

**East Region Governor's Meeting  
March 1, 2008  
Holiday Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA**

The following NCCC East Region officers and governors were present for the meeting:

Brian Gallagher	Regional Competition Director
Joe Vasta	Regional Membership Director
David Walter	Governor, Cumberland Valley CC
Andre Balanc	Governor, NVCC
Dennis Morin	Governor, GBV
George Gallant	Governor, BACC
Charlie Parsons	Governor, Corvette Annapolis
Jeff Weiner	Governor, FSOC
Bob Sullivan	Governor, Chesapeake CC
Dick Heisler	Governor, York County Corvette Club
Larry Glasco	Governor, Baltimore County Corvette Club
Rich Mackow	Governor, LCCC
Barry Thomas	Governor, KSCC
Michael Sizemore	Governor, CCCCC
Donald Haller	Governor, CCA
Kim Casselbery	Governor, CPCC
Carl Smith	Governor, PCCC
Grant Ridgley	Governor, CCCM
George Kerns	NVCC

The meeting was called to order by RCD Brian Gallagher at 10:10 AM.

The position for East Region secretary is open. There was no secretary at the meeting. There were no meeting minutes for the previous meeting presented. Joe Vasta volunteered to generate the minutes for the meeting.

The East Region Treasurer was not present at the meeting. No Treasurer's report was presented.

## **RE Meeting Report**

Joe Vasta presented the major items discussed at the National Governors' Meeting in St. Louis.

Mike Yeager of Mid America Motorworks petitioned Congress to make June 30 a national day of recognition for the Corvette and he expects the resolution to pass.

Nancy Busher established club parking for Fun Fest (September 19-21, 2008).

MAMotorWorks will offer Vette shirts with club logos.

The Regional Executives reviewed the requirement that only one member of a club may be on the E-Board at a time. They decided to retain this requirement. Should there be an

occasion that two members from one club be elected to the E-Board, one of the members could resign from their club and join another club.

The Bylaws, Rule Book and Standing Rules have been published on the web page and distributed to members. After publication, minor errors were discovered that affect readability that have not yet been added to the web page. These will be added in the near future. However, there was no intent about being deceptive about the process.

Jack Wilson, VP of Competition, requested the governors to review the rulebook to determine whether there are any changes needed to make it easier to use. Feedback is due back to Jack by April 15, 2008.

Seven high speed driving schools have been approved to obtain a high speed license. This includes the ones offered by Cumberland Valley, Northern Virginia and the Corvette Club of Northern Pennsylvania.

The 2009 ZR1 will fall into classes of 1SM, 2M and Race Prepared.

Joan Thomas, the NCCC Webmaster, said the competition results for the top 100 positions for men and women have been posted to the NCCC web site. The results for all clubs will be posted on the web site.

Joan called attention to the 'For Sale' web page. However, this requires a donation to FCOA. This is being done on an honor system. However, people are not being honorable.

If you need an ISP host, Joan requested that you consider DOMAIN HOST and mention NCCC as a referral. NCCC will receive a credit and reduce the cost of hosting the NCCC web site.

Joan Thomas is looking for volunteers to judge the web site contest for 2009. She wants new people each year.

## **RMD Meeting Report**

The NCCC Treasurer reported the E-board budgeted \$368K for membership dues for 2008. Membership has already raised \$316K. NCCC showed a net income of \$62,681.55 for 2007.

The Director of Charity reported the 2008 raffle car is a black coupe with a six speed.

Scholarship applications are due by May 1, 2008. Applications are on the web site and in Blue Bars.

For the 2008 National Convention, 215 people have already registered. The price goes up \$25.00 on March 16.

Bob Bellamy was appointed the Chairman of the Convention Steering Committee replacing Jim Harris.

Since 2009 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCCC, the VP of Membership wants to do something special instead of a pin and a calendar. If you have any suggestions, contact me by the end of March.

Bob Bowen gave Gary Kelly an Appreciation Award for Gary's assistance to Bob with computer applications.

The Blue Bars deadline for articles for the spring issue is March 8. Sylvia Hoaldrige has encouraged clubs to send articles and pictures. The current issue of Blue Bars is *'in the mail.'*

If you send an e-mail to Sylvia and don't get a response within two days, call her. She's had problems with her e-mail.

The Distribution Center reported there were a number of problems with distribution due to bad addresses. In spite of the emphasis last fall for clubs to check their address lists, there were more than 150 pieces of mail that were undeliverable due to bad addresses. Each club is reminded to ensure the addresses of their members are up-to-date, especially before annual renewals. Rhonda Higgins, the Distribution Center Manager provided Joe Vasta a list of people whose mail was returned due to bad addresses. Joe distributed the list to governors in attendance (*see note below*).

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) developed a two-page article on NCCC for the America's Sports Car Magazine. NCM plans to add an 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile drag strip, a skid pad and a road course behind the current building. The museum is being rearranged. The NCCC kiosk will be removed. NCM is doing away with permanent displays such as NCCC and NCRS. They plan to use rotating six month displays. NCM is offering an e-membership. For \$25.00 per year, you will receive a 5% discount on merchandise purchased in the store and an e-magazine bimonthly.

Nominations for 2009 NCCC President, Treasurer, VP of Membership and Parliamentarian are due at the 2008 convention.

John McGee recommended moving the NCCC Governors' Meetings to Nashville starting in 2010. The only other recommendation is to remain in St. Louis. The proposals will be placed on the web site. There will be a ballot vote for the location. Ballots will be mailed by April 1, 2008 and must be returned by April 30, 2008! ***The East Region recommends all governors vote for St. Louis.***

The motion to increase the NCCC dues was referred to the Finance Committee until the May 2008 meeting.

Joe Vasta presented the report for the Finance Committee. NCCC showed a net income of \$62,681.55 for 2007. In November 2007, the Finance Committee recommended a dues increase of \$5.00 per member because the 2008 budget projected a deficit.

Manny Montgomery, RE for the Florida Region, recommended NCCC stop publishing Blue Bars because it is not read. Joe Vasta said that Blue Bars is our only vehicle to contact our entire membership. Blue Bars must be retained and the content changed to address the needs of our membership. Manny suggested the Florida Region and the Carolina Region be combined. Debbie Haskel and Patsy Shearer from Florida strongly disagreed with the realignment. Joe Vasta suggested that any realignment would be make it difficult for regional officers to meet and would be divisive. Joe suggested the RMDs develop a direction to increase the membership. Then, develop a budget to accomplish the plan.

Joe Vasta provided certificates of recognition to the Baltimore County Corvette Club and the Classic Corvette Club of Maryland with apologies for the delay from Bob Bowen.

The deadline for articles for the next edition of Blue Bars is March 8, 2008.

Membership reiterated several standard practices for membership. He stated that when members are assigned an NCCC number and permit their membership to lapse, the same NCCC number previously assigned within a club will be sued should the member renew at a later date. Therefore, the governor should clearly identify such memberships and the previous NCCC if available. For dependent memberships, the primary membership number and name should be listed on the applications.

Governors should use (reasonably) recent application forms. Some application forms have been submitted that are more than 10 years old. In addition, the dues submitted were based on 10 year old rates. These had to be returned and caused extra work for everyone.

To join NCCC, the member must have a Corvette. The *year and model* of the Vette should be identified on the application.

Although the new mailing saved NCCC thousands of dollars, the RMDs were not happy with the new process. Although the East Region voted to bill clubs for the delivery of pins and calendars if their governors did not attend the December 2007 meeting, *Mike Weil covered the cost for these mailing!*

In September each year, the ER RMD asks governors to scrub their membership lists to ensure names and addresses are correct. Each year, there are a number of membership packets that are returned to the Distribution Center as undeliverable. This causes extra work for several people, delays shipment of membership information to the recipient, and costs NCCC additional money for postage. The VP of Membership was disappointed that, after all the emphasis of getting this information correct before renewals, that he received many address changes after he sent the membership updates to the governors this year. The Distribution Center was not able to deliver the following (13) for the East Region:

- Rino Piviroto (ER-001-0675)
- Earl Younger, Jr. (ER-038-0206)
- David Divito (ER-093-0085)
- Dennis Sharpe (ER-118-0175)
- Ken Fleck (ER-196-0186LM)
- Virginia Pfaff (ER-263-0369L)
- Chester Coen (ER-266-0648)
- Mark Zmigrodski (ER-323-0189)
- Steve Jones (ER-357-0368)
- Cheri Desarno (ER-372-0330L)
- Theresa Gregoretti (ER-390-0040L)
- Jane Loveland (ER-519-0006L)
- Beulah Fincham (ER-519-0018L)
- Janet Bagwell (ER-519-0036L)

## **Perks**

2009 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Corvette. The RMDs discussed an appropriate means to recognize the event. There was significant discussion and there was consensus that a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch would be issued, perhaps in place of a pin and calendar. The RMDs will make a final decision at the May meeting.

## **Blue Bars**

Since the majority of the NCCC membership is more interested in social activities that competition, the ER RMD is attempting to change the content of Blue Bars to reflect the current demographics. Two new columns have been added – *Korvette Korner* and *Tech Tips*. There will be an attempt to make these regular articles. Now is the time for you to tell the world about your club activities. If you do an Eat and Ride that is somewhat unusual or a special charity project such as Perry Point, this is the time to write articles about the events and obtain national recognition.

## **K&K Insurance**

We continue to have clubs that drop from NCCC because they believe they can obtain equivalent insurance cheaper than K&K. There have been several analyses that have proved this is not true. The problem is the perception that NCCC only provides insurance and no other benefits. NCCC needs to change this image!

## **Governors**

The governors are the most important people in NCCC. They are NCCC's interface with the membership. NCCC needs our governors to be involved, to attend regional meetings and to keep the membership informed about regional and national activities.

## **Participation Award**

The East Region Participation Award was presented to Brian Gallagher as the governor of the TriCounty Corvette Club for their participation in NCCC sanctioned events in 2007.

## **RCD Meeting Report**

Brian Gallagher presented the new mileage chart for travel points.

Brian reviewed the recommended guidelines for governors. He noted that governors should:

- Keep regional officers abreast of postal and e-mail address changes
- Attend Regional and National Governors' Meetings or send a proxy
- Process all their club's membership renewals
- Have membership forms on hand to sign up new members

Brian noted that governors can communicate with East Region Officers and governors by using [ergov@ernccc.org](mailto:ergov@ernccc.org). This is a list server for governors and officers only and should be used only for regional business and communications. Attachments are allowed.

Brian noted the Trophy Fund is used to pay for Regional Awards and operating supplies. The fee is \$1.00 per NCCC entrant or NCCC worker. It is payable to ERNCCC Trophy Fund. It must be paid by year end or the following year's sanctions will not be honored.

Brian explained the process for obtaining a sanction for an event. He explained the composition of an event flyer and noted that it MUST be mailed to [erflyers@ernccc.org](mailto:erflyers@ernccc.org).

Brian reviewed the procedures for completing the Event Summary form in detail identifying all required fields, fields that are automatically filled and the error checks built into the form.

## **Good of the Order**

George Kerns, from NVCC, and Dana Last presented an opportunity for a fund raiser for the East Region. The opportunity is through a Caribbean cruise from February 7-14, 2009 on Carnival's Liberty ship. The East Region can earn as much as \$140.00 per booked cabin.

The next meeting will be held on May 24, 2008 at the Holiday Inn. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Vasta, East Region RMD  
Proxy Regional Secretary