

### MIDWEST REGION

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As we all know, NCCC is an organization made up of volunteers who love their cars. So, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the younger generations showing an interest in cars and then being able to volunteer time to help them learn more. Recently, our very own RCD, Jeff Craig, was invited to a local area high school (School of the Osage) to assist them with a "rat rod" project. The students in Mr. Satterlee's Engineering, Metals and Automotive Fundamentals class (which, by the way, I was happy to see included some women) were building an early 50's Chevy coupe. They had rebuilt the chassis, updated the suspension, made a one-piece flip front end, and fabricated floors and seats. But they needed help with the hydraulic braking system since newer brakes and suspension bits (70's vintage) had been grafted onto the old chassis. Jeff helped them with theory and operation of the systems, plus offered tech tips and troubleshooting of the system they had built. In the end, they used the Mityvac brake bleeding system and got the brakes working.

Another known fact is that NCCC is an organization made up of people who love some competition, eating, and raising money for charity! In 1993, Wisconsin Corvette Club started a "chili challenge", and the Wisconsin area clubs have been continuing that tradition ever since (adding a "chocolate challenge" in 1995, and a "salsa challenge" in 2002). This past March, the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off was hosted by the Brew City Corvette Club. Members and guests from Badger State Vettes, Brew City Corvette Club, Muskego Corvette Club, Ozaukee Corvette Club, and Wisconsin Corvette Club gathered for this gastronomic experience and enjoyed a competitive camaraderie that included tasting and voting for the best chili, chocolate, and salsa while bidding on a great Silent Auction of donated items. Proceeds and donations from this year's event went to the Childrens Hospital in Milwaukee. Anyone interested in experiencing next year's social and epicurean delight should let one of these club Governors know and they will make sure you get the flyer!

And another shout out to Max Allers from Corvettes of Minnesota for winning his tenth consecutive American Graphic Design Award™ from Graphic Design USA. In total, he has received thirteen awards from GDUSA for Print Design, Advertising Design and for Website Design. GO MAX!

### **Linda Fairlamb MW – RE**

I am writing this after a great weekend at Rantoul for our first FUNdraiser. The event had fantastic weather, fun courses and great camaraderie. I want to thank everyone that came out for the event. A big thank you to the members that worked at the event. Speaking of workers, we need to keep safety in mind. Safe placement of corner stations and plenty of water available. We can't put on any rallyes, car shows or autocrosses without the help! I have made it out to a couple of events so far and noticed attendance is down. I would encourage anyone sponsoring an autocross to add fun runs or buck runs at the end of an autocross so workers or interested club members could give it a try. I look forward to seeing everyone at the August FUNdraiser and future events.

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

As I write this report, I look out my window and it is 28°! How can that be? It's the end of April and I'm still wearing a coat! I hope wherever you are, you are warm and the sun is shining and you are driving your Corvette! The NCCC membership continues to grow with over 18,000 members and 563 new members since February. Enjoy your summer and remember we join for the car... but we stay for the people!

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