

### MIDWEST REGION (MW)



### MIDWEST REGION BANQUET GOERS ~ MARCH 13, 2010

Greetings from the NCCC Midwest Region,

As I write this on March 15<sup>th</sup>, even though our competition season doesn't start until March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Midwest Region (MWR) has been going full steam ahead making plans for the future.

We've had two meetings this year, one at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Governors' Meeting and one in conjunction with our annual region banquet on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The banquet and meeting were held at the site planned for the 2011 NCCC Convention so MWR members could get a good preview of what they will be working with. In addition, we're having monthly 2011 NCCC Convention planning conference calls. Our Convention leaders are working to produce a detailed project plan so that no stone is left unturned.

Saturday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>, was party time as 95 MWR members enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by some good dining. After dinner and the rewarding of the top 38 men and 18 ladies 2009 MWR Points Winners with some very nice jackets and shirts or duffel bags, the partygoers danced the night away to entertainment by DJ "Sound Tastik." A picture of all the partygoers is at the top of this article. If you missed this party, you missed a great time. Thanks go to Windy City Corvettes, the 2009 MWR #1 club, for hosting this party.

MWR members and/or Clubs, if you would like to help with the 2011 Convention go to <http://www.mwregion.com> and click on menu item "Convention 2011 Plans" to find out the current

status and to see what positions are still available.

In order for the region to purchase a stock of merchandise to be sold for the 2011 Convention, we are having a region fundraiser at the Coles county airport near Charleston, IL on May 22-23, 2010. It will be 10 low speed events that will be very reasonably priced. MWR Governors and members, since this is a region fundraiser event we could use your help. Please contact our RCD, Paul Haack, if you are willing to sign up to help.

Like the government, the MWR has been operating at a loss for the last three years but unlike the government, the region is reducing operating costs. Now, almost all business is being conducted via e-mail which saves a lot of money in postage and coping costs for both the region and its clubs. The bad news is we've had to increase the region Headtax, but the good news is that almost all of that money is returned to the members via region party subsidies for the attendees and in larger awards than could be justified by the rebates from NCCC or via entry fees for the MWR Championship Series (MWRCS).

Another good thing that has happened this year is that our RCD proposed an alternative to the MWRCS which was approved by the Governors in the event that no club bids to host it. That means that every year we will have region champions.

I think that brings everyone up to date, any questions contact one of your region officers by going to [www.mwregion.com](http://www.mwregion.com).

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