

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. 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.

We recently returned from the 59th Annual NCCC Convention in New Orleans, LA. It was a great week and I want to send my appreciation to **Jerry Britner** and **Bernyce Molenda** and all of the team who made this convention happen. We had a ball at the parties as well as in the French Quarter. *Laissez les bon temps rouler*. That is the only French that I know (*let the good times roll*). They sure did.

This is the time of the year to start thinking about entering your clubs Websites in the NCCC annual contest. The Midwest Region shines in NCCC competition and we can do the same for this contest as well. 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.

2018 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 **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** for leading our Nominating Committee. We also start 2019 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 2019 Financial plan in November. As you can see, we are entering a very busy Administrative time of the year for our Officers and Governors.

Region Recognition: I am grateful for all who have been sending me "Region Recognitions". The goal is to share to share with all of NCCC the diverse community and charity activities that our members and clubs participate in and these are over and above all of the events that our clubs host. My first recognition is to **Ray Carter of Chicago Crossroads**. Ray volunteers with the American Red Cross and has worked on many relief efforts in the Northern IL area as well as major relief efforts during the Texas floods and in North Carolina. He won the American Red Cross Disaster Service award in 2017. Ray is also very active in his clubs charity activities. His helping hand comes at times when people really need the support. We also want to recognize the **Land of Lincoln Corvette Club** for all of their charity work. At Christmas time, which is right around the corner, the club helps a family chosen by one of our member's church group. The also help with supplies and shipping for our troops overseas and they devote time and effort with the local Lemont, IL Food Pantry. Their one day Autocross event (7 events) each year provides the income to sponsor these charities activities so it is very important that this event is a huge success. Finally, a very special recognition goes to **Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, for winning the Ladies Overall Competitor award at Convention. When you think about all of the different types of competitive events that she competed in and came out on top, that was a huge accomplishment. I am just floored by all of the charity, personal accomplishments and community work that our region members complete. Please keep sending me these wonderful stories.

By the time you read this article, our Competition season will be history and we will know those results and the winners of our 2019 Officer election. So our next report will be chocked 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

Our Midwest Region autocross fundraiser at Rantoul Aviation Center was a real success on Memorial Day Weekend, thanks to the participation and help from many clubs in our region, and four other regions. The 3-day format maximized the fun and restored our region coffers. Our autocross fundraisers help defer much of the cost of our region's awards banquet next Spring.

As I write, we have about a third of the 2018 Midwest competition events to go, but when you receive this issue our competition season will be over and many will have put their Corvettes away for the Winter. As our Vettes sleep, we daydream about what would make them cooler, faster, corner better, more reliable, or sound (even) more intimidating. Of course, if you compete in Concours or Autocross, changing your car could change your class. That is all spelled out in the NCCC Competition Manual (aka, rulebook), which may look pretty formidable at first glance. That's where your clubmates and your RCD can help. Sometimes I can tell you what the rules say and how to think about classes, other times I need to investigate, but I will help you get answers. I enjoy it, and we both learn something. That mod might begin a whole new road for you and your Vette.

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Membership News

As the days pass faster and faster, the seasons change and the Corvette season is almost gone in a blink of an eye. Just like with membership renewals. Membership renewals are quickly upon us again. I ask that all the Governors start preparing your clubs sooner than later for renewals. Please remember, I am always around to help out with questions, comments or concerns. Any help that is needed please let me know. The Midwest Region is the biggest region of NCCC and continues to grow. As I was in New Orleans for the NCCC Convention I was just amazed with how the members get along. In so many ways people help out, talk, offer advice and so much more. This is what NCCC is. It's about the MEMBERS. We all enjoy the car but it truly is the people of NCCC that make it. "Save the wave"

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