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**MIDWEST REGION NEWSLETTER
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MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

ST LOUIS, MO.

Midwest Region minutes of Feb. 28, 2009 meeting in St Louis, MO.

Those in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Don Schmitt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Warren Snyder
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Walt Zachmeyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Tony Puksich
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-077	Glass Favorites	Ron Myers
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	George Dick
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Don Weston
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-122	River City Corvettes	Dave Fontanini
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Vern Fagerberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Brian Kleemeyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Arnie Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-195	Land of Lincoln Corvette Club	Sue Bohne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-205	Crossed Flags Corvette Club	Larry Hickman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Dave Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Karen Hottenrott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-333	Lakeside Corvette Club	Ray Clark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-351	Windy City Corvettes	Dave Heinemann
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-359	Chippewa Valley Corvettes	Tom Burt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Illinois	Larry Higgins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-380	Little Egypt Corvette Club	Tom Kasten
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Butler
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Cynthia Finke
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Tony Walla
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-481	Corvettes of Wisconsin	Thom Schultz
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-489	Minnesota Renegades	Jan Hanna
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Richard Luebcke
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-526	R.A.C.E. Inc.	Earl Kinneberg
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-565	Crow River Corvette Club	Craig Ziegler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-RE		Warren Snyder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-RCD		Paul Haack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-RMD		Sue Puksich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-Secretary		Janet Wilson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_MW-Treasurer		Nancy Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> __MW-Webmaster		Joan Thomas

Guest included: Dale & Carolyn Samuelson, Rose Schmitt, Don Schmitt, J.R. Hottenrott, Herb Duffy, Gary Kelly, Diana Haack, and Katherine Butler.

The MWR Meeting:

Meeting called to order 8:34 A.M. by Warren Snyder, RE

Larry Hickman suggested the MWR stand in honor of Rhonda Higgins this afternoon at the Governors' meeting. Warren sent flowers for Rhonda from the MWR.

Warren Snyder, MWR Executive (RE):

Warren reported from the RE meeting that NCCC has a budget deficit of \$47,000.

Membership has increased the monetary income from \$270,000 in 2008 to \$291,000 in 2009 which is a \$21,000 increase.

The Northeast Region has no officers for 2009 and a decision needs to be made to regroup the region or combine the region with another region.

A proposal has been made that regions provide food and beverages for the Hospitality Room on Friday night. Regions would be assigned alphabetically to provide the food and beverages. The proposal needs more information.

By-laws cannot be changed until the end of the year. Changes will be mailed to the REs for review before a vote is taken.

Blue Bars is requesting interesting articles be submitted. These can include technical articles, car shows, car history or anything your clubs does that may be of interest to other members. Members need to write these articles. Sylvia would like to have a copy of your club newsletters and then she could select articles for the Blue Bars.

Nancy Bailey, MWR Treasurer:

Nancy gave her report and provided a copy of her report (attached for Governors and Officers).

Tom Kasten has agreed to audit the Treasurer's books. Tom commented that Nancy's books are in such good order that it is not a hard job. The MWR approved Tom auditing the books.

A motion was made by Larry Hickman and seconded by Don Schmitt to approve Nancy's report. Motion carried.

Sue Puksich, MWR Membership Director: (RMD)

Midwest Region membership total is 2,007. The region lost one club for the 2009 renewal.

Sue thanked everyone again for their help in making the 2009 renewals go so smoothly. She asked if everyone received their renewal packets. If not, please contact Sue and she will check into it. PLEASE REMIND your members to keep their addresses current. Postage is very expensive and mailing items twice raises the cost.

Sue will be sending new membership list to all clubs shortly, as well as the current FCOA list. There are some needed address corrections on the FCOA list. Please find the needed information and get it back to Pat Kelly at FCOAKids@aol.com.

There are extra copies of Blue Bars available. Just let Sue know, and she will see you get copies. There are also Midwest Region Patches at a cost of \$3.00 each available.

Each governor will receive a copy of the Blue Bars publishing schedule. Encourage your club to submit articles and photographs. Sylvia would like every club to send her by mail or email a copy of your club's newsletter. She uses these newsletters for information and pictures for the Blue Bars.

50th Anniversary shirts are now available. Tell your members they can purchase them on the NCCC website.

To save postage cost you will start receiving your NCCC application confirmation by email, so please remember to keep your email address current at all times.

Please share this information with your members and remind them they can read the Midwest Region meeting minutes on the region website www.mwregion.com. Governor meeting minutes are available in Blue Bars as well as on line at www.corvettesnccc.org.

Janet Wilson, MWR Secretary:

The November 8, 2008 minutes were emailed to the MWR Officers and Governors on Dec. 17, 2008. Tony Puksich made a motion to approve the minutes, Karen Hottenrott seconded, and the motion carried.

Arnie Bailey made a motion that the MWR minutes be published in its entirety less the financial report on the Midwest Region website. Larry Hickman seconded and the motion carried.

Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director: (RCD)

Paul congratulated the MWR on the 2008 National standings:

- Five (5) men or 1/3 of the Top 15 were from the MWR.
- Six (6) ladies or 40% of the Top 15 were from the MWR.
- Two (2) clubs out of the Top 15 were from the MWR.

This participation nationally is outstanding.

The Competition Committee had clarifications that Jack Wilson VP of Competition will talk about at the Governors' meeting this afternoon.

Paul will provide a full red-line of the 2009 Rulebook if anyone needs to know what has changed.

If you have a rulebook change for the Competition Committee to consider for the 2010 Rulebook, submit the Rulebook Request Form to Paul with the section of the rulebook identified and how you suggest the language be written for the committee to work on.

Members can make a copy of the Rulebook by making a copy on a CD or flash-drive (stick) and take it to a printer. (i.e. Office Max, Office Depot, or Kinkos) Laptops can be used at events rather than a printed copy.

Revisions are being updated to the event completion form including the points that were modified for the FTDs and Groupings.

The 2009 sanctioned events are on the website.

There are 164 events scheduled if Brainerd holds. Warren Snyder, RE and Governor MW-051 Suburban Corvette Club, stated that Brainerd has been officially cancelled.

Rand McNally was used for the Declared City of 50 miles. There may be a difference of miles compared to last year's miles.

Permanent Speed Event Numbers are completed as of Feb. 22, 2009. These were emailed which is much faster and less expensive.

Paul did not run into any problems on the grandfathering of sanctioned date. He will not be doing any additional work on grandfathering because every situation will be different.

Paul made two proposals to the MWR Governors:

1. Revision to MWR Standing Rules, Section 3.7.1, Item 1, (attached). Briefly, this is a change of low speed qualifying points. Discussion followed and proposal passed by 13 to 2.
2. New option to count runs to events in speed events, item 2, (attached). This allows the event chairperson to decide at his/her discretion, how the timed runs will be counted towards the events. The method must be announced at the driver's meeting. Discussion followed and proposal passed by 11 to 4.

Arnie Bailey suggested the Total Points be put first right after the name rather than at the end of the line totaling all the event types that person participated in for ease of viewing total with name. Paul agreed he would fix that on future reports.

Joan Thomas, MWR Webmaster:

Joan identified that each NCCC Governor has their own Website e-mail address which she maintains so you can easily contact governors and officers. Example is type in MWR then a hyphen then the club number and then the word governor@mwregion.com as in MWR-167Governor@mwregion.com and your message will go to that club's Governor. This is a perk that is provided so you don't have to keep up with all the email addresses. To reach all of the Governors at one time type in MWR-Governors@mwregion.com. To reach an Officer, type in MWR-(RE, RCD, RMD, Secretary, Treasurer, or Webmaster)@mwregion.com. To reach all Officers type in MWR-Officers@mwregion.com.

Joan also identified that she is sending all the Regional Officers the National ad blasts communications sent to the membership through their Governors so they are aware of what was sent. This is intended to keep the integrity of NCCC communications.

Larry Higgins, NCCC Convention: No report given.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Dave Heinemann reported that 72 MWR members have paid for the MWR Regional Party to be held at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, Ill. on March 7, 2009.

Dave thanked the MWR for supplementing the party.

NICC will provide hot and cold appetizers and gift certificates.

Windy City, Sunburst, and Wisconsin Corvette Club will provide gift certificates also.

Dave is planning a special surprise for the party. He said, "It will be fun!"

William Tell is offering a complimentary room.

Dave is expecting Grant, Hamilton, and Jackson to make an appearance at the party.

Warren thanked Dave and Joan for the great job they do on the parties.

2011 Convention Bid:

Dave Heinemann shared with the MWR Governors information on the MWR holding the 2011 National Corvette Convention.

Host Region: Midwest Region

Co-Chairpersons: Dave Heinemann and Larry Pagliaro

Location: Tinley Park, Illinois. It has easy access from I-80 and Harlem Avenue.

Hotel Accommodations: Holiday Inn Convention Center \$89.00 per night

- 278 rooms 30 breakout rooms, meeting rooms, and 4 satellite hotels
- 1500 parking spaces and is about 4 years old
- Banquet can seat 10,000 people

Restaurants: Holiday Inn and 100 plus nearby.

Airports: Midway and O'Hare

Event sites: 10 to 12 miles from hotel

- Route 66 which accommodates NASCAR, NHRA
- Autobahn Country Club in nearby Joliet, IL.

Activities: (possible) are Casino, Bowling, Downtown Chicago, Dinner Cruise

Dates: June - possibly the week before Bloomington in August

Prices: Are not locked in for convention 2011, but Dave will negotiate the best price.

Budget Cost: Is to be ready by the May meeting.

Richard Luebcke made a motion that the MWR would support the bid for the National Corvette Convention in 2011 to be held in Tinley Park, IL. Don Schmitt seconded. Motion carried.

Warren thanked Dave for his presentation.

MWR Awards:

Diana Haack stated that the Regional Points Awards and Championship Series Awards had a limit of \$60.00 for each plaque. Diana proposed that instead of giving a plaque for \$60.00 the amount be increased to \$100.00 and a brick be purchased and lettered and placed at the National Corvette Museum.

Don Schmitt made a motion to increase the amount of the plaques from \$60.00 to \$100.00, and Tom Reitz seconded. The motion carried.

Warren requested approval for \$40.00. Arnie Bailey made a motion to approve the \$40.00 and Tom Reitz seconded. The motion carried.

Wrap-up: John Hibbeler did not make arrangements for dinner due to the Sheraton Reception being provided.

Tom Reitz made a motion to adjourn, Larry Hickman seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned 11:55 A.M.

MWR Competition Proposals
Paul Haack
February 28, 2009

1. Revision to MWR Standing Rules, Section 3.7.1, Item 1

Concern: The current qualifying points rule has not kept up with the increases in number of sanctioned events, or points, now earned by Regional Competitors. The end result is that practically anyone that participates in 1 weekend of Autocross events automatically qualifies for the “By Invitation Only” MWRCS. Below is a table showing the number of competitors and ranges of points earned per class in 2008. In 2008, the current 25 point rule only filtered out 5 competitors that did not have enough qualifying points.

Points Earned Per Class	# of Competitors	%
0-24	5	3%
25-49	47	32%
50-74	28	19%
75-99	7	5%
> 100	61	41%
TOTAL	148	100%

The current 25 Points/Class rule dates back to 10/1980
 In 1980, the #1 MWR Man had 287 Points and the #1 Woman had 259 Points.

The ratio of qualifying points to #1 Points was 9 – 10%. (To qualify, a competitor needed to get 9 – 10% of the number of points that the #1 champion did)

More recently, here are the points earned by the #1 MWR Man and Woman in the last 5 Years.

Year	#1 Man	#1 Woman
2004	1017	960
2005	1050	1142
2006	958	1121
2007	1167	1183
2008	1270	1250
AVG	1092	1131

Maintaining a similar ratio of 9 – 10% qualifying points to #1 Points is 95 (Men) to 109 (Ladies).

Proposal: Revise the MWRCS Low Speed Autocross Qualifying Points

- **From:** 25 Points/Class
- **To:** 75 Points/Class
- Limits qualification to the top 46% of competitors (see last 2 rows of 2008 table above).
- Should increase participation in events during the season if people know they need more points to qualify.

Vote: YES _____ **NO** _____

2. New Option to count runs to events in Speed Events

Competitors have requested the option that their first runs of the day be counted as the first run of each event held on that particular day. That way they would have at least 1 time in each event, and can choose to leave if they want to.

- This is useful for people driving long distances on Sundays for example.
- Will allow events to conclude earlier in the days.
- May increase out-of-region participation in our events.
- This is also common practice in other regions.

Here is an example (for a 7 Event, 14 Runs), of how runs are counted towards events today, and how they would be counted under this proposal.

Current Practice:

Event #1	Event #2	Event #3	Event #4	Event #5	Event #6	Event #7
Run #1	Run #3	Run #5	Run #7	Run #9	Run #11	Run #13
Run #2	Run #4	Run #6	Run #8	Run #10	Run #12	Run #14

Proposed Optional Practice at Event Chairpersons discretion:

Event #1	Event #2	Event #3	Event #4	Event #5	Event #6	Event #7
Run #1	Run #2	Run #3	Run #4	Run #5	Run #6	Run #7
Run #8	Run #9	Run #10	Run #11	Run #12	Run #13	Run #14

Proposal: Allow the event chairperson to decide at his/her discretion, how the timed runs will be counted towards events. Method must be announced at Driver’s meeting.

Vote: YES _____ NO _____