

### MIDWEST REGION:

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### Region News

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 2014 Regional Competition Champions. It



was one of the closest battles in most recent memory but it came down to the final Autocrosses in October to determine the winner. Congratulations to **Badger State Vettes** and **Windy City Corvettes** members for all of their efforts. The competition was fun to watch. Also congratulations to all clubs who competed this year as well as our #1 Man, **Dave Heinemann**, **Windy City Corvettes**, #1 Woman, **Carolyn Samuelson**, **Northern IL Corvette Club** and #1 Worker, **Jo Hoak**, **Sunburst Corvette Club**. Well deserved to all!

Our 2015 Officer elections were held just prior to the November Region Governors meeting. **Bill Docherty**, **Windy City Corvettes**, will return as our Region Competition Director, **Shannon Davis**, **Central IL Corvette Club** is our new Region Membership Director, **Nancy Bailey**, **Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, returns as Treasurer, **Chris Reitz**, **Route 66 Corvette Club** returns as Secretary and I will return as Region Executive. **Joan Thomas**, **Mad City Vettes**, will also repeat as our Region Webmaster and **Matt Waters**, **Sunburst Corvette Club** will stay on to manage our Facebook page. The electronic balloting process continues to be very effective. Over 83% of our Governors participated in the election. This shows the depth of Governor involvement and is a good indicator of why the Midwest Region is one of the strongest in NCCC. Thank your Governor the

### Competition News

As the cold and snowy weather takes over our Region, we have a chance to review the 2014 competition season. Fifty-one men and thirty women reached 200 points or more. **Jo Hoak** and **Danuta Haftarski** worked almost every regional speed event and each earned more than 200 points. Events ran smoothly and safely. The Centralia, IL event site was lost permanently, and Davenport will return for 2015 after repaving. With nearly 200 events scheduled, there is a lot of work needed to run these events. Thanks to all those who put the effort in to make our Region great.

Every year's end I look for things that may be improved. Guidelines for Driver's meetings and tech will help make events more consistent and less time consuming. Corner workers complain about unreadable numbers in speed events, so for 2015 numbers not meeting the NCCC rulebook will not pass tech. Use of the hatch window for numbers will no longer pass tech, nor will tape colors that do not stand out. I would like to speed up registration and hope to present an idea in February.

The approved rulebook is on the NCCC website along with a change summary. The Competition Database required many of the changes. The new 2014 Corvette needed classification for competition. Check it all out online.

Our regional FUNdraiser was successful, so no head tax will be necessary for 2015. Team Leaders and workers did a great job, Corvette Club of Illinois provided food and proceeds benefit BETHS house. Thanks to everyone for his or her support.

2015 promises to be a busy season with nearly 200 events between March and October. Remember competition events are also social events, so come out and enjoy.

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next time you see them. They do a great job.

Two new Governors were announced at our November Region meeting. **Bill Esicar** will be new the Governor of **Great River Corvette Club** and **Bruce Blunt** will take on that position for **Badger State Vettes**. Other Governor changes will be announced as they occur.

I do want to thank the outgoing Governors, **Gino Piacentine**, **Badger State Vettes** and **Francis Richmond**, **Great River Corvette Club**. They played a key role in representing your clubs this past year. I also want to thank outgoing Regional Membership Director **Diana Haack**, **Windy City Corvettes** for her efforts these past two years.

I would like to invite all Region members to our annual Region Party and Awards Banquet. It will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL. **Dave and Joan Heinemann** will again host the event. **Joan Heinemann** and **Mary Ann Bugbee**, **Windy City Corvettes** are leading our 2014 Awards Committee. The Governors graciously approved funding that will bring each attendees cost down to \$30 for a family-style dinner, including an Open Bar. You cannot beat the price. I hope that you can all join us.

Finally, I hope that you took full advantage of our 2014 Corvette season as the weathermen are again talking about the Polar Vortex this morning. Here we go again. Could the state of Florida handle two regions? Maybe we could move the Midwest Region there for the winter. (wishful thinking). I hope you have a great and safe holiday season.

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### Membership News

As 2015 begins, I am embarking on a new endeavor of being the MWR-RMD. I am so excited to take on this new challenge as the biggest Regions RMD with the most members in NCCC.

As your new MWR-RMD, I promise to attend all meetings. I will process all new members in a timely and orderly fashion. I will respond to ALL emails and phone calls in a timely manner. In addition, as far as submission of Membership dues, all will be done in an efficient manner to make sure NO clubs checks are left out for a long time. I want you to know that I will send out quarterly e-mails to Governors and Officer updates and ensure the Regions Membership Database is maintained. I will also be available to help Governors out with the database. This will help with communication with other Governors. In addition, I will work closely with the Regions clubs and members to promote NCCC within the Region and to recruit new individual members. I can provide information to new clubs with assistance in joining NCCC. I will also work closely with the Regions officers to ensure that we work as a team to support each other in the performance of our duties to the Region and to NCCC. With this, I also would like to encourage clubs to get active in the FCOA program. We as NCCC members have to remember that the kids are our future to keeping this incredible organization and hobby going. I will also attempt to contribute input to the Regions Blue Bars articles so that the Region members receive Membership information at both the Regional and National level. I feel very comfortable and excited to work with Stephen Johnson at the National level.

I will always be available to take emails and phone calls if you would like to talk to me. Please feel free to contact me at (217) 725-2913 or [MW-RMD@corvettesnccc.com](mailto:MW-RMD@corvettesnccc.com). Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you all.

Shannon Davis, "UDREAM" 2015 Arctic White Stingray