

MIDWEST REGION

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Let me be the first to announce a change to our Region's Officer team for 2018. We would like to welcome **Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes**, as our new Region Competition Director and to thank **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, for his past years in this role. Ray will have some huge shoes to fill but we are sure that he will be very successful in fulfilling all of the great things that Bill did to ensure that our regions competition program ran smoothly. For 2018, the region will again be hosting over 225 events, the most of any region in NCCC.

All of our other regions Officers return for 2018 with **Shannon Davis, Great River Corvette Club**, Membership Director, **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, Treasurer, **Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, Secretary, **Joan Thomas, MAD City Vettes** Webmaster and I will also be returning in the role of Regional Executive.

2017 was a very successful year for the region not only from an events standpoint but also financially. Event entry fees for Concours, Rallye and Autocross are the lifeblood for our clubs as well as for the region from our Fund Raising Autocrosses. The Fund Raisers allow us to be able to enjoy a huge discount on our Region Party meal expense and fund the region awards program. Without that income, we would have to revert to measures taken many years ago (such as the dreaded Head Tax on events). We all want to avoid that. Therefore, I encourage all of our members to come out and participate in these events as a competitor or as a worker. Every member counts in making these events successful (and profitable). It keeps the wheels rolling and most all events end the day with a meal so we all can enjoy the day's activities and each other's company.

I also want to encourage all clubs to send **Joan Thomas** information regarding their social events. Social activities are important to all of our members and to that point, Joan recently Joan added a link on our region website to list flyers/information regarding social events that our region members are attending. See it at <http://www.mwregion.com/social.html> . For example, at our last Region Governors meeting a number of clubs mentioned the fun they had attending Corvettes on the River, in LeClaire, Iowa. This is a perfect example of an event that could be promoted on our website for all region members to know about.

Finally, I would like to invite all of our members to our annual Region Party. It will be held on the 10th of March, 2018 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL. I will be hosting the event, with a bit of help from **Dave Heinemann**. **Arnie and Nancy Bailey, Northern IL Corvette Club** will be leading our 2017 Awards Committee. The Governors graciously approved funding that will again bring each attendees cost down to \$35 for a family-style dinner, including a 3-hour Open Bar. You cannot beat the price. I hope that you can all join us.

Wishing you all a warm and safe holiday season and Winter months. Think Spring.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE RE@mwregion.com

Wow where has this year gone? 2017 has been a great year for the Midwest Region. Our membership has grown by over a 125 new members. Congratulations! Membership renewals are in full swing and with the timing of this article will be done. MWR has retained all of our clubs. This year's membership cards are all going electronic and we hope it went well for all it is a great accomplishment to move forward with the new electronic cards. It saves NCCC over \$18,000 in big savings. As the Midwest Region moves forward into 2018, we have two new Governors **Mike Stevens of Sunburst Corvette Club** and **Ross Scott of Midwest Corvettes**. WELCOME!! With the Midwest Region having so many clubs it would be great to have a Governor or Proxy please attend the Governors meeting in St. Louis to represent their clubs. A friendly reminder to all is to please keep all membership information up to date on the NCCC database, mainly EMAIL addresses. With that, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Year for 2018.

Shannon Davis MW - RMD

Competition News

As 2017 closes out, we can look back at a very successful year. While we lost a few autocrosses due to site cancellations, we gained in Rallyes as clubs put plan B into effect. All events take a lot of effort, so thanks to all those who chair and work our events. Our Champions this year are Ed Cassel (Men), Linda Fairlamb (Ladies), Windy City Corvettes, Inc. (Club) and Danuta Haftarski (Worker). Congratulations! It takes dedication to reach the top.

With 2018 coming up, our sanction meeting was held in November and our Midwest events are in the database. Midwest will continue to be one of the busiest regions in NCCC. Ray Bair will be taking over the RCD duties and I wish him well. He will be a fine RCD.

The upcoming Awards Party will be my last official appearance as RCD and is an event I always anticipate. I get to see my friends after a winter hiatus and reward them for participating in region events. Add; dinner and refreshments, it is a wonderful night.

While my run for VP of Competition was unsuccessful, I have no regrets. I will remain involved in NCCC and try to drive a little faster in the speed events.

Be safe and enjoy the holiday season!

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