

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

I wanted to use this article to report on a number of very positive items that occurred at the February 2017 Region and National Governors meeting in Saint Louis.

We had an excellent turnout of both Governors and guests. Three new Governors attended: **Jon Kurtz, Chicago Corvette Club**, **Mike Link, Glass Favorites** and **Andrew Monson, Corvette Cruisers of IL**. In total, we had 17 club Governors or Proxy-Governors in attendance. This is an excellent turnout by our region leaders. It continues to show the interest in the organization and the strength of the Midwest region within NCCC. It really does make our meetings more interesting and productive when we have such involvement. It is a great reflection on all of our clubs.

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that we have close to 2,400 members in the Midwest Region at the start of 2017? NCCC has 19,000 members and added 8 clubs to start the year.

February is one of our easier meetings for the region as all of the Membership Renewals are submitted, Sanction event requests have been completed, financial plans made and club Proxy forms turned in so that clubs can be represented at the NCCC National meetings even if you cannot attend. It is important that each club send me a Proxy form to stay in Good Standing with NCCC. We do quite a bit of work over the Winter.

Our region Treasurer, **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, presented the 2017 Financial plan that our Governors approved. Given the two Region Fundraiser events this year and good financial controls, we do expect a profitable year for the region. This greatly helps in insuring that we can continue to subsidize the annual Region Party and avoid having the re-introduce the event Head Tax.

At the National Level, I thought that you should know that our NCCC Treasurer, **Betty Parks**, presented a balanced budget for 2017. The current Board of Officers has been working hard to reduce expenses and it shows in the fact that for 2016 NCCC experienced a \$16,500 profit. NCCC is heading in the right direction.

In addition, NCCC Director of Sponsorship, **Debbie Lindsey**, reported that all of NCCC's major sponsors have returned for 2017. Check out sponsor links on the bottom of the NCCC Home Page at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/> and please support these sponsors. They provide a number benefits to our members (example; Eckler's Calendar) and the only way to keep their support is in turn to support them.

Finally, 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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### Membership News

Craziest weather in a long time. I know everyone is getting Spring fever with how crazy this weather has been. 75 one day, snow flurries the next with a temperature of 32. Just crazy. I want to thank everyone in the Midwest Region for doing a great job with renewals. It went better this year and continues to get easier for me. I would still like to encourage everyone to continue with new members. Very proud of the MWR being the biggest in NCCC. Again, welcome to all three of our newest Governors to the MWR. This year's NCCC Convention is in Bowling Green and would encourage anyone to attend. Bowling Green is a great place with a lot to do and what better way to see all of our NCCC friends. The next 2 years conventions are planned for New Orleans and then Denver for 2019. I look forward to see you all there. There is a lot going on with MWR this year and hope to see everyone sometime. Stay safe enjoy your cars and the great people of National Council of Corvette Clubs. Remember, "We come for the cars but stay for the people". Do not hesitate to contact me for anything. "Save the Wave"  
Happy Spring!

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### Competition News

If you are looking for something to do with your Corvette on weekends, the Midwest Region is the place to be. There are 231 sanctioned events for 2017. 186 are autocross, 32 Rallyes, 9 People's Choice, and 4 Concours are schedule from March to October. So, check out the region schedule on [mwregion.com](http://mwregion.com) and we hope to see you at our events.

Remember that every weekend is a social event, as well as competitive, so you will meet many Corvette enthusiasts. And almost every weekend has a dinner, parking lot party or both. Working an event is a great way to see what is happening and with the regions Workers Awards, you could earn an award for helping, too.

Our region has a few clubs that keep busy all year long with drive outs, dinners, and other social activities, but do not venture out to other club events. They are missing out on a lot of possible friendships and fun. I encourage clubs to reach out to other clubs and foster joint social events. Let's get to know our neighboring clubs and strengthen our region. We have a lot of joint competitive events because it makes sense to share the burden of putting these events on. Maybe it is time to expand our social events and get to know our neighbors. After all, we all love Corvettes!

Now that the competitive season is starting, let me remind you that safety is our primary concern. Now is the time to get your car ready, especially for speed events. Filters, brakes, tires and battery are the common areas of concern. Make sure you helmet is within the ten-year limitation. The rulebook (2017-2018) was recently updated, so check it out online. Remember that points have no cash value, and we are doing this for fun. We encourage those new to events to try them out at your own pace. My wife still likes to take a Sunday drive on an autocross course running at a speed she feels comfortable. Remember, too, that we are all amateurs trying our best in running events for our clubs under the NCCC umbrella. Sportsmanship and safety is the goal of our program. It is a fact that events sites for autocross are in short supply, and we are guests on these sites. Let's act responsibly and retain our sites for future use.

I can honestly say I have never met too many Corvettes owners, nor gotten tired of discussing Corvette topics. So, let's reach out in 2017 and expand every region club's Corvette Universe.

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