



**EAST REGION GOVERNOR'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
HOLIDAY INN, GRANTVILLE, PA**

The following Officers, Governors, and Guests were present:

Joe Vasta	Regional Executive, BACC President, {ER-263}
Brian Gallagher	Regional Competition Director, Gov. TCV {ER-323}
Karen Port	Regional Treasurer, MAL
Denny Morin	Regional Membership Director, {ER-190}
Steve Johnson	Regional Secretary, BACC {ER-263}
Jeff Port	Regional Webmaster, USA-1 {ER-111}
Keith Stanley	Regional Lieutenant RCD, CVCC, {ER-098}
George Gallant	Gov., BACC, {ER-263}
Dick Heisler	Gov., YCCC {ER-108}
Jack Priestner	Gov. CVCC {ER-098}
Dave Walter	Guest, Gov. Emeritus, CVCC {ER-098}
Bill Sangrey	ER-TDS DIRECTOR, CVCC {ER-098}
Kim Casselberry	Gov., CPCC {ER-196}
Don Emmons	Gov., GBV{ER-190}
Clyde Mooney	Proxy, LCCC {ER-266}
Bentz Puryear	Gov. CA {ER-372}
Pete Klein	Guest, CA {ER-372}
Joe Lazzaro	Gov., CCNEPA {ER-025}
Carl Smith	Gov., PCCC {ER-050}
Donald Graf	Gov., CCCCC {ER-535}
Lynn Graf	Guest, CCCCC {ER-535}
Stewart Fox	President, NVCC {ER-357}
Cassidy Nolen	Chief Instructor, NVCC {ER-357}
John Cantelmo	Gov., PMCC {ER-390}, NCM Ambassador
Michelle Cantelmo	Guest, PMCC {ER-390}
Ron Hamrah	Gov., CCA {ER-001}
Don Haller	Pres. CCA {ER-001}
Pat Rooney	Competition Dir., CCA {ER-001}
Barry Thomas	Gov., KSCC {ER-093}
Bob Behm	Gov., Revolution CC
Spencer Newcomer	President, Revolution CC
Jeff Brenneman	Treasurer, Revolution CC
Dennis Jaskulski	Vice-President, Revolution CC
Vincent Liser	Gov., Top Flight CC
Bob Avery	Gov., Northern Delaware CC
Bob Cook	President, Northern Delaware CC

The following clubs were not represented by their governors or proxies:
HRCC, BCC, BCCC, FSCC, CCCM, CCASSN, AACC, SVCC, TCC and CF.
A copy of these minutes will be distributed to all governors and to club presidents.

The meeting was called to order by RE Joe Vasta at 9:52 AM, who opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. An introduction of officers, Governors, and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Steve Johnson, ER Secretary had distributed the minutes from the May meeting via email to East Region governors. He thanked all those present for responding to the email and *Doodle* "invitation". He said he would be monitoring the upcoming NCCC elections and reminding the governors to complete their ballots and return them to the National. No one present offered additions or corrections to the published May minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed via email to all East Region governors and club presidents. Steve asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Joe Lazzaro and seconded by Bill Sangrey. The motion passed.

READING AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Port, ER Treasurer, said the net worth of the East Region is \$30,944.07. The Smith-Barney account balance is \$23,492.82. The Savings account balance is \$5,117.70. The Checking account balance is \$2,333.55. Computer expenses for the Region were approximately \$480. The East Region awards Banquet/Car Show posted a net profit of \$1,547.95. Denny Morin said the clubs that have borrowed sanctions and are acting as the host club needs to be sure to pay the correct amount into the Trophy Fund. The Trophy Fund amount owed by each club is due to Karen by the end of December. Any sanctioning of club events for the upcoming season will be withheld if the Trophy fund is not paid. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ron Hamrah and seconded by Carl Smith. The motion passed.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[\[Please see the full RCD report attachment that is included with these minutes.\]](#)

Brian said the East Region Awards Banquet and Car Show was a success and looks forward to next year's event. The exact date and location is not determined at this time. Brian presented a Mid-America gift certificate to Don Emmons of GBV in appreciation of his club's 2009 competitive achievement.

GBV leads the East Region at this time in club points with 2,764. Windy City Corvettes leads the entire NCCC with 18,878 National points. [\[See the ER website for a full listing of the current Region points and remaining events.\]](#) The National meeting was held in St. Louis on September 11-12.

The 2001 Rulebook would no longer require 100 miles between clubs hosting non-sanctioned events. However, the 150-mile rule is still in effect for sanctioned events of the same type, (i.e. two concours shows.) It is proposed for the 2011 rulebook that the time required to submit event requests be reduced from 70 days to 45 and flyers from 50 to 45 days to the RCD.

There was discussion about a handicapped driver entering a low-speed autocross event. It was determined there would be no unfair advantage gained by the handicapped driver if he “drove” the perimeter of the course in his wheelchair, but not the course itself.

The “Carbon Edition Z06” and 2011 Z06 with the Z07 package will be placed in the “N” class for 2011. This is based on performance capability since it shares the brakes and suspension set-up with the ZR1.

There was discussion concerning whether cars running in Group 2 low-speed autocross be required to have fire extinguishers. It was decided for 2011 to eliminate this requirement for Group 2 cars. The Rulebook will also include the tire and wheel set-ups permitted for 2011. [\[Please see the attachment and link for fire extinguisher information.\]](#)

There was discussion referring to “Class”, “Group”, and “Sub-Group”. [\[Please the attached RCD report for further details.\]](#) In concours competition, a “Race Prepared” car must now meet the technical requirements as outlined in the Speed Events and Drag Events section of the Rulebook.

Brian said Worker Points can only be earned if a worker is physically present on the day of a rallye event or other sanctioned event. Even if the person served as the Rallyemaster who designed and set up the course, they must be present at the event to receive worker points. A person may only serve as Chairman of an event ONCE during the year. Dave Walter said participants want to be able “to see” the event chairman and/or workers. Carl Smith added that a rallye-checker or checkpoint worker must also be present at the event in case there is a discrepancy that must be addressed. Any suggestions to modify or change this must be sent to Brian in advance of the November NCCC meeting.

A new chapter has been included in the Rulebook, “Chapter 11-Time Trials”. This involves the uses of transponders placed in the cars at HPDE events and high-speed events. The West Coast clubs have been very supportive of this concept. [\[See the RCD Report for full details.\]](#) An entrant at a NCCC high-speed event must possess a valid NCCC High Speed Certification to enter the event. Brian will not issue a high speed license to a member who has completed ten low speed parking lot events. Only successful completion of a certified HPDE school will be recognized. Pat Rooney, CCA, questioned whether or not multiple “Friday at the Track” events would be recognized as the equivalent to an HPDE. NO, it does not. Jack Priestner, CVCC, added that many West Coast and Road Runner Region low speed autocrosses do achieve speeds approaching 80-100 mph on bigger tracks and airport taxiways. Brian still will not recognize this in the East Region based on safety considerations.

Dave Walter asked if there would be other drivers on the course during the HPDE/Time Trials. Brian said there would be and Jack Priestner added that a driver hoping to get a better run time in the Time Trial using the transponder could “pit in” briefly and then go back out on the course to get some clear laps. Dave Walter expressed his doubts about the use of transponders during an HPDE at Pocono Raceway.

Pat Rooney, CCA, asked Brian about the basis on which the NCCC high speed certification is based, vis-à-vis NASA, PADA, or NCM, and if completion of those types of courses would qualify as having successfully completed an NCCC HPDE event. Brian said if a driver is not certified directly by an NCCC instructor he must demonstrate to an instructor or event chairman at the high speed event that he is qualified to drive solo. That is, he must take the instructor out in the car and demonstrate his driving skills. That information will be forwarded to Brian who would then issue the high speed license. Stewart Fox, NVCC President, said the HPDE is the qualifying event, “earning your way up the scale”; having the skills to drive safely at high speeds. Brian said the information provided to him by HPDE schools other than NCCC-sponsored HPDEs is a little vague at this time. Those other schools are not providing clear information as to whether some NCCC members are specifically qualified to drive solo. Brian said the East Region will work to refine the National information further.

Dave Walter stated that, per NCCC rules and K&K Insurance coverage, fire extinguishers are mandatory at the HPDEs conducted by CVCC, CCNEPA, and NVCC. George Gallant, Bel Air Governor, asked if anyone present had ever seen a Corvette burn to the ground, further reinforcing the necessity for fire extinguishers.

Picking dates for 2011 events was discussed by Brian. Governors can pick the dates for events but are encouraged to negotiate with other governors if there is a conflict concerning a selected date. Jeff Port demonstrated how to select the month, date, event type, and the insertion of sanction numbers. Please return the event sanction requests to Brian by November 21. Jeff said the date will appear upon approval of the sanction request. “Leftover”, or unused Region sanctions, will be submitted to Brian. Up to five unused sanctions may be “borrowed” per club, if those sanctions are available.

NCM AMBASSADOR REPORT

John Cantelmo, PMCC and East Region NCM Ambassador, said there are 16 ER club ambassadors. Stephanie Morrill asked the club Ambassadors to submit their club's newsletters for the 2010 Club Awards Program. The first category is for best club newsletter. They were to be submitted either by mail at 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101 or e-mail to: stephanie@corvettemuseum.org (your best newsletter from July 2009 - June 2010.) When submitting, you were to note that it is for the "Best Newsletter Award". Submissions are accepted until August 3. As a result of this process the NCM staff has developed, "Helpful Tips for Developing an Award Winning News Letter". This can be seen at the following link:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ambassadors/index.shtml>

Master Ambassador Points Program

Ambassador Points Sheets should have been completed and turned in. The sheets and list of points are available online at

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ambassadors/index.shtml>.

Ambassadors are strongly encouraged to share with their clubs the information sent to them from Stephanie. It should be recorded in their newsletters and a copy sent to Stephanie@corvettemuseum.org

If any Ambassadors are not receiving weekly updates please let John Cantelmo know at mjcantelmo@embarqmail or they can send a note to Stephanie. Denny Morin said each club Ambassador, on their club website, can set up an NCM ambassador information link. George Gallant added that it is important to include that your club is an NCCC club. George also told us that Patrick Dolan, the NCCC Director of Charity, has been nominated to be enrolled in the NCM Wall of Fame. Patrick was the first person to raffle a car for the Corvette Museum. Joe Vasta said an NCM Ambassador “group” would be added on *VetteWork*.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR’S REPORT

[See Denny’s full RMD “How to” attachment detailing renewals.] All governors were provided with a hard copy of the Renewal process. Denny Morin, RMD, said you will be able to input the information and then send the renewals money to him. The new clubs’ log in will be established by Jeff. Club governor and officer information will be updated. Changes can be done through the database.

Event Result Summary Form-

- * The RMD puts in the information. As an example: ER-263-sanction number.
- * No event chairman can be input twice during the year.
- * Enter the participating clubs on the back page FIRST since this will make populating the front side easier. This will also make it easier to catch “red flags” on page one.
- * Use the most recent summary version. Dick Heisler, YCCC governor, said a recent summary he completed was giving him a lot of red flags as he entered information. Denny reminded him to use the newest summary version offered.

Kim Casselberry, CPCC governor, said when a club member becomes inactive and then re-joins the club, they get their old NCCC number back. Denny confirmed this.

Denny said there are eleven FCOA members in the East Region turning sixteen years old and the can become “Youth Members.” (Secretary’s note: Please promote the FCOA within your club; an East Region member’s grandson will be featured in the next *Blue Bars*, FCOA member #4400.)

Denny said at the recent National meeting, as a tribute to the nation’s men and women serving in the military. On Memorial Day, 2009 Denny had flags flown over the Pentagon. One of them was for NCCC. The certificate accompanying the flag stated that the flag was

in appreciation for the support NCCC and its member clubs have provided and continue to provide to service veterans and their families. In addition to the flag, the Pentagon presented a spent blank round, which was fired by an Honor Guard at Arlington. The honor guard was comprised of members of service veteran organizations from PA. A combination of circumstances delayed presentation until 9/11/2010. Dick Yanko, President, stated that he would arrange for a display in the NCCC area at the NCM.

REGIONAL WEBMASTER REPORT

Jeff Port, Regional Webmaster, reported that he will enter new clubs on the ER website and send them the *VetteWork* invitation. Denny Morin pointed out there is a link on that website to go to “membership”. Jeff explained the “*Doodle*” invitation set up as was used by the Regional Secretary for RSVP to today’s meeting. (It had been used previously by BACC to get volunteers to help sell NKF tickets at “Corvettes at Carlisle” by George Gallant.) The *Doodle* program is free to use and only has minimal advertising that will accompany its use.

Jeff said “Halo” events advertising on the ER website will continue for 2011. He requests that clubs send him information about their charitable event: a description of the event, specific charity it benefits, and pictures of past events highlighting this particular “Halo” event. (Please see the ER website for past “Halo” events in the Region.) Only one “Halo” event may be designated per club per competition year.

TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL REPORT

Bill Sangrey, Regional Teen Driving School director, said the Northern Virginia Corvette Club has conducted a TDS nine times. The upcoming November 13 TDS is sold out. Bill, along with members from his club and NVCC, met recently to discuss the TDS. He said the key piece to the TDS is the classroom component provided by Cassidy Nolen, Chief Instructor of NVCC. Bill is looking for two ER clubs to help with the NVCC TDS and to conduct additional TDS events in 2011. The dates on the ER calendar will need to be designated for the TDS. He said it is helpful to have a high school as a tie-in for the TDS, although NVCC does not currently use this avenue for theirs. Instructors are needed as well as club support and volunteers. The cost is dependent on the location and amount of business co-op. Stewart Fox, NVCC President, said goodie bags are provided to the students, free lunch, and there is no cost to the students. The cost to use a facility can range between \$500 and \$1500.

Cassidy Nolen, Chief Instructor of NVCC/ TDS instructor, said this TDS format is owned by him. He uses demonstrations, graphics, and hand-held Sento interactive devices. He referenced the “DeKalb Study” in DeKalb County, Georgia, for their research in drivers’ education. Stewart Fox said the interactive approach has proven to be a valuable teaching method for NVCC, surpassing PowerPoint presentations. Revisions will be added prior to the November session. Stewart said there needs to be a “good core of instructors” for the TDS and not necessarily Group 3 racers. George Gallant, BACC governor, asked if

Cassidy is willing to help the other two clubs in the Region to market the program to the local school boards? If they do not go to those school boards, how does one get them to show interest? Stewart said it is not essential to use a school parking lot facility but if it is the "only show in town" then you will have to work with that school system to secure a facility. NVCC found that it was difficult to work with system in their area to secure a facility. Cassidy said he is going to get certified in Virginia as a Driver's Education Instructor in the near future so as to get an "inside track" on the instruction offered in Virginia. He researched in the Virginia State Driver's Manual to insure that everything the TDS teaches is not contradictory to the Manual. Denny asked if there is a "spec sheet" for the facility. YES. A skid pad area is essential. The cooperation of a local fire department's pumper truck is essential, as at Old Dominion Speed-way. Joe Vasta, RE and BACC President, said he would like BACC to be one of those two clubs to host a TDS in 2011 and will be seeking a venue to conduct the TDS. CCA said they are very interested in conducting a TDS but cannot commit at this exact time. The Lincoln Technical School facility in Columbia, MD, could possibly be used. George Gallant said that for Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, MD, to be used would require TDS staff make a presentation to the Town Commissioners. Kim Casselberry asked how many students can be taught at the TDS. Stewart said the student enrollment is around 50.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Joe Vasta said he receives many solicitations from business sponsors and will only forward those to the membership if they support the NCCC.

Joe wanted to make the governors aware that the NCCC elections are coming up soon and governors will be receiving a ballot by October 11, mailed on October 6. They must be completed and postmarked by October 30. There is a list on the NCCC website that monitors the club votes. It shows if the ballot has been received. Joe said the Teller Committee at the National meeting tabulates the votes received and in the past, some offices have been determined by one single vote and even by a "warm body" vote in the room. Joe will be contacting club governors and presidents by October 20. Candidates for offices are: Treasurer-Bernyce Molenda; VP-Membership-Larry Morrison. Both are running unopposed. Up until September 11 there was only one candidate for the office of NCCC president. Hal Bellamy entered his name in the running for NCCC president on September 11. George Gallant had been nominated for NCCC president in July and September. George has been Treasurer of the NCCC, National Business Manager, Regional Executive, served on the Finance Committee, 2003 Convention Director, and governor and founder of Bel Air Club. Running for Parliamentarian are Kevin Morin and Jim Harris. Joe recommends Jim Harris. Two candidates are running for Public Relations Director and said Doug McMahon, who works in PR for a Fortune 50 company, is his recommendation. The above underlined candidates are the recommendations of the East Region Executive board. Dave Walter, CVCC governor emeritus, personally recommended George Gallant for President of NCCC and urged all of the governors to support George. He said Hal Bellamy is a worthy opponent but George will promote the interest of the NCCC membership as well as promote the TDS on the National level. The East Region will have 29 votes this year and there have been about a dozen ER clubs in the past to not cast a

vote. Candidates and their interviews are on the National website. Denny said the ballots will go to the current, registered governor at this time. In-coming governors are not eligible to vote, only those governors currently listed. Joe said by-laws Amendments are on the ballot. The “Election and Term of Officers” is listed as a ballot. Joe encourages governors to vote YES on that amendment. Another is: “Duties of Committees”-vote AGAINST.

Joe said K&K will cover club events if they are posted at the club’s website. Both parents must sign a Waiver for Minors and this will apply as well for the TDS.

The NCCC Vision Committee made a presentation to the Executive Board last fall. The Executive Board made a recommendation that the Vision Committee should focus on getting new NCCC members. This is a two-part process; 1) retaining current NCCC members and 2) going out and getting new members. Blue Bars magazine is sent to every NCCC household. Based on the feedback, more than 50% of the members said they would not pay anything for the publication. Therefore, the Vision Committee has recommended the content of the magazine change. The Committee has recommended all meeting minutes, comp. results, and stories of regional events get moved to the National website. They would be replaced with the technical articles and social activities. Additional advertising would be sought to offset costs. Several committees have been established under the magazine’s leadership. Contributing editors would submit their articles electronically, eliminating any required travel compensation. Separate editors would be required in the three areas. Joe would like to encourage the separate clubs to create articles such as those listed above.

NEW BUSINESS

Denny Morin, RMD, wanted to illustrate the NCCC Automated Membership Database. He showed an “UPDATE” function and a “MEMBER ADD” function. He demonstrated how to add/change member information. The preferred environment to use is Internet Explorer-Microsoft and Firefox. (Please see Denny’s complete RMD report that is attached.) Denny said this information is entered when the money for the new member application is received and then he selects SUBMIT. Use ALL CAPS for entering the information. The spouse may have a different address and may have a different car. Access to this database may be granted to a club’s Membership Director. Send questions to Denny so he can help you, if necessary. VP-Membership and Walt Jenkins, the database developer, both have been helpful in resolving additional issues. When the RMD has approved the application and entered the information, status will change to MEMBERSHIP COMPLETE. The packet will then be mailed to the member. Auto-Renew members will be shown as “no money due”.

Joe said the East Region has lost another club in 2010. Two new clubs joined the Region and another has re-joined the East Region.

George Gallant talked about the 2011 National Convention at Tinley Park, Illinois. The near-by track is The Autobahn Country Club. The Convention director has guaranteed that all attendees can get some parade laps on that world-class track. No high-speed license or fire extinguisher is required for drivers and cars participating in the parade laps.

The Corvette Racing Team is going to participate in the 2011 Grand Prix event in Baltimore during the Labor Day holiday. Debbie Lindsey is in contact with the Chevrolet Racing marketing division. The NCCC will be volunteering to manage the Hospitality Tent at the event. It is the ALMS Series. Bill Etzel, a member of the Bel Air Corvette Club, has been in talks with the local racing organization at the Cumberland Airport in Cumberland, Maryland. Spaces have been allotted for Corvettes at their event next July 30 and 31 where racers would get five runs for \$35. BACC will sanction that event. It is a pilot program, similar to a mini-Spectacular. If it works well for the Region in 2011, dates will be set aside in 2012 for a Corvette-only event and the two-day event will not be in conflict with the dates of the 2012 convention. Brian Gallagher asked if there could be rallye and concours events in conjunction with the low-speed events. Brian will set aside dates for the events for 2011.

Joe asked if the current Holiday Inn location is suitable for next year's meetings. There were no objections offered to the current location.

Joe asked for nominations for Regional officers for 2011. He had polled the current board and all of the existing officers will serve except for Denny Morin. Denny will offer full support to the incoming RMD. Positions to be nominated are Regional Executive, Membership Director, Competition Director, Treasury, and Secretary. Carl Smith made a motion that all current Regional officers be retained with the exception of RMD. The motion was seconded by Jack Priestner. The motion carried. For discussion on the motion George Gallant made a motion to nominate Steve Johnson, East Region Secretary, for RMD. The motion was seconded by Brian Gallagher. The motion carried. Joe Lazzaro made a motion to nominate Michele Cantelmo for Regional Secretary. The motion was seconded by Brian Gallagher. The motion carried. Joe closed the nominations.

Don Haller, CCA president said the Washington Redskins marketing department had been in contact with him to offer their parking lot and facilities for the November 7 autocross, a possible concours, and a tour of the Redskins facilities. Don would report back to governors through the Regional Secretary to give an update on progress of this opportunity. Additional autocross sanctions could be added to that date and even a non-sanctioned concours event. George Gallant said the Porsche Club uses the FedEx Field location quite often.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Revolution Corvette Club Vice-President, Dennis Jakulski.

Joe asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Joe Lazzaro and seconded by Don Graf. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The Regional Governor's meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Johnson, ER Secretary.

