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Prolog

The competition season is nearing the end as I write this article. Bill Docherty has more competition news below but as the year closes I, want to thank Bill, the club Governors and all of the event Chairpeople who devoted so much time and effort to make the 2012 season so successful and fun. 2012 will go down as one of the most prolific seasons as we have enjoyed over 200 events from March through October. Congratulations to all and I am looking forward to 2013.

NCCC Conventions 2013 and 2014

The 2013 Convention will be hosted in Bowling Green, KY and the time to register is almost upon us. You will not want to miss this close-to-Midwest Region Convention. Many of us had a great time there in 2001 and the 2013 Convention sounds like it will be a winner. Now, if we can get into the factory and see the C7's, that would be the frosting on the cake.

Convention in 2014 will be held in Savannah, GA and the early news sounds like this convention will be very unique. You do not want to miss these events. Convention not only provides a great venue to meet NCCC members from around the country, it also provides an opportunity to see and enjoy parts of the country that you might not have had an opportunity to visit.

Midwest Region Championship Series and Fund Raiser

Unfortunately, the Midwest Region Championship Series was not held in 2012 and the Governors and others within the Region are working on revamping the series or making decisions about its future. This will be a big topic for the November 2012 Regional Governors meeting and we may have direction on the series by the time you read this. It is a series that has a very long tradition but, as with any tradition, tweaks and updates are needed to keep it fresh and of interest. I am hoping that a firm and positive solution can be found.

The regional Fund Raiser event moves to October in 2012 and while I am writing this article prior to that event, past Fund Raisers have always been successful and beneficial for the Region. I expect that we will hold Fund Raising events for many years to come.

Regional Standing Rules and an Annual Expense Plan

In September, the Governors approved a number of Regional Standing Rule updates. Most of these were needed to bring our rules up-to-date regarding how business is currently conducted. More of such updates will be completed in the coming months, so be watching the MW Region website for them. One addition was the implementation of an Annual Financial Income and Expense plan. While financial planning was always completed within the Region, this new Standing Rule formalizes the process for creating, approving and updating the regions financial plan for the year. I want to thank Nancy Bailey for her efforts on preparing a draft and for working with me to allow this important process to be presented to the Governors and approved.

Electronic Voting System

The Governors will be using the new NCCC electronic voting system starting in the fall of 2012. It is a very effective system and allows for elimination of paper ballots, mailing and postage expenses, as well as speeding up the entire process and reducing the amount of manual labor involved. I will also be looking at the system for potential use within the Region for the same benefits and will bring a recommendation to the Governors for consideration.

Epilog

We have lost a number of members this year within the Region and across NCCC. It is sad to say that as the organization ages such news is bound to occur more frequently. Therefore, enjoy the time together and rekindle old friendships where maybe they have faded. I shared a Words of Wisdom quote in my last article that still holds true today – *"We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young."* Get everything out of the organization that you can. Be selfish about this and you find that it will not only make your Corvette experience more enjoyable, you will bring that joy to others. That is what NCCC is all about.

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Competition News

It has been a very busy year with 206 sanctioned events; 157 Low Speeds, 33 Rallyes, seven Concours and nine People's Choice Concours. There has also been an increase in the number of competitors, which is good to see.

As a first-year RCD, it has been a learning experience. It has given me a greater appreciation of the hard work and effort it takes to host events. And it cannot be done without volunteers to run the events. For 2013, we will have an awards program to recognize the volunteers who do not compete and come out to support their clubs by working. 2012 was a challenge with added sanctions, new FAA/IDOT rules for our airport sites and scheduling changes due to the unavailability of sites. I cannot thank the Midwest Governors enough for their cooperation and efforts in resolving these issues.

As we move into 2013, I hope the Midwest Region will build on its reputation as a great place to compete and make friends.

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