

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 2019 calendar and they go well into late-October. While you are there, I hope you look at all of the other Region news and information that is available on our website.

I hope those who attended our Region Party had a good time. The party moved to the Crowne Plaza hotel in Burr Ridge, IL this year. I thought they did an excellent job. We had 110 Region members at the party. It was a fantastic evening where we celebrated 2018 and started to look forward to 2019. It was a good time to catch up with each other following the long winter.

Tom Kasten, Little Egypt Corvette Club, again completed the regions annual financial audit. Tom's findings showed that our finances continue to be effectively controlled and reported. A huge thank you to Region Treasurer **Nancy Bailey, Northern IL Corvette Club** for her efforts in this very important role and in the transition to our new Treasurer, **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**.

Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club and **Bruce Blunt, Badger State Vettes** are leading our Region officer Nominating committee. **Dan Wagner, Northern Rays Ltd** was also "volunteered" to help. Tom, Bruce and Dan 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, Bruce or Dan or send an e-mail to my address listed below and I can get you in touch with them.

Region Recognition: I would like to recognize the members of **Badger State Vettes, LTD (BSV)** for celebrating their 35th Anniversary in 2019. As of May 2019, there are 100 members with plans to increase before year-end. BSV recently donated \$1,700 raised at its annual Holiday Awards Party to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. BSV has plans to donate to the Pets for Vets organization from its Corvette show proceeds and will continue to donate to worthwhile charities throughout the year.

Joan Thomas, Mad City Corvette Club, raised \$18,000 from her eBay work for Carpenter's Place Outreach Center in Rockford, IL. Joan, who volunteers her time there, also donated an oil painting of Jesus she did when she was 15 years old.

Enjoy the Summer and all of our NCCC friends. They are the best!

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Competition News

It was a soggy Spring in the Midwest, and for a while, it seemed like the rainy days would never end. Flooding canceled a Rallye in our Region and events in neighboring Regions. But we dealt with what was in front of us, taking a page from "The Art of Racing in the Rain." We enjoyed our new autocross venue at Pekin Municipal Airport, despite some sprinkles. By the time our Region fundraiser rolled around, we were blessed with a mostly dry Memorial Day weekend autocross at Rantoul Aviation Center. As I write, the heart of the Midwest competition season is upon us, with a bevy of Rallye's coming up, assorted car shows, and a double handful of autocross weekends. Our camaraderie makes even the drippy days enjoyable. I am frequently moved by how members enthusiastically step up to help a competitor fix a problem with their car, work a corner, orchestrate a show, and generally make it all happen. Hope to see you all at our next Region fundraiser, October 5-6, again at Rantoul Aviation Center.

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Membership News

By now, we should be seeing Corvettes! Here in mid Illinois we have had lots of rain and flooding!

As the new Membership Director for the Region, I wasn't sure how busy I would be with my "new job", but the Region continues to grow, adding 81 new members in the last three months! I make every effort to process the applications within one day of receiving them, so if you don't get a confirmation email, please check with me. We continue to be the largest Region with 27 Clubs and 2,481 members. We will start processing renewals soon. Please give any address, phone, or email changes to your Club Governor to update. During our May meeting, I was appointed as Ambassador for the St. Jude Drive. If you have any questions regarding the Drive, I will be your contact.

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