

MIDWEST REGION:

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Prologue

The competition season has concluded as I write this article and we all want to congratulate our regional champions: Windy City Corvettes as our 2012 Club Champion and Badger State Vettes and Northern IL Corvette Club for finishing in 2nd and 3rd place positions. We also want to recognize our Men's and Ladies Champs, Dale and Carolyn Samuelson. Please check out our website at <http://www.mwregion.com/competition.html> for a complete list of competition points standings.

The 2012 season was very successful and the region greatly benefited from the increased number of events as well as the Regional Fund Raiser. Congratulations to all.

2013 Regional Officer Elections

The annual Regional Officer elections were held at the November Governors meeting in Saint Louis. The following officers will lead the region: Bill Docherty as Regional Competition Director, Diana Haack as Regional Membership Director, Nancy Bailey as Treasurer, and Chris Reitz as Secretary. Appointed officers will be announced at our February 2013 Regional Governors meeting. By the way, I will also be returning as Regional Executive.

Region Financial News

I wanted to report to you that the region is in a very good financial position and for 2013 the Governors approved some well-deserved financial benefits for the clubs and members. First, there will be a sizable contribution from the region for each attendee of our annual regional Party that will be held March 16, 2013 in Countryside, IL. Windy City Corvettes will again host the party. Secondly, each club will benefit from a 2013 moratorium on the regional Event "Head Tax." This will allow each club to keep more of their event income. See your club governor for more information. We will assess these items each year. I also want to thank Nancy Bailey for working with me,

and the governors and officers in establishing an annual process for building a regional financial income and expense plan. This new plan will allow us all to better prepare for regional income and expenses so that we can continue to prosper as we did in 2012 as well as the last number of years.

Midwest Region Championship Series and Fund Raiser

Much work was done by a number of individuals to find ways to breathe new life into the traditional MWR Championship Series, which started in 1979. I want to thank Paul Haack, Dale Samuelson, Gary Kelly, and all of the governors who contributed ideas but in the end, the Governors decided to cancel the series as it became difficult to find clubs/teams within the region to host the event. The options, while very creative, presented various challenges that could not be overcome and at the November Regional Governors meeting, it was decided to cancel the series going forward.

The regional Fund Raiser event is alive and doing quite well. The event moves to October again in 2013 and I expect that we will hold this event for many years to come as it greatly contributes to the financial benefits that were mentioned above.

Electronic Age Growing within the Region

The governors used the new NCCC electronic voting system for national officer elections and rule changes this year. It proved to be an effective system and allows for elimination of paper ballots, copy expenses, mailing and postage expenses, and speeds up the entire process. Dave Heinemann and I promoted the use of the system for regional election and topic voting at the National Governors meeting. The Regional Executive Committee agreed to fund the upgrade of the system for regional use and our regional governors were in unanimous support for using the system within the region. Also approved was the electronic transmission of the required Proxy Voting process. This will save your governor the time and cost of creating these documents and mailing them to me at the start of the year.

Epilogue

We close 2012 on a very high note with the promise that 2013 will present new opportunities to enjoy our Corvettes and our friendships. I am really looking forward to the new year and starting the fun all over again. Until then, have a safe and prosperous start to 2013. I like to close my articles with appropriate Words of Wisdom and for 2012, I will close with this one; *"Friendship depends on you, not on the other person. What matters is what you put into a friendship, not what you get out of it."*

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Competition News

The Midwest Region hosted 202 events in 2012 and participation is increasing. 52 men and 29 women reached the 200-point milestone. Twelve clubs hosted all ten of their available sanctions. In National Points standings, which are not yet final at the deadline for this article, five men, seven women, and five MW clubs are in the top 15. One goal in 2012 was to get results out promptly. Thanks to our governors, chairpersons, and the VP of Competition for their efforts in making this possible.

For 2013, our schedule is taking shape with 208 sanctioned events so far. We still have two open weekends. A national database should be in place to track our events and points. Features will include a national calendar, linking with the membership database, automated reports, automatic bonus and mileage calculations on results, and much more. I hope to have details at the February regional meeting. With the new system, I hope to make registering at each event easier, since all of the information on the current registration form is in the database.

A new assigned number application form will make it easier for multiple applicants from the same address. Applications are accepted from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15, 2013 and the form is available on line. A \$10 fee for each number is payable to the Midwest Region-NCCC. This number is reserved for you at each speed event. Remember, the region requires a \$10 fee each time a regional member requests a number for speed events during the year. Having an assigned number will save you money.



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