

### MIDWEST REGION:



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As I write this report, the season is in full swing in the Midwest Region and heading toward the finish line with events scheduled most every weekend. I mentioned in my last report that it was a relatively quiet time of the year for the Region's Administrative processes but shortly we will be heading into the most active time of the year, so I am glad I rested up from my Administrative duties over the Summer.

Actually, there was little rest for many of us with a full load of club and Region events to attend and the NCCC Convention that occurred in August, in Savannah, GA. As I write this, we are two weeks away from the start of Convention, so I hope that the Region has a great turnout. I have heard so many great things about Savannah. I have never been there and we are really looking forward to this year's Convention.

Officer elections will be started after the September Governors' meeting where I understand we have at least one contested position. It is always healthy to have multiple candidates for our leadership positions. Change can be positive if it brings new ideas and fresh enthusiasm to the position. We will start 2015 Region Event planning in September and wrap it up in November at our Sanctioning meeting in Saint Louis, MO. Membership Renewals start during this timeframe as well. The Region's 2015 Financial plan will also be started in November and we all know that updating our Region's website is a constant task, so all of our Officers will be very busy.

We will again use the NCCC Regional Voting system for Officer Elections. It was a huge success in 2014. It made the process very easy and saved the Region money and, for me, a number of hours of manual labor.

You will recall that the Region joined the National Corvette Museum's One Acre Club by purchasing an Acre at the Motorsports Park earlier this year. **Bill Docherty** (RCD and Windy City Corvettes) is leading a Governors committee of **Arnie Bailey** (Northern IL Corvette Club), **Francis Richmond** (Great River Corvette Club) and **J.W. Weddington** (Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club) to determine how to best use our \$15,000 worth of track time. I expect you will be hearing more about their decisions as we establish our 2015 event schedules. There are various optional ways to take advantage of this track time, so I expect they will have a number of options to consider. You may want to share your ideas with them.

By the time you read this article, our Competition season will be history and we will know the results of our Competition season and the winners of our 2015 Officer election. So my next report will be chocked full of updates. I hope that you all took the opportunity to enjoy the most robust NCCC schedule of events of any Region. I have to thank all of the Region clubs for providing us with many ways to enjoy our Corvettes and each other's company in 2014. Maybe our crummy Midwest Winters act as incentive to get the most out of our Summers. As much as I dislike Winter, I really enjoy all of our Summer Corvette activities. I guess Winter is a small price to pay.

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