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## *Joan Thomas*

*Northern Illinois Corvette Club,  
Midwest Region*

**Corvette used for competition:** 1993 40th Anniversary and 1986 Z51 Coupe

**Favorite type of event:** I enjoy the speed events the most. It is personally challenging to me to try to conquer a course in a limited amount of attempts. Doesn't always work... but I have a ball trying!

**Personal Information:** After many years of working in the corporate world outside the home, I have set up a home business under the name of TeamThomas and probably put in more hours and work harder now than I ever did... but I love it. I have been married to Jim for 35 years and find a lot of joy in the families of our three grown children which include six terrific grandchildren. All of them keep me busy and Barney, the racing dog, loves having me around home more.

**What made you decide to compete for points?** Jim's and my goal in 1999 was to compete on as many weekends as we could all over the country. It was quite an exciting season. The points were secondary to the experience, yet they added up event after event.

**Advice for anyone wanting to compete at the national level:** Try to enjoy the whole experience of traveling, competing and getting together with old friends and meeting new friends. Plan ahead. If you are planning on making a long trip, have a backup plan for a short trip that same weekend. Events may get cancelled and staying home on that weekend (or any weekend) can be such a drag. Be sure to thank your host club(s). They make it all possible.

