

### **MIDWEST REGION:**

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### **Prolog**

By the time you are reading this article, the competition season will be well underway in the Midwest Region. We were very fortunate to have a mild winter this year. If we had only known, we could have considered moving our event start dates earlier in March. Actually, with the increase in each club's potential Sanction numbers, we could have really used the extra time to schedule the over 190 events that are planned for 2012. This is a record-breaking number of events in one season for us. We may be somewhat limited in the amount of time during the year that we have in the Midwest, but we do pack in the events and opportunities to enjoy our Corvettes when we can. This is a great compliment to each of the clubs and why the Midwest Region is one of the top in the country to enjoy NCCC activities.

### **Convention 2012, 2013, 2014**

2012 Convention is soon upon us and I hope that many of you have made your plans to attend in Topeka, KS. It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since we hosted Convention and I know that the 2012 team is aiming to match the high standards that we set for our 2011 Convention. We did all of the hard work (with great rewards) last year; now it is time to relax and enjoy the 2012 Convention. I look forward to seeing you there. As a reminder, 2013 is planned for Bowling Green, KY and possibly 2014 will be held in Georgia. 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 our great country that you might not have had an opportunity to visit.

### **Your Clubs' Newsletters for Blue Bars Articles**

Our *Blue Bars* team is expanding and there are now four staff members contributing to this quarterly magazine. Your clubs' newsletters are great sources of information and the new team is using your newsletters for potential future articles. I encourage all of our clubs to submit your newsletters so that all NCCC members can read about Midwest Region activities. See "Publication Facts" on the Features page of this issue for the addresses, as well as the Director of Publications' article. Help spread the word about our clubs' activities and events.

### **Midwest Region Championship Series and Fund Raiser**

Be watching for more information regarding the scheduling of these two events. The Governors continue to work toward decisions on options for these events. The Fund Raiser has been a big success these past few years and a big benefit for the Region.

### Midwest Region and NCCC Web Sites

I want to direct you to our Region's web site at <http://www.mwregion.com/>. It has a wealth of information and Joan Thomas keeps the site up-to-date. It is very easy to find information on the site, given the format that she has created. It is one of the best tools to use when looking for news and information about Midwest Region activities. I would suggest checking it out weekly to stay up-to-date.

Please check the Midwest Region sponsors' sites via the links on our home page. It is very important that we show support for our sponsors. You will also want to check the NCCC web site at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/> for news and information about NCCC events and activities. Please show support for the national sponsors by visiting their sites via the links on the NCCC home page.

### Epilog

2012 looks to be a very busy year in the Midwest Region. I am really looking forward to the 2012 season, to again participate at the national level and to also rekindle friendships both in and outside of our Region. I found a Words of Wisdom quote that I thought appropriate to end my article – "We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young."

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