

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

As I write this report, the season is in full swing and heading toward the finish line with events scheduled most every weekend. I mention each year 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. I am glad I rested up from my Administrative duties over the Summer.

This is the time of the year to start thinking about entering your clubs Newsletters and Websites in the NCCC annual contests. **Corvette Club of Illinois** again competed in the Newsletter contest and provided that we have great newsletters in the region. I know there are others that would do well in the contest. The Midwest Region shines in all other NCCC competition and we can do the same for these contests. I would ask all clubs to consider. Submissions will start near the end of the year so be watching for the details in the next issue of Blue Bars and on the NCCC website.

2017 Region Officer Candidates will be announced at our September Governors meeting with elections results to be announced in November. I want to thank **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** and **Bruce Blunt, Badger State Vettes** for leading our Nominating Committee. We also start 2017 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 2017 Financial plan in November. **Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club, our Secretary and Joan Thomas, MAD City Vettes, our Webmaster** have 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.

By the time you read this article, our Competition season will be history and we will know those results and the winners of our 2017 Officer election. So our next report will be chock 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. I really hope you took full advantage of what is available in the Midwest Region.

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### Competition News

The Midwest Region always has a busy competition season with lots of events for everyone. This year was challenging for many reasons. We lost sites and picked up new ones. We had to reschedule or swap dates to deal with schedule conflicts. We had some new Governors, who needed to learn their duties quickly. So thanks to everyone who helped plan, run and work our region events this year. You are the reason the Midwest Region is a leader in NCCC.

Now that the 2016 season is finished, we are planning for 2017. It is never too early to plan for next year and our schedule will be completed by the November Regional Meeting. Our website posts the schedule list and a calendar with links to event flyers. Remember that posting your flyer early lets members plan their year and it is your best event advertising.

Our region is very fortunate to have a club perform all the timing in the Region. **Northern Illinois Corvette Club** has the latest timing equipment, **Dale and Carolyn Samuelson** expertly run it, and they put the results into the database. Dale and I have a system that completes and posts the results promptly for speed events. This makes it easier for clubs to hold speed events and a very efficient way to complete results.

With the competition year finished, I am looking forward to March and our Annual Awards Party. I get to hand out awards to the top 20 workers, and the Men and Ladies who earned 200 or more regional points. This is my favorite task as RCD and it is always good to see everyone after winter.

SAFETY-SAFETY-SAFETY! Unfortunately, we had a few mishaps in 2016. The new Corvettes are really powerful and fast, and we have a variety of experience in our drivers. The bottom line is that all of us are amateurs. For new competitors, I always stress a gradual approach in reaching one's limits. All accidents are preventable, so let us work on making the 2017 season safe. Remember that fun and camaraderie are more important than points.

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**Membership News**

Summer is coming to an end! Wow where did the time go. It has been a fun filled season with so much going on. Membership still continues to grow at a steady pace. By the time this is published and with upcoming renewals I ask that clubs keep the new members they have coming in and wait and add them with the renewals of the entire club. Renewals will start 9/1/2016 and I will accept them anytime after that. I would really like to have all of the renewals in by December 1, please. If anyone needs any help I will be more than glad to help you out. I hope everyone has enjoyed the Corvette season and look forward to seeing you again soon. Remember Convention 2017 is in Bowling Green - please think about participating The Omaha Convention was truly a great experience. It is so awesome to see people from the entire United States - we all act like family. Have a great fall.

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