

MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

The season is in full swing in the Midwest Region with events scheduled most every weekend. I encourage everyone to check our regions website at <http://www.mwregion.com> and locate the "Flyers" button where you can find information on all upcoming events. There are over 200 NCCC events on our 2015 calendar to enjoy and they go well into mid-October.



From an RE standpoint, this is a relatively quiet time of the year. All of the required administrative processes are complete so I almost can get a summer vacation.

I want to report to you that **Dave Murphy, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, working with **Nancy Baily, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, our Regional Treasurer, completed the required annual audit of the regions financial records. The audit results proved that our finances continue to be properly controlled and reported. So, a huge thank you to Nancy for her continued efforts in this very important region role.

Bill Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club and **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** are again leading our 2016 Region Officer Nominating committee. Bill and Tom will be working this summer finding candidates to run in our Fall election. If you have interest in running for the Regional Executive, Regional Competition Director, Regional Membership Director, Regional Treasurer or Regional Secretary or just need more information, please contact Bill or Tom.

By now, you may have received a National Corvette Museum (NCM)

Competition News

The competition season is off to a great start with plenty of Rallyes, Concours, and Low Speed events to keep our Corvettes and their drivers busy. When site requirements made one of our Low speed events sites unavailable to the region, the search started for its replacement. Thankfully, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee had a huge lot, and through hard work and perseverance, it is the new site for this year.

It takes a lot of work to host events. Thanks to all who plan, run and work our regions events. Our region is lucky, since NCCC does the timing for almost all the Low speed events. We can compile, approve and publish results very quickly. Rallyes and Concours are a bit more challenging. Start with a fresh download of the results summary. The Governor or the event chair has access to the database to validate names and NCCC numbers. Feel free to e-mail your RCD on any questions you may have. It is important that the Governors and Chairs read the rulebook. In addition, forms frequently change, so download the latest from the NCCC website prior to your events.

Our Business Manager, Jack Wilson has done an outstanding job of updating the Insurance FAQ's on the website. Please read and check for updates often to make sure we protect our clubs and the NCCC in case of an accident or claim.

survey from your club Governor or Ambassador. This year many efforts are being made for NCCC to play a bigger and more visible role in NCM activities. One of the facts that is not very well known is that about 1/3 of financial support comes from NCCC members. **Dave Goebel**, Southeast Region and the new NCCC NCM Ambassador has prepared a survey that was given to all of our club Governors as a way of collecting information that is more accurate on NCCC member support. If you have not yet seen the survey please ask your Governor for a copy. The ultimate goal is for NCCC to be aware of all NCCC member support so that we can make sure the NCM leaders are aware of our involvement.

I would also like to make a few club recognitions. First, I would like to welcome a new club to our Region. It is **Brew City Corvette Club** in the Milwaukee area. **Tom Muex** is their Governor. Congratulations to **Windy City Corvettes** as they will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on the 15th of August. Also to recognize **Sunburst Corvette Club** for holding an Autocross 102 introduction -training class at a new facility in the Crystal Lake, IL area. It was very successful. Finally, I do not know if you will be receiving this issue of Blue Bars prior to Convention but I hope that we have a huge Region turnout. The Pocono's are a beautiful part of the country and besides the traditional NCCC competition events there are a number of interesting sight-seeing tours being planned. I hope to see you there.

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For 2016, the Midwest Region will join with the East Tennessee Corvette Club to host two days of Low Speed, and one day of High Speed events on Memorial Day Weekend at the NCM Motorsports Park. There are still a lot of details to work out, but it should be a great weekend.

My wife Bev and I have attended the NCCC convention every year since 2007. We have made many friends and look forward seeing them at the Poconos this year. Moreover, there are events and free beer. You have to love it!

Bill Docherty, Regional Competition Director
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Membership News

First and foremost, I am going to start by welcoming our newest club to the MWR, Brew City Corvette Club of Milwaukee WI. On behalf of the entire Midwest Region, welcome Brew City Corvettes (BCC) to the National Council Corvette Club family. BCC currently has 26 members and are sure to grow just like our other MWR clubs. A big thank you to Pat and Gary Kelly for the assistance that they provided with getting BCC to join NCCC.

As we charge into the Spring and Summer time, membership is growing weekly. Every week I get new membership applications of members joining clubs. Thanks to all. We continue to be the biggest region in NCCC.

Corvette Club of Illinois with 195 members is our biggest club in the MWR. Congratulations to them. Membership numbers are on the raise from last year throughout NCCC. All in all NCCC is a big organization. I commend all for encouraging and recruiting new members. I am also very excited to be a supporter of President Heinemann's opportunity for all new Corvette owners of NCM delivery to be a part of NCCC. I feel it is an opportunity to grow and recruit new members and hopefully retain them to become part of the next generation of NCCC members. Thank you President Heinemann for this new experience for the new Corvette owners. The competition season is in full swing and I am enjoying every minute of it in my new C7.

I ask all to be safe this Spring/Summer and enjoy the Corvette passion it brings to all of us. Until next time. "Save the Wave"

Respectively,

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