

MIDWEST REGION

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Region News

The Region Officers and Governors have continued to attend video conferences almost monthly since the start of the Pandemic. I want our Region members to know that we normally have around 20 attendees on these conferences and the Officers and Governors have two hours of "business" to conduct although it had been so difficult to hold events in the Region.

Our approach last year, will continue in 2021 and that is to "Plan for a normal year but adjust as situations arise". This is exactly why our conferences have been so successful. The Regions leaders have done an exceptional job of planning, re-planning, and adjusting as the year progressed. This came about through excellent teamwork from all leaders. Teamwork and cooperation have gotten us through 2020 and will also keep us on the right path as we start 2021.

I had low expectations for a normal start to 2021. There is hope that the vaccines will start to bring the Pandemic to an end at some point in the year. Given the current realities the Governors took the decision to cancel the annual Region Party. Even though we would not have awards there was discussion of at least getting together for a party. We will move these plans into 2022.

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 accomplishments or charity efforts that benefit others. I have been including these recognitions in this article so please keep sending me updates. Congratulations to those clubs listed below for our **Region Recognition**:

Dave Heinemann reported that **Windy City Corvettes** donated \$10,000 to Illinois Spina Bifida for their annual charity donation. The clubs Charity committee presented a check to ISBA leaders last October during a weekly club Meet Up (drive out). While the Charity Committee normally presents the check during a year-end party, a Meet Up in the parking lot of a sponsoring Chevrolet dealer worked almost as well.

Craig Wiendl, Governor of **Badger State Vettes** announced the club always does an annual drive for 'Toys for Tots' in December. This year their collection was much smaller than in past years, but the club still managed to donate a combined total of \$870 cash and gifts.

Central Illinois Corvette Club Governor, **John Hibbeler** reported that the last four years his club has earned Parking Lot banner awards from the National Corvette Museum. They have received 1- First Place, 2 – Second Places and 1 – Third Place. A great achievement.

It really is encouraging to see club accomplishments despite all the challenges we all faced last year.

Larry Pagliaro MW - RE

Competition News

I am standing in for Chris Milewski for a little while - we all wish him a speedy recovery and return. The Midwest Region has a full slate of activities planned for 2021. Keep an eye on the posted schedule on the Region website because some of our planned venues are still making up their minds about when we can hold events there. Dates or venues may change (see <https://www.mwregion.com>). We are looking forward to our region autocross fundraiser at Rantoul Air Center, May 29-30-31 and hope to see many of you there (21 events). First-timers are welcome! Special thanks to clubs that send workers and provide sanctions.

Take care to ensure that your Vette is in top shape before you take it out, as it may have had a longer than usual layoff. Also, please play it smart at events. For much of our region's competition season you will encounter some members who have been vaccinated, and some who have not. Let's help everyone stay healthy and have a good time.

Ray Bair acting MW - RCD_

Membership News

I hope the New Year finds everyone healthy! There is not much going on in the Midwest Region. Renewals went very well. You should have received your new NCCC Membership Card by now. With the COVID vaccines rolling out, I hope we start seeing more club activities.

The St.. Jude Corvette Drive will take place May 13-14, 2021. For more information, please contact Robin Jones at 309-253-9253 or email at rray9@comcast.net.

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