

EAST OHIO REGION MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2008

PRESENT:

Chuck Heretta, RE, Buckeye Corvette Club
Chuck Stephens, RCD, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Peggy Stephens, RMD, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club
Bob Kirsch, Webmaster, Corvette Cleveland
Terry Sells, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club
Aurel Ouellette, Governor, Fun Center Corvette Club
Elaine Heretta, Governor, Corvette Cleveland
Ken Jecmen, Governor, Northeast Ohio Vette Club
Ric Keller, Governor, Lakeshore Corvette Club
Mark Thurin, Governor, Canton Corvette Club
Bob Kutty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland
Bill Quine, Hall of Fame, Tiretown Corvette Club
Terry Muich, Proxy Governor,
Alan Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club
Gail Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Mickey Ouellette, Guest, Fun Center Corvette Club
Roger Flading, Guest, Buckeye Corvette Club

REGIONAL EXEC:

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive brought the meeting to order at 10:08. A quorum was met. Chuck introduced all present.

SECRETARY:

A motion was made by Bob Kutty to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Second was made by Terry Sells. Motion passed.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of July 15, 2008 to September 30, 2008 was read by Sue Hamilton. There were no questions. Aurel Ouellette made a motion to accept as read. Second was made by Terry Sells. Motion passed.

HALL OF FAME:

Committee: Bob Kutty and Bill Quine. There are three people eligible. Two nominees have been rolled over from last year.

WEBMASTER:

Bob Kirsch stated that all is updated on the website. Bob presented the website bill for payment.

CHARITIES/GRANTS:

Elaine Heretta reported that as of this date \$1,475.50 remains in the Jeanne Kutty Scholarship fund.

Scholarship deadline is May 1, 2009. NCCC gave eight or nine scholarships of \$1,000 each at the convention. At the November National meeting, the region will give a check, in the amount of \$750, to NCCC (payable to Jeanne Kutty Scholarship Fund/NCCC).

\$86,241 was donated to the National Kidney Foundation. There have been \$7,500 tickets sold for the 2009 raffle of the 2009 grey Corvette with 3LT package. NCCC keeps \$50,000 in the account to purchase next car. The winner of the 2008 raffle accepted the car in lieu of the cash. She is from Little Rock, Arkansas. Her father was a kidney transplant recipient.

MEMBERSHIP:

Peggy Stephens reported that there are 17 clubs in the region. They have lost 4 members from 2007. NCCC membership totals 18,333 members in 276 clubs. There are 455 Members at Large. At this time, Buckeye Corvette Club is the largest in our region with 143 members.

Peggy discussed the current edition of the Blue Bars. The centerfold was missing in several issues. The editor wants a listing of members who have passed away for the next issue by December 1, 2008. The new membership list should be sent next week to all governors.

Peggy also reported on FCOA. There are 2,657 total members with 97 new members since 2007. Corvette Cleveland leads the region with 56 members. When submitting new member applications, be sure to use the new applications.

Member renewal packets will be mailed with membership cards, luggage tags and a patch. No pins or calendars will be mailed this renewal. 50th anniversary pins may be purchased for \$3.00. All governors are asked to obtain an order from their members. Peggy will need this order and payment with club check payable to Dennis Patrick. Peggy will order the pins at the November 7th NCCC meeting and should receive them at the February 2009 meeting for distribution to the governors. If a pin needs to be mailed (MAL), the cost is \$1.25.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be at the Convention. Peggy has tracked down all except three members for this celebration. There will be a shirt available with the 50th anniversary logo. Cost is unknown at this time. Sizes available will be men's sizes medium through 3X.

NCCC wants e-mail addresses on the membership list. Sponsors will not be given this list. Any e-mails will be sent by through Webmaster.

Peggy also discussed ways to keep the 16 year olds in NCCC. Waivers for children up to 16 years old must be signed by parent. The parent must participate in order for the child to work any event. Presently, 16 year olds are not permitted to participate in low speed events because they do not have a valid driver's license. Want to change: 16 year olds with valid license may participate provided the primary member is participating in the event.

Chuck Heretta asked about the \$10,000 postage increase on the membership budget. Peggy thought this was due to extra costs of stamps and extra flyers in the packages. It was questioned why the advertisers did not pay for any postage to send their flyers. Discussion was centered on the size of packages and the cost to mail them.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens passed out the proposed rule book changes to the governors in attendance. These were also sent by e-mail. He asked them to review and make comments. Chuck has already received some comments on points and he feels the changes are broadening points from racers and waxers rather than bringing them together. Chuck wants to look at concourse point changes regarding one car class. Elaine questioned how overall bonus points are determined for Best of Show. Chuck will find out. Elaine discussed the points for speed events and does not like them as they are. Ken Jecmen mentioned the concourse changes are going in the right direction.

Alan Moore pointed out a typo in the rule book on page 4, #2.7.1.3 #14. Chuck Heretta asked to define "same general location." According to the rule book, if you move engine back 2" it is not allowed. Questioned why this is not allowed if it is in the "same general location." Chuck Heretta explained that it is a change to factory specifications and should be so stated and clarified. Chuck Heretta asked how the changes are going to be implemented. Chuck Stephens replied they will be line by line and will allow proxy vote in November. Governors need to advise Chuck Heretta by November 1, 2008 since he will be proxy vote for those not in attendance.

Chuck Stephens advised that the minutes of the meetings are on the NCCC website and printed in the Blue Bars.

Clarification was brought up – is it allowable for replacement GM spoiler to be installed as cosmetic without changing competitive group? Okay on C6 and newer. Clarification – proof of ownership - Driver's licenses showing same address. What if owned jointly but do not live together? Do they both get points? First line of 7.8.1 identifies: "All Corvettes entering a judged concourse must be owned by entrant." Living at the same address is language covered in the definition of the primary/spouse companion and their dependent children. Therefore, both will receive points. What they are saying is if you own a Corvette jointly, you must show proof of ownership...bill of sale or title. This applies mostly to race cars. Chuck Heretta stated that the handbook does not state that primary and spouse/companion must live at the same address.

Why are some sessions closed? The rule was put in because the peanut gallery and old guys are interjecting things that happened in 1955. Closed sessions limit the meeting to the business at hand. Chuck Heretta has a problem with closed meetings. They need to control the open meeting better to avoid a closed meeting. If there is a problem with a particular person, then that person should be asked to leave. Closed meetings give the impression that something secret is going on. Monthly reporting of National points is working well and is on National Website and find out where the club is ranking as well as ranking for men and women.

Chuck Stephens wants to put in rule book changes on form to him by April 1, 2009.

Chuck Stephens is working on driver's school at Nelson's Ledges. They are only asking for their cost and the rest would be put into our coffers.

Chuck Stephens asked for any ideas for displays at museum. The museum wants to pay off the cost before start of motorplex in 1-3 years.

Points updated except for Lorain/Lakeland/Buckeye show.

Chuck announced the club standings as Corvette Cleveland in first place, Buckeye Corvettes in second, and Competition in third. Men's standings have Ted Vannelli in first place with Chuck Heretta in second and Chuck Stephens in third. Women's standings have Elaine Heretta in first place, Peggy Stephens in second and Linda Vannelli in third. Corvette Cleveland is in tenth place nationally with Buckeye Corvettes in twelfth and Tiretown in fifteenth.

Elaine Heretta questioned Etzel's rear spoiler/wing putting them in group 2. Ground effects, wing and different air intake put them in that group.

BROKE FOR LUNCH AT 11:40
RESUMED AT 12:21

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck discussed things he deals with as Regional Exec, such as budgets, FCOA etc, and how everything eventually comes back to the Regional Exec because it must fit into their operating structures. If it doesn't, they need to make it fit somehow.

The 2010 Convention will be held in West Palm Beach, Florida from July 24 to July 30, 2010. The hotel has not yet been established.

Chuck has received the voting ballot and reminded everyone to follow the instructions carefully. Do not remove the staple. There are two envelopes; one inside of the other. Running are: President, Dick Yanko; Vice President of Membership, Patsy Shearer and Larry Morrison; Parliamentarian, Sylvia Hoalridge and Kevin Milton; Treasurer, Mary Bellemy and Bernice Melinda; Director of Publications, Larry Beebe (Iowa). Ken Jecmen asked if the Region was endorsing any particular candidate. Chuck Heretta reviewed each candidate's qualifications but made no endorsement. This is a governor's personal choice.

Convention for 2009 will be from August 8 to August 14, 2009 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Wendell Strode was invited by the Executive Board and spoke at the September National meeting regarding the museum expansion which is underway. There is a 47,000 sq ft addition to existing structure and a 17,000 sq ft renovation being done. The museum's \$17 million debt has been reduced to \$2 million. Wendell answered questions and was well received. After Wendell left, some of the members bashed the museum. This was not well received by other members.

Chuck clarified that the museum was formulated by NCRS (National Corvette Restorers' Society). NCCC pledged \$50,000 donation to the museum. This money was collected by clubs and individual donations. NCCC never paid anything out of pocket.

Bob Kutty passed out four gifts for the Board. They were small orange pylons which could be used as paper weights. Bob suggested they water them and they might grow. All board members thank him for his thoughtfulness.

NCRS's display at the museum is very good. NCCC's display is disgraceful. NCCC will have a permanent stand-alone display, along with NCRS, when renovations are completed. Chuck Heretta suggested that NCCC needs to promote itself more at the museum. Aurel asked how Dick Yanko is going to accomplish that. Bob Kutty asked if Dick had an "in" at the museum.

Chuck did not believe so. Terry Sells mentioned that he has been pushing Tiretown to race (auto-cross) and to participate in more activities. The NCCC display should show all aspects of the clubs.

Chuck Heretta stated that at the Saint Louis meeting, they never got to the rule book changes or budget due to lack of time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta discussed the governor's subsidy. This is a one time reimbursement of \$150 per club. The governor must submit bills to the secretary for reimbursement for National meetings.

In regards to the banquet, Don and Sharon Burk of Competition Corvette have contracted with the Quality Inn of Richfield for the dates of March 6, 7 and 8, 2009.

The election of regional officers was held. Chuck Stephens has been re-elected for Regional Competition Director. Peggy Stephens has been re-elected for Regional Membership Director. The treasurer cast the vote.

Bill Woods made a proposal that the governors should review the East Ohio Champ Series. Chuck will give this to the treasurer to send with the minutes. The latest version is on the website. One of the proposed by-law changes is to add a competition program director: EORCPD. Chuck will send those electronically.

Chuck Heretta also discussed "Sportsmanship" written by Chuck Stephens. This will be decided at the December meeting. Take to the clubs to discuss adding to the rule book.

Discussion of Regional Chili Challenge on Saturday, November 15, 2008. Please arrive around 4:30 to heat food. Last year the Chili Challenge was to welcome Kay Alexander home from Germany. This year it will be a fund raiser for Tom Prusnek's son who passed away. He also has a young daughter with a hearing disability. He can use the funds for either the funeral expenses or for his daughter's disability expenses. The governors can discuss donations with their clubs either from the club or from individual members. It was asked of Father Bob what he would like donated for the use of his church and \$100 was suggested. The use of sterno is not permitted. Name tags were suggested and will be purchased by the secretary. There will also be a 50/50 drawing for the Hall of Fame fund.

Chuck Stephens will use a pre-scheduling form for NCCC events only. Any special dates are to be sent to Chuck Stephens by November 8, 2008.

In order to bid in December, the following must be met:

1. membership renewals must be to Peggy by November 15, 2008,
2. all head taxes must be paid to the treasurer by the morning of the bidding meeting, and
3. sanctions need not be paid that day.

You must have a minimum of three events to close a weekend; however, only one event is necessary for a preferred date.

NCCC had a military membership whereby dues were suspended until they returned. Upon return, they did not pay new dues, only a renewal. Is this still in effect?

ROUNDTABLE:

Canton Corvette Club - Mark Thurin hopes his club will be in attendance at Chili Challenge.

Lakeshore Corvette Club - Ric Keller stated 2009 VetteMilion one day event will be a cool party.

The town will be converted into Southern California. At one of his meetings, he had to eject two members. It was a very hard thing to do, however, necessary. His club has lots of new members and hope they will get involved in events.

Northeast Ohio Vette Club - Ken Jecmen said Aurora Farms and Tim Lally events will be on different days.

Corvette Cleveland – Elaine Heretta passed around the Hot Rod Hardware magazine with Summit Racing showing pictures of her daughter, Melanie, as a model. She hopes her son Greg will be home for the Chili Challenge and will be able to attend. Both Melanie and Greg are longtime members of Corvette Cleveland.

Fun Center Corvette Club – Aurel Ouellette said Mickey is keeping him very busy.

Tiretown Corvette Club – Terry Sells thanked everyone for attending their speed events this year. He also thanked Alan and Gail Moore for the food they provided to all entrants and workers for the event in lieu of awards. Terry announced that Father Bob bought a 2009 Corvette.

Mid Ohio Corvette Club – Terry Muich thanked everyone for participation in the auto cross and Boy's Village events. His club is making the Chili Challenge a social.

Buckeye Corvettes – Chuck Heretta announced that his club is making the Chili Challenge a social also. He also mentioned that his club has donated all of their pylons to the region.

Kanawha Valley Corvette Club – Chuck Stephens mentioned that he asked to keep the Red Leaf Ralley mileage down from past ralleys. Chuck also mentioned that the casino is now open for those attending the Red Leaf Ralley that want to gamble after the event. The Sunday ralley will be on good roads and will end at the River City Grill.

Gail Moore sold 50/50 tickets. \$36 was won by Sue Hamilton. The proceeds of \$36 will go into the Hall of Fame fund.

The next Regional meeting will be held at Esber's Restaurant on December 6, 2008. Please note the meeting will start at 9:30 as this will be a long meeting.

Meeting closed at 2:08.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Hamilton

Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region