the Region as some thought.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Hamilton, Secretary