

MIDWEST REGION

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Thanks to all of you who helped make 2023 successful! The competition year was very active. We had 147 volunteers who worked seven events or more (25% more than in 2022!) so that we could put on 182 autocross events on 13 weekends, 14 rallies on four days, and 12 car shows on five days. Mad City Vettes repeated as the #1 Club and is planning our Awards Banquet for April 6th, 2024 in Madison, WI. All details of the event can be found on the flyer posted on the MWR website.

I also want to thank our outgoing officers, Jeff Craig and Russ Tharp, for multiple years of outstanding service to the Region as RCD and Treasurer, and welcome Bill Docherty and Diane Wagner as the incoming RCD and Treasurer. Also, thanks to our outgoing Governors, Tom McKinley, Tom Stibbe, Bill Esicar, Mike Stevens and Karen Grove for your input on the business of NCCC and the MWR.

People in our Region are constantly doing impressive things that don't have anything to do with their Corvettes. For instance, could you ever imagine that Robyn Wood (Mad City Vettes), our #1 worker who loves to stay active running after cones during autocross events, also spends time holding Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) babies? When she retired from her job as a district food service director, she realized how much she missed getting and giving hugs. So, she signed up to be a NICU Cuddler. Cuddler volunteers go through extensive training so they can provide therapeutic talk and touch to NICU babies during times when their parents can't be with them at the hospital. Robyn spends 2-5 hours a week with NICU babies, talking, singing, reading, and rocking them in order to help them thrive. Such a great volunteer!

And then we have Jeff Craig (Route 66 Corvette Club) who had a product he helped develop be recognized as one of the best new products in the automotive aftermarket from amongst 183 entries at the Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo in Las Vegas. The new product is a fuel/fluid extractor and priming kit that can quickly and cleanly extract, prime or dispense diesel fuel, kerosene or gasoline. He worked with his supplier to develop the tool and accessories, and with Engineering to make sure it was functional in order to create this "best new product". Quite the achievement!

Linda Fairlamb MW – RE

After four years on the National Stage, I am returning as RCD for the Midwest Region. I take over from Jeff Craig, who did all the work of entering the 2024 schedule and setting things up for me to start. 2024 has an updated rulebook with thirteen rule changes approved by the Governors. This will be published online by January 1st, 2024. An increase to fourteen sanctions per club is a major change and allowing entrants to ride with those with multiple DNF runs to help them improve is another. I always think of DNF as Did Not Focus! An update on overall FTD adds the requirement that you beat at least one other entrant to earn the bonus. Overall FTD was the only point bonus that did not have this. Updated sections are on Car Shows, previously People's Choice Concours, Flyers, and Time Trials. I encourage anyone running events in 2024 to review the updated Rulebook and to download current forms, since these may change annually.

Being a Regional Officer is a two-way path. While I pass down information from the National meetings, I represent the Region on the Competition Committee. Your involvement is necessary for me to bring concerns to the committee and uphold Regional interests. My experience with the Competition Database and results reporting allows me to assist you in these areas. Do not be afraid to ask for help.

I look forward to the February Regional meeting and to working with everyone in one of the most active Regions in NCCC.

Bill Docherty MW – RCD

As you read this report, we are done with 2024 Membership Renewals, Thanksgiving, Christmas and onto the New Year! Most of the Midwest Region clubs had their renewals to me on time. I want to thank all our Governors who make my job so easy. You are truly the best! We have several clubs changing Governors this year. Gordon Green will replace Tom McKinley, Corvette Club of Illinois; Roger Ondeck will replace Tom Stibbe, River City Corvette Club; Steve Grabenstetter will replace Bill Esicar, Great River Corvette Club; Mike Moushey will replace Mike Stevens, Sunburst Corvette Club; and Don Huskisson will replace Karen Grove, Corvette Cruisers of Illinois. Sadly, we will lose a long-time club, St. Louis Corvette Club and Governor Larry Walker at the end of 2023! Thank you to all the outgoing Governor's and to those coming on board, welcome!

I'm writing this report prior to the database closing on December, 15, 2023 with hopes that by the time you read this, the updated, new and improved version of the database will be up and running perfectly! In closing, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas, and I'm praying the New Year brings good health and prosperity to all!

Sandy Arnold MW - RMD