

MIDWEST REGION:

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Prolog

The season is in full swing in the Midwest Region with events scheduled most every weekend. I encourage everyone to check our regions website at <http://www.mwregion.com> and locate the "Flyers" button where you can find information on all upcoming events. There are over 200 NCCC events on our 2013 calendar to enjoy and they go well into October this year.



Region News

From an RE standpoint, this is a relatively quiet time of the year. All of the required administrative processes are complete so I almost get a summer vacation. The RCD really gets busy as events start and especially with the introduction of the new Competition Database. Therefore, for this article I will give much more space to Bill Docherty. One topic that I want to share with all region members is a subject that I started in my last article and that is on electronic Polling (ePolling) and electronic Voting (eVoting). We have had good success during a couple of early tests. Over 75% of the Governors have used the system for testing and information polls that I presented. This is a higher rate of use than in last years Officer Election when 66% of the Governors returned paper ballots. Given these results, I will be proposing a change to the regions Standing Rules to allow for use of the new Electronic Voting System for our annual Officer elections. This will save the region envelope, photocopy and postage costs and reduce quite a bit of manual labor involved in the current procedure.

I also want to report to you that **Tom Kasten**, Little Egypt CC, working with **Nancy Bailey**, our Regional Treasurer, completed the required audit of the Region's financial records. The audit results proved that the regions finances are properly controlled and reported. So, a huge thank you to Nancy for her continued efforts in this very important region role.

Epilog

This is a great place for me to talk directly with each member of our region. Actually, it is the only forum where I can get information directly to each regional member. I will use this article to ask you to ensure that your Governors are participating in the region activities for your club. Using the new Regional Voting System your Governor has a simple and effective way of letting the region know of your clubs input on topics that are presented as well as use the system to vote for your regional officers (when approved). Your Governor should be using the system to voice your clubs preferences on various topics that affect all of the regions clubs. While final operating decisions are made at the Regional Governors meeting in Saint Louis, there is no longer a reason why each club cannot present their recommendations using e-Polling capabilities. This is an easy way for all clubs to have a voice, not just a few who travel to Saint Louis. Please encourage your Governors to be involved and help set our future direction. Our goal is to have 100% of the clubs participate not just the 75% who have contributed to date.

Submitted by: Larry Pagliaro, Midwest Region RE

FAA-Great Lakes Region bans use of airports for events.

Three weeks before our first low speed event, notification came on the new ruling. Talk about a mad scramble to find a new location. The airport at Rantoul remains usable because of new zoning regulations, which will isolate the area used for events. Finding new or even retaining existing sites is becoming more and more difficult. Add in the fact that the nice sites are costing more to rent, and you can see a real problem developing in the near future.

Midwest Region Fundraiser Oct. 5,6

Plans to relocate to Rantoul Aviation Center are proceeding. Few sites have the expanse of pavement of this site and we are devising new layouts to make full use of it. Remember that every speed event is also a social event. Drive-out and see what autocrossing is all about.

NCCC Competition Database

Use of the new database is coming along. There have been a few bumps along the way, and there will be more as we continue to enter event results. I hope that we can resolve all the issues promptly. Having one complete points tracking system will bring many benefits. My goal as RCD has been to make it work for our region and its members. As with anything new, it will take some time to become familiar with how it works.

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