

MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

The season is in full swing and heading toward the finish line, I am sad to say. I mention each year that it is 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 and that starts the first full weekend of September at our Region Governors meeting in Saint Louis.

2020 Region Officer Candidates will be announced at that meeting with elections to be held in October and results announced at our November Region Governors meeting. I want to thank **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club, Bruce Blunt, Badger State Vettes and Dan Wagner, Northern Rays Ltd.** for leading our Nominating Committee. **Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes** will also start 2020 Region Competition event planning in September and wrap it up in November at the Sanctioning meeting in Saint Louis. Membership renewals start during this timeframe as well. More on these topics below. Our Treasurer, **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** will present the Region's draft 2020 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 sorry to report that I have not received any Region Recognitions for this article. So, I will again recognize **Windy City Corvettes** Charity Committee (**Teresa Kocanda, Nancy Burns, Marylou Freeman and John Adamski**) for hosting a successful charity raffle to raise funds for Illinois Spina Bifida Association. The raffle of \$54,000 toward the purchase of a new Corvette or \$45,000 in cash was held at our largest NCCC Concours of the year on August 4th. The club has donated close to \$960,000 over the 28 years of the raffle and when all of the accounting is completed, we might be at that magical \$1,000,000 mark.

I encourage all of our members to send me topics regarding (non-NCCC related) personal or community related accomplishments of your clubs and members as I like to balance these reports. Many in our region play key roles in our communities or have achieved lofty personal accomplishments. I'd like to recognize them.

By the time you read this article, our Competition season will be history and we will know those results and the winners of our 2020 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.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

Competition News

In October, the Midwest Region wrapped up another successful competition season, with 240 sanctioned events in 2019. A noteworthy story throughout 2019 has been the emergence of new Midwest competition venues. For autocross we had two new places to compete. Father's Day weekend, we raced at Madison College's brand-new Public Safety Training Facility in Wisconsin. Many thanks to Joan Thomas and Mad City Vettes for working out those arrangements. We had a great time. We also held three autocross weekends at Pekin Municipal Airport in Illinois, a new venue for NCCC arranged by Sandy Arnold and Mid-Illinois Corvette Club, with the help of John Hibbeler and Central Illinois Corvette Club. We appreciate how the Pekin airport manager worked with us, and it was obvious he enjoyed watching the Corvettes. In addition, the region held its first sanctioned car show sponsored by the well-known Corvette Mike Midwest in Burr Ridge, Illinois. Many thanks to Larry Pagliaro and Bill and Teresa Kocanda for making this happen. Meanwhile, planning has begun for our 2020 competition season. Keep those Vettes tuned and polished. It won't be long until events start again in the Midwest.

Ray Bair MW - RCD

Membership News

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, but as it is coming to an end, we will start getting busy with club renewals. Please send along with your renewals an updated NCCC Club Information form with your renewal check, make sure to include your club number on your check. Please remember to update your member's information. Our region continues to grow with an additional 135 members since the beginning of the year!

The St. Jude Corvette Drive will be putting ads in Blue Bars with lots of information about the drive. I will also have information at the meetings. They are adding four departure points this year and planning for 100 cars.

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD