

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

I wanted to use this article to report on updates from the February 2018 Region and National Governors meeting in Saint Louis and a new topic for this article.

We had an excellent turnout of Governors and guests at the Region meeting. Three new Governors attended **Dan Wagner, Northern Rays Ltd, Mike Stevens, Sunburst Corvette Club** and returning Governor, **Don Huskisson, Corvette Cruisers of IL**. I also wanted to welcome **Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes**, to the role of Regional Competition Director. You will see Ray's initial report below and again recognize **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** for his years of RCD service to our Region. Bill attended at the meeting and he is not going too far away.

Our region Treasurer, **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, presented the 2018 Financial plan that our Governors approved. Given two Region Fundraiser events again this year and good financial controls, we 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 to re-introduce the (dreaded) Event Head Tax.

At the National Level, NCCC Treasurer, **Betty Parks**, continues to work toward a balanced budget for 2018. The Board of Officers has been working hard to reduce expenses and it shows in the fact that for 2017 NCCC experienced a \$32,500 profit, almost doubling last year's amount. NCCC is heading in the right direction.

In addition, NCCC Director of Sponsorship, **Debbie Lindsey**, reported that NCCC's major sponsors have returned for 2018. 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 and the only way to keep their support is in turn to support them.

During our Region Governors meeting, I asked all in attendance to let me know of newsworthy accomplishments by our clubs and members so that I can promote them in this article. I would invite all region members to let me know of such activities. They could be charity activities or efforts that benefit others and I will try my best to get them included. They have to be limited to two or three sentences. So for my first recognition:

**Region Recognition: Windy City Corvettes**, made their 28<sup>th</sup> annual charity donation to Illinois Spina Bifida in the amount of \$50,000 for 2017. The club has donated close to \$900,000 to this charity in the past 28 years. Congratulations to their charity committee lead by **Teresa Kocanda, Nancy Burns, Marylou Freeman and John Adamski**, as well as all of their members who made the annual Corvette raffle successful.

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. I look forward to seeing you at the events.

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## Competition News

We certainly get our share of winter in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois, and like many, I was itching to get the Corvette out, drive it, and share experiences with my NCCC friends. Spring could not come soon enough. Fortunately, there is a lot to look forward to in the Midwest Region. Our 2018 competition schedule is packed with opportunities for fun and camaraderie. There are 23 weekends and 226 events planned, with 8 days of car shows, 11 days of rallies, and 26 days of autocross. Try something new this year. Enter a different kind of event, help at a new event, or bring a friend to share the fun. NCCC people are amazingly helpful and supportive. For dates and times, check out the full schedule at [mwregion.com](http://mwregion.com). Also, see the wide array of social events there, with drive outs, charity car shows, and much more.

We will have two region fundraisers, featuring autocrosses on Memorial Day weekend (all three days), and the first weekend of October. Many thanks to the seven clubs that donated sanctions and to everyone who volunteers to work at these and other events.

As you clean up your Corvette from its long winter nap or for the next event, take time to make sure it is ready to go. Conduct your own tech inspection in the driveway. Good fluids, brakes and tires are essential. A little time now can ensure a safe ride. While you are at it, inspect your trailer and tow vehicle too. Mice are my menace! So I look carefully for damage to wiring from critters that avoided my traps. Finally, give yourself a tech inspection. Driving long distances (or short, fast ones) can put a strain on your whole system, and none of us are getting any younger!

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