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# MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

## ST. LOUIS, MO.

Midwest Region minutes of Feb.26, 2011 meeting in St Louis, MO.

Those in attendance were:

#### Yes (Y)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Don Schmitt
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Wally Grivna
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Ron Myers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Sue Puksich
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-077	Glass Favorites	Gary Nesbitt
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	George Dick
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Larry Zmuda
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-122	River City Corvettes	Charles Britten
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Mike Harker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Brian Kleemeyer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Arnie Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-195	Land of Lincoln Corvette Club	Sue Bohne
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-205	Crossed Flags Corvette Club	Larry Hickman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Tony Cizel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Matt Waters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-333	Lakeside Corvette Club	Ray Clark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-351	Windy City Corvettes	Dave Heinemann
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-359	Chippewa Valley Corvettes	Peter Klug
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Illinois	Donald Huskisson
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<input type="checkbox"/> MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Jim Butler
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Cynthia Finke
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Todd Mcilwee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-489	Minnesota Renegades	Jan Hanna
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-522	St. Louis Corvette Club	Richard Luebcke
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-538	FASS Glass	Randall Clark
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-565	Crow River Corvette Club	Tim Monahan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-575	Chicago Cross-Roads CC	JW Weddington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RE		Gary Kelly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RCD		Paul Haack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-RMD		Sue Puksich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-Secretary		Christine Reitz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW-Treasurer		Nancy Bailey
<input type="checkbox"/> MW-Webmaster		Joan Thomas

#### **Schedule for future Midwest Region Governor's Meetings:**

**March 12, 2011 - Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL**

**April 30, 2011 - Sheraton-Westport Plaza St. Louis MO**

**September 10, 2011 - Sheraton-Westport Plaza St. Louis MO**

**November 12, 2011 - Sheraton-Westport Plaza St. Louis MO**

**Guests in Attendance:**

Larry Pagliaro	Bill Docherty	Mardee Beckman
Joan Heinemann	Rose Schmitt	Don Schmitt
Carolyn Samuelson	Dale Samuelson	Jim Thomas
Janet Wilson	Ruth Kasten	

Gary Kelly, RE, called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. The attendance sheet was passed around for everyone to sign and copies were made in the media center. Gary mentioned that copies were available for today's meeting agenda and the Region Administrative Schedule.

Gary asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing and pay our respect to Midwest Region member and former Governor of Wisconsin Corvette Club, Tony Puksich.

*Motion made by Arnie Bailey, seconded by Matt Waters and unanimously approved to approve today's meeting agenda.*

**NCCC 2011 Convention Status:**

Larry Pagliaro and Dave Heinemann addressed the region to provide a summary of the current convention status. To date, 460 people have registered for convention, which is a record for the first month. Over 200 people have signed up for the bus tours. 107 registrants for valve cover races. Early registration has been phenomenal.

Host hotel rooms were taken in three days. Rooms have not been assigned yet. Betty Parks, Convention Treasurer, will personally contact all registrants that are not assigned to host hotel with a list of alternate hotels for you to choose from. Overflow hotels will not be assigned. Registrant will be able to choose their overflow hotel of choice. Larry Pagliaro will send email a list of hotels to all team leaders for distribution to their club members.

Upon arrival at convention, all registration, including hotel, is done in the convention center.

Low-speed autocross is almost full. Over 100 have registered for high-speed autocross. Practice is setup for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Autobahn Country Club.

Larry is taking photos of all team leaders. Please see Larry if you are a team leader that has not had your picture taken.

Gary Kelly sent out an email to all RE's and all MW Region Governors requesting volunteers for judging of the concours car show. Please contact Gary if you or any of your club members would like to volunteer.

A dry run to the location of entrants and people's choice car show is scheduled on Sunday, March 13th after the Midwest Region Awards Banquet. The funkahna and rallye routes are being planned.

Arnie Bailey posed question about drags if records are set at convention. Does the MW Region have anyone with the expertise to operate the "tear-down" equipment or do we need to get someone trained

**NCCC 2011 Convention Status (continued):**

Monthly conference calls only have capacity for 15 connections.

New Convention Center at Holiday Inn is complete and fully operational and running. Drags have been moved to Tuesday due to conflict of dates at Route 66 Drag Strip. Low and High-speed events have been moved to Wednesday and Thursday. Any conflicts with registration will be worked out with registrants.

Please use Tips Page at National Convention website. You can click on any event and get all of the details for that event.

Help wanted for convention registration. Sheet was passed out ([copy attached](#)) to Governors and request they pass along to club membership, put in their club newsletter and post on their club website.

Nancy reported on convention merchandise sales (see Treasurer's Report attached for details). Cutoff for orders will be the Friday prior to April Governor's meeting. MW Region workers shirts polo's will remain same price, t-shirts will increase to \$12/each. A request was made for Nancy to bring some convention merchandise to regional party to sell, which she agreed to do.

If your club members are coming to work, team leader should work with Betty Parks for 1-day worker passes. Pass includes all activities for that one day. Worker must purchase worker shirt to identify themselves as worker at event. Passes will need to be picked up at registration. Worker information will only be on regional website. Workers do not need to register on national website. Team leaders should fill out the plan with workers.

Joan Thomas informed us that the speaker for Friday night at convention is Al Tardy, the first recipient of the Roger Clancy award.

Larry Pagliaro will be providing an agenda for the convention rehearsal scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion followed regarding the disbursement and use of potential convention profits. Please [see attached](#) spreadsheet for items discussed.

**Chris Reitz, MWR Secretary:**

Chris reported that the MWR minutes for November 13, 2010 were emailed by Janet Wilson to the MWR Officers for review and approved on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Following their approval, the minutes were emailed to the MWR Officers and Governors.

*Motion made by Sue Puksich, seconded by Tom Reitz and unanimously approved to approve the 11/13/10 meeting minutes.*

*Motion made by J.W. Weddington, seconded by Rich Luebcke and unanimously approved for the MW Region Secretary to destroy the ballots from the November 2010 election.*

**Nancy Bailey, MWR Treasurer:**

Nancy Bailey discussed region financial information (copy attached for Governors and Officers). Last year a region fund raiser and increased head tax helped to supplement our region income by about \$6500.00. Increased head tax made a difference of about \$3200.00 in income. Nancy has check from Paul Haack for NCCC rebate for awards for \$1374.00. Nancy waiting for a couple of receipts before books will be ready for Tom Kasten to audit. Nancy will contact Tom when ready. Nancy to finalize 2010 MWRCS numbers next week.

*Motion made by Don Schmitt, seconded by Tom Kasten and unanimously approved to approve the 2010 and 2011 Treasurer's Report.*

**Sue Puksich, MWR Membership Director (RMD):**

RMD reports total MWR membership of 2071 members. The region needs 175 more members to beat the East Region for total members.

Please keep your email address current on the membership website and notify Sue of any changes. Keep member addresses current to avoid returns. Deceased member information was inadvertently deleted. Please go in and re-enter that information.

RMD meeting discussed computer changes regarding the membership database. Sue will keep region updated as changes are made.

Please check FCOA member addresses when possible. Sue will send each governor a list of FCOA returns due to incorrect address.

A question about how do event registration people know if a multi-year card is issued that it is good in the current year? Still not definite that multi-year cards will be issued.

**Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (RCD):**

The new NCCC insurance provider for 2011 is Brown & Brown Insurance. Paul passed out brochures from Brown & Brown. Information is available on NCCC website. Paul and other Governors report that response from Brown & Brown has been excellent. Some changes to insurance include: NCCC now has \$5Million liability standard insurance and a \$0 deductible for track vehicles/trailers. Copies of waivers are permissible. Officers at the national, regional, and club level are now covered. Governors should encourage chairperson for club events to carry claim forms so that they can be completed immediately. No sending in flyers or newsletter requirement.

Walt Jenkins was working on the idea of linking results/points from competition events into the membership database. This is in the preliminary stage, further discussion is needed by the competition committee to determine if this is something that should be pursued or not.

**Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (continued):**

Rules Clarifications: Clarifications were submitted about how decals on paint and glass should be counted when classifying modifications for concours car shows.

Decals on painted areas: **Answer:** Decals which we put under the term of “Applied Graphics” are covered under Sec. 7.9.3.B Striping (Paint & Tape).

Decals on glass: **Answer:** Applied graphics to glass are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.

Clear vinyl protective coating to protect painted areas: **Answer:** Applied protection paint coating/coverings are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.

Change requests submitted to Paul to date:

- Update Change Request form with results/decision.
- Allow region to sanction 7 events per season for regional fund raisers.
- Raise thresholds for awards from 200 points to 300 points.
- Allow clubs or regions 10 sanctions per year, maximum 5 per day.

Any other rule book changes for consideration must be submitted to Paul Haack by 4/1/11.

Deb Lindsey is working with Michelin regarding a competition contest for people running Michelin tires. There will be more discussion at national meeting.

Paul working on permanent number and mileage chart and anticipates having done by end of week (see attached copies). Paul has all ten sanctions for Region Fund Raiser event May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Deposit of \$100.00 to be given to Bill Docherty for Mattoon Airport for this event.

MWRCS proposal was submitted to Paul Haack from Sunburst Corvette Club. Bids are to be submitted by 3/1/11. Details of proposal are similar to last year. The proposal will be sent out to Governors for vote.

Discussion on how region should handle Sanction Schedule changes.

Due to the loss of their event site availability (National Guard Armory), club MW-054 requested to move their autocross event from Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, as selected at the Sanctioning Meeting, to Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to the extenuating circumstances, and since there were no other regional events of the same type (autocross) on that day, and also that the regional event is more than 200 miles away from the other concours event scheduled on that day, Paul Haack agreed to the club's request, made the change to the schedule, and published it on 2/15/2011.

After the 2/15/11 schedule was published, Paul received an email from Gary Kelly, stating that this rescheduling was not permitted according to the MWR Standing Rules Section 2.1, Items 7 and 10, and that “In summary, Midwest Corvette Club will need to find another weekend for their speed events”.

**Paul Haack, MWR Competition Director (continued):**

Current MWR Standing Rules state multiple events will only be allowed if requested and granted at the Annual Sanction Scheduling Meeting and the paperwork is in by January 15<sup>th</sup> or if there are no other sanctioned events scheduled that weekend.

Paul suggests that the MWR Standing Rules be updated to reflect the ability to change dates as allowed per the NCCC Rulebook, such as circumstances beyond the control of the host club or RCD requiring the events to be cancelled, may request rescheduling of those cancelled events. After the 2010 Sanctioning Meeting, there were only 3 open weekends during the entire summer to reschedule, and Paul believes this is too restrictive to accommodate loss of event locations such as what happened to MW-054.

Gary indicated that Badger State would be open to allowing MW-054 to hold their event on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> instead of Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Paul will contact the MW-054 club Governor to explain the options available and see what they would like to do.

The original intent of the rule was to protect the single event dates. To change the current MWR Rule 2/3rds of Governors present would have to vote in favor of approval today. No motion was made.

Paul will write up a proposed motion and distribute to the Governors before the next Governor's Meeting.

**Joan Thomas, MWR Webmaster:**

Two Website Sponsors for 2011 have paid. Joan to post worker pass info on MW Region website once provided to her by Larry Pagliaro. Please convert any Word or Excel doc sent to Joan to Office 2003.

**Gary Kelly, MWR Executive (RE):**

Several By-Laws Changes have been submitted to NCCC, not ready to report on, more info at future meetings. Proposal to change start time of national meeting. MWR voted No in straw vote.

The deadline for submissions for the Spring Issue of Blue Bars is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Regional news will be included in this edition.

Eight clubs are currently entered in newsletter contest.

Presentation on St. Louis and Indianapolis for future Governor's Meeting locations for 2013 and 2014 at the national meeting. Ballots for meeting site will be mailed to Governors on 3/12/11 and must be returned to the NCCC Secretary by 4/15/11.

**Gary Kelly, MWR Executive (continued):**

Proxies: Gary is still missing 4 or 5. Governors, if you have not turned your proxies into Gary Kelly please do so ASAP.

Region patches available for \$3.00 each.

**Midwest Region Awards Committee – Diana Haack & Chris Reitz**

Awards are being made. Total will come in Tuesday or Wednesday under \$4500.00 budget. Diana please check email from Arnie Bailey, he needs to change color of shirt.

**Old Business:**

**MW Regional Party – Dave Heinemann**

We are now able to have a banquet room “The Paris Room” for the MWR Awards Banquet on March 12, 2011. A room in the new wing was offered but is not as large as the Paris Room. MWR RE was contacted and a decision was made to hire a DJ and dance floor at a cost of \$360.00. Let your club members know we are now having entertainment. Fifty-Six people have registered for banquet. Sixteen registrations were collected last night bringing the total to seventy-two people currently registered.

The Paris Room will be used for Regional Meeting at 2PM on March 12, 2011. Additional information is available online at the MWR website.

Motion made by Arnie Bailey, seconded by Dave Heinemann and unanimously approved to cover the \$360.00 expense to hire the DJ for the MWR Awards Banquet on 3/12/11.

**New Business:**

MW Region Head Tax for 2010 was \$1.00 per entrant per event.

Motion made by Dave Heinemann seconded by Sue Puksich and unanimously approved to reduce Head Tax for 2011 to \$.50 per entrant per event.

Thanks to Paul Haack for all his work on updating the MWR Standing Rules in the competition area. Updated version is on MW Region website.

Arnie Bailey suggested that we may want to have the MW Region Banner, discussed during convention profit disbursement discussion, made prior to convention. Dave had one made for convention 10' x 3' for \$80.00.

Motion made by JW Weddington, seconded by Arnie Bailey and unanimously approved to spend up to \$250.00 for region to purchase a region banner, if one doesn't already exist. Banner to be made same as MW Region patch.

**New Business (continued):**

Sue Puksich to check at home and let Dave Heinemann know if she has a region banner.

Dave Heinemann sent around the sample of the convention collector plate available for Illinois vehicles only. Good for 2 months. The plates are usually delivered Memorial Weekend and good thru 7/31 at a cost of \$30.00 plus \$5 shipping.

Motion made by Dave Heinemann, seconded by SuePuksich and unanimously approved to give two white convention t-shirts for door prizes at the national meeting and one convention shirt of choice to Brown & Brown rep.

Discussion about official colored logo.

Motion made by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Arnie Bailey and unanimously approved that the official MWR Logo is the logo with only red, no blue, on left side of logo (see attached logo).

**Miscellaneous Items:**

Dinner tonight at Jakes Steaks on Laclede's Landing. Meet down in lobby 30 minutes after national meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.