

### MIDWEST REGION

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In my last article, I mentioned two new region leaders, Governor **Vern Fagerberg, Jr.**, of **Northern Ray's Ltd** and our new Secretary, **Jo Hoak**, **Sunburst Corvette Club**. **Curt Callies** has also joined our team as Governor of **FOM Corvette Club**. A big welcome to them all as we start another event-packed year in the Midwest Region.

The Midwest Region Party hosted by **Dave and Joan Heinemann**, **Windy City Corvettes** is scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and I presume that 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 is 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.

We just returned from the Region and National Governors meetings held in Saint Louis and I wanted to pass on a few key items from that meeting. There are still a good number of openings available for the 2016 NCCC Convention that will be held in Omaha, NE from the 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of July. If not already done, make your reservations as quickly as possible to book the best hotel rooms, events and tours. You do not want to miss this one.

We want to congratulate **Pat Kelly**, **Badger State Vettes** on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FCOA. Pat has lead FCOA for many of its 25 years and we want to thank her for her efforts (as well as **Gary Kelly** for his behind the scenes work).

A number of our region members did not receive the complimentary Eckler's 2016 Calendar. The way to receive the 2017 calendar and other key information from NCCC sponsors is to make sure that your Governor has checked your NCCC Membership Database record indicating that you are interested in receiving Sponsorship material. So now is the time to make sure your desired selection is shown correctly.

I hope you have made your plans and reservations as the competition season will be underway when you read this article. I am sure you will enjoy the quality events and activities held by our regions clubs and the camaraderie that they provide. There are events in our region most every weekend of the year. What better reason for owning a Corvette (or two or three or more). I look forward to seeing you at the events.

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### Competition News

Our season will be underway when the Spring issue is mailed, and the region has a busy schedule, as usual. With 34 Rallies, 3 Concours, 11 PC Concours, and 179 Low Speeds sanctioned in the region, there are plenty of events for everyone. If you have not attended an event before, please, stop in and say hello. All of our events are social occasions, too, with friendly Corvette people.

The Memorial Day Motorsports Park events now have a waiting list. East Tennessee Corvette Club and the Midwest Region have partnered to provide sanctions for twenty-one events over the 3-day weekend. All events are low speed, so convertibles can participate without a roll bar for the Monday events on the west track. This is a great opportunity to experience the NCM Motorsports Park and check out the repaired Sky Dome at the Museum.

Sites for our low speed events continues to be a problem. The Village of Rantoul decided to expand its July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and our traditional events were without a site. Luckily, another site was found, and the events will run. As we attend events, please remember that we are guests and our conduct reflects on our ability to rent sites for our events. The clubs in the Midwest Region have a great reputation that was earned by its membership. For events run by me, I always ask after an event if there were any problems. The answer is always – You are a great bunch of people, and see you next year.

Chevrolet just announced the addition of the Grand Sport to the Corvette lineup. Basically, a Z06 with the standard engine. The RCD committee will have to look into the class structure and find a place for it. Maybe a new GS class where the C6 Grand Sport and the new GS can duke it out.

The SA 2015 helmets are now available. Make sure you check your manufacture date inside the helmet to make sure you are compliant. Helmets must be within ten years of the manufacture date to meet NCCC rules. I recently replaced my helmet, and received a discount buying a replacement from the same manufacturer directly from them.

Now is the time to check tires, brakes and perform a general inspection before competition starts. I always bleed the brakes at the start of the season. Remember to add one-half quart of oil extra before running any speed events – Yes! It is in the owner's manual.

I am so looking forward to this season and hope to see you out there.

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### **Membership News**

Good day to all. Looks like Spring is right around the corner. I don't know about you all but I am ready for the warm weather. With renewals all done and out of the way I want to thank you all for all you had done throughout the renewal process. It was not easy but we all got through it. Thank you all. Lots of events throughout the MWR and at the NCM Motorsports Park that the MWR is hosting with ETCC. Come on out and experience an exhilarating time. I would like to also encourage everyone to look into coming to the NCCC Convention in July. Let's "Roar into Omaha" for this year convention. Gene and his crew have some great things planned for everyone who attends. The 2016 and 2017, Conventions are defiantly ones you do not want to miss. Another BIG event for this year 2016 is FCOA's 25 anniversary. I am so happy for this and I would encourage everyone to take a good look into FCOA, as I always say these kids are our future for the Corvette Hobby. Please get your children or grandchildren involved. I would also like to ask if any MWR club would like to make a donation to FCOA to please do so at the next meeting. FCOA is donations only. Also, another big item for the entire NCCC is EMAIL. Please Governors encourage your members to give email address and update the database with EMAILS. Also, check out the Sponsor section also. I cannot tell you how important these items are to the NCCC database. With emails, please take note of my current email change.  
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With the begging of a new year, I would like to point out that we have two new Governors ,Vern Fagerberg Jr. of Northern Ray's LTD and Curt Callies of FOM CC. Please welcome them into the MWR. Enjoy the hobby and the friends we all have.

Any questions feel free to contact me. "Save the Wave"

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