



MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

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.

To be announced at Convention will be the winners of the NCCC Newsletter and Website Contests. We had two clubs enter. **Corvette Club of Illinois** competed in the Newsletter contest and **Windy City Corvettes** in the Website contest. Both are great entries and represent our Region well. Information regarding the 2016 contests will be announced near the end of the year so now is the time to be thinking of entering.

2016 Region Officer candidates will be announced at our September Region Governors meeting with elections results to be announced at the November meeting. I want to thank **Bill Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club** and **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** for leading our Nominating Committee. We also start 2016 Region Event planning in September and wrap it up in November at the Sanctioning meeting in Saint Louis, MO. Membership Renewals start during this timeframe as well. More on these topics below. Our Treasurer, **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club** will present the Regions draft 2016 Financial plan in November. **Chris Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club, our Secretary and Joan Thomas, MAD City Vettes, our Webmaster** has to keep up with all of this to ensure our meeting documentation and website is up to date. As you can see, we are entering a very busy Administrative time of the year for our Officers and Governors.

Our Governors will again use the NCCC Region Voting system for Officer Elections. It was a huge success the past few years as over 80% of the Governors participated. It continues to make the process very easy and saved the Region money and for me, a number of hours of manual labor. That is what a good computer system should do. I would ask all Governors to participate in the election and let your clubs voice be heard.

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 2016 Officer election. So our 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 2015. I really hope you took full advantage of what is available in the Midwest Region.

Just Back from Convention in the Pocono's

Many of us just returned from the 2015 NCCC Convention in the Pocono Mountains and some are still returning as I write this update. It was a great Convention with excellent tours, food buffets and Competition events to enjoy. Susan and I especially enjoyed the Rallye for its route and scenery. You can find this landscape in the **River City Corvettes** area in LaCrosse, Wisconsin but few other places in the Midwest. We had an excellent turnout by Midwest Region members and those who attended the Competition events did quite well in the results. You can see those in an upcoming issue of Blue Bars. We want to congratulate and thank the **East Region** for all of their hard work and efforts in hosting this year's Convention. You will want to make plans now for the "*Roar into Omaha*" Convention in 2016. Registration starts in February.

Larry Pagliaro MW-RE

Competition News

Our season is well underway, and a safe one, so far. The economy has affected some of our event sites. Fees have increased, and we have lost two big sites. Luckily, replacement sites were found, thanks to the efforts of our region governors. Speaking of effort, I hope all entrants realize how much hard work goes into every event. From lining up the site and amenities, timing and food, to organizing workers and handling issues that pop up at the event. Flyers and results need to enter on schedule, too. I think our region does a great job on putting on events that are high quality and, most importantly, fun. Thanks, also, to members who have graciously opened up their homes for a friendly evening social gathering. Every competition event is a social event, too.

Safety! The most important consideration for a speed event. I think the region does a good job, but we can always

improve. Corner worker placement is always a consideration, especially on large courses. Please, never place them on the outside of a turn, or too close to the course. Make sure they are alert to oncoming cars. The Starter is in charge of the track, so "Hold the Start", when time is needed to reset cones safely. The finish! Nobody slows down for the finish and putting a complicated course just before the timing lights puts the timing gear in jeopardy. I recommend that you allow cars time to settle before the lights and provide ample stopping room. Damage to the timing equipment is expensive, cause a delay, and may end the day prematurely. Speed! Once you pass the finish, there is no reason to rush back to staging, or the pits. Be considerate and slow down! Safety is everyone's job at our events.

Competition has improved with the addition of the new generation of Corvette. We are seeing some new drivers getting interested in speed events and NCCC. Some drivers are upgrading their cars, just to compete. The latest rule changes seem to be working without unforeseen issues. The future of our competition program seems bright. If you have not been to a competitive event, you are missing out. All our events accommodate beginners, casual entrants, and the hard-core. Just want to drive the course, come on out and join in on the fun.

Bill Docherty MW-RCD

Membership News

We want to welcome a new club to the Region. **Brew City Corvette Club** of Milwaukee, WI joined the region over the summer. This is a well-established club in the area so it was great news to see that they joined the NCCC family. We are looking forward to meeting **Tom Muex**; club Governor, at our September Region Governors meeting. We also want to thank **Gary and Pat Kelly** for helping Tom and Brew City Corvette Club make a great decision to join NCCC.

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