

MIDWEST REGION:

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Greetings from the NCCC Midwest Region!

Midwest Region (MWR) members, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2011 Regional Executive. Except for our region secretary, Janet Wilson, all the other 2010 MWR officers are returning for 2011. I want to thank Janet for the great job she did as MWR Secretary for the last three years. I also want to welcome Chris Reitz as the new MWR Secretary, I'm sure she will do a great job for us.

2011 is going to be an exciting year for us as we prepare to and host the 2011 NCCC Convention on June 18-24, 2011 in Tinley Park, IL. Tinley Park is on the southwest side of Chicago near the intersection of I-294 and I-80.

Before you know it, our annual region party will be upon us on March 12, 2011. Congratulations to Windy City Corvettes on being the #1 Club in the MWR for 2010. That means they get the opportunity to host the MWR Party. Besides always being a great time with renewed camaraderie and good food, there is another reason to attend the upcoming MWR party. The party will be held in Tinley Park, IL at the Holiday Inn and Tinley Park Convention Center that will be the headquarters of the 2011 NCCC Convention. This will be a great opportunity to get a preview of the hotel rooms and where the action will be during that convention. By March 12th, a huge new addition to the convention center should be completed and ready for viewing. Much of the Convention activities will be held in that new addition including an indoor Concours. The 2011 Convention Director, Dave Heinemann, says there will easily be room for 100 Corvettes in the Concours. You can see a preview of the convention facility by going to <http://www.tinleyparkconventioncenter.net/>

Speaking of the 2011 Convention Concours, Badger State Vettes (BSV) is hosting the Concours with Pat and me acting as Co-chairs. One thing that is being done is to move the Concours to Sunday morning and the People's Choice Show to a Sunday evening street party. That should make it easier for people who want to enter the Concours, the People's Choice Show and the Rallye.

We've been compiling a list of BSV members who can judge the Concours. But, it is always good to have judges from different clubs and regions, which helps prevent any unintended bias in the judging. So, if you would like to help judge on Sunday morning, June 19th, please let Pat or me know.

Dave Heinemann and Larry Pagliaro, Windy City Corvettes' Governor and President, have been appointed Director and Co-director of the 2011 NCCC Convention. With Dave's creativity and enthusiasm and Larry's organizational skills, they make the perfect team.

They have set up monthly planning meetings with call-in capability so the MWR convention players can stay abreast of their planning progress. They have created a detailed project plan to make sure that

nothing falls through the cracks. It's exciting to see the additional tasks that get completed each month. There are many opportunities for MWR members and clubs to volunteer to help as Team Leaders or workers. Be sure and check out the MWR website <http://www.mwregion.com/> for details.

Wow! The Midwest Region (MWR) hosting the NCCC 2011 Convention has really peaked the interest of the MWR competitors. 47 men and 23 ladies finished the MWR 2010 competition season with 200 or more points, so they will be receiving awards at our March 12th banquet. CONGRATULATIONS to all. As I write this, the NCCC competition season isn't over yet but, according to the November 3rd NCCC Points Standings, there are five clubs, 10 men and 10 ladies from the MWR in the top 15 with the top club, man and lady all from the MWR. Hopefully, they can all stay in the top 15 as they travel out of the Snowbelt the last few weekends.

Paul Haack is our RCD. Under his guidance, our 2011 competition schedule is all mapped out with the first event being a Rallye on March 26th. Be sure to check on MWR competition news by reading Paul's article and the MWR schedule.

Sue Puksich is our RMD. Get the latest MWR membership numbers and news by reading her article.

The MWR held its Championship Series on October 2-3, 2010. It was very successful with large turn-outs for the Autocross, Concours, Rallye and Saturday night party. Thanks to all the Sunburst CC members who worked so hard to make it successful. CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners.

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, stay warm and stay safe!

Gary Kelly – RE

First, I would like to welcome a new club the Midwest Region, the Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club. This brings our Region up to 32 clubs more than any other region. This is quite the accomplishment and it says volumes about the kind of NCCC clubs we have in the area. Renewals have been completed. THANK YOU all for your continued interest in your Corvette club and NCCC. No matter how you spent your time in your car, it comes down to the good times you had with friends...eating, racing, cruising or whatever, it is the great people who you are with that make it special. Christmas parties, wine and dine, movie outings and meetings happen all winter long with those same great friends, your fellow club members or those other NCCC members. The love of our Corvettes only rests for the winter months until we can get back behind the wheel.

Hope to see you at convention 2011.

Take care,

Sue Puksich - RMD