

MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

I would like to congratulate **Windy City Corvettes** as our 2015 Region's Competition Champions. Also congratulations to our #1 Man, **Dale Samuelson, Northern IL Corvette Club**, returning #1 Woman, **Carolyn Samuelson, Northern IL Corvette Club**. Also returning as our #1 Worker, **Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club**. Well deserved to all!

Our 2015 Officer Elections results were announced at the November Region Governors meeting. **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, was re-elected Region Competition Director. **Shannon Davis, Central IL Corvette Club** will continue as our Region Membership Director. **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, returns as Treasurer. **Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club** will be replacing **Chris Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** in our Secretary position as Chris moves on to become the NCCC Secretary for the next two years. Congratulations to all of these leaders. We will continue to have a strong region leadership team in 2016. By the way, I will return as Region Executive. **Joan Thomas, Mad City Vettes** has also offered to continue as our Region Webmaster and **Matt Waters, Sunburst Corvette Club** will stay on to manage our Facebook page. 26 of our 30 club 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 next time you see them. Our goal for 2016 elections is to have all Governors participate.

One Governor change was announced at our November Region meeting. **Vern Fagerberg, Jr.** will be new the Governor of **Northern Rays Ltd.** **Vern, Jr.** is a second generation Governor from the club, as many will recall that Vern Sr. was the club Governor for many years.

Vern Jr. was also FCOA Member #473 member. I would ask all of our members to keep that program in mind for your Sons/Daughters, and also for your Great-Grandsons/daughters. FCOA continues to be an excellent program to help promote NCCC within our families. FCOA, led by **Pat Kelly, Badger State Vettes**, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2016.

I would like to invite all region members to our Region Party and Awards Banquet. It will be held on the 2nd of April 2016 at the William Tell Holiday Inn, Countryside, IL. **Dave and Joan Heinemann** will host the event. **Joan Heinemann and Mary Ann Bugbee, Windy City Corvettes** are again leading our 2015 Awards Committee. The Governors graciously approved funding that will bring each attendees cost down to \$35 for a family-style dinner, including an Open Bar. You cannot beat the price. I hope that you can all join us. Finally, I would like to thank all of our event Chairpeople across the region and those who helped host events this past year. Your efforts have provided much fun and camaraderie among our region members as well as many others who visit our region events. Please know that you are greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to another exciting year in 2016.

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Competition News

It is hard to believe another season is complete. Congratulations to our Champions listed in the RE report. It takes a lot of effort, so thanks to every Governor, chairperson, and especially workers who helped put on our events this year. In addition, a special thanks to Northern Illinois Corvettes Club and Dale and Carolyn Samuelson for providing quality timing for our region. The great working relationship between Dale and me produce fast and accurate speed event results. The cooperation between the region clubs has built a strong foundation for this region.

Our 2016 schedule, tentatively put together in September is finalized at our November meeting. Next year promises to be a diverse and busy schedule of events. We do have two site conflicts with Rantoul Airport to be resolved, so there is still work to do. Since the Midwest Region is a One-Acre member with the Motorsports Park, we are partners with East Tennessee Corvette Club to host a 21-event Memorial Day Weekend in Bowling Green, KY. 14-speeds on the skid pad, and 7-low speeds on the west loop of the main track. Convertibles will not require a roll bar and no High Speed License required. A flyer with all the details is on the Midwest and Southeast websites.

Low speed sites continue to be a challenge. The economy has caused properties to sell or close down.

Insurance requirements are changing, making it harder to comply, and NCCC Insurance is top-notch. Make sure you check out the FAQ's on the insurance page of the NCCC website to stay informed. The NCCC Business Manager, Jack Wilson updates them several times a year. Our region had no reportable insurance issues for 2015 which helps keep the costs down. As I am writing this article, National had no claims either, but there are still events to run.

The Midwest Region Awards Party will be April 2, 2016 at the William Tell Holiday Inn and Banquet Hall and I have the pleasure of handing out the awards to our Champions, members who earn 200 or more regional points, region workers, and the top five clubs. This party is always a highlight of my term as RCD. **Joan Heinemann** and **Mary Ann Bugbee** comprise the Awards Committee and do a great job. I look forward to seeing their selections this year.

In November, I submitted a rulebook change to limit to five the number of events held on a day. The RCD's voted to not approve by a close vote. Our region has always felt the quality of an event, not the quantity was most important. Hosting seven events on a small track is easy, but on longer or difficult courses, it becomes an issue. We rush through Registration and tech, and if any issues arise, look for shortcuts to fit all the events in. Event days tend to be eight to twelve hours long, and we look to shorten Sunday, because of the drive home.

Having run 14-event weekends, I understand the limitations for the course to allow the events to run in the time allotted and hope no weather or timing issues occur. As an entrant, I enjoy five event days more. They are less tiring and I like the social gatherings as much as the competition. Sometimes slowing down a bit allows us to savor an activity versus a rush to complete it. Just my thoughts!

I hope your holidays were joyful and I look forward to the 2016 Competition Season. The 2016 schedule posts on mwregion.com.

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Membership News

What an amazing year we have had. Going on my first full year as your RMD has been a great adventure. I have truly enjoyed it fully. All in all the renewals are going well. Very proud of my MAL's they have all responded and only waiting on a few to return monies. Thank you MAL's. The MWR has gained an additional Club from Milwaukee WI, Brew City Corvettes. They have already started attending governor meetings and have asked about joining in on shows and autocrosses. I would like to Welcome Brew City Corvettes again to NCCC and the Midwest Region. Membership is still on the rise for the MWR and it shows through the clubs. Total new members I have processed for 2015 is 134 this year. Congratulations to all. As the fall and winter set upon us and we put our cars away, look back at the great times we had. Autocross, Funkhana, Rallies, Car Shows or even drive and dine. Always remember one thing "we come for the cars but stay for the people". One of my favorite quotes from the National Corvette Museum and hangs in my garage is "It's not just a car, it's a lifestyle" Please as always if you need anything feel free to contact me anytime. With that Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And until next issue. "Save the Wave"

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