

MIDWEST REGION

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I wanted to use this article to report on updates from the February 2020 Region and National Governors meetings in Saint Louis as this is the latest news following the long Winter break.

We had an excellent turnout of Governors and guests at the Region meeting, and Sandy Arnold announced a new club has joined the region. See below. A big welcome goes to **Russ Tharp, Route 66 Corvette Club**, in his new role of Treasurer. I would also like to recognize **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, for his service to the region as our Treasurer. He implemented a number of improvements in our financial management during his short tenure. Sometimes it is not how long you serve but what you contribute. We wish Bill much success in his new role of NCCC VP-Competition.

Russ Tharp kicked off his term by presenting the regions 2020 Financial plan that was subsequently approved by the Governors in attendance. Given we have two Region Fundraiser events again this year and good financial controls, our goal is to have a profitable year. This greatly helps in insuring that we can continue to subsidize the annual Region Party and avoid having to re-introduce event taxes.

I continue to look for accomplishments of our clubs and members. I have found that our members are involved in a great number of activities, personal accomplishment or charity efforts that benefit others. I have been including these recognitions the past year in this article so please keep sending me updates as I am out of recognitions.

Region Recognition: Corvettes of Minnesota will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in 2020 as reported by **Don Gettinger**, Club Governor.

Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota is planning its 50th Anniversary Celebration in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area July 24-26, 2020. There many exciting events planned including a show/shine car show, various destination cruises, meet and greet reception to include a surprise guest entertainer. Suburban Corvettes extends an invitation to all Corvette owners to join in this celebration. Please refer to the Midwest Region website Social Calendar and to Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota web site for more detailed information.

Windy City Corvettes and Route 66 Corvette Club both gave NCCC Scholarship donations at the February 2020 National Governors meeting. Windy City Corvettes donated \$2,000 and Route 66 Corvette Club donated \$1,000. That was very generous of both clubs and a well-deserved recognition.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

The 2019 competition results confirm that the Midwest Region stands out, with six clubs, five men and four women among the top 15 in the nation. It takes outstanding competitors and dedicated clubs to achieve this level of success, year after year.

We had a big year in 2019, but 2020 should be even bigger. Our 2020 season features 11 car show events, 30 rallies, and 210 low speed autocross events, spread across 21 weekends. Everyone is encouraged to participate in our region fundraisers – two fun autocross weekends at Rantoul Aviation Center: May 23-25 (21 events) and October 10-11 (14 events). First-timers are welcome! My special thanks to the clubs that send workers and provide sanctions.

Wait – there's more! Our region has frequent non-sanctioned events too, with something for everyone. Note the acclaimed Drivers School and Lapping Days hosted by Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota at Brainerd International Raceway, on June 22 and September 14.

As I write, Spring is weeks away and snow remains in the shadows. Even so, the thermometer is spiking today, so I think I will pull off the cover and drive my Vette. So long for now.

Ray Bair MW - RCD

It's been a long winter and I've been extremely busy! This was the first time I was responsible for renewing members, and it was a challenge!

A few of the clubs in the Midwest Region were very prompt with getting their renewals in, but there were others that were not. This new year we will work on getting everyone's renewals in on time! I am very excited to announce we have a new club in the Midwest Region, Central Minnesota Corvette Association_became our newest club on February 2, 2020 with 47 members! They are located in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Welcome to all of you!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD