



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

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Roadrunner Governors and Officers,

There have only been one PC and one Chance Rallye since we last met at TCC's SuperBash in May. They were held during DCA's Mini-Millard on Labor Day weekend. Results for all Roadrunner Region events to date are posted on the region web site, as are up-to-date point standings.

Remaining Roadrunner Region events for 2009:

- 10/10 – CMS - People's Choice Show in Tombstone
- 10/11 – VVV – Monopoly Rallye & 3 Chance Rallyes in Cottonwood
- 10/18 – ACC/CCA - Practice/Novice Instruction Day & Autocross at Phoenix Muni
- 10/24 – CCA – Thorobred Thunder People's Choice Show at Thorobred Chevrolet
- 10/31 – SDC – Halloween Gimmick Rallye in Tucson
- 11/7 - TVS – Vette Thunder Funkhana & Gimmick Rallye in Sierra Vista
- 11/8 - TVS – Vette Thunder Autocrosses (2) in Sierra Vista
- 11/21 – ACC/CCA – 2 Autocrosses at Phoenix Muni

There will have been 48 scheduled events in Roadrunner this year with two cancelled. The total of 46 events is the lowest in the region in many years. Hopefully 2010 will see more events of a greater variety. We need variety in events and locations. We all have a responsibility to work together to help the region grow. We need new people, younger too, to keep the legacy of our love for Corvettes progressing into the future.

At the national level, the Competition Committee is proposing very few changes to the rulebook for 2010. There are several "typo" corrections throughout the book. The changes of significance include:

1. Eliminating the Caravan Chapter and posting the info on the web site as a guideline since it is not a competition event.
2. Allowing the Street Tire Class a +/-10mm width and a +/-5 aspect ratio variance from original factory stock tire sizes in order to provide NCCC members with greater choice in buying replacement tires.
3. Allowing a passenger who is competing in an event to ride with another driver for the purpose of providing instruction to Novice and inexperienced drivers IF all of the passenger's competition runs are complete on that individual course for that day.

4. Requiring at least 5 cars, or equivalent time, before a car can make a rerun in a speed event.
5. Specifying that ties will be broken by a competitors next fastest time in the event.
6. Placing the new Grand Sport in the same class as the C6 Z06 because it's track width, tire sizes, shocks, sway bars, etc would give it an advantage over normal C6 cars with the LS2/3 engine. This will be reviewed after a years worth of results are available to validate the Grand Sport Class placement.
7. Eliminating the "Exhibition" Class since roll bars are no longer required in low speed events up to, and including, the RP class. Note, not applicable to RPAF.
8. Not a change, but we will be retaining the present points system and agreeing to a thorough assessment of its success after at least a full years results are available.
9. Also not a change, but a Tire/Wheel size chart is being prepared and will be posted on the NCCC web site once complete. This will provide clubs holding speed events with a single reference source for this information when classing cars.

Two items were brought up for future consideration. I would like the Governor's guidance on these potential future changes (2011 at the earliest):

1. Should the current "Street Tire" class be expanded to include both Group-1 and Group-2 cars? The rationale is that the street tire will be the limiting factor on performance and that Group-2 cars could compete more competitively if permitted entry to the Street Tire class.
2. Should NCCC develop a sanctioning system for Time Trials held as part of track day events? I.e., fastest lap in a lapping session as a new venue versus the current environments of only allowing single lap events.

Items of note during the September NCCC Governor's Meeting in St. Louis included:

1. A 2011 Convention bid has been received from Windy City Corvette Club. Their presentation looked very good and I think the venue about 30 miles SW of Chicago will be great.
2. 2010 Convention in West Palm Beach – notice was given that hotel parking will be limited and that trailers may have to be parked at the track facility. I asked about security and was assured that the track site is secure, but I do not know whether or not there will be around-the-clock guards.
3. The 2010 budget was presented virtually identical to this years (2009) and I do not see any issues.

I encourage all Governors to send me their thought on these issues, as well as any other issues they would like me to present to the Competition Committee on their behalf.

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