



**EAST REGION GOVERNOR'S MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2008  
HOLIDAY INN, MECHANICSBURG, PA**

The following Officers, Governors, and Guests were present:

<b>Joe Vasta</b>	<b>Regional Executive (acting), BACC</b>
<b>Dennis Morin</b>	<b>RMD (acting), Gov. GBV {ER-190}</b>
<b>Brian Gallagher</b>	<b>RCD Gov. TCV {ER-323}</b>
<b>Karen Port</b>	<b>Gov. USA-1, Regional Treasurer {ER-111}</b>
<b>Steve Johnson</b>	<b>Regional Secretary, BACC</b>
<b>Jeff Port</b>	<b>Regional Webmaster, Gov.-elect USA-1</b>
<b>Dick Heisler</b>	<b>Gov. YCCC {ER-108}</b>
<b>Dave Walter</b>	<b>Gov. CVCC {ER-098}</b>
<b>George Gallant</b>	<b>Gov. BACC, {ER-263} NCCC Nat'l Business Mgr.</b>
<b>Kim Casselberry</b>	<b>Gov. CPCC {ER-196}</b>
<b>Karen Brickner</b>	<b>Pres.-elect CPCC {ER-196}</b>
<b>Carl Smith</b>	<b>Gov. PCCC {ER-050}</b>
<b>Rich Taylor</b>	<b>Gov. CCA {ER-001}</b>
<b>Andrej Balanc</b>	<b>Gov. NVCC {ER-357}</b>
<b>Stewart Fox</b>	<b>Pres.-elect NVCC {ER-357}</b>
<b>Larry Glasco</b>	<b>Gov. BCCC {ER-547}</b>
<b>Ed Martin</b>	<b>Gov. CF {ER- 561}</b>
<b>Martine Martin</b>	<b>Guest CF {ER- 561}</b>
<b>Pamela Sullivan</b>	<b>Gov.-elect CCC {ER-321}</b>
<b>Bob Sullivan</b>	<b>Gov. CCC {ER-321}</b>
<b>John Fitzkee</b>	<b>Gov.-elect LCCC {ER-266}</b>
<b>Rich Mackow</b>	<b>Gov. LCCC {ER-266}</b>
<b>Steve Kennedy</b>	<b>Gov.-elect CA {ER-372}</b>
<b>Michael Sizemore</b>	<b>Gov. CCCCC {ER-535}</b>

The following clubs were not represented by their governors:

**CCNEP, CCASSN, FSOC, KSOC, HRCC, BCC, PMCC, LVCA, CLMD, CCCM, SVCC, 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 10:04 AM, who opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He provided an agenda for review. An introduction of officers, Governors, and guests followed.

### **RE COMMENTS**

At the recent National meeting Dick Yanko said the issues with the National Corvette Museum have been resolved. The NCCC budget has provided for expenditures of \$30,000 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and \$25,000 for advertising in Corvette Quarterly. No line item veto exists for the budget which is running a \$20,000 deficit, just an up or down vote. The budget passed.

REs voted to continue the “Newsletter Competition” for 2009. There 30 awards in 2007 and 7 in 2008.

Alan Morris, West Coast RE suggested that perks sent to members in the renewal packet be deleted.

Joan Thomas is collecting memorabilia for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The 2010 NCCC convention location, West Palm Beach, FL, was voted on and approved by the Board. A price of \$99 for rooms at the host hotel has been negotiated.

Bob Bowen gave Joe Vasta an award for the most members for 2008.

Dennis Patrick of the Vision Committee spoke about the future of the NCCC. Joe will distribute a survey related to the Vision Committee to the members present today. An online survey will be available and each club governor is requested to reinforce the survey within their clubs.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Johnson, ER Secretary had distributed the minutes from the October meeting via email to governors. No one present offered additions or corrections to the published October minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed via email to all governors and to all club presidents. Dave Walter moved and Bob Sullivan seconded a motion to approve the October 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 *Smith Barney* account has not lost any money at this time. The ER net worth is \$32, 297.69. She said the amount owed by all clubs for the Trophy Fund has not yet been received. George Gallant made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Carl Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **RCD REPORT**

**Brian Gallagher, ER RCD distributed the Competition Report to those present. He said there was a tie in the ER for Rallyes between Larry Coble and John Hay, each having 103 points, having competed in 18 events. Larry Coble and John Hay had 212 and 211 points in Concours, (60 and 58 events) respectively. Overall points winner for men was Joe Kennedy of GBV with 377 points and the winner for ladies was Darlis Coble of CPCC with 321. For 2008 GBV had 3528 points, which led the Region. He asked the governors to go back to their clubs and ask if there are any challenges to the final point standings and submit them to him. He made a deadline of January 15 to report ANY discrepancies to him. After that, the results will be FINAL and he will issue a report to the governors for members' award sizes and name choices on clothing.**

**Dates for the 2009 ER events are sorted and governors are asked to look them over.**

**Michael Sizemore of CCCCC asked for June 13 for a judged concours event for his club. Denny Morin said GBV had already requested that date but may be able to move it. CCCM has also requested that date. Brian asked for flexibility among the governors regarding event dates. He re-emphasized that two clubs MAY hold the same type of event if the distance between their declared cities is more than 150 miles.**

**Andrej Balanc of NVCC asked for March 28 for a Driver's School event on the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point and July 10 on Summit Point Main. CVCC will have a Driver's School at Pocono Raceway on April 18 and 19 and CCNEPA will have a Driver's School at Pocono Raceway on May 25 and 26. The events are posted on the ER website for the 2009 season. Note: Brian has solicited the NCCC RCDs and has been granted permission for these events. The Competition Board is closely monitoring High Speed Driver Schools and every one MUST be approved by the Board. Look for a description of these schools in a future rulebook.**

**Brian said there were 139 events in the East Region in 2008 and 104 events had been scheduled for 2009 as of December 6, 2008. More events for 2009 are expected to be granted and scheduled. Note: Even though a club has a date given to them for an event, the procedure of "Sanction Request" must be followed with the deadlines outlined in the Rulebook, i.e. 70 days for the request, 50 days for the flyer, and 15 days AFTER the event for results.**

**At the National Meeting in St. Louis the VP of Competition said for 2008 there were 1297 events and about 500,000 competition points earned by NCCC members. These were impressive numbers despite the nationwide economic conditions and high gasoline prices.**

**Included in the members' renewal packet will be instructions on how to download and print the NCCC Rulebook since hard copies will not be distributed.**

Mileage calculations are determined by the “Rand McNally mileage calculator” for distances between Club’s Declared Cities within the East Region.

(<http://www.randmcnally.com/> click the “Mileage” Button, enter the “City” and “State” and click the “Get Mileage” button.)

In speed events, if a participant has the overall fastest time of the day -FTD- they can earn 11 Bonus Points. They cannot get the bonus points plus the 1<sup>st</sup> place points. The Overall FTD points breakdown will be 11 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and (overall) 9 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Dave Walter wanted to know if this has been specified for ladies as well. Brian said that it has been specified for ladies, however, as it is now, there needs to be two ladies competing to get an Overall FTD award.

Chairman points earned in an event, 9 points, can be earned only once a year. A person can chair events as many times as they want in a year but they can only earn 9 Chairman points one time, the other times they earn only 2 worker points. Denny said the summary program will “kick back” a person entered more than once during a season although Brian may not catch the entry.

There was discussion about whether a Chairman can participate in a speed event. Brian clarified that YES, a chairman may participate as long as it is announced at the driver’s meeting. That chairman will only be able to receive the points earned in the competition and cannot combine the chairman and competition points. Kim Casselberry asked if the chairman would show ZERO points on the summary sheet for chairman points. Brian said YES and would show only competition points earned on page 1 of the summary sheet. The Chairman must be on the back page for contact information, but will be there with a ZERO earned chair points.

The new ZR-1 will be in Class N.

High-Speed license clarification: Brian said he will not sign off a person who has competed in 10 low-speed parking lot autocross events for their high-speed license. Brian and Joe said we are looking out for the safety of the participant. This has been voted and agreed upon by the East Region Governors years ago and is just being stated for the record.

A rulebook change in judged concours allows one team of two judges to be able to judge cars within a class. There will be an 11 point bonus “Best of Show”. This car will NOT get class points in addition to this. Denny said the host club has the discretion to determine the Best of Show. Kim said guidelines will be necessary in determining Best of Show.

Make sure all Group 1 cars are grouped together, by class, on the results summary, including the Group FTDs.

**Denny added that whenever our ER results are shown, our database will show the correct name that goes with the NCCC number. Brian reminded us to include the uppercase “L” for the ladies NCCC numbers and the correct name will appear. Some clubs have submitted the “l” in lowercase. Dave Walter said if you put on the “Caps Lock” and “Numbers Lock” the correct entry will appear.**

**A person only needs to be shown as a “Worker”, not the specific task performed at the event.**

**Carl Smith asked if a non-NCCC entry needs to be shown on the event summary sheet. Brian said NO; do not list non-NCCC people.**

**George Gallant said K&K appreciates having the participant put their NCCC number on the waiver sheet. Dave suggested the East Region adopt a policy that participants write their NCCC number on the K&K waiver sheet under DUTIES. Brian told us when results are given to him, processed, then sent to Denny, and to the VP of Competition, they are considered final. If there is an addition two weeks later, he does not forward to the VP COMP- and that’s why the club’s points sometimes do not match the National Club’s Points tally.**

**Kim emphasized signing the K&K waiver in order to receive any points.**

**Stewart Fox asked if parades and other similar events would require the signing of waivers. George advised “If the wheels turn, sign a waiver.” Denny suggested that a waiver be signed even for a cruise-in event.**

**Steve Kennedy asked if the signed waivers are kept by the club governors. Brian said ORIGINAL signed waivers are retained for sanctioned events by the club governor and a copy is sent to him. Governors can keep their original non-sanctioned event waivers. He does NOT need a copy of them.**

### **RMD REPORT**

**Note: The RMD provided a preliminary handout with notes to Governors present and subsequently emailed an updated handout to all Governors. If you did not receive it, contact Denny.**

**Denny Morin, ER RMD has processed the nine Northeast Region club renewals and Members-at-Large. As of December 6, 20 of 29 East Region club renewals had been processed. Culpeper Corvette Club did not renew. Corvette Friends is the newest club in the ER. December 15 is the last date of membership renewal and after that date the cost will be that of a new member.**

**Larry Morrison, previously the RCD for the West Region, is the in-coming National VP-Membership Director. The RMDs look forward to working with Larry. Bob**

**Bowen, outgoing VP Membership will continue to be involved as the RMD for MidWest Region.**

*Please send Club Information, Governor Changes, and Internet Publicity Form to [changes@ernccc.org](mailto:changes@ernccc.org)*

**NCCC charities have totaled \$380,000 nationwide. 15,000 volunteer hours have been donated. Several of you have submitted Charity reports – Denny will consolidate separately and forward to Patrick Dolan. For you that have not, please use the form at this link and [http://www.corvettesnccc.org/charity\\_clubform.pdf](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/charity_clubform.pdf)**

**Regarding requests for emails from Deb Lindsey, Director of Sponsorship: Some of you submitted complete email lists. Thank you.**

**I will post email addresses in the database, but at this time, I am NOT passing them to National. NCCC has scaled back the “blast” concept ... it is impossible for them to manage a complete email list of all members, even if they had one.**

**Sponsor promotions will be “blasted” out to all NCCC Governors. It will be your responsibility to broadcast within your clubs.**

**Member benefits:**

**Several NCCC Sponsors have ongoing special discounts available to NCCC members. Here is a link: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Friends.html>**

**FCOA:**

**Applications (there is a new form as of Sep 08) and member numbers may be found on NCCC FCOA page. Link: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>**

**The RMDs are working on a revised definition of Dependent Member – to accommodate FCOA graduates and to provide for adult dependents (over the specified age limit, but still dependent for care – special needs, disabilities).**

**Denny urges us to be complete in providing information on Member Applications and the handwriting legible.**

**Denny wants a National Corvette Museum “Ambassador” from each ER club so the NCM can keep in contact with the clubs.**

**The NCCC will have advertisements in the winter and spring issues of Corvette Quarterly. The artwork design and layout is being done in Texas.**

**Denny said there is a new club near Bowling Green, Kentucky where none had previously existed.**

**The Corvette raffle for 2009 will recognize the clubs with 100% participation. Information on the raffle will be in renewal packets. The competition issue of *Blue Bars* will be sent in December and the winter issue will be sent in January.**

The National wants Future Corvette Owners of America (FCOA) graduates kept as dependents although they are 16+ years old as well as dependents with a disability.

The calendar for 2009 will be on the website by December 16. Also on the website by mid-January will be the mileage chart, sanction numbers, high-speed license holders, and the Trophy Fund list of clubs who have paid or still owe money to Karen.

Joe said the Northeast Region had no RMD and Denny has taken care of all renewals for their region.

### **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Denny said there has been no movement at this time for an edit of the By-Laws. Denny, Dave Rankin, and Steve Johnson will work on this.

### **NATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER**

George Gallant, National Business Manager discussed waivers and the importance of providing waivers at an event and having all participants sign them. The 2009 National Convention will be held in Colorado Springs. Information on the Convention will be in the member renewal packet.

### **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Jeff Port, ER Webmaster passed out a list of East Region clubs and their email addresses. This list also includes regional officer's web addresses, as well as addresses for flyers, changes, and other important web addresses.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Joe reminded us of the previous motion made at the October meeting to cast one vote for the ballot of Regional Officers for 2009. George Gallant made a motion to cast one vote today for the Regional Officers. Dave Walter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved.

Joe has been negotiating with the Holiday Inn for the 2009 meetings contract. The contract has a provision for four meetings each year and those meeting dates have been approved for 2009. Joe asked for suggestions on alternative locations but none were viable. Bob Sullivan made a motion for the meeting to stay at the Mechanicsburg Holiday Inn for 2009, Dave Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joe said the East Region has been subsidizing governors who do not attend meetings and we should subsidize those who do attend. Joe made a proposal for the March Governors meeting breakfast to cost \$5.00. Steve Kennedy suggested sending out a bill for the year to East Region club governors. George wanted to know if the cost would be the same for governors and guests. YES. John Fitzkee asked if we could get a bigger room due to more people in attendance. Joe would work with the hotel on a bigger room. George made a motion for the ER to subsidize the attending

governors' and guests' breakfast at meetings. Steve Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Port presented information about the On-Line meeting provided by Penn State Univ. The Adobe Connect system is in place. It allows speak and share files. This could be used for on-line meetings by the outlying clubs such as Tidewater, Northeast PA, Hampton Roads, Beachcomber, and Pocono Mountain. On it, you can do the following: speak; view files; see who is in attendance; file share; save files; video and review the video. Denny said the local cost to a participant is a headset and microphone. Kim wanted to know if those members not in attendance (at a meeting) could link up. Joe said that through this they are trying to bring the ER into the modern computer age.

Jeff demonstrated a Regional file sharing session and uploaded a file. He said some mailboxes do get overloaded due to the size of the emails. This system can save space. Joe said this is available to the clubs even if they want to share a file. Steve Kennedy asked if new passwords will be distributed and Jeff said he would take care of that.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff Port, ER Webmaster talked about the ER website and how with the former hosting service, led to a change to a different web host difficulties and ways to upgrade the web host. The new web hosting service will have unlimited bandwidth and give the ability to host any of the Region's club websites. A list of its features is available from Jeff. Joe said he is hoping to increase governor's participation through the new website. The cost will be dependant upon governors' participation and there would be no forced advertising.

Kim Casselberry wanted to know if there was a size limit to the website. This will be determined later, but will push for higher than average limits. Denny wanted to know where the web hosting service was located. Jeff said that it is a Tier 1 network and it is located within the United States (Pittsburgh PA).

Joe asked that the governors go back to their club webmasters and ask for suggestions about the website.

Ed Martin said Corvette Friends does not have a club webmaster and wondered how to begin a club website. Jeff and Denny said they can work with CF to start one and help maintain it.

Joe said the Vision Committee survey's intention is to find out where the NCCC will be in the future. Allan Morris, West Coast RE suggests that all perks to the membership packet be eliminated. There will be a vote at the next National meeting to determine if the perks should be eliminated.

**Rich Taylor said members in his CCA club have not renewed their membership because they were not getting the NCCC pin in their packets. Dave asked if a promoter/sponsor will pay for the perks, and, if they do, will that cover the costs. George said the costs could be covered by such a sponsor(s).**

**Rich asked what the purpose of *Blue Bars* is. Carl suggested the number of issues could be reduced to cut costs.**

**Dave said the NCRS members feel more closely aligned to that organization than NCCC members feel about the NCCC.**

**Joe spoke about providing shirts for the 2009 ER Board members and have the ER pay the cost of the shirts. Dave made a motion that the Region pays the cost of shirts for the ER Board. Carl seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

**Joe asked: “What else can we do to get (ER) Governors involved?”**

**Dave said it (Corvettes) has to be a labor of love and dedication and has talked to governors in other regions and they have shared the same thoughts with him.**

**It was suggested that the meeting minutes be sent to all governors in the region and to all club presidents. The intention is to share meeting information with the presidents so that they know what is transpiring in the Region in the event that club governors are not attending and sharing the information, as they are required to do, with their clubs. Steve Kennedy, new governor for Corvette Annapolis, expressed support of this. That distribution begins with the December meeting.**

**Ed Martin said this was the first meeting he has attended and stayed overnight at this Holiday Inn. He would have had to travel more than two hours to the meeting and decided it was best to come to Mechanicsburg on Friday afternoon. He asked Joe if a special room rate could be negotiated with the Holiday for ER governors in the future. Joe said he would check into a special room rate.**

**George said there were several ER governors who did not participate in the voting for candidates on the National level by not sending in their proxy votes. The votes of the ER governors would have made a difference in the desired outcome of the recent National elections.**

**Governors are asked to communicate with Joe and the other ER Board members on how to increase and diversify governors’ participation within the East Region.**

**George said there seven or eight claims in 2008 made to K&K. The cost of the K&K coverage is \$76,730.**

**Andrej Balanc of NVCC said his club just concluded their Teen Driving School. They received many letters of thanks and praise from parents who children**

participated in the school. The cost is free to participants. It costs \$5000-\$6000 to run the school and those costs are covered by supporting sponsors. He hopes to expand the Teen Driving School outside of NVCC and to other clubs within the East Region. Dave said Cumberland Valley High School has offered use of their facilities and parking lot for a Teen Driving School for the Cumberland Valley School District. Dave hopes CVCC can get the assistance of CPCC to help out with the instruction of that driving school. Kim acknowledged CPCC's willingness to assist. Joe wants the Teen Driving School go to the National level and all parts of the country. Denny asked Andrej if NVCC would offer to share their Teen Driving School course outline and curriculum as a template for other ER clubs. YES, he will.

Joe would like to have select committee act as a steering committee to present information about the Teen Driving School at the next Governor's meeting. Andrej, Joe, Bill Sangre of CVCC, Dave Gray of CPCC, Steve Johnson, and Dave Walter will assemble information for the next meeting. (Norb Szymanski of AACC shared information of an AARP-sponsored school at the October meeting.)

George Gallant was the lucky winner of the \$36 50/50 drawing. He said it was the first time he ever had the lucky ticket number. Andrej made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dave Walter. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.