

MINUTES

EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

MAY 9, 2009

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**NEXT MEETING @ ESBER'S RESTAURANT
JULY 18, 2009 @ 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE OF 2009 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

March 7, 2009 @ 9:30 at Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, OH (Banquet)
May 9, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
July 18, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
October 17, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
December 5, 2009 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Bidding)

NATIONAL:

August 8 – 16, 2009 at Convention in Colorado Springs, CO
September 11 - 13, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
November 13 - 15, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
February 26 - 27, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO
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 11 - 12, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Buckeye Corvette Club
Chuck Stephens, Regional Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Peggy Stephens, Regional Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club
Dan Lundblad, Governor, Blennerhassett Corvette Association
Mark Thurin, Governor, Canton Corvette Club
Don Burk, Governor, Competition Corvettes
Elaine Heretta, Governor, Corvette Cleveland
Aurel Ouellette, Governor, Fun Center Corvette Club
Ric Keller, Governor, Lakeshore Corvette Club
Dan Lynden, Governor, Mahoning Valley Corvette Club
Ken Rutherford, Governor, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club
Ken Jecmen, Governor, Northeast Ohio Vette Club
Terry Sells, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club
Bob Kutty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland
Jane Lundblad, Guest, Blennerhassett Corvette Association
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Bob Thomsen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Al Etzel, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Carol Etzel, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Sharon Burk, Guest, Competition Corvettes
Mickey Ouellette, Guest, Fun Center Corvette Club
Pat Rutherford, Guest, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club
Alan Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club
Gail Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, brought the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. A quorum was met. Chuck introduced the board and all present introduced themselves.

SECRETARY:

A motion was made by Bob Kuty to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Second was made by Mark Thurin. Motion passed. There were no corrections.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of March 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 was read by Sue Hamilton. Don Burk made a motion to accept as read. Second was made by Alan Moore. Motion passed. The March 2009 Banquet report was read. Motion to accept was made by Terry Sells and a second was made by Ken Jecman. Motion passed. Extra reports were available on table. Chuck Heretta commented on the great job done by Competition Corvettes on the banquet. The speaker was from the Museum and was very interesting.

CHARITY:

Elaine Heretta reported that the give-away car is now in Colorado Springs and will be out to different car shows. \$19,000 in ticket sales has been received since September. If you are interested in tickets, please use the green sheets from your membership packets for your discount.

IRS reported they did not have the tax return, however, it has since been found. So far there has been a penalty of \$925. It should be refunded. Chuck Heretta suggested that the returns be sent by Certified Mail in the future.

The Jeanne Kuty Fund presently has a total of \$3,225.50. There were years when the scholarship was only given to elementary education recipients.

WEBMASTER:

Bob Kirsch is now being paid \$120 for a six month period to maintain the website. The next payment will be due on July 1, 2009. Bob is no longer an NCCC member.

HALL OF FAME:

Bob Kuty, Terry Sells and Al Etzel met before this meeting and will discuss their topics in Old Business.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy Stephens reported that the East Ohio Region presently has 16 clubs with 838 members. Top (largest) clubs are Buckeye Corvettes with 155 members, Corvette Cleveland with 113, Tiretown Corvette with 83, Central WV with 78, Competition Corvette with 71 and Lake Shore with 65. There are 10 clubs with less than 60 members. NCCC has 276 clubs with 17,054 members and 436 Members at Large. There are 279 lifetime members. Peggy handed out new club membership lists asking for governors to check them for accuracy. The Vice President of Membership only wants the mailing address if different from street address.

FCOA has 2,720 members as of April 30, 2009. Midwest Region is the largest with 488 FCOA

members. East Ohio Region has 167 members with Corvette Cleveland leading the region with 56 FCOA members. Be sure to use the new FCOA membership form, either in pdf or Word format, issued in September, 2008. Pat Kelly has a Corvette book you can purchase for \$10 and proceeds go to FCOA. Pat will be sending new 2" by 3" dash plaques, donated by North Florida Corvette Association and Corvette Club of Mandarin, to FCOA members. Cedar Rapids Corvette Club donated magnets to be sent to FCOA members as well.

Peggy requested the NCCC display for the Corsa car show on July 26, 2009. The display is available for use at any club function. Please contact Peggy in advance for this display.

Renewed members received a 50th Anniversary patch, membership card and luggage tag. Extras are available for purchase on website (CorvettesNCCC.org). Lifetime members must also retain their black lifetime card. The anniversary card does not permanently replace this.

Membership applications forms are now two-part rather than four part. This saved \$500.00 in printing costs.

Sylvia Hoaldrige is working on getting a periodical postage rate to reduce the costs of mailing the Blue Bars. She is also working to limit the number of color pages. The convention issue this year will not have regional articles due to the space needed for convention articles. The deadline for articles for the summer Blue Bars issue is May 31, 2009.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with NCCC 2009 convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado from August 8th through August 14th. Peggy is still looking for (and about to give up on) contact information for Anthony Cotturo, Don Criss and Eileen Timko.

Joan Thomas is looking for club profile information, patches (old or new) or anything you would like to share with NCCC. The deadline to get this to Joan is August 1, 2009.

Peggy reported that a committee was chosen to update the RMD guidelines. The four committee members are Barbara Harris, Dick Ruyan, Ron Scott and Bob Bowen. NCCC-Duntov Performance Award has some revisions being made. The award selection committee shall be appointed as needed because this award doesn't come up each year. The second change is the applications and documentation from eligible clubs must be given to the VP of Membership anytime after the current year renewals and no later than the beginning of the NCCC membership committee meeting of the second scheduled NCCC governor's meeting of the current year.

If your club loses one of your NCCC members, please get the information to Peggy as soon as possible.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens discussed the rule book changes; running sanctioned and non-sanctioned events at the same location. Chuck asked for comments and advice on how to respond to requests to run sanctioned and non-sanctioned events at the same time, same location. He also asked how to get workers. Chuck Heretta asked why you would want to do this. Ken Rutherford asked if both events were being done by the same club. Gail Moore commented in the past it was different

clubs. Chuck Heretta does not want to promote non-sanctioned events. Bob Kutty said it might draw interest if done someplace like Lakeland. Peggy responded we are using two lots – one for low speeds and one for parking and we can't have all parking lots at Lakeland. Ken Rutherford wants participation.

Chuck Stephens asked for comments on the issue allowing 12 year olds to ride in a vehicle at speed events. It is okay with K&K. Ken Rutherford stated this is dangerous, even in low speeds, and we are looking for trouble. Elaine Heretta and Peggy Stephens both agreed with Ken. Chuck Stephens advised this is the chairperson's call. Peggy Stephens suggested "No riders allowed" be put on the flyers. Pat Rutherford agreed and included underage workers.

Regarding high speed requirements, Chuck Stephens asked for comments. A person only needs to run one high speed and they are qualified for another three years. This is being reviewed. Regarding rule book changes, caravanning does not require tech inspections or waiver. This should have been kicked out. There should be a handbook for Governors. Bonus points are still being discussed. There should only be one FTD for the men and one FTD for the women. Chuck Stephens recommended the points go back the way they were in the past. It was much simpler then. This will be tabled and discussed again in September.

Chuck Stephens said there was discussion if the rule book should cover conduct and re-runs. He suggested that common sense should prevail. He does not think it should be in the rule book. Should the rule book include the way cones be set up? Chuck Stephens said it is already in the rule book.

Another issue discussed was: Can a larger capacity oil tank or pan be installed on a 2006 Z06 to improve reliability? In 2009, GM did this to combat oil issues. Under the current rule this is not allowed in group one street or group one. Doing so would move you into the next class.

On the local level, governors should check the schedule of events and mail forms to K&K. Chuck Heretta asked to receive these and he will send to Chuck Stephens for processing. You can e-mail them to Chuck Heretta at: cheatn@neo.rr.com.

Putnam Park is in trouble because of the cost. They are okay for this season. The Indiana Region is looking for another facility for next year. Chuck has July 11, 2009 at the airport in Williamstown, WV. The FAA said no for New Philadelphia. Chuck will check into this further. He has been leaving messages at Midvale and can get no response. Hocking Tech College in Nelsonville is a good possibility. This is about 15 miles north of Athens. Chuck Heretta asked Dan if there was a possibility of using West Virginia University where they have their car show. Dan has asked, however, has had no response. Chuck Stephens asked if someone has a contact to please let him discuss our events with them. He has certain criteria he discusses, such as safety, liability, insurance, etc. He advises this is a skill event to maneuver through cones and does not mention speed. Chuck Stephens was told that in Wilmington, R&L Transfer has a place where they train their truck drivers. He will be checking into this.

Proper fire extinguisher brackets are a safety issue and this was brought up again at the National meeting. You must have metal mounting bracket and metal strap. If you cannot find these items, Chuck has several web-sites with these items available.

Regarding the rule book changes, these are the pages needed to print to complete your book: Section I – pages 1-9 and 11; Section II – all pages; Section III – all pages; Section IV – all pages; Section VII – pages 2 and 5; Section VIII – all pages; Section XII – page 12.5.

Result sheets have changes. Peggy passed out instructions. Minutes from RCD meetings are in the Blue Bars. Any questions, please ask Chuck. Anyone interested in putting on a high speed driving course as a club, please see Chuck Stephens. He has an outline of the guidelines. Any club interested in putting on a low speed school should also see Chuck. He will get the information for you.

Broke for lunch at 11:30

Resumed from lunch at 12:07

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta reported on the By-law submitted by membership committee regarding criteria for wording of youth membership which would start at age 16. This would be a way to continue on from FCOA. Membership was changed approximately five or six years ago where membership was open to owners and anyone who had access to a Corvette. This stopped the ownership requirement to be a member of National Council. This amendment will allow FCOA members to continue on in NCCC. This will change the word “dependent” to “youth.” Chuck Heretta’s opinion is that this is not needed, but this is what they want. We will see the final draft at a later date along with the current by-law. Chuck Heretta may have this by the July regional meeting.

The Regional Execs are dealing with how amendments are made to the by-laws. It is now confusing. One part states that under the RE’s duties, they are members of the By-law Committee. By-law changes are to be submitted two weeks prior to the opening meeting of the year to the RE’s. Under the Amendments section, it does not say that. They are trying to clean up the wording by removing the “two weeks prior to the first meeting of the year” from the RE’s duties and moving it to the Amendments section.

Rule book changes that need printed were discussed earlier by Chuck Stephens.

Chuck Heretta mentioned that budgets were reviewed at the National Meeting. It was discovered that the figures were incorrect on the printed budget. There was an error of approximately \$20,000. Chuck Heretta asked why and was told that things changed. He said that a budget never changes and the budget of an \$83,000 deficit was approved only the actual would change. A corrected budget was done and sent to Chuck.

Chuck Heretta stated that insurance has turned into a circus. Disregard all instructions given at the March meeting. Chuck Stephens has sent a listing of all sanctioned events to K&K. Chuck Heretta has a listing of all meeting dates and will forward those to Chuck Stephens to send to K&K for coverage. Events and meetings must be published and sent in the newsletters, which must be postmarked and sent to Chuck Heretta. If you are doing a non-sanctioned event, such as parade, cruise-in, etc., this should also be in the newsletter prior to the event and sent to Chuck Heretta. When caravanning to undetermined sites, have the waiver signed at the meeting place to be covered. If you have an Additional Insured for an event, there is a form for the club to

complete. Send to K&K with appropriate premium prior to the event to obtain the Certificate of Insurance with the date needed by the Additional Insured. Ken Rutherford asked how to handle the postage stamped newsletter as they send theirs electronically. Chuck Heretta advised that one copy should be printed and mailed, even if sent to himself. If not mailed there is no insurance coverage. K&K looks at the National Council in a very favorable way. The premiums have been reduced by approximately \$3,000 over last year. Chuck Stephens read a sentence from the field underwriter of the Motor Sports Division of K&K - "NCCC has always and still is considered a VIP client and we appreciate everything that NCCC stands for."

Chuck Heretta explained the insurance. K&K does not insure any personally owned car or property damage done by that vehicle. The insurance covers the club or NCCC if a suit is brought against the organizations.

Ken Jecman asked about insurance for their social members. This is something they try to discourage; however, there are some members that are social only and not NCCC members. There is no coverage for the club should the social member cause an issue that creates a law suit. Ric Keller had some social members. The previous social members are grandfathered in; however, they no longer allow new members to join without joining NCCC.

2009 Convention in Colorado Springs, CO has 660 plus people registered. Registration is still open on NCCC website. If you have registered, you should have received hotel confirmation by e-mail from an address you do not recognize. If not, please check your spam folder. There are many great events planned.

Scholarship deadline is today, May 9, 2009.

Debbie Lindsey has done a great job getting sponsors for convention and NCCC this year in a time when money is tight for everyone.

As Peggy mentioned, perks packages are gone for 2010 as they were voted down.

Articles from Regional Officers for Blue Bars are due by May 31, 2009. The spring issue should go to print sometime in June and we should receive before convention. Articles sent now will, most likely, be in the winter issue. Blue Bars' editor is also asking for your newsletters for additional information.

There was some talk at the February National Meeting about rotating regions bringing refreshments to fund the hospitality room on Fridays. (There were six governors at the National meeting – more than have attended for many years.) The Carolina region wasn't in favor because they are operating in the red. Chuck Heretta suggested that the governors discuss with their clubs. The Florida region volunteered and brought the refreshments to the May meeting. Chuck Heretta mentioned that he didn't like National Council spending the East Ohio Region's money. The cost for food only, no pop or beer, is approximately \$400. Since National Council budgeting \$30,000 for a party that will affect about 800 people, why don't they have \$1,200 to spend on this? Consequently, the regions will no longer be required to provide the refreshments. The Southwest Region volunteered for the November meeting. Chuck Heretta believes the Sergeant at Arms has always done this and is just tired of doing it. This started out with just snacks and has escalated to a buffet.

This is the ninth year with the Sheraton Westport. Next year, 2010, will be the last segment of a three-year contract – through 2012. Please think about if the East Ohio Region wants to bring the National Meetings to our region's area. Don't forget that events must be planned around the meetings. This will entice governors to attend. We have two great locations with airports, restaurants and entertainment close – Cleveland or Columbus. We may need to set up a committee to check into the costs of flights and hotels compared to St. Louis. We have some time as we would need to vote on this at the February, 2011 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the March 2009 Regional Banquet, Chuck Heretta thanked Don and Sharon Burk for all of their hard work and the work of their members. The banquet was a great success and made a little money. We need to get a club to volunteer for the 2010 banquet. Lake Shore is considering taking on this task. They have been checking into locations and hotels available that would be a good fit for our event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Kutty of the Hall of Fame committee discussed the lack of participation in balloting last year. This year the process may change as to how the ballots are disbursed. For two years they have been sent by e-mail. The committee discussed changing the percentage required from 80% down to 60% or 75%. A poll was taken of the governors present. A motion was made by Ken Rutherford to change to 75% of votes cast. Elaine Heretta seconded the motion. There was no discussion and motion passed.

There are still items needed from past inductees such as pictures and bios. It was suggested that these items should be required when a person is nominated. Chuck Heretta stated that the wording needs to be in the Standard Operating Procedures if bios and pictures are required to be eligible for the Hall of Fame. Aurel Ouellette made a motion to include the wording in the Standard Operating Procedures. Terry Sells seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Wood was not available to discuss his By-law proposals. We will discuss at the next meeting. Chuck mentioned again that Bob Kirsch is now being paid as the current webmaster.

Regarding timing, Bob Thomsen has the schedule and will attend all functions except one which Valentine's will attend. Please notify Bob of any changes. If you need to reach Bob Thomsen, his e-mail address is: Bobthomsen@yahoo.com. Bob needs at least one person from the Host club to assist in set up. He also needs the registration forms. Bob has updates for the computer programs. He has a back-up for all necessary equipment except one timing piece. Without this piece, a little black box, none of the equipment will run. Bob has done some research and the little black box, a TAG Heuer CP 520, is on sale for approximately \$1,200. Original cost was \$1,650. Our current timing box is seven years old. This was not budgeted; however, there are funds to cover this. Chuck Stephens, proxy for Kanawha Valley, made a motion to purchase this timing item if not over \$1,300. Terry Sells seconded the motion which passed with none opposed. The Competition fund will cover this cost.

Chuck Heretta reiterated that Bob needs help with timing events.

Regional elections are coming up. Nominations for the Regional Exec position will be needed at the July meeting and voting at the October meeting. The criteria are in the Regional By-laws and Standing Operating Procedures should anyone wish to run.

Chuck Stephens requested serial numbers and model numbers for all timing equipment from Bob Thomsen for insurance purposes.

Chuck Stephens discussed the updates of which they were not notified. They sent two e-mails requesting that they be notified when the updates are installed so they can be there for training. They have an enclosed trailer to haul the equipment. Peggy has been recruited to train and run the timing equipment and the Valentines and John Dunlap came late. He sympathizes with Bob Thomsen not having help to set up. Chuck and Peggy Stephens are offering to help with timing. What upset Chuck is that he should be the number one back-up as he is always available. Chuck Heretta asked if another training session could be set up with Chuck and Peggy and Bob Thomsen. Bob advised that with the password, they can go on line to see the changes from the demo. Chuck Heretta asked if a dry run could be done. Chuck Heretta would like a date set up and would like to attend. Anyone interested should let Chuck Heretta know. The more people that can use this equipment, the better off we are. Gail Moore is also interested.

At Convention, there is a Club night. NCCC is asking for clubs to decorate. It was suggested that this be done by regions. Our region does not have a banner. Contact Chuck Heretta if your individual club would like to participate.

ROUNDTABLE:

Tiretown – Terry Sells mentioned his rally on July 25, 2009 with a picnic at the end in lieu of awards. This will also be their social at \$5 per person.

Corvette Cleveland – Elaine Heretta discussed Corsa event on July 26, 2009. Corvette Cleveland and Buckeye acquired Mongoose as a new sponsor.

Competition Corvettes – Don Burk mentioned speed events on July 27 and 28, 2009. Also advised they have a cruise-in on June 13, 2009 with the proceeds benefiting the Parkinson's charity.

Fun Center – Aurel Ouellette discussed seven car shows on August 1, 2009 in Mansfield.

Blennerhassett – Don Lundblad mentioned event at WV University for Cancer Research. CPR instructions will be included.

NEOVC – Ken Jecmen discussed Aurora Farms event on July 5, 2009. Solon Commons has Vette cruise-in on three Tuesdays; June 2, August 11, and September 1, 2009.

Mid Ohio – Ken Rutherford discussed gimmick, poker and economy rallies on May 24, 2009. Also discussed was Boy's Village 11th annual show with continental breakfast and chicken barbeque at no cost. Last year they raised \$6,000.

Lake Shore – Ric Keller mentioned Vettemilion show on June 20, 2009. The theme is Hawaiian with many contests. Please wear Hawaiian attire.

Kanawha Valley – Bill Wood not present. Chuck Stephens said he had nothing except to advise the creeks are rising.

Buckeye – Chuck Heretta reminded everyone of seven-event weekend May 16 and 17, 2009. Events will include raffle of personalized Corvette jacket or \$200 cash; Hall of Fame raffle tickets and 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to 50th anniversary party next year.

Hall of Fame 50/50 drawing of \$38.50 was won by Dan Lynden. \$38.50 will be deposited into HOF fund.

Meeting closed at 2:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
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Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region