

MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

The region celebrated our 2019 Competition season at the annual Region Party on March 7, 2020 in Burr Ridge, IL. We want to congratulate our Champions - **Dale Samuelson, Northern Illinois Corvette Club** is our #1 Man with 2119 points and **Carolyn Samuelson, Northern Illinois Corvette Club** is the #1 Lady with 2169 points. Our Worker Top Award winner was a Tie. **Janine Clemens, Windy City Corvettes** and **Danuta Haftarski, Badger State Vettes** both earned 241 Worker Points so co-#1 awards were issued. **Windy City Corvettes** was the #1 Club in the Region with 8872 points. We want to thank **Bill and Bev Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** for selecting and obtaining the Awards.

Little did we know that would be the last Region activity for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 virus Pandemic. It was within 2 week of our Region Party states started to implement Stay at Home orders and we all learned how to communicate via Teleconferencing. While they certainly are workable it is just not the same as holding our meetings in Saint Louis. But the Midwest Region Governors and Officers are managing their way through this very successfully. Our officers, **Sandy Arnold, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club, Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes, Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club, Russ Tharp, Route 66 Corvette Club, Joan Thomas, MAD City Vettes** and I spent many hours during April testing various teleconference systems. Some days we devoted over 12 hours with a goal of finding a system that was robust enough to hold our meetings, cost effective, easy to use and easy to install. Once we selected a system and gained approval to purchase an annual subscription, we then began offering practice and training sessions for the Governors. Through these efforts our May 2nd Governors conference went off without a hitch. I personally want to thank all who participated in these efforts. It demonstrates that we have a strong group of Region leaders who are dedicated to put in the time to be successful. My Region Recognition for this issue must go to our Region Officers for all of the pre-work that they did prior to our Governors meeting.

As mentioned above, we held a Governors meeting on our normal date of May 2nd. Fortunately, much of the administrative processes to start the year have been completed. However, we needed to select a 2021 Officers Teller Committee (finding candidates for next year). **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club, Bruce Blunt, Badger State Vettes** and **Dan Wagner, Northern Rays Ltd.** will work on that committee. The Officers and Governors will hold monthly teleconferences until meetings in Saint Louis resume so that we can continue to assess how and when we can safely resume events. I have every expectation that the Region will be just as strong as before when we can restart activities.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

Competition News

On hold as all events through the end of June have been cancelled or postponed. However, starting in June we will begin to assess if events, canceled earlier in the year, can be rescheduled.

Ray Bair MW - RCD

Membership News

Hello from the Midwest Region! Hope everyone is safe and healthy! It's been a long winter, and by now I hope everyone is enjoying their car! In mid-April, here in Peoria, Illinois we had six inches of snow and the following week it was 80*! It's been a crazy start to 2020. It's been an exciting year, as we have one new club in the St. Cloud, Minnesota area and hopefully by the time you get this edition of Blue Bars we will have a club returning to the NCCC! Since our last meeting in February, membership has been extremely slow with 49 new/renewal members. Governors, please remember to use the most current membership application and keep your database updated!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD