



**EAST REGION GOVERNOR'S MEETING
MARCH 14, 2009
HOLIDAY INN, MECHANICSBURG, PA**

The following Officers, Governors, and Guests were present:

Joe Vasta	Regional Executive, BACC President, {ER-263}
Dennis Morin	RMD, Gov. GBV {ER-190}
Brian Gallagher	RCD, Gov. TCV {ER-323}
Keith Stanley	Lt. RCD-appointed, CVCC
Karen Port	Regional Treasurer, USA-1, {ER-111}
Steve Johnson	Regional Secretary, BACC {ER-263}
Jeff Port	Regional Webmaster, Gov. USA-1
Dick Heisler	Gov. YCCC {ER-108}
Jack Priestner	Gov. CVCC {ER-098}
Dave Walter	Gov. Emeritus CVCC {ER-098}
Bill Sangrey	Guest, CVCC {ER-098}
George Gallant	Gov. BACC, {ER-263} NCCC Nat'l Business Mgr.
Kim Casselberry	Gov. CPCC {ER-196}
Karen Brickner	Guest, Pres. CPCC {ER-196}
Rich Taylor	Gov. CCA {ER-001}
Andrej Balanc	Gov. NVCC {ER-357}
Pamela Sullivan	Gov. CCC {ER-321}
Bob Sullivan	Guest, CCC {ER-321}
John Fitzkee	Gov. LCCC {ER-266}
Steve Kennedy	Gov. CA {ER-372}
Pete Klein	Guest, Comp. Dir. CA {ER-372}
Jeff Weiner	Gov. FSCC {ER-038}
John Cantelmo	Gov. PMCC {ER-390}
Michele Cantelmo	Guest PMCC {ER-390}
Joe Lazzaro	Gov. CCNEPA {ER-025}
Norb Szymanski	Gov. AACC {ER-118}
Chip Steinmetz	Gov. CCASSN {ER-119}
Barry Thomas	Gov. KSCC {ER-093}
Lydia Thomas	Guest, KSCC {ER-093}
Sheila Moore	Guest, Pres. GBV {ER-190}
Alvin Brown	Guest, GBV {ER-190}
Grant Ridgley	Gov. CCCM {ER-546}
Sally Shaffer	Guest, PCCC Secretary, {ER-050}

The following clubs were not represented by their governors or proxies:

HRCC, BCC, CLMD, SVCC, CF, LVCA, BCCC and TCC. A copy of these minutes will be distributed to all governors and to club presidents whose governors were not present.

The meeting was called to order by RMD Joe Vasta at 10:00 AM, who opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He had provided a draft agenda for review that had been sent out via email. An introduction of officers, Governors, and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Steve Johnson, ER Secretary had distributed the minutes from the December meeting via email to governors. No one present offered additions or corrections to the published December minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed via email to all governors and to all club presidents. Kim Casselberry moved and Jeff Weiner seconded a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as published. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION and APPROVAL of the TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Port, ER Treasurer distributed the Treasurer's Report, Itemized Categories Report, to those present. The ER net worth is \$35,677.97. She said the amount owed by all clubs for the 2008 Trophy Fund has been received. Brian Gallagher said he would try to limit the expenditure for the awards. Joe Lazzaro made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Andrej Balanc seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RCD REPORT

Brian Gallagher, ER RCD distributed the Competition Report to those present. Brian presented a synopsis of the duties and work load of the RCD and how the East Region would be well-served by the addition of a person serving as Lieutenant RCD. Brian has asked Keith Stanley of CVCC to assist him in with the RCD workload. Keith had represented the East Region at the recent National meeting in St. Louis as Brian's proxy. The ER officers had just received their region shirts and Brian asked that the region also pay for Keith's Lt. RCD shirt. Dave Walter made a motion for the ER to pay for the shirt, Andrej seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Vasta said that event sanction dates are reserved but the sanctions must be submitted and approved by the RCD. Brian discussed the 150 mile rule for sanctioned events and the 100-mile rule for non-sanctioned events. He suggested that the 100-mile rule for non-sanctioned events occurring near a sanctioned event will not adversely affect the "points chasers" because they would most likely attend a sanctioned event. Brian suggested that if an event is a non-sanctioned event but is an *annual event*, then a 13.2 form should be submitted for that event and it will have K&K Insurance coverage along with an "N" number.

Brian said K&K waivers MUST be signed and he MUST receive a copy (electronic) of that waiver if it is a Sanctioned event. The club governor should keep the original for 7 years. If the event is non-sanctioned, Brian wants the governor to retain the K&K waiver. He said if a participant does not sign the waiver, they will not receive any points and will not have K&K coverage.

The Club Participation Award was presented to Grant Ridgley for CCCM. The award is determined by the total points earned by a club divided by the number of club members as of September 1. Grant received a plaque, a \$50 gift certificate from Mid-America, and a glossy 8x10 of his car on display at the FSCC Ocean City show.

Considerable discussion ensued pertaining to “kit car” versions of the Corvette. Dick Heisler said a non-NCCC participant at Corvettes at Carlisle 2008 entered his “kit” Corvette in the YCCC judged event. John Hay of TCV took issue with the car being a real Corvette. The governors present asked whether a Corvette is a Corvette if it is only made in St. Louis, Bowling Green, or Flint? What if it does not have a real Corvette VIN? Could a VIN be grafted onto the kit Corvette and become a Corvette? What if the kit Corvette has a tubular frame or a rolling chassis and place a body on top of it? Would the governors accept a person as a member in their club if they owned only a kit Corvette? Jeff Weiner said to be a member of FSCC you have to own a Chevrolet Corvette during the membership year. Pete Klein said his club, CA, was asked by an Avanti owner if they could enter their club’s Peoples Choice event because the Avanti has a Corvette chassis and drive train. Pete said “yes”. [Please see the RCD report for additional information on this topic.]

Kim Casselberry suggested that the National Council is going to have to get involved in this issue and make a concrete decision relating to the “kit” Corvette. The members present today concluded that “kit” Corvette will go into a “CUSTOM-X” class at shows.

Denny Morin asked if there is a change pending for the Best of Show award. Brian said “yes” and it will be left up to the local club to make that determination. Dave Walter asked if a non-NCCC member can win Best of Show.

Keith Stanley presented the RCD Report from the recent National meeting in St. Louis. [The final report minutes were sent to governors on March 25.]

Under Round Table discussions items;

Page 2-31, sec. 2.7.1.14.3

The 'N' for both columns 1S and 1 should be 'N/A'

Page 2-32 sec.2.7.1.14.4

The 'N' for columns 1S, 1, and 2 should be 'N/A'

When columns were split for clarity as requested by the regions for this rulebook, it was inadvertently typed incorrectly. There was no intention of making changes to this language. This should avoid confusion as the season is starting to acquire tires for classes.

Rulebook Discussion items;

sec.2.2.8.7

To accommodate events using multiple courses should 'event' be changed to 'day' to allow experienced drivers to ride with and instruct novice drivers?

Wishing to accommodate, the value, managing, etc were discussed. Agreed in principal but wishing for more discussion within the regions for future rulebook wording.

Corvette kit car replica;

Placement in a guest class for non-members and exhibition for members is allowed. Further discussion will be needed.

Updated Technical Inspection Requirements /Form;

Will be e-mailed to RCDs for review and approval prior to the May meeting in STL.

Driving School Requirements and Hi-Speed Certification Requirements;

Proposal for updating and review continues for input and discussion, prior to the May meeting.

Fire extinguishers must have a gauge and be mounted to the car with a metal bracket and will be required for the 2009 competition season. Dave Walter suggested a period of time to transition into the required change. SFI shoes are required for Group III High-Speed.

The current minimum age for a rallye navigator is 9 years of age. George Gallant said that will shortly change due to K&K requirements.

Norb Szymanski said he had taken a driving school course several years ago and wondered if it would still be considered current. Brian said it must have been within the past 3 years.

Discussion was brought up about the High Speed event pre-event safety inspection which is required prior to those events. Barry Thomas said for the Watkins Glen event the participant is sent an inspection and it must be completed by a garage and the inspection sheet is brought to the event and then teched at the track. Pocono and VIR events do this same procedure.

Brian asked that on the K&K waiver a participant put their printed name, signature, and East Region NCCC number on the form.

A "Donor Club" may donate their sanctions to another club and that donor club will receive the 100 points per event, not the club hosting that event. Brian can designate a proxy to chair the event but that person will only receive "Worker" points, not Chairman points.

It is strongly urged that a participant print their name, then signature, then their NCCC number on the K&K waiver at an event. PLEASE REFER TO THE EAST REGION EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TH LATEST UPDATES IN THE REGION. ALSO, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT OF THE COMP. CMTE. REPORT.

RMD REPORT

Denny Morin said 82% of ER members renewed for 2009. This was up by 4% from 2007. NCCC pins may be ordered through either Denny or Dennis Patrick and the distribution process will continue by way of club governors. The membership packages included luggage tags, NCCC membership cards, 2009 Convention information, and information from sponsoring companies. Changes of primary or spouse information may be emailed to Denny. Any new memberships received Sept. 1 will count into the next calendar year.

Denny said *Blue Bars* is deficient in content and the current editor only acts as an editor, she is not a journalist. Joe wants to see articles submitted from club governors and members. When pictures are used, it is highly recommended that “high resolution” images be sent in.

Denny said the patch which was included in the membership renewal packet was made in China.

PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHMENT FROM DENNY MORIN THAT CONTAINS HIS ER-MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NOTES.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Jeff asked how many at the meeting today are members of the VetteWork site. It enables governors and others to share and communicate information. He said he will be supplying the clubs with a website which will offer unlimited bandwidth email capabilities and the domain name will remain the same. The club webmaster only has to contact Jeff. The cost for the clubs will depend on regional governors meeting attendance, by either in-person attendance by the governor, an alternate, or by proxy. Steve Kennedy asked if the cost would be the same as the current cost his club pays for their website. Joe Lazzaro said that regional meeting is often times difficult for him due to the distance he or another club member has to travel to Mechanicsburg. He stated that his club may have to continue to pay their own cost to maintain their website. Steve Johnson said the percentage of governor attendance at regional meetings is usually at about 60% of all the ER clubs.

Grant said that his club “still works with Number 2 pencils” and has not yet developed their own club website. Jeff said he would work with Grant to help set up a website for Classic Corvette Club of MD. Jeff said a *Web Meeting* has been tested and has enabled the ER Executive Board to have an on-line meeting with voice and on-screen communication. This is currently being refined and will be made available to all and especially for those clubs at far distances, i.e. CCNEPA, PMCC, and the southeast Virginia clubs.

The Governor Training Program was illustrated and showed the following: Sanction Requests, form 13.2 Event Flyers, Event Results, NCCC Forms, East Region Standard Operating Procedures, Yahoo Groups (is it worth it anymore to

continue with this?), Regional Communication, Flyer Publication, and Membership Notes. [This PowerPoint presentation is available on the ER website.]

NATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER

George Gallant, National Business Manager discussed several K&K Insurance forms. If a “Named Insured” is needed, a club can ask for extra insurance coverage. A check needs to be sent to K&K for the additional insurance coverage. The request for the extra coverage or “Named Insured” needs to be requested far enough in advance of the event so that it can be processed and issued. If the property owner of a location where an event is to be held requests extra coverage, George asks that the exact name and persons involved be sent to K&K. The K&K/NCCC contact person for the past several years (Jason) is in the Indiana National Guard and has been called up to active duty. Others in his office are taking care of our requests at present.

George said the signed K&K waiver is essential for an event. If a waiver is not signed, then the liability will be that of the individual. The club is covered by insurance if the event is listed on that club’s calendar. Kim wanted to know if an “ice cream run” was covered and George said “yes” if it verified as a typical club event. The same holds for a published event like a club caravan event but, in addition, sign a waiver for that event.

Barry Thomas asked if alcohol consumption was covered at a club banquet. George said “yes”, there is “Host Liquor” coverage for such an event.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Sangrey of Cumberland Valley CC provided a summary of the Teen Driving School. [A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.](#) The length of the day for the TDS is approximately 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. He emphasized that the attendees will drive the car that they would normally use and this could even be the family van, SUV, or pickup truck. A decision has been made to have October 24 as the TDS event date. Andrej Balanc said NVCC requires a nominal entry fee for their event but refunds the money to the participant after completing the event.

Bill wants to tie into the SCCA, BMW clubs, and Porsche clubs, who are very active in TDS events. He said the BMW clubs really want Corvette clubs to participate in the events. Bill said an incentive for the schools and school districts to participate in the TDS events would involve returning a portion of the cost of the TDS to those schools hosting an event.

Northern Virginia CC has been asked by Washington, D.C. officials to put on a TDS program for them. Andrej will let us know the details of that as they become available. A driving school is currently held in Sykesville, Maryland, at the Maryland State Police training facility.

Instructors for the NVCC and CVCC Teen Driving Schools meet about one month prior to the event for an “Instructors School” to ensure that they all are familiar with the curriculum and expectations for their respective events.

Joe Vasta asked Bill to further develop the TDS for the East Region and to return to the regional meeting to provide updates and information. Bill currently has several members from across the ER working with him on various aspects of the TDS. He will provide additional copies of the *Tire Rack Street Survival* promotional video. Bill can be reached by email at wsangrey@embarqmail.com .

Joe Vasta discussed the upcoming Bel Air Corvette Club triple People’s Choice show on April 5. He asked the group if there was any discussion on BACC’s plans to split the method of voting so that the BACC members would vote on the visiting cars and the visiting members would vote on the BACC cars. This would alleviate the “homer” method of voting whereby a host club votes for most of its own club’s cars. It was suggested that there is great latitude permitted in how a People’s Choice event can be conducted and there was no further discussion. Jeff Weiner said a car should be judged on its integrity at an event.

Denny Morin asked that clubs designate a National Corvette Museum liaison person and an ambassador. He also said he will be looking into possible track events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, New Jersey. (The facility is in its second year of operation and is located just off NJ 55. See additional information at: www.njmotorsportspark.com) Dave Walter said there could be a possible track day for the week of Corvettes at Carlisle.

**Joe Vasta mentioned NCCC sponsors and the website is:
<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Friends.html#gps>**

Steve Kennedy won the 50/50 drawing, \$49.

Joe Vasta asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Weiner made a motion to adjourn, Andrej Balanc seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Johnson-East Region Secretary.