

MIDWEST REGION

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Our two Region fundraisers are now in the rear-view mirror and were extremely successful ensuring that we can continue to cover our Region expenses. It is so inspiring to see the people in the Region volunteer to put on and help out at our fundraisers. Thank you to everyone for buying 50/50 tickets from me with 50% of the proceeds going to support the Region!!!

Other things that happened this summer:

-Members of Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club attended the 2nd Annual Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend (CACW) at the Corvette Museum in August. Chicago Crossroads President, Marvin Mayberry, also serves as an officer of the CACW. This is a ground breaking Corvette event geared toward African American Corvette Owners and Corvette Aficionados but of course, open to all! Fifteen hundred Corvettes attended the event and CACW made donations to the Bowling Green Historic Railpark Train Museum and the local W.R.O.T.E. After School program.

-Ken Monroe of Sunburst Corvette Club was awarded the title of "Master Judge" of the National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) at this year's NCRS National Convention in French Lick, IN. He earned his Black Master Judges hat by accumulating 100 judging points. This may not seem like many points until you learn that judging points are earned in quantities of 2, 3, or 5 for judging either a Chapter, Regional, or National event. This was a long journey for Ken, taking in a total of 23 years although he didn't get serious about the goal until eight years ago, and then once he became serious about the goal, his job curtailed his ability to travel to events for a while as did COVID. But now that he has earned the Black Master Judge title, he has set his sites on the next level judges award, the 200 point Red Hat Master Judge award. Good luck, Ken!

Next year, the every five year tradition of a Corvette Caravan to the Corvette Museum will take place to celebrate the Museum's 30th Anniversary. This event takes many volunteers who plan and manage the activities along the routes in all 50 states for the Caravans on their way to Bowling Green. Shawn and Jan Hanna from Corvettes of Minnesota have volunteered to be co-captains for the Minnesota contingent. For those of you in Minnesota who might want to join the fun, email Shawn at z06fastssh@comcast.net. Shawn and Jan, thanks for volunteering your time to help with this huge event!

Linda Fairlamb MW – RE

The "Firecracker 14" is in the books with three more autocross weekends and three days of rallies thru the end of our scheduled competition season. Will Mad City Vettes continue as points champion, or will another club post a late season surge?

The "Firecracker 14", our second fundraiser for the year, was a great success thanks to the efforts of all the participants. Many thanks to Mad City Vettes for the use of their equipment and all the volunteers that worked at various spots in starting, corners, registration, parking, and whatever tasks I may have forgotten. Tim Woods drew up fun, challenging courses to test the competitors. Joan Thomas took on the task of administering the event and keeping me in line. Once again, the participants stepped up to chase cones, work staging and make the event the success it was.

Serving as your RCD the past two years has been a privilege. I am grateful for the opportunity and for all the help and support I received from the members of the Region.

Jeff Craig MW - RCD

Hello everyone! The summer is coming to an end, and as I write this note I am preparing for membership renewals. By the time you read this note, renewals should be almost finished.

Again, I want to thank all of my Governors who make my job so easy. Most of you get renewals finished and to me long before the November 15th due date. Thank you!

It's been an interesting year with lots of Corvette club activities, meeting new club members and having fun. I hope each of you have enjoyed your summer and all the activities clubs' offer.

As you read this, some of us will have put the cars away for the winter, but remember, you can still have some fun with club activities. Maybe not as much fun without the cars, but always remember..... We Join for the Car..... We stay for the People!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD