



**EAST REGION GOVERNOR'S MEETING
MAY 16, 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}
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}
Bill Sangrey	Guest, CVCC {ER-098}
George Gallant	Gov. BACC, {ER-263} NCCC Nat'l Business Mgr.
Kim Casselberry	Gov. CPCC {ER-196}
Gus Bartoli	Proxy CCA {ER-001}
Pamela Sullivan	Gov. CCC {ER-321}
John Fitzkee	Gov. LCCC {ER-266}
Steve Kennedy	Gov. CA {ER-372}
Joe Lazzaro	Gov. CCNEPA {ER-025}
Norb Szymanski	Gov. AACC {ER-118}
Barry Thomas	Gov. KSCC {ER-093}
Grant Ridgley	Gov. CCCM {ER-546}
Carl Smith	Gov, PCCC {ER-050}
Lance Miller	Guest, Chip Miller Foundation/Carlisle Events

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

HRCC, BCC, CLMD, SVCC, CF, LVCA, BCCC, NVCC, CCCCC, CCASSN, FSCC, PMCC, and TCC. A copy of these minutes will be distributed to all governors and to club presidents.

The meeting was called to order by RMD Joe Vasta at 10:01 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.

Joe introduced Lance Miller from Carlisle Productions. Lance talked about an event that will be run on June 12 and 13 at Summit Point Motorsports Park and will feature two of Carlisle Events' Z06s. They purchased the Z06s from the Bondurant Driving School and will be driven by Lance Miller and Todd Sprinkle. They will have a support team of 13 people. He said the **"Gold Package"** will cost \$149 and that will include: two general admission passes for the race, qualifying, and practice, a catered buffet and beverages, and much more. The **"Platinum Package"** will cost \$299 and include all of the Gold Package benefits plus one night's stay at the *George Washington Hotel*, and much more. Please see www.Chipmiller.org/events.php for the flyer and full details. Lance was not sure of the number of cars entered in the event at this time but is anticipating as many as forty cars to participate. Joe Vasta said the meeting minutes and information about the race will be sent to all East Region and Northeast Region governors and club officers. Steve Kennedy asked if any special parking would be made available for the event. Lance said his staff was working on providing the parking. Lance had another appointment he had to attend this morning and thanked the governors for the opportunity to discuss the event. Joe and others thanked Lance for coming to the meeting.

Denny Morin asked if there could be a motion to discuss the East Region purchasing a \$149 Gold Package and raffling it off within the Region. Joe Lazzaro made the motion and John Fitzkee seconded the motion for discussion. Steve Kennedy and others said their clubs had already held their May club meetings and would have difficulty in promoting the raffle and getting the information disseminated. It was also brought up questioning whether the winner of the raffle would actually attend the event. A vote was taken on whether the East Region should purchase the package and raffle it off. A unanimous nay vote was recorded. Steve Kennedy made a motion to have the East Region make a donation in the amount of the \$149 package to the Chip Miller Foundation. John Fitzkee seconded the motion. A unanimous yea vote was recorded. Karen Port said she would send a letter and check to Lance on behalf of the East Region.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Steve Johnson, ER Secretary had distributed the minutes from the March meeting via email to governors. No one present offered additions or corrections to the published March minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed via email to all East Region and Northeast Region governors and club presidents. Steve asked for a motion to approve the minutes. George Gallant made the motion to approve the March minutes and Jack Priestner seconded the motion to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION and APPROVAL of the TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Port, ER Treasurer reported that there was \$5846.44 in the ER's checking account and a total balance of \$34,490.28. Karen asked for a motion to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Carl Smith made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by John Fitzkee. The motion was passed.

RCD REPORT

Brian Gallagher, ER RCD distributed the Competition Report to those present. Brian reported that the Rulebook is undergoing continuous revision. With classes being added and other changes not being that noticeable from one revision to the next, new changes for 2010 will be **highlighted** online.

The National Council wants all clubs to use the 12.4 official Tech Inspection form.

The Rulebook Change Request form is available online.

All Drivers schools for 2009 are approved and the Teen Driving School has been announced.

A clarification to the Rulebook came up at the National meeting. Can a Z06 dry sump for the oil be taken off a newer Z06 and put on an earlier model Z06? **No.**

An autocross event in the Western Region had a tie to the thousandth of a second. The method of determining the winner was to use the best time of their previous run.

Brian had asked Jack Wilson about event reporting regarding National points. (Only two ER members, from YCCC, are National points chasers.) Brian has to do extra work when submitting the Regional points along with National points. He asked that those members chasing the National points tell the respective governors, and, those governors can advise Brian.

Concerning non-sanctioned events, Brian said if there is a flyer published on the website and submitted to him it is a covered event with regard to K&K. Gus Bartoli asked if it would be a covered event if it was announced and published on the website, and not just by word of mouth. Brian said **YES**. A "word of mouth" event would not be covered.

Denny Morin asked if a club's website counts as a "newsletter". Joe Vasta said it does and there is no need to send him a hard copy of the club newsletter. John Fitzkee asked that in an effort to save mailing costs could send a newsletter to Joe as an email attachment. Joe said **YES**.

George Gallant said a letter from Dennis Leggett stated that if an event is printed and scheduled in the club newsletter as a club-organized function, not just a few members getting together for an ice cream cruise, it is a covered event. George also said he receives a hard copy of all K&K "Additional Insured" requests. He said everything that is in compliance with NCCC rules is in compliance with K&K guidelines. If there is a claim, K&K will handle it directly with the individual club.

(See the attachment from Brian regarding non-sanctioned events and other competition-related issues.)

Denny Morin said some clubs are creating flyers for events that are not on the correct 13.2 NCCC form. Brian said he receives event forms from other regions and they, at times, are not in compliance with the 13.2 form. All the event forms from the East Region received by Brian are sent to Jack Wilson. George Gallant asked Brian to send him some of the “non-compliant” event flyers.

Carl Smith discussed the number of awards he has typically distributed held at the “Register Chevrolet” concours event and wondered if his club was giving out the correct number of awards. Kim Casselberry said that new members and first-time show participants are getting upset when the awards given away are limited and may not feel they need to return to that club’s future events. Kim said when her club hosts a double autocross event with LCCC they do not give out any awards in lieu of a lower entrance fee for the events. Autocrossers generally do not expect trophies.

Steve Kennedy asked if the SNELL “M” rating is okay. Brian said **YES** but NOT an “M” DOT-rating. Jack Preistner added that the next Rulebook will say “SA” only regarding High Speed events. Denny Morin said that if a participant shows up at the Northern Virginia CC’s “Spooktacular” with an “M-rated” helmet and NVCC requires an SA-rating, then NVCC will most likely have a helmet the participant may borrow for the day.

(See the attachment from Brian regarding the discussion about an autocross re-run.)

Brian has jackets and shirts for the governors to give to their members for top finishers in competition for 2008. A special award is being given to Darlis Coble in memory of Larry Coble’s competition for 2008 and his recent years of competition. Larry passed away this earlier this year after a lengthy illness. Darlis is also receiving an award for her 2008 top points finish. Kim Casselberry will be giving the awards to Darlis at an upcoming CPCC monthly meeting. Joe Kennedy of GBV was receiving a similar plaque for his 2008 first place finish for men.

RMD REPORT

Please read the **RMD Meeting Notes** attachment that Denny Morin, ER-RMD has provided. A copy of this was provided to the members at the meeting and should be read by all club officers as well.

Denny noted that the NCCC membership card for 2010 will have the **ZR1** on it. Denny said there are still a few 2009 pins available.

NATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

George Gallant, NCCC-NBM reported that all sponsorships are in place except for Chevrolet, due to the current economic conditions in the car industry.

The preparations and planning for the 2010 National Convention in the Palm Beach, Florida area are going well. A bid for Chicago to be the 2011 National Convention site has been entered.

As previously mentioned, George wants Brian to send him examples of non-compliant 13.2 flyers.

George talked about the June 14 (Flag Day) Bel Air CC triple People's Choice show held in Perryville, MD, at the Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital. The show will benefit the various programs at that VA hospital.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Jeff Port, ER Webmaster reported that the ER clubs could move their club websites over to the ER. Central Pennsylvania CC has already moved over to the ER. York County CC is currently in conflict due to proprietary matters with their web-hosting service. Jeff said there is a system available for purchase that has a "one-system" capability. The cost is \$899.00. The program is called Super Suite made by "Web Assist" and features: 1) data assist, 2) no hacking, and 3) ability to quickly create club websites. Joe Vasta asked if there was a motion to discuss the purchase of the system. Joe Lazzaro made the motion and it was seconded by George Gallant.

Kim Casselberry said her club saves \$250 per year by having the ER as their web hosting service. Joe Vasta said the National Council is thinking about an upgrade of their membership database system and that, if the competition update process were integrated with it, it would reduce ER/National compatibility difficulties and assist the RCDs. Denny Morin said this system upgrade should also help the RMDs with membership work. Steve Kennedy asked if National will have another system that will, in time, make ours obsolete and then we will have to buy their system? Joe said that National will want to piggyback on us and no additional investment or upgrades would be necessary. Grant Ridgley asked if there are other uses it will have. Joe said it will assist with renewals and competition reporting as well as other capabilities that Jeff might develop. Jeff said it may be 12-18 months for the development phase of this new system before it is fully operational for the entire ER. Jeff said he can streamline the request for events, event verification from the RCD, flyer deadlines timeline, posting of events on the ER calendar, and the event summary reporting. Any secondary updates to the system will be determined at a later date as it becomes necessary. Denny Morin said this can also be used for the Northeast Region event reporting.

The motion to purchase the Super Suite at a cost of \$899 which will enable the upgrading and modernization of the East Region website(s) was made by Joe Lazzaro and seconded by George Gallant. A unanimous vote was recorded.

TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL UPDATE

Bill Sangrey, CVCC, reported that the Teen Driving School date has been set for October 24, 2009. He discussed the costs associated with the TDS and the roles of coaches and workers.

A local business will buy all of the pizzas. Lawrence Chevrolet will provide the bottled water with the Lawrence logo on the bottles. State Farm Insurance Company will provide grant money.

George Gallant is working on the additional insurance cost for the TDS-\$175 for an additional \$5 million. Bill is currently working on the formal legal agreement for the TDS.

There will be 25 coaches needed. The cost to the students is \$25 and the registration will be processed through the BMW Club. The program will be re-named as the "Street Survival Program". If there are 50 participants, CVCC will net \$150. All students will be from Cumberland Valley HS. Jack Priestner said in order to conduct the program on CVHS property without a fee, it could only be open to CVHS students. CVCC may, at a later date, rent a parking lot and make it available to other young drivers.

Joe Vasta thanked Bill for all of his hard work on the Driving School. John Fitzkee said he would volunteer as a coach.

Please read the **TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL** attachment for Bill's complete update.

NORTHEAST REGION UPDATE

Denny Morin said the Northeast Region membership is at 86% of its 2008 membership numbers. They will continue to send Denny their new membership applications.

Joe Vasta has contacted the NE Region governors and offered to assist them in applying the provisions of their region bylaws in filling their Regional Officers positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Denny will contact the National Corvette Museum liaison to facilitate the club NCM Ambassadors initiative.

Denny, Dave Walter, Andrej Balanc, Jack Priestner, and Roc Linkov (NCM events coordinator) met at Summit Point Raceway to discuss potential collaboration on the HPDE events. Denny will be attending the HPDE events at Virginia International Raceway and the New Jersey Motorsports Park and gather information concerning driving school criteria, NCCC standards, and NCM-sponsored HPDE events. The NJ Motorsports Park event will be held July 20-21.

Joe Vasta said he will be negotiating with the hotel concerning future meetings. He suggested the possibility of another site for the regional meetings. Steve Johnson is compiling a geographic listing of East Region and Northeast Region clubs so that a determination might be made for future meeting sites.

Joe Vasta said the election of officers for the NCCC will be coming up soon. He reminded us that 6 East Region clubs did not submit votes last year. He urges all clubs to submit their votes in the future.

The Vision Committee survey is available online through “Zoomerang”.

There was no additional New Business.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Brian Gallagher. Jack Priestner won the giveaway T-shirt.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Vasta asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Our next Regional meeting will be September 26. Steve Kennedy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Fitzkee. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Johnson, ER Secretary