



National Council of Corvette Clubs

Roadrunner Region Competition Director

4th Quarter 2018 Report

September 13, 2018

Roadrunner Governors and Officers,

Our 4th Quarter Governor's Meeting is scheduled for October 13th in Cottonwood. Please remember that we will be selecting sanctioned event dates for 2019 during that meeting. As you plan your event date requests, please consider alternate dates in case another club selects your date first. The Roadrunner Region goal has always been to maximize attendance at each club's sanctioned events by not scheduling events in multiple locations on the same date whenever possible.

The NCCC Competition Committee, comprised of all region Competition Directors, presented its proposed 2019-2020 Rulebook at the national Governor's Meeting in St. Louis on September 8th. There are very few proposed changes. Most notable are moving all forms to an appendix instead of being in Chapter 12. This will allow future changes to Tire/Wheel Size Allowance charts, Technical Inspection charts, Judging forms, etc. to be made without waiting until a new Rulebook is approved. The only significant changes are in the Autocross/Drag Race rules section where a "Targa Brace" will be permitted in Groups 1 and 1S for C4 Corvette coupes. Additionally, Groups 1 and 1S will be allowed to install roll cages where they were previously restricted only to roll bars. Please let me know if you object to any of these changes as I will be representing you when the new Rule book is voted on in St. Louis in November.

We have had only fifteen sanctioned events in Roadrunner to date this year. There have been no competitive driving events. With no autocrosses, drag races, time trials, or matching times to date, and only 4 planned in November, I will only be providing overall awards for 2018. There are fifteen remaining events this year. One PC Show and 4 Chance rallies in Cottonwood on October 13-14, a PC show in Chandler on October 27, a PC show in Scottsdale on October 28, one PC Show and 3 rallies in Sierra Vista on November 3, and four autocrosses in Sierra Vista on November 4th.

This year I have had several people tell me that they were not aware of NCCC rules for conducting events, timeframes for event reporting, event fee amounts and submission deadlines, etc. Therefore, as we move toward a new year, I will repeat the following advisories as I have tried to do each year since 2003 when I became your RCD:

1. Event sanctions must be entered in the NCCC Competition Database for Governor and RCD approval at least 45 days in advance of the event.
2. Event Flyers must be uploaded to the NCCC Competition Database for Governor and RCD approval at least 45 days in advance of the event.
3. The most current NCCC Competition Database User Guide is available on the NCCC web site under "Members Only." The User Guide is to help you create sanctions, upload flyers, and process results. If you do not know the user-id and/or password for the Members Only section of the NCCC web site, please contact me as it is not published for public viewing. Check this before each event as changes may occur.
4. The most current NCCC Rulebook is available on the NCCC web site under "Competition."

5. Sanctioned events must comply with the safety precautions and event procedures detailed in the NCCC Rulebook.
6. Event Chairpersons, then Club Governors, and finally the RCD, or the RCD's delegate, are responsible for safety at all events.
7. Event Chairpersons and Club Governors should carefully review Chapter 1 of the NCCC Rulebook before every event. Chapter 1 covers primary safety responsibilities, sanctioning procedures, flyer preparation requirements, etc.
8. Event Chairpersons and Club Governors should carefully review Chapter 8 of the NCCC Rulebook before every event. Chapter 8 covers result reporting.
9. Event Chairpersons and Club Governors should carefully review the Chapter on the NCCC Rulebook that has detailed requirements and procedures for their specific type of event. I.e, Chapter 2 for Autocrosses, Chapter 3 for Drag Races, Chapter 4 for Funkhanas, Chapter 5 for Rallyes, Chapter 6 for economy Runs, Chapter 7 for Concours (Judged and People's Choice), and Chapter 11 for Time Trials.
10. Event Chairpersons and club Governors should carefully review Chapter 9 of the NCCC Rulebook before every event. Chapter 9 covers protests, which hopefully never happen, but you should be prepared. However, Protest forms must be printed and available at the event site.
11. A copy of the NCCC Rulebook, either printed or electronic, must be available onsite at every NCCC sanctioned event.
12. Event Chairpersons and Club Governors should review the most current Insurance FAQs on the NCCC web site before every event.
13. All NCCC competition events, as defined in the NCCC Rulebook, whether sanctioned or non-sanctioned, plus all parades require entrants and workers to sign an Insurance Waiver.
14. Original Signed Insurance Waivers are to be retained by the host club for a minimum of two years.
15. The current Insurance Waiver forms Insurance Waiver Forms on the NCCC web site under "Insurance," must be downloaded, printed back-to-back, and used. Prior versions must not be used.
16. Insurance Waiver forms must have complete event information listed at the top and must be witnessed on each page.
17. Sanctioned event results must be entered in the NCCC Completion Database for Governor and RCD approval within 15 days of the event.
18. Copies of signed Insurance Waivers (electronic preferred) must be sent to the RCD within 15 days of each event. These are used to verify entrants on the results.
19. Event fees of \$2/Corvette entry must be sent to the Roadrunner Region Treasurer within 15 days of each event.

Since there are some who may not be familiar with the responsibilities of a club governor, I will send my most recent compilation of Club Governor Responsibilities with this report. I will also include my most recent compilation of Region Executive and Region Competition Director Responsibilities.

Through this report, I am notifying Roadrunner Governors that I am “retiring” as the Roadrunner Region Competition Director effective as of the end of 2018. I have several reasons:

- First, and foremost, I have given this region eight weekends every year for sixteen years. I have discussed this with my wife, Debi, extensively, and have decided that it is time for us to devote our time and money on ourselves, instead of where it is not really appreciated. I accepted the challenge of the RCD position primarily because of my involvement in autocrossing, drag racing, and time trials. Debi was also primarily interested in these competitive driving events. We are both no longer able to participate in these events because of medical issues, so we are trying to direct our interests in other directions.
- Second, I was recently accused of not training governors on their responsibilities concerning conducting NCCC sanctioned events. Since 2003, I believe that I have made myself available to all Roadrunner Region clubs and officers to help them as best I can at all times. I have always attempted to respond promptly to all questions and requests for assistance.
- Third, at several events during the past two years, I have been accused of being too strong in attempting to enforce NCCC rules at sanctioned events. The RCD’s job is to make sure all NCCC sanctioned events are conducted in accordance with the NCCC Rulebook. The Rulebook is very clear on the procedures for autocrosses, rallyes, etc. As the RCD, I do not have the leeway to look the other way and permit sanctioned events to be conducted when they are not in compliance with the rules.
- Fourth, a club recently suggested that the Region Officers may be “enriching” themselves at the region’s expense because of the region’s decision to provide them with an officer’s shirt (although it has not yet been done). Additionally, the club suggested that the region’s policy of reimbursing a club governor who attends a NCCC National Governor’s Meeting in St. Louis the amount of \$100 (once per year and no more than four per year total) is giving the governor an unwarranted stipend.

I am offended by the accusations of my not performing my volunteer position responsibly and honorably. I have spent a lot of personal funds, not to mention time, traveling to meetings and events in the fulfillment of my RCD responsibilities to the region without ever expecting anything in return, other than respect for my service to you. I also served as your Webmaster for six years and have served as your acting RE this year.

I feel that it is time for the Roadrunner Region to find a new RCD who will bring “new eyes” to Roadrunner, help Roadrunner grow into the future, and who may be more receptive to deviation from prescribed policies and procedures. Therefore, I am terminating my time volunteering as your RCD. Note that I will no longer be your Acting RE after December 31st.

As I depart, I strongly recommend that governors talk to their clubs and encourage members to enjoy NCCC events conducted properly instead of “wanting to do it their own way while still calling it a NCCC sanctioned event.” I make this recommendation because, if there is an insurance issue, and it is determined that an event was not conducted in compliance with the NCCC Rulebook, it is highly likely that NCCC Insurance will not cover the problem. Please remember that the NCCC Insurance policies are issued in conjunction with NCCC’s guarantee that all events will be conducted in compliance with the NCCC Rulebook.

I have enjoyed serving the Roadrunner Region and I will always relish the many friendships I have made across the region. I hope that each of you, as club governors, can work together quickly to find a new Competition Director (and RE) who will serve you in the manner you desire and deserve.

I hope to see the governors of all Roadrunner clubs at our 4th Quarter Governor's Meeting in Cottonwood on October 13th.

Save the Wave!

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