

### MIDWEST REGION

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The 2022 social and racing season has begun to take shape. Thankfully, we have venues for all race events and will be trying out a new area at Rantoul this year as the old area has been sold.

Our Region members have been doing interesting things both with their cars and with donations of cars (Corvette Hot Wheels that is!). Michelle Paillou, of the St Louis Corvette Club, lent her 1958 Red Convertible to be on stage for seven nights as part of at the St Louis Municipal Opera Theatre's production of Smoky Joe's Café which told a story through song hits of the 50's and 60's. During the show, the car drove onto the stage carrying a female singer and later was driven off the stage by police taking one of the actors to jail. What a cool sight that must have been! And for those of you who are Museum members, you may have seen the article in their "America's Sports Car" magazine about the thousands of Corvette Hot Wheels that Marty and Judy Dooley of the St Louis Corvette Club have donated to the NCM Education Department so that school kids visiting the museum have a souvenir to take home. The Dooley's got the word out to the rest of their club and other clubs, too and brought over 10,000 Corvette Hot Wheels to the Museum in the last two years! Thanks to all who contributed to helping instill a love of the Corvette in the next generation!

Hope to see everyone out in a Corvette soon!

### **Linda Fairlamb MW - RE**

I hope everyone is getting excited as spring is FINALLY on the horizon. The Midwest Region has a full calendar of events scheduled for the year.

We will have the first Regional FUNdraiser, a 21-event weekend over Memorial Day at a different area in Rantoul, IL. Joan Thomas and Tim Wood from MAD City Vettes have secured a great facility for us to hold our second FUNdraiser for the year. I am very excited to announce the "Firecracker 21" will take place at the Alliant Center in Madison, Wisconsin occurring on July 2,3, and 4<sup>th</sup>. We will need help with everything from registration-tech-setup/teardown and corner workers at both of our event weekends. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the events this year.

### **Jeff Craig MW - RCD**

Renewals are finished! Thank you to all the Midwest Region Governors who make my job so easy! You are amazing! The Midwest Region has five new Governors and continues to add new members. On a very sad note, Al Fiscus, long time Governor for Mid-West Corvette Club, who always had his renewals to me weeks before they were due, passed away a short time after he submitted their Club renewals. I will miss him.

It's been a long cold, snowy winter in the Midwest! Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will see green grass, sunshine, and Corvettes on the road!

Stay safe and save the wave!

### **Sandy Arnold MW - RMD**