

MIDWEST REGION

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It's been the whole summer since the last Blue Bars article! Here's how Wisconsin Corvette Club (WCC) spent their summer making the lives of others better with their Corvettes.

Early Sunday July 31, 2022, WCC's **Brian and Tammy Maddox** led Corvettes with **Jack Abuya** and friend, **Bob Borkowski, Jeanne and Ed Cassel, Sue and Frank Dentice, Terry and Inge Heidmann, Fred Severt, Mike Thate,** and **Fred Wolden** and daughter on a 120 some mile trek from the Milwaukee area to **Camp Wawbeek**, an Easter Seal camp for wheelchair bound young adults located in the Wisconsin Dells Area. Once there WCC members showed their cars, gave rides to campers and their volunteer care givers, and visited with campers and crew. This year, we were treated with cookies *and* cake – as it's been 40 years since WCC's **Chuck Bermke** visited a friend at the camp and gave Corvette rides, starting the tradition. Since then, cars and drivers have changed, but tradition continues. At Camp Wawbeek campers with severe neuro-muscular diseases are free to be themselves and valued for it, and they are encouraged to challenge themselves with new experiences. For us, the thrill of seeing campers experience the Corvette is indescribable.

September 10, 2022, WCC with **Holz Motors Inc** in Hales Corners, WI staged the **22nd Corvettes for Charity**. This year's proceeds went to **RELAY FOR LIFE**, an American Cancer Society fundraiser that's one of the largest peer-to-peer fundraising events in the world - their mission is to save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer. **Holz** provides the space, food and band and **Darlene Loch**, Holz Sales Manager and WCC member manages this operation. WCC's members donate items for silent auction bags and baskets and **46 some members** work and enter the event. **Randy Hoffman** Chaired this year's show, **Donna Hoffman** arranged trophies, **Carol Allison** with **Trudie Miller** and **Jane Lawler** arranged 108 baskets and gift certificates for the auction. **Renee Skebba** and **Rose Schmitt** handled registration for 73 Corvette show entries while **Steve Heine, George Mack** and team managed parking and **Doug Grelk** chaired the judging teams. Revenue from entry fees, food sales, and the silent auction all went to RELAY FOR LIFE.

Linda Fairlamb MW - RE

The MW region held FUNdraisers at Rantoul, IL and Madison, WI this year. Other than the freakish "Dung Devil" that blew up in Madison, the events went very smoothly. I want to thank all the members that pitched in to make these events successful. Two members ran MILES chasing cones we smacked at the Madison event: Sabrina Milewski and Robyn Wood, thank you for your efforts!

Early in our season, I was concerned about participation. With the cost of travel, and loss of venues to hold autocrosses, several clubs cancelled events. Clubs elected to hold rallyes instead. And they appear to have been well attended. I am happy to see so many new autocross participants this year. A big THANK YOU to Joan Thomas and all the Mad City CC racers for coming down to Rantoul! Let's keep the trend going for the end of the year.

We are nearing the end of a busy competition season but still have several rallyes and an autocross to go. I want to thank all the organizers, workers and participants for keeping safety in mind while running the events.

Jeff Craig MW - RCD

Hello from the Midwest Region! Hope everyone is safe and healthy!

As you read my report, we are nearing the end of renewals. I want to thank my Governors and MAL's who make my job so easy. You are all incredible and I appreciate your dedication to both your club and our Region. You are the best! Thank you!

Our membership continues to grow! As of our September 9-11, 2022, meeting, our region has 27 clubs, with 2,531 members, and continues to be the largest region in the NCCC. Corvette Club of Illinois is our largest club with 177 members. Their Governor is Tom McKinley, and they are located in Champaign, Illinois.

There is an array of events planned in our Region, please visit the MWR website for details. The Midwest Region is successful because of its members!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD