



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

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Good afternoon Roadrunner Region Governors,

Our November Roadrunner Region Governor's Meeting is scheduled for 2:00pm November 1st at Thorobred Chevrolet. Please remember that this is the meeting where initial event dates will be set into the Region's 2009 Event Calendar. If you will not be attending the meeting, please send your requested sanctioned event dates to me so I can represent your club and ensure that you get the dates desired for your 2009 events.

As of this writing, the Roadrunner Region's point standings are up-to-date on the region web site. There are multiple events and event types for your members to choose from before the end of the year. As always, please ensure that your members are informed about upcoming events and know that the region web site is the source for information regarding all events. The remaining sanctioned events for 2008 are:

Shows: People's Choice hosted by VVV on 10/4.
People's Choice hosted by CMS on 10/11.
People's Choice hosted by CCA on 11/1.
Rallies: Chance Rallies (6) hosted by CMS on 10/11.
Chance Rallies (4) hosted by VVV on 10/19.
Autocross: Autocrosses (3) hosted by ACC on 10/4.
Autocrosses (3) hosted by ACC & CCA on 11/2.

As your RCD, I receive the flyers for every event in the country. If you have members taking a trip who would like event information on their itinerary, please contact me and I will get you the information they need.

Another item to be discussed at the Region Meeting during the RCD report will be end-of-year region awards for 2008. I will request a budget "not to exceed" \$1,700 to cover several classes of awards. Last year my budget was \$1,500 and I exceeded that limit. However, I did so without the opportunity to obtain your prior approval, so I covered the excess. I am requesting a higher "not to exceed" limit this year so everything will be covered. I promise to provide quality awards, but will be relatively frugal at the same time. The region treasury has more than sufficient funds to cover this request, event fees from 19 remaining events are yet to be received, and the region will receive approximately \$200 from NCCC toward the NCCC-mandated overall awards.

I am requesting that you approve the following award categories for 2008:

1. Required NCCC National Total Points awards for each lady and man who exceeds 200 points for the year.
2. Roadrunner Region awards for the top 5 ladies and men in each of 2 categories: "Car Show & Rallye Series" and "Racing Series." (There were 7 in the past, but overall participation is down in 2008.)
3. Roadrunner Region awards for the top 3 clubs in each category, "Car Show & Rallye series" and "Racing Series."
4. Roadrunner Region awards for the top 3 clubs in member participation.
5. Roadrunner Region award for the top worker.

I hope that the proposed revamp of the Region By-Laws and Standing Rules is approved at the November Roadrunner Meeting so that the format for awards in future years is agreed upon by all clubs. There was discussion in both the February and May Region Meetings where alternative procedures for region end-of-year awards were discussed, but to my knowledge, no one has submitted a recommendation to the Region Executive or the Governors. Currently, I do all the awards based upon the informal input of the Governors and I would prefer that the new Standing Rules be adopted to formalize this process.

As you know, the NCCC Rulebook was issued in January of 2008 with some very significant changes to format, as well as many content changes. When the 2008 Rulebook was presented for its vote of approval at the November 2007 national meeting, the Competition Committee pledged to concentrate on fixing any discrepancies, typos, conflicts between sections, and formatting problems during 2008. Additionally, the Competition Committee sought input from each of the regions as to any actual rule changes that should be considered during 2008.

The goal was to use the flexibility of having an on-line rulebook to be able to make required changes on an annual basis. At the same time, the goal was to minimize the number of changes and to concentrate on changes that encourage more event participation as well as those that promote points equity for entrants in all types of events. Throughout the year, I have sent e-mails to each of you to keep you up-to-date on the Competition Committee's progress. These have been posted on the Roadrunner Region web site. I have also briefed these issues at each Roadrunner Region Governor's Meeting. After each of these meetings, I brought Roadrunner's input to the national level and presented the Roadrunner consensus opinion at each Competition Committee meeting. I voted on all rulebook issues as directed by you, the region's Governors.

I am attaching several "PDF" files that are each a chapter of the NCCC rulebook. These are "red-lined" with all of the changes to be made for 2009. These changes will be voted upon at the November 8, 2008 national meeting in St. Louis. They will be voted upon as a package.

Please review the proposed changes and let me know if you concur and support a “Yes” vote on the package. If I do not receive a response, I will assume a “Yes” or supporting decision.

For your convenience, I will very briefly discuss the changes of substance that are other than wording, numbering, and typo corrections below:

1. Event results must be reported electronically on one of 2 NCCC-approved forms. *Note, these forms are locked and standardized to facilitate compiling national point standings. We must use them.*
2. Event flyers, sanction requests, etc are to be distributed via e-mail “if at all possible.” *Note, if you absolutely cannot create electronic flyers, etc send me one hard copy and I will scan it and distribute nationally and within the region for you in electronic format. This will save a lot in postage.*
3. There will be a new, NCCC-mandated, Sanction Request form using MS Excel.
4. There will be a new form used to establish a process for regions to request consideration for rule changes by the Competition Committee. *Note, this is designed to ensure that the Competition Committee works on what you feel is really important, and to limit rule changes in the future.*
5. Establish an 11-point bonus for Best in Show at a judged Concours to create equity with speed events.
6. Allow a single team of 2 judges in a Concours. This change permits a single team to judge interior, exterior, and engine compartment. This rule change stipulates that additional teams as necessary must be used if the judges have cars entered as they still cannot judge their own cars. *Note, this change is hoped to get more Concours back on club schedules in the light of the known difficulty in getting enough judges for an event under the current rules.*
7. Establish a new speed event class, “N” for the new ZR-1. Also, allow any Corvette with a supercharger or turbocharger to compete in Group-3, class “N” instead of forcing them all the way into the RP (Race Prepared) class as does the current rulebook.
8. Eliminate the roll bar requirement in Low Speed autocrosses and Matching Times. *Note, this rule is designed to allow many of today’s modified street cars to participate in low speed events without requiring the extensive modifications to essentially street-legal cars. It is hoped that many people driven away from these events in the past may begin participating.*
9. Allow drilled rotors in all classes. *Eliminates the stock car penalties experienced today.*
10. Require electronic devices (cameras, computers, GPS, etc) to be securely mounted in competition events.
11. Split speed event bonus points into more equitable groupings resulting in C4s, C5s and C6s, and Z06s competing among themselves for bonus points. Also, one car classes needing only to beat all others in their sub-group instead of having to run Top Time of Day, to receive bonus points as they do today.
12. Award 10 bonus points to the 2nd fastest time of day car in speed events.
13. Award 9 bonus points to the 3rd fastest time of day in speed events.

14. Require speed event competitors to sign their Tech Inspection sheet indicating that their car complies with Rulebook specifications for their class.
15. Reformats and reduces the number of classes for an Economy run to simplify holding this type of event.
16. Allow rescheduling a sanctioned event cancelled by “circumstances beyond the control of the host club on the day of the event” as long as the rescheduled date complies with current distance rules, etc. *Note, this change will prevent clubs losing their sanctions when an event is cancelled by a hurricane, or other circumstance at the last minute, etc.*
17. Change the process for setting the index for a drag record that is not broken after a year. Instead of increasing the index every year, the index will adjust 1% and then freeze until the record is broken.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the November Meeting and, as always, feel free to contact me directly with anything you want me to present for you at the national Competition Committee Meeting. I am also available to visit your club meetings to explain the workings of the Competition Committee and answer any questions your membership may have concerning the NCCC rulebook.

Thank you in advance for responding to me with your approval of the proposed rulebook change package.

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