

MIDWEST REGION:



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We have a lot of Midwest Region news to report as we head into the winter "off-season." First, I would like to congratulate Windy City Corvettes as our 2013 Regional Competition Champions. It was a close battle between a few clubs but, as the season drew to a close, Badger State Vettes and Windy City Corvettes went back and forth with the points lead. In the end, however, Windy City drew away and scored their 20th Championship award. The competition was fun to watch. Congratulations to all clubs that competed this year.

Our first Electronic Officer elections were held just prior to the November Regional Governors meeting. Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes, won the Regional Competition Director position; Diana Haack, Windy City Corvettes, Regional Membership Director; Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois CC, Treasurer; Chris Reitz, Route 66 CC, Secretary and I will return as Regional Executive. Joan Thomas, Mad City Vettes, will also repeat as our Regional Webmaster. While Matt Waters will move on from his Governor position in Sunburst CC, he will stay on to manage our regional Facebook page. The electronic balloting process saved the Region over \$60 in paper and mailing costs and took a total of four minutes to view and validate the Governors votes. This is benefit in cost savings, as will time-savings. We over 83% of the Governors participate in the election. This might be a record for election participation. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all Governors who participated and represented their clubs. The use of electronic methods more easily allows all clubs to have a greater voice in Region activities.

Three new Governors will be taking over on the 1st of January. Bill Hoak will be the Governor of Sunburst CC, Francis Richmond will take on the Governor position for Great River CC and Sandy Arnold will be moving into the Governor role for Mid-Illinois CC.

I do want to thank the outgoing Governors: Matt Waters, Sunburst; Gary Fisher, Great River; and Jim Butler, Mid-IL. They all played a key role in representing your clubs.

On a sad note, Jim Butler and Catherine Rees lost their home and autos in the Tornado that tore through Washington, IL. in Mid-November. They both were unscathed and their pet dog was also saved. This news was a relief but the re-building will take some time. I know their club and others in the Region have been reaching out to help. We wish them the best.

I reported last time that our Region has approved the purchase of one acre at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park (MSP). We have received confirmation that the Museum has received our initial payment and we will have a representative from the Motorsports Park visit us at the February 2014 Regional Governors meeting for a Q&A discussion. Bill Docherty will be leading our relationship with the MSP. Arnie Bailey, Northern IL CC; Francis Richmond, Great River CC and JW Weddington, Chicago Crossroads, will join Bill on our MSP oversight committee.

Finally, I want to invite all Region members to our annual Regional Party and Awards Banquet. It will be held on March 22nd at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL. Dave and Joan Heinemann will again host the event. Diana Haack will be preparing the 2013 awards. The Governors graciously approved funding that will bring each attendee cost to \$30 for a family-style dinner and open bar. You cannot beat the price. Entertainment will also be provided for the evening. I hope that you can all join us.

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Club Spotlight

Badger State Vettes, LTD Milwaukee Metropolitan area – Look forward to celebrating their 30th Anniversary year with a 30th specially designed logo. Members will vote on the anniversary logo during 2014. The logo idea started during the 25th anniversary year and is now a tradition with members. Founded in February of 1984 the Club began with eight Charter members. Three of which are still members today. The Club has grown to 72 members including their newest and youngest member Bruce Blunt IV. The FOCA youngster was born October 20, 2013.

Corvette Club of Illinois – Has a full calendar of events in the planning stages for 2014. Members will help with the Mecum Auction and Bloomington Gold. 38 members are planning to caravan to the Tail of the Dragon at Deals Gap, North Carolina. This challenging drive has 318 curves in 11 miles. It is known as America's number one sports car and motorcycle road. Also included in the trip are visits to Valley Forge, TN, site seeing at the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, NC. and a tour at the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club: Club members are ready to utilize their revamped website to spread the word about Club events during 2014. If your club plans on introducing a new webpage, you may wish to check out the Northern Illinois Club's page at: <http://www.nicccorvette.com/>. Members were delighted with the weather for their fall "Turn-Around" run. Doug & Tauna Billups, event planners, exclaimed participants felt it was the most beautiful day of the year to be out doing what they love to do – driving their Corvettes on a sunny afternoon. Ladies of the club did the driving while attired in '50's outfits.