

# **MINUTES**

## **EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 4, 2010**

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**NEXT MEETING @ HOLIDAY INN  
NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
MARCH 5, 2011 @ 9:30 AM**

### **SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS:**

#### **REGIONAL:**

May 21, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
July 23, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Subject to change)  
October 15, 2011 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
December 3, 2011 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (BIDDING MEETING)

#### **NATIONAL:**

February 25 – 26, 2011 in Saint Louis, MO  
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  
Warren Obert, Guest

EO-010 BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.

Al Etzel, Guest, HOF  
Carol Etzel, Guest  
Elaine Heretta, Guest  
Bob Thomsen, Guest

EO-013 MID-OHIO CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

Tony Muich, Governor  
Terry Muich, Guest  
Ken Rutherford, Guest  
Pat Rutherford, Guest

EO-033 BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Dan Lundblad, Governor  
Jane Lundblad, Guest

EO-052 MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES

John Callery, Governor  
Don Knittle, Guest  
Mel Pachuta, Guest

EO-057 MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB

EO-068 TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB

Alan Moore, Governor  
Geoffrey Gott, Guest  
Bill Quine, HOF, Budget  
Peg Quine, Guest

EO-083 LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Ric Keller, Governor  
David Comparette, Guest  
Bob DiCarlo, Guest

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

EO-147 CENTRAL WV CORVETTE CLUB  
Bob Rogers, Governor

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.  
Mark Thurin, Governor

EO-571 CROOKED RIVER CORVETTE CLUB  
Tim Obert, Governor

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was called to order by RE, Chuck Heretta at 9:43 AM. It was determined that a quorum was met with 13 of 17 clubs being represented. A Governors' roster was sent around to obtain updated information. Today is bidding day for the 2011 Competition Season. Clubs must be in good standing having paid their 2011 dues and the East Ohio Region Head Tax. Sanction fees for your clubs' 2011 events may be paid at a later date. Chuck Stephens has permission to bid for three clubs, Kanawha Valley, Medina, and Mound City. Chuck Heretta will bid the donated sanctions from Corvette Club of West Virginia. The Governors then introduced themselves.

**SECRETARY:**

Mark Thurin made a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Tony Muich seconded the motion. Peggy Stephens asked for a correction for the omission of Mickey and Aurel Ouellette as being present. The secretary advised they were not signed in and this was confirmed by Chuck Heretta.

**BIDDING SESSION:**

Chuck Heretta discussed the 2011 calendar and listed the "hard dates." He also mentioned that the East Ohio Region was the only Region to return all of their ballots for the 2010 National election. Chuck Stephens explained the bidding procedure for the day. The governor for Kanawha Valley is now present. He explained the difference between a "preferred date" and a "closed date." The bidding commenced.

**COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens advised that sanction fees are due to him by January 15, 2011 or you will lose those dates.

2010 Point Standings were read by Chuck Stephens from tenth place to first place for the ladies and men. National Standings were also mentioned. Buckeye will finish sixth in the National Standings. The results of the Rallye Protest from the WV Rallye in October were explained. The Protest was upheld. Having a Championship within the Championship for those who do not race was brought up last meeting. Chuck Stephens asked if the governors still wanted to add this. Bill Quine questioned how awards would be paid. Chuck Stephens would add this to his budget; however, the sanction fees will not support all awards. Bill is against this as overall should be overall including speed events and should not have separate awards. Bill Quine, Alan Moore, Terry Muich all commented that car shows are not "real" competition. Ken Rutherford calculated the events that have been bid for 2011 and concluded that you can get 210 points without attending a speed event. Chuck Heretta stated at the last meeting Chuck Stephens was asked to work out some sort of program for those who do not want to attend the full slate of Competition. Should there be a two tier championship; one would include racers and one would exclude racers. Terry Muich inquired about Economy Runs and under which category they fall. Chuck Heretta wants to propose moving economy rallyes out of speed events. Tony Muich suggested a "category" award. Alan Moore said that we as a Region can classify the events for

a “sub” award. Alan stated his proposal is based on “earned points” only. Al Etzel expressed his concern for those that would also go to speed events. He would like to see a “cap” put on the other events attended. Alan stated that people would have to “sign up” to compete for this award so that Chuck Stephens would know for whom he has to track points and that a person could also run speed events. Chuck Heretta said that the RE has the option to appoint a “points tracker” if needed. Chuck Heretta asked that Alan put this down in writing and submit to him to be included in the minutes so that it can be decided at the March meeting. Dan Lundblad asked about the points awarded for car shows as opposed to concourses. Alan gave a report on the question of eliminating travel points within the Region. It was determined that travel points are a part of the Regional Championship points. There are several places in the rule book that would be in direct conflict with eliminating travel points. We can have any “series” that we want “after” the nationally run series.

Chuck Heretta asked that all the Governors take the time to fill out Proxy forms for the National Meetings to be held in 2011.

BROKE FOR LUNCH AT 11:20 AM

RESUMED AT 12:15 PM

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer’s report for the period of October 4, 2010 through November 30, 2010 was read by Sue Hamilton. Sue explained the \$36 expense due to an NSF check and \$36 income as Sue reimbursed the Region. She felt this was her error in forgetting to transfer the proper amount to maintain a balance in the checking account and would personally absorb the expense. Mark Thurin motioned, seconded by Don Burk to accept as read and printed. Al Etzel made a motion that the Region reimburses Sue for the \$36 as this is a cost of doing business. Tony Muich seconded the motion. Bill Quine recommended and motioned that the Region purchase “Quick Books Pro” for the treasurer’s use. Alan Moore seconded and all were in favor.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Al Etzel stated that today is the last day to submit names for the next “class.” Governors will receive a ballot along with a return stamped envelope to be mailed 30 days before the March Regional Meeting. There is one nominee as of today. A second name is being submitted. Al still needs pictures of prior Hall of Famers.

**CHARITY:**

Elaine Heretta stated she has tickets for the 2011 raffle car. The Committee decided to, again, purchase a Grand Sport with the color to be determined later. Elaine has recommended the color combination of Arctic White with Cyber Gray. The 2010 raffle car was purchased from the Committee by Jerry Lindsay from Cowtown Vettes. Using the “green sheet” received in your Membership Packet is the best bargain for the raffle tickets at six for \$25.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy Stephens reported that, as of December 4, 2010, there are 17 clubs in the region. Peggy thanked the Governors for submitting their renewals in a timely fashion. The renewals are now complete. This includes the MAL's and extras that have been added. Membership numbers are as follows: Corvette Cleveland has 90 members, Buckeye Corvettes has 169, Mid-Ohio Corvette has 37, Blennerhassett Corvette has 12, Mahoning Valley Corvette has 39, Mound City Corvette has 18, Tiretown Corvette has 70, Lake Shore Corvettes has 66, NEOVC has 46, Fun Center Corvette has 8, Medina Corvette has 22, Central WV Corvette has 107, Corvette Club Of WV has 6, Kanawha Valley Corvette has 53, Competition Corvette has 77, Corvette Canton has 10, Crooked River Corvette has 15 and Members At Large has 33. The Region now has 878 members starting the 2011 year. Our goal for 2011 is 960 members. We are 82 members short.

NCCC membership total is 17,100 and we've lost one club. NCCC has 287 Lifetime Members and 419 Members at Large. Buckeye Corvettes is the largest club in the East Ohio Region, Central West Virginia Corvette Club is in second place and Corvette Cleveland is in third place.

Peggy will not be supplying your club's membership list as you can print this from the database. Please continue to check your club's information for spelling, correct addresses, etc. If you find an error, please make the correction or contact Peggy.

Peggy needs your NCCC Club Information sheets. Joan Thomas, website master pulls her information from this database; therefore, it needs updated as changes occur. Contact Peggy at (704) 378-6398 or by e-mail at (Stephecr2@Windstream.Net) for help.

FCOA Membership, as of November 11, 2010 is 2,857. The Midwest Region has the highest number with 520, the West Region has 422, the East Region has 299, the Michigan Region has 297, the Florida Region has 261, and the East Ohio Region has 174 Members. Corvette Cleveland remains the top club in the East Ohio Region with a total of 53 FCOA Members.

Page 3 of the fall issue of Blue Bars shows the pending periodical number. Sylvia Hoaldrige is very close to receiving this final number. Hopefully, this long process will be complete at the beginning of 2011. The Vision Committee and others want to take this in a new direction. We need to have more club news and social event articles.

Peggy is still receiving NCCC membership applications without signatures. Please send these forms to Peggy with signatures. "Name on File" will not be accepted.

Governors are responsible for the membership list in their club. If you give your password to the club's Membership Director, you are still the responsible person for this information. Be careful giving out your password. NCCC doesn't want more than one or two people in a club to have the ability to get into the database. Also, remember to pass along this information to your new newly elected Governors.

2011 Collector Pins are being offered again. Please send your orders as soon as possible to Dennis Patrick. Peggy will pick them up in St. Louis if you put her name on the order sheet. The pins are \$3 each.

### **REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

Chuck Heretta stated that there was 100% return of ballots for the East Ohio Region. The newly elected NCCC Officers are: Hal Bellamy, President; Bernyce Molenda, Treasurer; Kevin Milton, Parliamentarian and Larry Morrison, Vice President of Membership.

Chuck Heretta stated the first By-Law proposal passed and the second two did not. He also stated that NCCC owns the membership software. There is a \$50 per hour charge to make any corrections to the system.

Chuck Heretta stated that at the National meeting the rulebook changes passed. Chuck made a motion on the floor to split the voting for the Rule Book into three sections. According to Standard Operating Procedures, he could ask this. There was a ruling that said his request was out of order (156-92). It was voted with ten against and three for the changes.

The National treasurer's reports are validated by committee rather than by a CPA. A CPA will complete the tax return. NCCC bonds the Regional Secretary/Treasurer; however, this stops at the Regional level. Chuck also reported that the 800 telephone number for NCCC has been disconnected.

There are two site proposals of Indianapolis and St. Louis for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 years. There is a reservation form on the web-site for the hotel for National meetings. Please use the latest form for the 2011 hotel.

There was an insurance proposal at the November meeting. They are getting bids this year. Coverage has been extended to January 1, 2011 by rider to allow time for a decision.

There is a form to fill out to obtain insurance forms (waivers) for events.

We were encouraged to send club letters to the NCM Board of Directors in support of Patrick Dolan's nomination to the NCM's Hall of Fame.

If you would like to submit a by-law change to National, it must be submitted to Kevin Milton, Parliamentarian, by February 10, 2011. The vote will be at the September meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chuck Heretta is looking for a host for the 2012 Regional Banquet. He would like the bid to be presented at the March meeting. This Regional banquet will be held at the Belden Village Holiday Inn on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Dinner cost will be approximately \$25 per person and

the hotel is \$72.00 per night. Dave Heinemann will be the guest speaker at the Regional Banquet. He is the Chairman of the 2011 Convention. Chuck recommended that if you plan to attend the Convention, you register early as the host hotel only has 180 rooms.

The fourth annual Chili Challenge was attended by 115 members of the East Ohio Region. There was lots of food to eat. He would like to hold this event again next year. Chuck thanked Elaine Heretta and Sue Hamilton for organizing the event and also those that came to help set up.

Don and Sharon Burk delivered the second \$3,000 installment of our donation to the National Corvette Museum. Chuck thanked them for handling this.

The cost of using the Regional timing equipment comes out to approximately \$60 per day. We will be sending the lights out to be recalibrated and refurbished this year. The cost will be approximately \$250.00. Bob Thomsen will handle this for us.

Alan asked Chuck to tell of Dave Heinemann's eye trouble and consequent corneal transplant.

The bus trip that Alan proposed is off for February as he did not receive enough response. This could be available for other meetings.

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 can be reimbursed up to \$150, with receipts. He stated that the February meeting is important in that the meeting site proposals will be presented. Chuck can vote your proxy.

Chuck has put together some new wording in regard to the replacement of a Regional Officer in the event of the loss of one of our officers between meetings. As it now reads, we would not be able to replace that person until the next Regional meeting and we could be without representation at the National Meeting. The question was asked by Mahoning Valley of what would happen in the event of two officers leaving at the same time. Chuck will send out the initial wording in the hope that the Governors will respond with recommendations and have a final draft to be voted on in March.

Alan Moore talked about the Business Manager coming into the RCD meeting and talking about insurance concerns and the "speed" at low speed events. Alan recommended purchasing a Speed Gun to be used when "open" courses are run. Alan has found that they may be purchased for under \$300. Ken Rutherford stated that if the course is set up properly speed should not be attained. This is on the agenda for the March meeting.



## **ROUNDTABLE**

CANTON CORVETTE – Mark Thurin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the board for their work.

KANAWHA VALLEY – Bill Wood wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CORVETTE CLEVELAND – Warren Obert wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He mentioned they were selling their old copier if anyone was interested.

CROOKED RIVER – Tim Obert wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

TIRETOWN – Alan Moore wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He also thanked everyone involved for their work on the Chili Challenge.

LAKESORE – Ric Keller wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Peggy for the help on renewals. He is looking forward to next year.

MAHONING VALLEY – John Callery wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He said they have had lots of changes and have lost some old members.

MID-OHIO – Terry Muich wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

BLENNERHASSETT– Dan Lundblad thanked everyone and wished them a Happy Holiday.

COMPETITION – Don Burk said they had a good year and is looking forward to the New Year. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. He also mentioned that they lost a member and friend this year, Ted Huddle.

PEGGY STEPHENS wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CHUCK STEPHENS wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CHUCK HERETTA wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

BUCKEYE – Chuck Heretta presented Michelle and Michael of Esber's Restaurant with gift cards in thanks for allowing us to use their restaurant and for the great service. He mentioned that they have finished another year and is looking forward to another good year. He reiterated that the Region has lost some good people. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He reminded the clubs to send information when a member has passed away. He also needs the club logos sent to him electronically.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$90 and \$45 was won by Don Knittle of Mahoning Valley.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan M. Hamilton

Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region