



NCCC Convention 2025 Q & As

February 13, 2024 (and to be continued)

Q. Why is the MWR hosting the 66th Annual NCCC Convention in 2025?

A. It was announced at the September 9, 2023 MWR Governors Meeting that NCCC was in need of a Club or Region to step up to host its 2025 Annual Convention. The MWR Officers and Governors that were in attendance discussed the idea of looking into the MWR hosting the 2025 Convention. A vote was successful for the MWR to proceed with the idea. Early in October Joan Thomas researched and created a vision where the Region could host a very successful Convention in the Wisconsin Dells. Joan talked it over with Tim Wood and he agreed to join her in the pursuit. Joan ran the idea by Linda Fairlamb, MWR Regional Executive, and she came on board. Following the NCCC Convention Guidelines, Joan called Allen Morris, NCCC Convention Steering Advisor, and reported that the MWR was stepping up and would like to make an initial Proposal at the November 10, 2023 Convention Steering Committee Meeting for the MWR to host the 2025 Convention in the Wisconsin Dells area of Wisconsin. The NCCC Executive Board approved the Proposal at their November 11, 2023 Board meeting and the NCCC Governors approved the Proposal at the November 11, 2023 Governors Meeting. Deb Murphy, NCCC President, appointed Joan and Tim to be the 2025 Convention Directors. The NCCC Governors approved their appointment.

Q. What will be expected of the Midwest Region's Clubs and Members?

A. Involvement is strictly voluntary but we are hoping that all of the Clubs and/or their Members will want to get involved. Some Members have already stepped up. There are many things that need to be planned in advance and then facilitated during Convention. Many Volunteers (Individuals and Clubs) are needed to make it all happen. Some volunteering opportunities are just a few hours, some are by the day; most of them will not be weeklong commitments. There will be events that a single Club would be able to volunteer to chair/host. Members from other Clubs could assist that Club if needed. This is a great opportunity for Members to attend a Convention and see what it is all about....plus add a little or a LOT of man power. The initial plans are underway and planning will continue from now until Convention is over. Any suggestions, comments or ideas are welcome via teamthomas525@gmail.com.

Q. Where & when will the NCCC Convention 2025 be held? What will be the Host Hotel?

A. Our 2025 Convention is set for August 17 through August 22, 2025 in the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area of Wisconsin. A contract has been signed by the NCCC Business Manager, Allen Morris, for the host hotel to be The Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center. The Kalahari is in close proximity to all activities offered in the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area. Being right off Exit 92 of I-90/I-94 there is also easy access to the speed events, drag events and activity destinations away from Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton.

The Kalahari has the space and everything we need to hold a successful Convention. It has an over abundance of guests rooms and is currently adding a new building with an additional 250 or so guest rooms. There will not be a need for an overflow hotel. The Kalahari currently has 5 restaurants of different cuisines from fine dining to casual fare. They are doing some major

remodeling and upgrading so by 2025 there should be new and or updated restaurants. There are both indoor and outdoor Water Parks at no extra charge. The 100,000 square foot indoor Tom Foolery Amusement Park is part of the property with arcade fun, a ferris wheel, go karts, a carousel and much, much more. Entry to and enjoying many activities are free. Hotel guests will have the opportunity to purchase passes for the premium activities at half price.

Q. What will the room rate be at The Kalahari?

A. Room Rate:	\$139.00
12.25 %Taxes:	17.03
Resort & Water Park Fee	0.00
Tom Foolery Entry Fee	<u>0.00</u>
	\$156.03 per night

Q. Does it benefit the MWR and Convention if Attendees stay at The Kalahari?

A. Based on the total number of NCCC Room Nights booked by our attendees, some of the perks Convention will receive from The Kalahari are no cost for the weeklong rental of the Banquet room, Hospitality room, Corvette Mall room, etc. as well as other considerations. Each room night booked under the NCCC Room Block will count as 1 booked room toward our Total Room Nights. For example: booking a room for a 6 nights stay under the NCCC block would count as 6 room nights.

Q. What financial responsibility is the MWR taking on by hosting Convention?

A. The MWR will not be liable for the cost of Convention 2025.

Convention Income comes from registration fees, event entry fees, tour sign up fees and meal fees paid on February 1, 2025 during registration. Any of these fees paid by those registering after February 1st are also added in as income as well as any Day Pass fees paid beginning on May 1, 2025. Corvette Mall rentals, Sponsors, Advertising and Donations will also bring in funds.

All Convention Expenses are paid out of the income generated. If the Convention loses money, NCCC covers the loss. If the Convention makes a profit, the profits are split half and half between NCCC and the MWR. Of course we don't want the Convention to lose money or to make a large profit. In an effort to break even we should do all we can to spend wisely. Betty Parks of Corvette Atlanta in the Southeast Region is our Convention Treasurer and will help us keep the funds in order.

Q. How does Convention 2025 raise additional funds?

A. The MWR needs Clubs/Individual Members to help raise funds and collect door prizes. The Convention is allowed to approach "Local Sponsors" for sponsorships and donations of funds and/or door prizes. The term Local Sponsors is used to designate any business or individual that would like to donate money or merchandise to support Convention 2025 in return for recognition in the Convention Program, on a Local Sponsors list posted in the Hospitality room and mentioned or acknowledged whenever possible throughout the week. Local Sponsors can be from any location in the Dells area or outside of the area near where our MWR members live.

Donated funds from Local Sponsors are limited to \$500.00 or less and added directly to Convention 2025's general fund. Any Local Sponsor wanting to donate over \$500.00 in Funds will be directed to Joan Thomas to discuss further options and opportunities.

Merchandise for Door Prizes can be just about anything that would be of value to any Convention attendee. Keeping in mind that the attendees will be coming from all over the country, Gift Certificates for Restaurants or Car Services near where our MWR members live would not be valuable to a Member from Texas or California, etc. Gift Certificates for the Dells area or National Restaurants like McDonalds or Car Parts companies like Joe's Auto Parts would be more valuable to everyone. Door Prizes do not need to be car or Corvette related but useful. When given out, Door Prize donors will be recognized.

A SPONSOR FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR THE CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS

Q. Will the MWR have an opportunity to raise funds for the just the Region?

A. Profits earned from the sale of T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts, etc. is MWR only money.

Q. Where and when will the High Speed and Autocross Events be held?

A. Both Speed Events will take place on Tuesday, August 19th at the incomparable Road America complex (America's Track of Speed) near Elkhart Lake, WI.

The NCCC High Speed (not a Time Trial) event will be held on its 4.1 mile track and the Autocross event will be held at its Briggs & Stratton Motorplex 8/10 mile track.

There will not be a Rain Date.

Q. Where and when will the Drag Events be held?

A. The Drag Events will be held on Thursday, August 21st at the Rock Falls Raceway just south of Eau Claire, WI. It is an immaculate NHRA ¼ Mile track that will be a great experience for everyone, including non-dragsters. Plans are for Matching Times, Bracket and either Record or Non-Record Drag events. There may be time for non entrants to take a trip down the drag strip for a minimal fee. There will not be a Rain Date.

Q. What other Competition Events are being planned?

A. Plans are in the works for a Concours d'Elegance, People's Choice Car Show, Funkhana, Gimmick Rallye, Poker Rallye and Overall Competitor Competition as well as Valve Cover Races. On Wednesday, there are plans in the works for a Scavenger Hunt during the day at The Kalahari and another Scavenger Hunt in Original Downtown Dells in the evening.

Q. What about Tours?

A. There are many possible tours in and just outside or not too far from the Dells area. In the works are bus tours to The House on the Rock, Taliesin (Frank Lloyd Wright's home from the 1890s to the 1950s), Circus World Museum in Baraboo, private tours of the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison, the University of Wisconsin, Madison, the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Aircraft Museum in Oshkosh.

Q. What other events are in the planning?

A. Plans are developing for an evening in the nostalgic Original Downtown Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday, August 20th where specialty shops, local activities, entertainment and concerts take place each night. Plans are also being made for shuttles to and from downtown on Wednesday evening so attendees would not have to drive their Vettes. There are also plans developing for Trolley Pub Crawls, Trolley Wine Tours, Duck Boat Rides, River Boat Cruises, Sunset Dinner Cruises and much, much more.

Q. What evening events are in the planning?

A. The plans are to offer something happening every night. All nights below are all possibilities and could be changed if something better is proposed.

- Sunday: Welcome Party hosted by MWR Club(s)
NCCC Clubs' Table Top Decorating Contest
Food & Live Entertainment
- Monday: Champions Night hosted by NCCC & MWR Club(s)
Hats Off to You! Theme - Top 15s & NCCC Awards
Plated Dinner & Background Entertainment
- Tuesday: Night hosted by MWR Club(s)
Theme open to ideas!
Food & Entertainment open to ideas
- Wednesday: Original Downtown Wisconsin Dells adventure
Nothing happening at The Kalahari
- Thursday: Pizza Party hosted by MWR Club(s)
Game Night and Valve Cover Races at The Kalahari
Live Entertainment
- Friday: Buffet Breakfast
Convention Week Competition Awards
Convention Distance and Attendance Awards

Q. How can a MWR Club or an Individual MWR Member get involved?

A. Below is a short list (that will most certainly change and grow) of positions what we need to fill along with those that have **already been appointed**. Other Members have also volunteered but for no specific duty.

Convention Directors (**Joan Thomas and Tim Wood**)
Convention Treasurer (**Betty Parks – Corvette Atlanta-Southeast Region**)
Registration (**Robyn Wood and Chris Reitz**) and Volunteer Workers
Goodie Bags Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Sponsors Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Program Creator/Producer and Volunteer Workers
Awards Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Merchandise Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Corvette Mall Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Parking/Security Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Tech Inspection Chairman (**Jeff Craig**) and Volunteer Workers
Convention Greeter Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Hospitality Room Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Tours Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
(**Chris Reitz & Diane Wagner** have volunteered to Chair the Trolley Pub Tour)
Evening Dinners at The Kalahari Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Entertainment Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Decoration Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Autocross Chairmen (**Dale & Carolyn Samuelson**) and Volunteer Workers
High Speed Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Cornhusker Corvette Club from the West Region has volunteered to time High Speed Drags Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Gimmick Rallye Chairmen (**Ed and Jeanne Cassel**) and Volunteer Workers
Poker Rallye Chairmen (**Joan Thomas and Tim Wood**) and Volunteer Workers
Concours d'Elegance (**Badger State Vettes**) Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
PC Car Show Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Funkhana Chairmen and Volunteer Workers
Overall Competitor (**Dale Samuelson**) Chairmen and Volunteers
Kalahari Scavenger Hunt Chairmen and Volunteers
Downtown Dells Scavenger Hunt Chairmen and Volunteers

A VOLUNTEER FORM IS ON THE [CONVENTION 2025 PAGE](#) OF OUR WEBSITE.

It will be updated soon (hopefully by February 19th to include more details for each MWR Club or Volunteer to learn more about what they would be volunteering for.