

MIDWEST REGION

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It is getting closer. Spring that is. As I write this article, we are still in the depths of Winter. But, Winter this year really started late in the Midwest. I was driving my C7 on the 1st of January, as they had not yet needed to salt the streets in my area. In addition, the February Governors meeting is later this year and I'm still preparing for the meeting this coming weekend in Saint Louis. Obviously, I will not have any news to share from that meeting. It has been a nice, quiet, uneventful Winter for the region, but that will soon change as our first events are just a month away. I cannot wait. Now, what has changed are a number of Governors and our Region Membership Director. First, I would like to welcome our new Governors. They are; **Mark Herman** (Midwest Corvettes), **John McClay**, Acting Governor (Glass Favorites), **Bill Panzer** (Northern Rays Ltd.), **Bill Esicar** (Great River Corvette Club), **Bruce Blunt** (Badger State Vettes), **Larry Higgins** (Rolling Prairie Corvettes), and **Joan Thomas** (MAD City Vettes). This may be a record for Governor changes in the Region at one time. I expect that this will be a very positive change, as these new Governors will bring many new perspectives to the group. Often time change can be very good. Therefore, we welcome the new Governors with open arms and high expectations. **Shannon Davis**, (Central Illinois Corvette Club) is our new Region Membership Director. Shannon joins **Bill Docherty** (Windy City Corvettes) Region Competition Director, **Nancy Bailey** (Northern Illinois Corvette Club) Treasurer, **Chris Reitz** (Route 66 Corvette Club) Secretary, and I was re-elected as Region Executive (that is probably obvious since I am still writing these articles). This is your elected 2015 Midwest Region Officer team. **Joan Thomas** (MAD City Vettes) will return as Region Webmaster and **Matt Waters** (Sunburst Corvette Club) continues as our Region Facebook editor. The Midwest Region Party hosted by **Dave and Joan Heinemann** (Windy City Corvettes) is scheduled a few weeks from now and, by the time you read this article, it will be history. I am sure it will be a fun night, as we know the food is great and the facility has been very accommodating these past years. I personally want to thank the Governors for approving the financial support for the party. It makes it an affordable event for all region members to attend. I would also like to recognize **Joan Heinemann** and **Mary Ann Bugbee** (Windy City Corvettes) for leading our Awards Committee. It is a big job and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Be sure to thank them the next time you see them.



I am sure that I will have plenty of new topics to report in my next article. So until then, get ready for another great season of Midwest Region events and activities. I hope you all can take advantage, as I am sure you will enjoy them and the camaraderie that goes along with them.

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Competition News

Scheduling is complete for 2015 and we have 171 events on the calendar. 156 low speeds, three concours, two people's choice, and 10 rallyes, plus several Non-sanctioned events to enter. Event sites are still a problem due to repurposing, or repair. Insurance requirements are becoming stricter and costs are going up. Members must realize that we are guests at our event sites, and that one accident, burnout, or other bad behavior could get us banned from the site. We have more than 30 events less this year due to sites being unavailable.

For 2015, I have prepared Guidelines to help clubs be more consistent in running registration, driver meetings and tech. This should help new Governors and Chairpersons, and make event required tasks easier to understand and quicker to perform. Our initiative for 2015: In speed events, numbers displayed on cars must be 6" minimum, on the door of the car, and easy to read. Tech will no longer accept numbers on windows, rear hatch, or not easily readable at a distance. For 2015, there is a revised rulebook. I hope that all competitors check out the changes. You can access the rulebook on the NCCC website under Competition Manual. Result, registration and tech forms are also available there. Since forms do change, please download a fresh copy of any form used for events. The next revisions of the Competition Manual will be for 2017.

MW members applied for 120 assigned numbers for 2015, the highest number to date. Thanks to all who participate. The policy of assigning vacant numbers at an event will continue, and a \$10 fee paid by MW members requesting a specific number at a speed event.

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Membership News

By the time the new Blue Bars comes out, I sure do hope spring has sprung. Seems like this has been an extra-long winter with a new C7 sitting in the garage. As for the MWR, we still are the biggest region in the NCCC family. Numbers are down by only around a 1000 throughout the last renewals of NCCC. The MWR is always growing with new members joining weekly and/or monthly. Let us keep the MWR number 1. Continue to encourage Corvette owners to look at NCCC with all of the benefits and opportunities that we offer. I also encourage clubs to stay on top of FCOA members. Remember, everyone; the kids are the future of NCCC.

Within the year coming, I will try to do things a little different so please be prepared and patient, as far as renewals. For starters, MAL's renewals will be sent out in September. I also will encourage Governors to try to have club renewals to me by November, so that we will not wait until the absolute deadline as we did this year. I would encourage any feedback to be sent to me to make renewals go as smooth as possible for everyone.

As for the Spring and Summer, we have a lot of competition going on. I ask everyone to come out and check us out. We have some incredible drivers. Our own Dave Heinemann, NCCC President, is Number 1 in the region and Carolyn Samuelson, our NCCC VP of Comp's wife, is Number 1 Ladies in the MWR. Bring a fellow Corvette owner to an event. Let them see what is involved with NCCC and see some of the events that we all do whether it's racing, car shows, Rallyes or Funkanas. Some do not even know what all is involved with NCCC. With closing, everyone have a safe and happy Spring, enjoy the American Dream and "SAVE THE WAVE." Feel free to contact me for any needs.

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