

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2010

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
CANTON, OHIO
OCTOBER 16, 2010 @ 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE OF 2010 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

October 16, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
Elections of Regional Officers (RCD & RMD)
Discussion of National Candidates and Issues
December 4, 2010 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
Bidding meeting

NATIONAL:

September 10 - 11, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
November 12 - 13, 2010 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.

Dennis Arthur, Governor
Lory Arthur, Guest
Warren Obert, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Guest, HOF
Carol Etzel, Guest
Roger Flading, Guest
Elaine Heretta, Guest
Terry Sells, Guest
Bob Thomsen, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Tony Muich, Governor
Ken 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
Gail Moore, Guest
Bill Quine, Guest, HOF

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Lynda Kestner, Guest

EO-096 NORTH EAST OHIO CORVETTE CLUB

Ken Jecmen, Governor

EO-104 FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

EO-116 MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB

Pat Adams, Acting Governor

EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB

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
EO-258 CORVETTE CANTON, INC.
EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB
 Tim Obert, Governor

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The meeting was called to order by Regional Executive, Chuck Heretta, at 10:10 AM. He determined that a quorum was met. The Governors of the Region introduced themselves. Chuck asked that all cell phones be put on silent and to speak clearly and state your name when speaking. Chuck asked if any clubs have lost members. Lynda Kestner advised they lost a member.

SECRETARY:

Al Etzel motioned, seconded by Don Burk, to suspend the reading of the March Minutes. A correction to the March minutes was needed. Delete Kent Pascoli, Governor from the list of attendees. Also, Page 1 should read "EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING, **JUNE 19, 2010.**" Motion passed with corrections.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of June 1, 2010 through August 15, 2010 was read by Sue Hamilton. Ken Jecmen motioned, seconded by Terry Sells to accept as read and printed. Motion passed with no discussion. There were no questions.

HALL OF FAME:

Al Etzel advised it is now time for nominations. Please take the request to your clubs. All Governors should send their nominations to Al, Chuck Heretta, the Regional Executive, or Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations need to be received by the December Regional meeting. Ballots will be sent out and need to be sent back 30 days prior to the banquet, March 4, 2011, to give time for biographies to be written. Nominees must have been in the region at least 15 years and an active and participating member, not only of their club but of the Region. The nominee will need 75% of the voting numbers to be elected. Al has the forms should you need them. They are also available on the website. This will be voted upon by the Governors in the Region. Bill Quine noted that the HOF fund is finally fat with funds and thanked everyone for purchasing 50/50 drawing tickets to fund the HOF fund.

Al needs pictures of the following persons for the HOF book: John Wadin, Erma Boyadjis, Dick Starts, Tom Boyadjis, Bob Schleneker, Debbie Murphy and Bob Thomsen.

Ken Jecmen commented on a nomination that he made and realized that he had not considered the Regional aspect.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta had nothing to report as she was not in attendance at the last National meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy reported that there are 17 clubs as of July 20, 2010. We have a total of 867 members. Our new member goal for 2010 was 960 members. We are 93 members short of the goal.

EOR's top club is Buckeye Corvettes with 175 members, Central WV Corvette Club with 100, Corvette Cleveland with 91, Competition Corvette with 79, Tiretown Corvette with 74, Lake Shore Corvettes with 65, and we have 11 Clubs with less than 60 members.

NCCC membership as of July 25, 2010, total is 17,104. This is a loss of 643 members since August 8, 2009, and we've lost 5 Clubs since that date. NCCC has 289 Lifetime Members and 393 Members-At-Large. Peggy gave each governor a new club membership list to check for spelling of names, correct addresses, cars owned, etc. Please e-mail Peggy with any corrections. Renewals will be starting for the 2011 year. Please make corrections now so the packets don't get lost in the mail.

FCOA, as of July 19, 2010, has a total of 2,836 members. Their membership keeps going up instead of down like the NCCC membership. The Midwest Region still has the highest number of FCOA members with 525, the West region with 403, the East Region with 298, Michigan Region with 295, Florida Region with 261, and East Ohio Region remains in sixth place with 169 members. Corvette Cleveland is the top club in the East Ohio Region with a total of 53 FCOA members.

Pat Kelly put out a new FCOA membership application. You can find this form on the NCCC website which is: corvettesnccc.org. If your club has an FCOA child that turns 16, try to watch if this child actually joins NCCC as a member. We also need to keep Pat Kelly up to date on FCOA address changes or if their sponsor should pass away. Governors need to send that information to Peggy to report all changes. Pat still has Corvette books you can purchase for \$10. These make great stocking stuffers for the children at Christmas and the profits from this sale go to help run our kids program. Contact Pat if you would like to purchase any.

Blue Bars – Sylvia Hoaldrige is having trouble getting the postal service to give us the periodical rate that she has been working on for the past year or more. When, and if, this ever goes through, NCCC will be saving from 40 – 50%. Sylvia is getting discouraged and there is a strong possibility that the RMDs will no longer receive extra copies due to this periodical rate. Also, all NCCC membership applications must be signed. No more “Name on file” comments will be accepted. Do not use the old applications. Each Governor was sent the new membership application and asked to discard the old ones. Please ask the person if they have belonged to NCCC before. If they have, ask them what club they were with and what year, if they know. The summer issue is being worked on now. The deadline for articles is August 31, 2010. Sylvia would like to have some articles such as “Members’ Corner Articles”. This would be for articles of outstanding Corvette enthusiasts with things such as Corvette garage pictures, etc. If you know someone like this, please send Sylvia a photo.

Peggy heard at Convention that a poem was read at a funeral and was published in an obituary. They are being sued for \$7,500 for plagiarism. K&K is working on this suit. Please be careful.

NCCC offices open are President, Parliamentarian, Public relations, Treasurer and Vice president. NCCC is thinking of reducing the meetings to four.

Peggy Stephens explained the electronic Membership system. Chuck Heretta gave his thoughts on using the system. He feels that it is a waste of time and doesn't make sense. It is just a way to give someone else a job in NCCC. Ken Rutherford also feels that it is just another position when Dick Yanko moved all of the Committee members down in front. There was never a vote taken on this. Rest assured Chuck Heretta will protest this at the September meeting. Dennis Arthur wondered what would happen if the Governors refused to participate. Peggy stated that it would then be her responsibility. Chuck Heretta feels that they are trying to pass the work down. The system is to be implemented on September 1, 2010. Chuck Heretta asked that Peggy send the instructions to the Governors again.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens thanked Crooked River for the donation of four sanctions. These will be held sometime in October depending on the site – either Lakeland or Midvale.

Chuck announced that Geoffrey Gott received the Don Hoskins' award at NCCC Convention for his devotion and promotion of NCCC.

Chuck Stephens asked to contact him if you need to use the regional equipment. He is now carrying all of the equipment. If Chuck can't be there, he will make arrangements to get the equipment to you for your event.

The event at Robert C. Byrd High School was tight but a lot of fun. Several women beat their husbands that day. There is a possibility of returning to this site. Chuck mentioned the two low speed events on Sunday, August 22 at Lorain.

The regional points standing are as follows: Top ten Ladies: Peggy Stephens, Elaine Heretta, Sharon Burk, Linda Vannelli, Regina Muich, Carol Etzel, Cheryl Getzy, Bev Sells, Holly Muich and Cynthia Flanhofer.

Top ten Men: Ted Vannelli, Chuck Stephens, Chuck Heretta, Don Burk, Terry Muich, Al Etzel, Matt Valentine, Al Flanhofer, Mike Getzy, Roger Flading.

Top clubs: Buckeye Corvettes, Corvette Cleveland, Competition, Mid Ohio, and Kanawha Valley.

In the national standings, Geoffrey Gott is in 20th place. No other men or women are in the top standings. Buckeye Corvettes is in fifteenth place.

There was an appeal at the RCD meeting in St. Louis regarding the Medina rallye. Pat Adams did not run his event according to the rule book. Pat has been very understanding and cooperative. The appeal was upheld. Pat Adams asked that the club not be penalized. Chuck Stephens' decision was upheld to give the entrants three points and deny the workers and club their points. He thanked Pat for being a gentleman.

Chuck plans to vote against the fire extinguisher proposal. After a consensus, he will submit that three drivers should be the minimum in a class for FTDs.

Chuck and Peggy will be going to Carlisle and asked if anyone needed parts etc. They offered to help find your items.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Chuck Heretta sent proxies to Convention with Chuck Stephens. He reminded the Governors that if a club is to remain in good standing they must be represented at three meetings per year. If the club didn't have their proxies in by Convention they may be in trouble when renewing for the following year. He has never seen it happen, but will find out.

The By-Law changes will be presented at the September meeting for review to be voted upon before November. There are candidates for all of the NCCC offices that are open. Chuck will give all the information that he can on the candidates at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta advised the awards banquet will be the first weekend in March. The guidelines have been updated and ready for a club to bid the 2012 banquet.

Chuck Heretta reminded the governors that the Governor subsidy program is still available. Each club must use this before it can start over again. There is a \$150 reimbursement for a Governor attending the National meeting. This was implemented to get clubs to send their Governors to the National meeting. Chuck explained how important it is to attend National Meetings. Alan Moore suggested that we either start over or discontinue this since no one in other clubs seems to be attending and using it. Ken Rutherford stated that you are doing your club an injustice if you do not attend the meeting. Alan Moore agreed. The September and November meetings are very important. Pat Adams motioned to restart the subsidy. Don Burk seconded to start the rotation over. All were in favor and motion passed. Chuck asked if the governors would like to leave the amount the same or increase it. Alan also mentioned that there used to be more representation and that he is seeing this in all regions. Al Etzel asked if there was a chance to move the meetings further east. Chuck explained that this is the year that bids are presented for a 3 year cycle of meetings. November 2010 is the initial presentation to the membership committee of Regions interested. The Business Manager makes the site inspection. The formal presentation is at the February meeting if you passed the first cut. These are voted on in May. This is a warm body vote although proxies are allowed. Chuck takes issue with allowing proxies when those clubs have no intention of attending. Chuck had asked earlier if there was any interest in moving the meetings into the East Ohio Region. No one stepped forward. He talked of the venues that we have had in the past and those that are possibly being proposed. There is a possibility of Indianapolis and Nashville bidding.

Broke for lunch from 11:30 PM to 12:20 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta said this is the meeting that nominations are taken for Regional officers. This year the offices of RCD and RMD are open. Chuck explained that not all Regional offices are up for election at the same time so that the entire board cannot be replaced at the same time. Nominations are open until October 1, 2010. Elections are on October 16, 2010. You have until September 16, 2010 to remove your name. You must notify the secretary and she will send this information out to the clubs.

Chuck Heretta explained the office of RMD. Peggy Stephens was nominated by Tim Obert and seconded by Dan Lyden. Peggy accepted the nomination.

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As no club bid the 2011 banquet, it falls to the Regional Executive to put it on. The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Belden Village on March 4 through March 6, 2011. This is at Exit 109 from I-77 and is in the heart of the shopping area. Each room has been recently remodeled and has microwaves, refrigerators, high speed internet and a fitness center. The room rate is \$72 plus tax. Their website is www.HIcanton.com. There will be no charge for the meeting and hospitality rooms. Chuck hopes to have a sit down dinner. There is keg beer on the property and we will be allowed to bring in our own food and beverages for the hospitality room. There is no indoor pool. Chuck is in the process of putting together a budget for the banquet. He has an idea for a speaker. Sharon Burk asked what club would be doing the hospitality room. This was not decided. The banquet for 2012 is up for bid. Chuck suggested that the West Virginia clubs put something together.

At the last meeting, we discussed the cost of using the Regional timing equipment. Chuck Heretta received no response from the Governors in regard to suggestions of how to reimburse, etc. The Region owns the equipment and it is to be used for NCCC Sanctioned events only. Chuck listed some of the equipment that is available. There were some suggestions at the last meeting, but nothing was decided. It needs to be put in writing so that clubs putting on speed events know what to expect for their costs. Alan Moore listed things that should be included and that we should take an average and then there will be a fixed cost for each event. Bob Thomsen stated that he has felt excluded from the discussion and never has been informed that this would be discussed. He gave the statistics on what he has been doing for the past eight years. Chuck Stephens said he would carry the equipment since he will be present at the speed events and if he can't be there would make arrangements. Chuck Heretta said he would take responsibility for the exclusion. Chuck Heretta said he is on a fact finding mission to find out exactly how much it costs to use the timing equipment per event. Who are we paying, why are we paying, etc? Alan Moore stated that there should be a set fee and it should go into a fund. We should have a figure so clubs know when setting up events for next year. Bill Quine said that we have been very fortunate to have Bob and Chuck to haul the equipment around. We should be thinking about what may happen, down the road, if we don't have someone that has the means to haul the

equipment. Don Burk doesn't feel that there should be a fixed cost because each event is different. Pat Adams stated that he feels the cost of some replacements should be included in the amount to be charged. Don Burk said that we couldn't include replacement in the amount. It would be prohibitive. Bill Wood thought a committee might be the answer. Chuck Heretta said that was what he asked the Governors for at the June meeting. The discussion was tabled so that he could sit down with Bob Thomsen to get specific costs. Tony Muich asked about a manual for the timing procedure. Bob said he has the information down. Alan expressed concern that we need another copy. There was more discussion in regards to the terms "paid" versus "reimbursement."

Chuck Heretta advised that December is the bidding meeting. Please inform Chuck Stephens if you have drop dead dates for 2011.

The 2011 Convention will be held June 18-25, 2011 in the Chicago area. Chuck Heretta asked that we try to stay away from holding speed events on June 11-12 in 2011 since the Convention is being held so close to home and there is the chance that more of our Region's members will attend. We should try to stay away from something that would do harm to your car.

Bill Wood questioned the waiver form. He asked if we should be signing a waiver for this meeting. We don't because the insurance company (K&K) has been given all of the Regional meeting dates. Signing at meetings is a gray area. Alan Moore said that Tiretown has started signing the waiver at their club meetings.

ROUNDTABLE:

Mahoning Valley - Dan Lyden thanked everyone for attending their car shows. The dealer offered their facility again next year.

Lake Shore - Lynda Kestner reminded everyone of their October car shows.

Tiretown - Alan Moore reminded everyone of their speed events on September 18th and 19th. There will be good food available.

Mid Ohio - Tony Muich thanked everyone for their attendance at the children's home. They collected \$3,877.73 for the donation. They would like to do this again next year. Tony also reminded everyone of their auto cross on September 25th.

Medina - Pat Adams had nothing to report.

Corvette Cleveland - Dennis Arthur thanked everyone for their attendance at Corsa.

Crooked River – Tim Obert reminded everyone about the auto cross the next day. They have an auto cross tomorrow. There was talk of an auto cross at the IX Center called Piston Power. Tim was trying to put this together; however, the auto cross has been scratched.

Kanawha Valley – Bill Wood announced they now have a website. CorvetteWV.com. He was advised to call Bob Kirsch to tie this into the Region's website. Bill also discussed his Labor Day non-sanctioned car show at the Capitol building in Charleston.

Buckeye – Chuck Heretta discussed their seventh event, in conjunction with the Region, on October 9th and 10th. This is a nine event weekend at Lakeland Community College. There will be three more events before the end of the year.

Bill Quine discussed Convention. He won a 33% off certificate from the charity raffle for a Corsa exhaust. This certificate expires on October 30, 2010 and he would like to give this away. His son, Aaron, tied for the Competitor Award at convention. This was his 16th convention and only the first time there was a tie. There was nothing set up to break a tie; therefore, he will share the award. Convention was great but really hot. He feels next year should be really good.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$68. Dennis Arthur won the drawing of \$34.

The next Regional Meeting will be on October 16, 2010 at 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant. This is the regional election of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan M. Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region