

### **MIDWEST REGION:**

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### *Regional News*

The 2012 season is in full swing in the Midwest Region. There were fewer NCCC events earlier in the year than in the past but there are now events scheduled most every weekend through October. There is plenty of fun and competitive Corvette activities ahead of us in 2012 and you can find these listed on our region's web site at <http://www.mwregion.com/>.

One of our long time regional members, John Hibbeler of Central IL CC, suffered a major loss this summer when his garage burned and he lost his Corvettes, other vehicles and his entire history of Corvette and NCCC memorabilia. Thankfully, John was unharmed but he did lose many irreplaceable items. A number of members from his club and others in the MWR have been reaching out to him to help in a variety of ways and this just goes to illustrate how NCCC'ers care for each other and come to each other's aid. We wish John the best in dealing with this situation.

### *Windy City Corvettes is presented with the Duntov Performance award and then wins the 2012 NCCC Charity Raffle Corvette*

Only three other clubs (our own Northern Illinois CC, Tiretown and Cornhusker) have previously earned the coveted Duntov Performance award in NCCC history. It is a great accomplishment and our congratulations go to all Windy City Corvettes members on this achievement.

Within minutes of receiving the Duntov award Windy City Corvettes then won the 2012 NCCC Charity Raffle Corvette from their 100% Club charity ticket purchase. Patrick Dolan reported that during his time as Director of Charity, this was the first time (in 18 years) that the Corvette winner was in attendance when the winning ticket was drawn. It was an exciting moment for all in the Convention Banquet room.

### *Blue Bars Articles and MWR Club Newsletters*

I receive a number of the clubs newsletters each month and have to compliment each for their creative newsletters and great articles. Newsletters are the life-blood of an organization's communications and therefore are extremely important to keep members informed of activities and what is available for them in our Corvette world. We should be very proud of the newsletters produced in the region and I would encourage you to send printed copies to Pat Clark, 50866 Counry Knolls Dr., Granger, IN 46530 and electronic copies to Pat Shearer, [WShearer001@cfl.r.com](mailto:WShearer001@cfl.r.com), our Blue Bars editors, as they continually look for potential *Blue Bars* stories.



### 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS and 2013 Convention in Bowling Green, KY

We had a great turnout of Midwest Region members at the 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS. Our members were well represented from a variety of clubs and also were very successful in competitive events, winning a number of top honors. Convention results are listed elsewhere in this issue but I would like to specifically recognize Judy Randall of Suburban Corvette of Minnesota, as Ladies Top Eliminator and Overall Top Eliminator in the Record Drags, Steve Salefsky of Badger State Vettes, as Men's Top Eliminator in the Bracket Drags and Jim Thomas of Mad City Vettes as Men's Top Eliminator in the Record Drags and setting the Men's 2G Drag Record. Dale and Carolyn Samuelson of Northern Illinois CC also won the Concours Best of Show. These were just a few of the Midwest Region winners. My compliments to Larry Beebe, Linda Siecgrist and the entire West Region for a job well done.

2013 Convention will be chaired, as it was in 2001, by members/clubs from around the country. Windy City Corvettes will be hosting games and we will be asking other MWR members to consider playing lead roles when Convention moves to Bowling Green, KY in 2013. It should be great fun.

### Epilog

2012 is proving to be a very busy year in the Midwest Region from NCCC events to great social and charity focused activities. There is something for every Corvette owner to do in the Midwest Region. We are very fortunate to have such creative and energetic members in our region. You all make it a lot of fun to be in this hobby. I ended my last article with a Words of Wisdom quote and thought I would find another: "One of the things you can give and will not cost you any money is Friendship." How true that is.

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### Competition News

With 10 events per club, the Midwest Calendar is very full. There is something to do every available weekend through October. And there are many non-sanctioned events to participate in. My thanks to the Governor's and Chairpersons who have turned in event results, waivers, and head tax payments promptly.

### The Social Side of Competition

It has been nice to see everyone again at the regions event. Almost all events have a social get-together afterwards to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Whether you race, Rallye, or show your car, it is the social side that adds value to the weekend, especially the parking lot and house parties.

### The FAA, IDOT, and Airport use.

New regulations on the non-aviation use of airport are in effect for 2012. A 90-day filing deadline and IDOT approval in Illinois has increased the work necessary to hold events at an airport. Some airports simply do not want the hassle, or risk losing grant monies. Approval has been just weeks before an event is to be run. Approval was denied at Galesburg airport due to IDOT concerns and this site was lost. For clubs who host events at airports, we need to keep an eye on this issue.

### The Competition Rulebook

Nothing hurts us more than turning away a competitor because he/she does not comply with our rules. While we often encourage participation, we do not always inform members of common problems that will not allow them to pass tech at an event. Experienced members



need to seek out and talk with those willing to try competing at an event and help them be prepared. There is only one chance to make a good first impression, and we should not waste that chance.

I encourage all competitors, veteran or novice, to read the rulebook on the type of event in which they wish to compete. It is readily available on [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org).

#### Event Workers

We could not conduct our events with workers. It is time our region honored the top members who just come out to work events. I hope to have a plan ready for consideration at the September Regional meeting.

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