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Calendar & Flyers are on the EVENTS Page on our Website

Monthly Meetings are held at **7:30 pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, November, & December at:

Mama Roberto's Italian Restaurant 8658 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060

Summer meetings held in June, July, and August are picnic meetings, at **Sunnybrook Preserves**, 12474 Heath Road, Chesterland, OH 44020.

You're Always Invited!!

Bring a friend or new member!

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MEETING MINUTES

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY KEN OKESON AT 7:30 P.M. AT MAMA ROBERTO'S IN MENTOR, OH. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE GETZY TO WAIVE



READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES AND IT WAS SECONDED BY JOHN NESTOR.

THERE WERE 39 MEMBERS / GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

TERRY MUICH, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE EAST OHIO REGION WAS IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Ken Okeson

Ken asked for any unknown bereavements or passings that we were not aware of – there were none.

We did find that Gerie Phillips is recovering from pneumonia. Ken asked that we keep Gerie in our thoughts as she recovers.

Treasurer's Report

by Mike McGimpsey



Mike reported the recent transactions and gave the current balance of the club account.

Copies of the revised 2017 budget for CCA were distributed. This budget was discussed at last month's meeting and Mike made the changes as suggested at that meeting. Mike explained that this is only a working budget so CCA can see where it stands in relation to the budgeted amounts for each category as the year progresses. It can be modified from time to time as long as we stay within the allocated amounts in each category. Any changes to increase any amount would have to be approved at a meeting or by three members of the board in accordance with our Bylaws.

Don Burk asked if Fred could email each member a copy of the budget. The board had never emailed copies of our finances but will have copies available at our meetings. Don asked about several individual expenses and Mike read off the detailed expenditures.

Bill Faunce asked if Mike could provide a report each month that lists in detail all of the expenditures for the previous month and Mike agreed to do this starting next month.

Then there was discussion on the pros and cons of why we needed a budget. Mike and the board further explained the budget and the consensus was that it was a good idea especially in order to maintain our non-profit status that we recently refilled thanks to Lew Laird, Jack Liles, and Terry Muich's sister who is a tax CPA.

Fred added that he had discussed our filing status and our treasurer's name change with the NCCC board member, Amelia Workman, at the last national governors meeting. She provided a detailed report and also how to verify our information in the future. Filing is now corrected and verified except for a letter requested by the IRS explaining the reason for the delay. Another reason why we need our new budget approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget by Ted Vanelli and seconded by Jim Knapp. All were in favor and approved our new budget and ongoing reporting.

Membership Report

by Beth Knapp



Beth reported that CCA currently has **138 members**. Don Burk asked Fred to email each member a copy of the current membership. To date we have not emailed our entire name and address list electronically like NCCC, because we want to protect our private information and to prevent even more spam and junk mail and unauthorized access. This would have to be approved by our membership but we can provide paper lists at the meetings.

Activities Report

by Gary & Sue Maddle

First and foremost, Ken thanked Sue and Gary Maddle for stepping up and taking on the Activities Directors position. The club greatly appreciates it!

Sue then reported that she and **Gary** are currently working on upcoming events and she distributed a listing of dates to

hold for this year. The listing includes all **Mystery Dinners (April through September) and the Goodtime III, Pig Roast and Fish Fry events**. She and Gary are currently working on possible venues for the **January 2018 CCA Celebrates dinner**. All of these events are shown on our online **Events Calendar** and on each date there is a **link to the flier** with all of the details (the Mystery Dinner fliers are not yet posted).

Gary reported that enough members have shown an interest in the **Goodtime III Cruise** to enable CCA to obtain the discounted tickets.

See all the fliers on this link to our **Events Calendar**.

Publications Report

by Fred Dugach

Fred reported our website had 60,424 hits in February for a profit through **Google AdSense of \$2.99**. Already this month our profit is \$1.39! Thanks everyone!

He has added icons and links on the CCA main homepage for **FCOA, NCCC, and our Facebook Page!**

And he has added photos from the last Progressive Dinner, CCA Celebrates dinner and the **EOR Regional Banquet**.

Our calendar now shows all Regional Events, CCA Events, and even holidays.

He has updated the membership dues form for next

year to show the \$3 increase in EOR head fees. It was suggested that perhaps CCA should increase the CCA portion from \$15 to \$20. This will be discussed at a future meeting prior to November.

If you have anything for the next newsletter, please get it to Fred by Saturday, March 11.

Governor's Report

by Fred Dugach

Fred reported that he attended the two-day National Governors Meeting on February 25 in St. Louis, Missouri. He discussed the highlights and distributed his notes from this meeting. (They are included on Page 6 of this newsletter). He talked to many governors, NCCC board members, even the president, and discovered many things including that CCA dues are lower than most of the other clubs. Some are as high as \$90!

Fred learned about ideas from many national clubs. Like bringing toys or gifts to their social drives, like our mystery dinners, to be donated as Christmas gifts through a local firehouse. This is just one idea for our club.

Fred reported that he and Ken Okeson attended the **Regional Governors Meeting** in Wadsworth, OH prior to the Regional Banquet last weekend.

Ken will be Fred's proxy at the next Regional Governors Meeting. Terry Muich then reported that the bylaws state that our Chairman can stand in for the Governor at these meetings without a proxy.

Fred presented awards from the regional banquet.

Pat Dugach received a t-shirt for worker points at events.

Terry Muich reported that if a member volunteers at 15 events during the year an award is presented through the Region.

Fred presented **Lynn Nestor with a plaque for 25 years of membership** and also has one for **Jim and Phyllis Wendorf. Congratulations!!**

Fred has **2017 Collectors pins available for \$3 each.**

Rich Dimmock stated that he finds the quarterly NCCC magazine, Blue Bars, not that interesting and by a show of hands most of the members at this meeting agreed with Rich. Fred said he would do a survey to see what our members like and dislike about the magazine and then will send a letter to the NCCC.

Cheryl then added that you can request a soft copy rather than a mailed copy if you so choose. This is especially important for our snow birds to save postage fees.

Fred then stated that he would like to have our member's opinions on having CCA's presence at the two-day quarterly NCCC National Governor's Meetings in St. Louis, MO, similar to the other

five clubs in our region. If so then CCA should provide reimbursement for the one-way mileage of 585 miles at \$0.535/mi = \$313. Fred is suggesting only a portion of that at a flat \$200 / meeting.

Fred asked to have this voted on at our next meeting.

Ted Vannelli stated that he feels someone from our Club should attend these national meetings in order to show our presence for voting and to acquire direct information for our club so we can continue to be informed and to improve.

CHARITY NEWS – Not reported but Fred verified that our club's check for \$500 was received by the EOR for the Veterans Memorial at Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. The headstone has been proposed and is in the final stages of being approved. Fred DeGordon of Buckeye Corvettes requested help from Congressman Jim Renacci to get the proper approval for the monument and special recognition ceremony. Please see the information on the memorial on Page 7.

Ambassador's Report

by Cheryl Getzy

Unfortunately due to the long discussions on the budget and governor's report, the ambassador's report will be presented here.

Cheryl has tickets available for the **August NCCC Corvette**

drawing benefitting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The tickets are \$50 each and she will be selling them up until the drawing in August.

You can still make your reservations for the **NCM BASH on the National Corvette Museum Website on their Events Page.**

Please visit the museum website to get all of the details: (www.corvettemuseum.org)

Old Business

Old Business: Dale Bradley asked Fred if he still intended to go forward with preparing a new Roster Picture Book for our Club. Fred reported that it was a very time consuming task that he and Sharon Burk had created two years ago. Many members didn't even take time to send in their own photos. Fred asked for someone to take the lead on this and he would provide assistance. By a lack of raised hands, no members were available to take on this task. But if anyone is interested please contact Fred.

New Business

Terry Muich reported on the upcoming **EOR Regional**

Autocross in Bowling Green on September 15-16. The open NCM track day (Track-X) will be Friday, September 15. Members can drive any vehicle on the track all day. The low speeds and car shows will be on Saturday, September 16. He booked 40 rooms and since there are only 11 left he has blocked 10 more rooms (24 hour cancellation notice required). This is a great opportunity to drive on the track so make your reservations now. There is a link to the flyer on our Events Page on September 15 to book a room.

Bill Faunce distributed a sheet proposing a change to our bylaws. It would change Article IV – Government, Section 1 – Types of Officers, to add a paragraph stating:

“As gratitude for volunteering to serve as a CCA Board Member, the annual dues (both CCA and NCCC) for the board member including their spouse or significant-other shall be paid out of the CCA general fund for the year(s) they serve. [ADDED 2017].”

Ken then stated that this proposed change will be emailed to every member and discussed at our April meeting and voted on at the May meeting.

Unfortunately, due to the extended discussions, there was no time for Ken's “What's Your Story” segment.

Things-To-Do- As always remember to check out our website's Events Calendar for tons of things to do!

Adjournment

Dale Bradley then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Linda Vannelli.

Ken made it official!



The next CCA Meeting is **April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Mama Roberto's in Mentor.**

Come early to chat with fellow members!!!

Mama Roberto's
8658 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
440-205-8890
(www.mamarobertos.com)

*Minutes are submitted,
 by Gail Negard,
 Secretary.*

(Thank you Gail!)

NCCC Governor's Meeting Notes – by Fred Dugach, Governor, CCA

2/25/17 St Louis MO.

CCA – Items to discuss.

1. All NCCC meetings and Region meetings start with pledge of allegiance- should we do the same at CCA?
2. All governors must sign in to show our direct representation of their clubs.
3. Every department provided individual reports and each was efficiently approved.
4. Found that our new NCCC president Dave Heinemann, has improved all aspects of NCCC especially relations with GM, NCM, and even reduced spending in all areas.
5. Found that our EOR RE, Terry Muich, has an improved our representation to NCCC.
Before our previous representatives were somewhat abrasive and not as friendly and engaging as our existing representatives.
6. Found that CCA's dues are better than most. Some are as high as \$90.
7. Compared to many clubs across the country we are average in activities and events.
Most clubs are struggling with very similar issues, dues, charities, events, etc.
8. Talked to new parliamentarian, Kathy Brisbois about proper procedures.
- Entertain motion to approve, 1st and 2nd, Any discussions or comments,
All in favor, All opposed, motion passed or failed.
9. Met Amelia Workman VP, who offered to check on CCA's IRS & Business filing status before and now. She sent the reports along with how to check in the future. We are all okay now!!
10. All officers can use a proxy vote to any member within region. Can even stipulate voting preferences for known issues. Additional note – our chairman does not need a proxy to attend on behalf of our governor.
11. Learned about some suggestions to raise funds or gifts.
Example: At Mystery Dinners, each member brings in a toy or money for Christmas.
Donations could be sent to any local fire fighters or fire house for distribution.
12. Competition News - Dick McMann of Texas created a new searchable PDF version of the competition rules and now are online.
13. The new Go-Cart track has now taken up about a 1/3 of skid pad – Skid-pad is the area adjacent to the NCM high speed track that is used for low speed Autocrossing.
14. EOR received a \$5,000 discount on our Track-X day due to scheduling. Had \$15,000 but used only \$10,000 for our Track-X to use on NCM track.
15. Convention - One of the members organizing the convention, Dick Yenko, had a heart attack on 2/22/17. Denny & Deb Murphy are now working harder.
542 signed up for convention and were not expected. Totally apologized for long waits. 32 people made hotel reservations but not yet registered for convention. But 10% cancellation fee will still be applied.
No t-shirts and dress down but slacks and business casual.
Overall Competitor winner will receive a signed Charlie Daniels Fiddle!
16. Met with competition director Dale Samuelson and IT Director Walt Jenkins and discussed our timing systems, software and providing assistance at the convention.
17. NCCC treasurer reported on a similar CCA issue with IRS filing problems.
18. Rogue ex NCCC member causing potentially harmful slander on social media. Be aware.
19. Business manager Jack Wilson discussed how to fill out a request for COI, (Certificate of Insurance), especially if using a bathroom in an adjacent facility. Like for our upcoming ax event. He actually checked and verified our certification for accuracy.
20. IT Director Walt Jenkins is working on a procedure to submit software bug fixes and a card-less method new & old membership cards & high speed cards instead of paper.
21. Sent in requests for high speed endorsements for approved club members.
22. NCCC is on a plan to reduce budget like Blue Bars. Possibly more soft copies especially for snow-birds. Also for more paperless registration procedures.
23. Denny Luther said "People helping People" program – only a few – please reconsider
24. Pat Kelly - FCOA has 5,400 members now. Please consider adding kids and grandkids.
25. As a result of meetings decided to submit our website and newsletter to NCCC contests.
26. EOR receives check from NCCC for \$1,184 for those that have achieved the 200 club.
This goes toward awards for the members. The more people that achieve this award the bigger the check.
27. Check your NCCC Calendar for discount coupons! Hopefully you are getting them.
28. Collector Pins available for \$3 and EOR Awards provided for points and workers.
29. Invitation to Terry Muich to CCA's March Meeting to meet members and discuss support.
30. Fred DeGordon enlisted assistance for military memorial stone in Seville, OH. Congressman Jim Renacci helped.

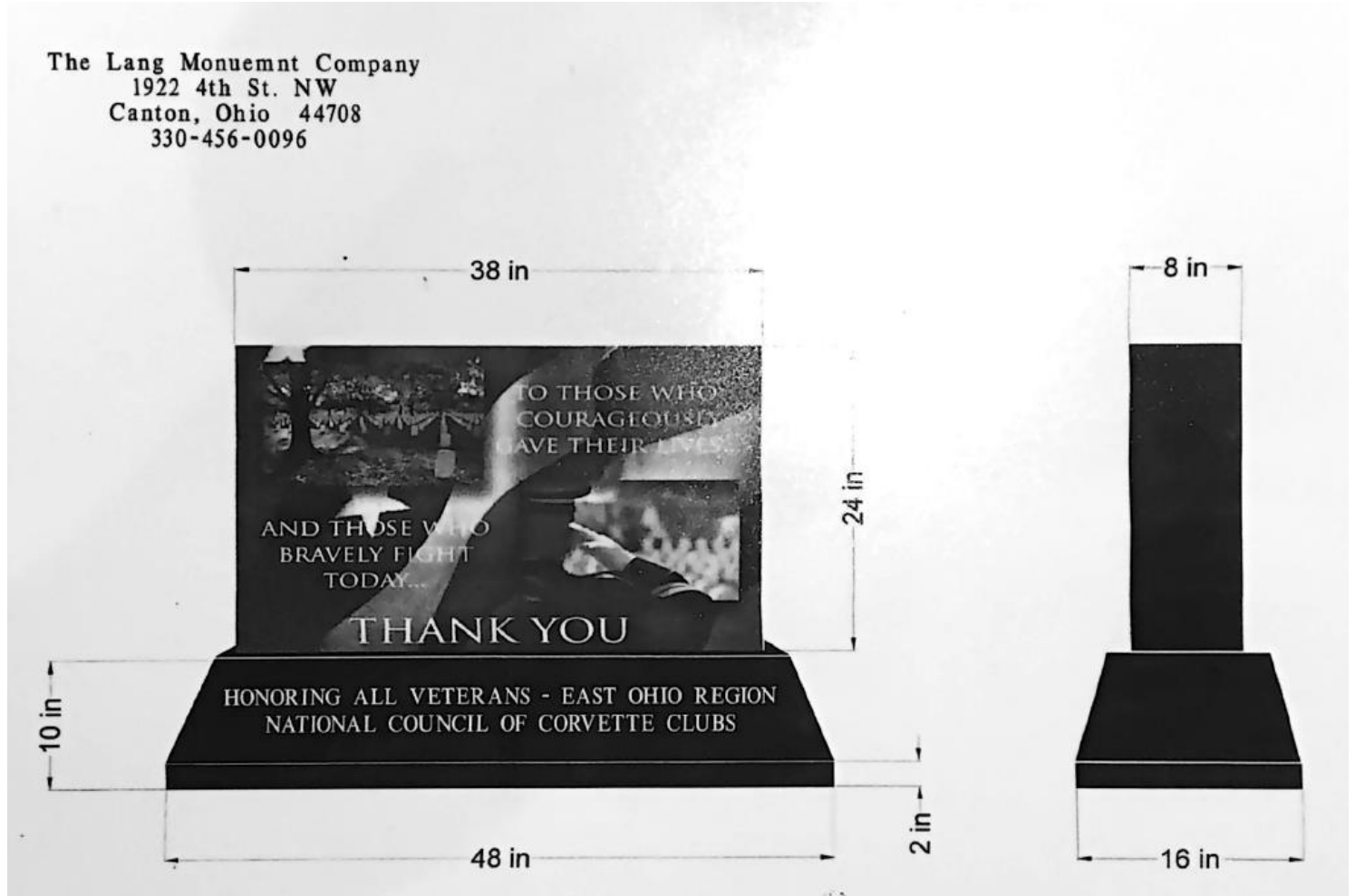
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Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, OH 44237

Director, Matt Metschke, 330-335-3069

The Lang Monuemnt Company
1922 4th St. NW
Canton, Ohio 44708
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<http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com>

Please visit the **NCCC Website** and other **NCCC Club Websites** here for National News and Updates...



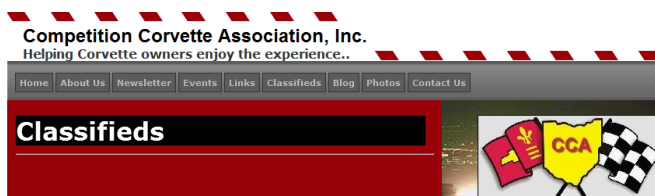
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<http://competitioncorvette.org/classifieds.html>



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