

MIDWEST REGION:

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Greetings from the Midwest Region!

I start this my final MWR-RE article with the mixed feelings of leaving a great position. I've really enjoyed my last two years as MWR's RE. In the fall of 2009 when I decided to run for this position, I stated that if elected I would only do this for two years. After that I would have other things on my bucket list that I needed to save time for. I've always believed that, if one runs for an office, they should have something concrete in mind that they want to do to improve the situation, not just occupy a seat.

I had two major goals in mind, the first was to reverse the downward financial trend of the MWR treasury and the second was to do my part in seeing that the MWR put on a successful NCCC Convention that would be a great time for those who attended. Both of those items have been accomplished due to the great members, Governors and Officers of the MWR. So many people stepped forward to help with the Convention; as they say "Many hands make small work" or something like that. As to the MWR financial situation, it has turned completely around and the treasury is comfortably in the black and bringing in more revenue than it's spending, thanks to expense reducing and revenue increasing ideas contributed by the MWR members, Governors and Officers.

A third priority was to increase the communication and enthusiasm in the Region which has been done also. To quote one of the MWR Governors, "This is great; we're actually getting things done."

The MWR competition program led so ably by our RCD, Paul Haack, was a huge success this year; see his report below.

MWR membership led by our RMD, Sue Puksich, has been doing great this year also with two new clubs being added and an increase in membership of around 200.

I want to thank the members of the MWR for the opportunity to serve you the last two years. By the time you read this, our competition season will be over; new 2012 champions will have been crowned at the MWR Championship Series and a new slate of officers will have been elected for 2012. From what I can see the Region will be in great hands.

Gary Kelly, Midwest Region RE

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Our 2011 Midwest Region competition season was another busy one with a total of 159 sanctioned events (113 Low Speed, 33 Rallyes, eight Peoples' Choice Concours and five judged Concours).

This year I am also happy to report that we have seen several new NCCC members competing in Regional events. It is nice to see this level of enthusiasm and interest in the competition program. We are on track to have a record number of 200-point award winners in our Region this year.

This year is my last as Midwest Region RCD. I would like to sincerely thank all the members, governors and workers for your ongoing commitment to a strong, safe and fun-filled competition program. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you during the past four years as RCD, and wish everyone the best in the future.

Paul Haack, Midwest Region RCD