

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

I would like to announce our Region's Officer team for 2019. First a welcome to **Sandy Arnold, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club**, as our new Region Membership Director and to thank **Shannon Davis, Great River Corvette Club** for his past service in this role. Shannon provided exemplary support for our region. **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, will be our new Region Treasurer. **Nancy Bailey, Northern IL Corvette Club**, who has performed this role for many years, decided not to run this time. A huge thank you to Nancy for all that she has done for our region over these past years. She helped keep us financially strong.

Our other Officers return next year with **Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes**, Competition Director, **Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, Secretary, and **Joan Thomas, Mad City Vettes**, Webmaster. I will also be returning in the role of Regional Executive.

2018 was again a very successful year for the region not only from an events standpoint but financially. Event entry fees for Concours, Rallye and Autocross are the lifeblood for our clubs as well as for the region from Fund Raising Autocrosses. Without that income, we would have to revert to measures taken many years ago (such as the dreaded Head Tax on events) to keep the Region solvent. Therefore, I encourage all of our members to 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. Joan started this feature on our website last year with some limited success. Social activities are important to all of our members and you might have events where other region clubs could join in and make the experience even more enjoyable. See these events at <http://www.mwregion.com/social.html>.

**Region Recognition:** I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a few of our members for activities that they lead or in personal achievements: **Bill and Liz Wisnasky, Windy City Corvettes**. They have been staunch supporters of a variety of charity activities, especially around the holidays. They host an annual Christmas party for Veterans living at the Manteno, IL Veterans home, soliciting sponsorship food donations and personal care products for the vets. **Windy City Corvettes** members join in to make this one of their annual charity "drive outs" where club members serve the food and participate in caroling with the vets. Bill and Liz also collect donations for local children in need as well as having helped at local food pantries in past years during the holidays. They are a truly giving couple. **Jan Gillespie, Windy City Corvettes** for being NCCC Ladies National Champion for 2018. Jan and Larry Kesselring were on the road most every weekend in 2018 and I huge accomplishment for Jan. All the members of **Central Illinois Corvette Club** for achieving their clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations. Please keep sending me recognitions. I will include a short paragraph in each article.

Finally, I would like to invite all members to our annual Region Party. It will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza SW Chicago, Burr Ridge, IL. This is a new location so please check the region website for the flyer and details. **Bill and Bev Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** will be leading the Awards Committee and **Windy City Corvettes** will be hosting the party. The Governors graciously approved funding that will again bring each attendee's cost down to \$35 for a family-style dinner, including a 3-hour Open Bar.

*(Correction: In my Fall 2018 article, I mentioned that Jeanne Cassel won the "Ladies" Overall Competitor award at the New Orleans Convention. It should have simply stated "Overall Competitor").*

Wishing you all a warm and safe holiday season.

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## Competition News

The 2018 competition season in the Midwest Region spanned 24 weekends, from March through October. Region clubs hosted 228 sanctioned events, with an enjoyable mix of car shows, Rallies and Autocrosses. Many thanks to our corps of dedicated members who organized and worked at all these events.

Congratulations to our 2018 Champions: Ed Cassel (Men), Linda Fairlamb (Ladies), Danuta Haftarski (Worker) and Windy City Corvettes, Inc. (Club). It takes skill and dedication to reach the top.

Plans for 2019 are well underway, based on the region sanctioning meeting in November. We are looking forward to 2019 having even more competition opportunities than 2018. For autocross, we also expect to have two new venues with excellent pavement. If the final details work out, one would be in southern Wisconsin and the other in central Illinois. So, keep an eye out for the upcoming 2019 flyers as they are posted on <https://www.mwregion.com>.

Thanks to Joan Thomas, we will have helmet stickers in 2019, so people will only need one annual helmet inspection for region events. Approved helmets must be less than 10 years old.

Spring is just around the corner. So, press on with those winter Corvette projects!

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