<u>MIDWEST REGION</u>

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Spring has flown past and now summer seems to be doing the same. I hope you're taking the time to enjoy your Corvette, and just as importantly, your Corvette family.

The Region has held two successful fundraisers this year and it looks like we are doing a good job of being financially solid. Thanks to all the workers who made that happen, and thanks to our Treasurer, Gordon Green, for his hard work keeping the books in order and making sure that we are sticking to our budget.

As you should all know, NCCC has a proposed standing rule change on the table to increase dues. Dues have not changed for many, many years and this change is long past due. Most of you probably pay your NCCC dues along with your club dues, so I encourage you to make sure your club is prepared for this likely increase. This will likely mean a change to your local club bylaws or standing rules. Feel free to call or send an email if you'd like additional information.

The Midwest Region is hosting the annual NCCC Convention in the Wisconsin Dells this year. I encourage you all to attend. The area itself offers waterpark splashes, outdoor adventures, scenic attractions, shopping, and great dining – all in one place. Of course our Convention offers trips and tours, parties, and a whole slate of competitive events at world class venues. Midwest Region members – we need your help. Show up for a day or for the week, but please show up and lend a hand.

That's all for now – enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at Convention!

Dale Samuelson MW - RE

With Spring behind us, the Midwest Region is getting into the heart of the Competition season. There are events almost every weekend. Check out www.mwregion.com for more information.

Our members are hard at work on the Wisconsin Dells NCCC Convention, and it looks to be a great time. From tours to some really unique places, events at Road America and Rock Falls dragstrip, and the amenities of the Kalahari resort, it will be a busy and fun filled week. Then there are award banquets and parties with some great entertainment to fill your evenings. The Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room are great places to socialize and meet up with friends.

A new type of fire extinguisher is now approved for use in your car for High-Speed events. The Element E50 lights like a flare and provides 50 seconds of use. It is non-toxic, residue free, and has metal bracket accessories for mounting on a rollbar or seat bracket.

With our busy schedule, getting event site dates synced with our Regions schedule is a real challenge. While we schedule in November, many sites wait until March to put their schedules together. The scramble to make changes is always difficult, but thanks to all the Region clubs for working together to make it happen.

Our Memorial Day Fundraiser is now over. Thanks to everyone who entered and worked to make it successful.

The Competition page of the NCCC website has the committee approved rule changes to date posted. Share your opinions with your Club Governor, so they will make an informed vote for the next rulebook.

Bill Docherty MW - RCD

As the Competition season has started, membership is growing - Governors, remember when adding new members to be sure all the data is correct. This includes email addresses, street address, state and zip code, etc. If the information is not correct, new members will not receive a membership packet or Blue Bars. When membership renewals begin in September, please continue to update your database.

Once again, still leading the way, the largest club in the Midwest Region is Route 66 Corvette Club with 220 fantastic members. Also, congratulations to the oldest club in the Region, Chicago Corvette Club. All our clubs are great!!! I look forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Steve Grabenstetter MW - RMD