

### MIDWEST REGION

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### Region News

I would like to announce our Region's Officer team for 2020. First, I would like to report that our Membership Director, **Sandy Arnold, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club**, **Ray Bair, Windy City Corvettes**, Competition Director, **Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, Secretary and **Joan Thomas, Mad City Vettes**, Webmaster will be returning in these roles. I will also be returning in the role of Regional Executive.

I would like to welcome **Russ Tharp, Route 66 Corvette Club** to our Treasurer position. Russ will be replacing **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** as Bill will be moving into the NCCC VP of Competition role at the start of the new year. While Bill was our Treasurer role for only one year, he brought a number of new enhancements and improvements which further strengthened our financial management. A huge thanks to Bill and we are confident he will be equally successful in his new NCCC role.

2019 was again a very successful year for the region. Event entry fees for Concours, Rallye and Autocross events 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 Head Tax on events) to keep the Region solvent. We will be watching our bank account bottom line very closely in 2020. 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.

**Region Party:** The annual Region Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Burr Ridge, IL. The flyer for the event is now posted on our website. I hope that you can join us as we have invited a guest speaker from the National Corvette Museum to let us know all of the new and exciting activities planned for the museum following the hiring of Dr. Sean Preston as its new CEO. **Bill and Bev Docherty, Windy City Corvettes** will again be leading the Awards Committee and **Windy City Corvettes** will be hosting the party. The Governors graciously approved funding that will bring each attendees cost down to \$40 for a family-style dinner, including a 3-hour Open Bar.

**Region Recognition:** On August 17<sup>th</sup>, seven members of **Sunburst Corvette Club** visited the Sunrise Senior Living facility in Crystal Lake, IL to offer twenty seniors rides in their Corvettes. **Mike Stevens**, Governor, reported that "it's amazing how the simple sharing of a few minutes can make such a difference in someone's day. This has been a rewarding activity and plans for a repeat in 2020 are already in discussion." Be watching for a full report in Blue Bars in the future. We also want to recognize **Route 66 Corvette Club** for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the National Corvette Museum parking lot Banner contest and **Central Illinois Corvette Club** for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great accomplishment for both clubs. Finally, I would also like to recognize **Max Allers, Corvettes of Minnesota**, for winning the 2019 American Graphic Design Award. This is his 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row in winning the award. Please keep sending me your clubs/members accomplishments for future articles.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

### Competition News

Congratulations to our 2019 overall region points champions: Carolyn Samuelson (Ladies), Dale Samuelson (Men), Janine Clemens and Danuta Haftarski (Worker – tie), and Windy City Corvettes, Inc. (Club).

The 2019 Midwest Region competition season packed 242 sanctioned events into 21 weekends, from March through October. We had a great mix of car shows, rallyes and autocrosses. Many thanks to our clubs and their members who organized and staffed our events. Their planning and effort yielded countless great experiences.

We plan over 250 sanctioned events in 2020 – I cannot wait for Spring. Check our region website for dates and details <https://www.mwregion.com>.

We will have season helmet stickers available again in 2020, so one annual helmet inspection can be good for all region events. However, the Midwest Region will not be implementing annual car tech inspections.

See you all at the Region Party in March!

Ray Bair MW - RCD

### Membership News

While I'm sitting in Florida, the snow is flying in Illinois. As we all prepare for the winter and holidays, we are also getting ready to complete membership renewal! The Midwest Region is adding three new clubs and several new members. Exciting news for our region! Welcome all!

Please be safe and enjoy the holidays!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD