

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

The season is in full swing in the Midwest Region with events scheduled most every weekend. I encourage everyone to check our regions website at <http://www.mwregion.com> and locate the "Flyers" button where you can find information on all upcoming events. There are well over 200 events on our 2017 calendar and they go well into mid-October.

From an RE standpoint, this is a relatively quiet time of the year. All of the required administrative processes are complete so I almost can get a summer vacation.

I want to report to you that **Tom Kasten, Little Egypt Corvette Club**, completed the required annual audit of the regions financial records. The audit results proved that our finances continue to be properly controlled and reported. A huge thank you to **Nancy Bailey, Northern IL Corvette Club** our Region Treasurer, for her continued efforts in this very important role.

**Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** and **Jon Kurtz, Chicago Corvette Club** are leading our 2018 region officer Nominating committee. Tom and Jon will be working this summer finding candidates to run in our Fall election. If you have interest in running for the Region Executive, Region Competition Director, Region Membership Director, Region Treasurer, or Region Secretary or just need more information, please talk to Tom or Jon or send an e-mail to my address listed below. (NOTE: As I write this article (May 31<sup>st</sup>) we do not yet have a candidate for our 2018 Region Competition Director position. **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, is retiring from the position and we greatly appreciate the work he has done these past six years. This is a very important role that keeps our region Competition program alive and as we all know brings significant income into all clubs who host NCCC events. I am asking all region members to help in our search. This is very important).

**Jon Kurtz** raised the topic of better communicating social activities of our clubs within the Region. The topic drew a lot of discussion and brainstorming at the May Region Governors meeting. **Joan Thomas, Webmaster, MAD City Vettes**, will be working on a Social Activity Calendar concept to add to our website that starts to address Jon's recommendation. More on this to come.....

I will keep my report short and sweet this time. The region is in great shape thanks to all of the hard work by our Officers and Governors. See you at the events over the Summer. I am looking forward to them.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

### Competition News

The FUNdraiser at the Motorsports Park is now over and over 50 entrants had a great time. While the threat of rain was present, luck was with us, and except for a wet track starting on Sunday we stayed dry. Thanks to the MW region members who helped make this a well-run weekend. And thanks to all those who attended.

Speaking of workers, do you realize how much work there is in holding an event. The chairperson is responsible for the site, washrooms, equipment, the flyer, results, and supervising the event. Registration handles all the applications and waivers. For speed events, there is course set-up, tech, corner workers, staging, starting, timing/posting and don't forget clean-up. Judges are required for Concours events, as well as parking guides and techs. Rallyes have the rallymaster, starter, checkers and those who man the stations.

You get the picture! A great amount of help is necessary to hold events. So, show your appreciation for the workers at your next event. And remember, we all do this for our love of the Corvette.

For our region, sites continue to be an issue. One accident, issue, or inconsiderate person can make a site unavailable for use. I love loud exhaust, but noise levels are increasingly being monitored. Our insurance is a valued asset in holding onto sites, and often challenged when a site owner is wavering on letting us use their site. Legacy has been a great help in supporting us. Event planning can start a year in advance and keeping in touch with your site managers is good policy. Reassuring them and getting a heads-up on any concerns will preserve our ability to hold our speed events.

On a more personal note, I will be stepping down as RCD after this term to run for 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Competition. For the next MW RCD, I will help you transition into the position as easily as possible. While a great deal of work, giving back to the region and NCCC is rewarding. It will give you an insight into this great organization you cannot get as a member. And the free beer in the hospitality room for Governor Meetings is a benefit.

Bill Docherty MW - RCD