

MIDWEST REGION:

RE..Gary Kelly, REmidwestregion@aol.com, S68W17323 Rossmar Ct, Muskego, WI 53150-8575, 414-422-0874

RCD..Paul Haack, MWR-RCD@comcast.net, 6709 Connecticut Tr, Crystal Lake, IL 60012, 815-477-4946

RMD..Susan Puksich, a8s4p70@bytehead.com, 2542 Fox Ridge Ct, Sheboygan, WI 53081-8548, 920-452-5265

Greetings from the NCCC Midwest Region,

As I write this, I'm recovering from a great Midwest Region

(MWR) party and awards banquet on Saturday, March 12th. It seems like the older I get, the longer it takes to recover – go figure. Approximately 95 MWR members and guests enjoyed a fabulous meal and music to dance to by D.J. Tom. The party was at the Tinley Park, IL Holiday Inn and Convention Center, which will be the site of the NCCC 2011 Convention hosted by the MWR. This was a test of the hotel's party staff and they passed with flying colors. Nobody could believe the size of the cheesecake dessert. Since Windy City Corvettes is the 2010 MWR Points Champion club, they had the honor of hosting the Region party and did their usual great job. By the way, the Convention Concours will be the first ever car show in the newly expanded Convention Center.

We had what may be a NCCC record, certainly a MWR record, number of members receiving the Two Hundred and Greater Points awards. There were 47 men and 23 ladies from the MWR who exceeded 200 points in 2010. Congratulations to Windy City Corvettes for being the MWR and the NCCC 2010 Points Champion Club, to Dale and Carolyn Samuelson for being the MWR Men's and Ladies' Champions and to Jim and Joan Thomas for being the NCCC Men's and Ladies' Champions.

Awards were also handed out to the winners in the 2010 Midwest Region Championship Series consisting of a Concours, a Rallye and a Low Speed Autocross. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to the Sunburst CC for hosting the series. They have also submitted a bid to host the series in 2011.

The Midwest Region's 2011 NCCC Convention is moving ahead on schedule for the 18-24th of June, 2011. Registrations are above projections, at close to 500 entries received during the first six weeks of open registration.

The 2011 Convention starts with an All American Welcome party with Club Table Top Decorations on Saturday night June 18th. Sunday Morning will bring the Concours in the beautiful new climate-controlled Convention Center. Then the Village of Tinley Park, IL is welcoming NCCC to town by hosting a Corvette Caravan and Street Party to showcase our Corvettes on Sunday evening.

Now that the cleaning and the shows are out of the way; it's time to go play. Monday morning brings the Rallye and the evening includes a Barbeque and Valve Cover races at the Autobahn. Competition events will be held at the Autobahn Country Club (Autocross and Lapping/Touring events) and Route 66 Raceway (Drags).

Party nights include a 50's/60's Night, a Country and Western night and a Gangster/Roaring 20's night including actual Model T's and A's to be used within the party. Bus Tours of Chicago and local driving tours are available.

This information and much, much more is documented on the NCCC Website in the Convention section to help you plan for your convention week in Tinley Park, IL. New for this year on the website is a simple-to-use information sheet on each and every event, social or competitive. Print out the sheets on the events you're attending and use them as a guide to everything you need to know.

May 21-22 will bring the second annual MWR Fundraiser. It will be 10 Low Speed Autocross events at the Coles County airport in

Mattoon IL. Come on out to have some fun and to support the Region by entering and/or working the events. Contact our RCD, Paul Haack, to volunteer to help.

Refer to the MWR website, <http://www.mwregion.com/>, to find out what's happening in the MWR and to get the latest news on planning for the 2011 NCCC Convention. If you are not already involved with the planning, you can still volunteer to help.

Until next time, polish up those Vettes for a Concours and tune them up for some Autocrosses or Drags; and, above all, stay safe!

Gary Kelly, Midwest RE