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Future Midwest Region Meeting

May 3, 2025
September 13, 2025
November 15, 2025
February 21, 2026

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National Meeting 2025 Sheraton Hotel Reservation Form:
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MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – February 22, 2025

Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

Y	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Adam Petrik (Proxy)
	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Fred Lyons
Y	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	Roger Miller
Y	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
Y	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Tom McKinley
	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
	MW-122	River City Corvettes	Roger Ondeck
	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Don Wagner
Y	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter
Y	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
Y	MW-246	Badger State Vettes, Ltd	Craig Wiendl
Y	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Mike Stevens (Proxy)
Y	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
Y	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Bill Docherty
	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Ill	Lawrence Long
Y	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Glenn Goggins
	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
Y	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Joan Thomas
Y	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
Y	MW-575	Chicago Cross Roads Corvette Club	JW Weddington
Y	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Mike Kirschner
	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
Y	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Steve Grabenstetter

MWR OFFICERS

Y	MW Regional Executive	Dale Samuelson
Y	MWR Competition Director	Bill Docherty
Y	MWR Membership Director	Steve Grabenstetter
Y	MWR Treasurer	Gordon Green
Y	MWR Secretary	Jeanne Cassel
Y	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

Guests in Attendance

Barb Goggins	Mil-Illinois Club	Frank Kennedy	Chicago Corvette Club
Pat Stevens	Sunburst	Chirs Reitz	Route 66
Carolyn Samuelson	NICC	Helen Parker	Chicago Cross Roads CC

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2025

Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – Dale Samuelson: The MWR Governors meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM.

Approve meeting agenda: Motion by JW Weddington, seconded by Mike Stevens and all approved.

Introduction of those attending: Governors, or attending proxies, were asked to sign the roster, and to indicate if they plan to attend the NCCC meeting. All were reminded of the NCCC meeting start time. Guests were asked to sign roster.

Officer Reports

MWR Secretary – Jeanne Cassel

- Approval of November 2024 Midwest Region meeting minutes. Minutes were e-mailed to all Officers and all current, incoming, and outgoing Governors on December 7, 2024. Motion to approve as e-mailed by JW Weddington, seconded by Mike Stevens, and approved by all.
- MWR Officer election ballots – approval to destroy. Motion by Joan Thomas, seconded by Bill Docherty, all approved.
- Report from **Convention Steering Committee** meeting - Jeanne Cassel.
 - NCCC's Insurance received two claims, neither auto related. NCCC's *Directors & Officers* policy helps protect Council, Region and Club leaders from personal financial losses if sued for actions taken on behalf of their organization, and the *Crime* policy has theft and/or embezzlement type provisions. While economic loss may be covered under these policies, club internal controls may lessen the chance of an occurrence. Some controls to help clubs avoid *D&O* and/or *Crime* situations/claims are available in the *By-Laws of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.*, and depicted in NCCC's separation of accounting and audit type practices.
 - Sponsorship reminder to send information to NCCC Sponsorship Michele on any Sponsor Contact of ≥ \$500, that might have interest in a Blue Bars or Convention ad, etc.
 - 2026 Convention update. All contracts are current, and required deposits are paid. The Syracuse NY Hilton Double Tree rooms are nice, and they are known for their warm chocolate chip cookies. They also provide breakfast, and "go-bag" food is being discussed. Travel time to competitive events is within an ½ hour. Corvette Mall open times and needs were discussed. Convention's only concern re the NHRA drag strip is that heavy rain before convention might impact the track run-off – should it happen, Convention will switch to a 1/8th mile course. Pineview Run and speed events are set. Working on having the Rally to run to Watkins Glenn for an all-Convention Picnic, and hopefully lapping the track (led-parade laps – helmet, etc. are not required). Tours are in the works. QUESTION asked – Is there interest for a Niagara Falls tour – considering the trip is 2 ½ hours each way. Response is neutral.
 - Convention 2027 bid – To date, the Committee has not received information regarding hosting or chairing a 2027 Convention. Regions and clubs are asked to discuss options and share thoughts and/or information.

MWR Treasurer – Gordon Green (*The attached 2024-2025 Financials are numbered in order presented.*)

(Contact your Governor)

- Annual Financial Audit status – Chris Reitz. All financial information was reviewed. The Budget versus Actual was reviewed and a late December received expense was added into the reports. All actual and anticipated items in the reports are accurate. The 2024 Treasurer Diane Wagner, 2025 Treasurer Gordon Green and Past RE Linda Fairlamb were recognized for their accuracy and great work and thanked for their help throughout the audit.
- Report on region finances – income & expenses since last report & comparison to budget.
 - 2024 Final Results – No new activity since the November meeting not referenced in the previous meeting notes. YTD Summary depicts 2024 year-end balance. 2024 Budget vs Actual total income, expenses and year-to-date are shown. The region kept costs under budget and improved income. The year-end was within budget.
 - 2025 Period - Jan 1-Feb 22, 2025, results: The Income/Expense and Budget v Actual reports - Financials # 3, 4, 5, were reviewed. **Changes from last meeting are in RED**. Adjustments will be made to incorporate the Bowling Green Fundraiser. Discussions and adjustments going forward may include April fundraiser income projections, and the in-process addition of some new members.
 - 2025 - Annual Financial Income and Expense Plan final review and approval. Motion by Bill Docherty to approve budgets and financial information as submitted, seconded by JW Weddington, and approved by all.
 - NOTE: Attached also is **Finance 6**, a corrected **2025 Annual Financial Plan Budget v Actual**. This includes April's Fundraiser's estimated income. This information was not included at the Governor meeting. While not discussed or approved at the meeting, including it here provides a more accurate depiction of our financial position.

MWR RMD – Steven Grabenstetter. MWR Regional Membership Director Report:

- Report from RMD meeting. The largest region by member clubs is the West Region with 1,351 members in 29 clubs. However, the Mid West Region has the most members, 2,006 members in our 26 MWR clubs. Route 66 is our largest region club with 211 members.
- MWR membership and renewal report - The renewal process went well. Joan Thomas mentioned the MWR website, under> Information > Governor Informational Documents section > you find the *Duties of a National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Governor* document.

- Report of 2025 Governor and club changes: Tom McKinley is here for Corvette Club of Illinois, Glenn Goggins for Mid-Illinois Corvette Club.

MWR RCD Report – Bill Docherty (See <https://www.mwregion.com/schedule.html> for latest event and flyer info.)

- Report from RCD meeting: The 2024 Competition Season is now final. 2024 Men and Women Top 5 Event Standings were announced. 2025 Sanctioned Events were reviewed. Record Drag Indexes have been updated and posted, and Thank You to Johnny Gann [SW RCD] for updating the Indexes. 2025 Competition Calendar is filling up, and there are multiple Rally and /Funkhna events in many regions. VP of comp and RCD's will assist with Wisconsin Dells Convention Tech. Rule Changes discussed are:
 - **C-8 information, Record Drag Racing, and the 2025 Convention:** Larry Walker did a presentation on C8s competing in Drag events, their indexes, and their unique challenges in post tech inspection. After much deliberation, the Competition Committee took a vote and decided that C8 Corvettes will be allowed to run Convention Drags and race on a provisional Record to establish their class indexes. A C8 Post Tech Inspection Guideline was also presented, and it is to be followed for all C8s at Convention. This is a trial test at Convention as we are trying to propose an updated Drags Chapter for the 2026-2027 Rulebook. As this presents an inconsistent discriminatory compliance benefit/restriction between vehicles competing for the same trophy/position, Bill Docherty does not support this language and would protest. Alternatively, Class Eliminator can be eliminated. The Drags Events Sub-Committee continues to address Post Tech inspections and inclusion of newer model participation.
 - Other business:
 - Rule Change #15 – Roll Cage updated to acceptable standards. Old Roll Bars and Cages are grandfathered. Passed unanimously. This is a safety change and effective immediately.
 - Competition Safety Sub-Committee Review and Discussion / Establish Safety Guidelines and Procedures for all types of events.
 - Chapter 12 (2024-R1) Develop a Chapter 12 – Dale Samuelson and Bill Docherty will be on this committee. Provisional/Supplemental Competition Programs Sub-Committee for NCCC FCOA, NCCC Youth Members and any other limited series Programs to attract and retain more and new members to NCCC.
 - (2024-R2) Develop an FCOA Competition Program Sub-Committee in conjunction with the FCOA Director for FCOA kids between the ages of 9-16 as allowed per our Competition Rulebook's minimum age requirements in a limited series using Non-Speed Events only.
 - (2024-R3) Develop a Youth Member/Young Guns Competition Sub-Committee for our NCCC Youth members between the ages of 16-25 in a limited series using Speed Events only.
 - (2024-R4) Develop an OFTD/ZORA Competition Program Sub-Committee to attract experienced drivers who only participate in limited series Speed Events culminating with a marquee NCCC Convention event.
 - Speed Events Re-Classification Sub-Committee Review and Discussion about Changing our current Alphabet classes to align with Corvette Generation Numbers
 - Rule Change 2025-R1: Dealing with Car Shows was tabled for the May Meeting was tabled for rewording to clarify "car shows" not "concours."
- MWR Competition topics
 - Assigned Numbers status: how many renewed Jan 1st-31st? – Joan Thomas reported Last year 90 renewed their assigned numbers. As of today, 73 people renewed their numbers. There may be more renewals as the cut off is March 15th. After this date, anyone can apply for any open number from the assigned number list.
 - 2025 Competition Event status - Number of weekends and events. The current list was shown and discussed. Updates and changes will be made to the website. Review the on-line schedule to see what was updated.
 - MWR Fundraisers:
 - April 5th-6th Region Fundraiser in Bowling Green, KY. MWR teamed with SE region for this fundraiser weekend. Linda Fairlamb used a prize coupon she received to set up this weekend and it should be fun. All info is on the flyer. There is a 75-car limit. Workers are needed. Good participation supports the region.
 - May 24-25 Memorial weekend Region Fundraiser status in Rantoul, IL. Support this event to enable us to fund region without a head tax.
 - July 26th-27th Region Fundraiser status in Madison, WI. Due to other activities on the weekend, the Alliant Center requires us to use Parking Passes. Pre-Registrants will receive passes. Without the pass the entry fee is \$8 into parking at the center. Send worker list names to Bill to arrange parking pass for the weekend. Register for rooms.
- Helmet sticker status-**Mike Stevens** – Helmet stickers were distributed to governors present. They were prepared by Avery labels using an Avery template. Good work Mike.

MWR RE Report – Dale Samuelson

- Report from RE meeting:
 - Report from Finance Meeting - Dale Samuelson reported on two insurance claims – neither were auto related. A \$30,000 payout to satisfy a club members defamation of character lawsuit when voted out for unsatisfactory behavior. A club was compensated for member's criminal activity, the theft/absconding of \$24,000 club revenue.
 - A Standing Rule change may be presented at the NCCC meeting proposing eliminating the "200 Points Patches" as almost no one sews them on jackets. As savings outweigh benefits, including governor mailing costs.

- A possible 25-50cents entrant and worker head tax proposal was discussed and tabled.
- Wording clarification regarding the Lifetime Membership fee and a new member. Does the new member have to join and pay the current year member fee before they can 'renew' as a NCCC Lifetime Member. The answer is yes because the Lifetime fee is listed as "renewal". This will be clarified in the bylaws.
- There is a proposal to eliminate the "Teller Committee" as it is not necessary with electronic voting.
- Discussion was held regarding a proposed "International Region" for European Corvette members. Bylaws say regions can be established "in the United States". Consideration of this topic is moot.
- A Bylaw Committee was established, and Dale Samuelson is a member.
- A NCCC Budget will be presented at the NCCC meeting. This budget shows an anticipated \$157,000 deficit if all stays the same. RE's are checking each line item for savings. Ultimately, we may need a \$10 per member/\$5 per spouse dues increase. With the Rule Book change to modify award classifications into Speed and Non-Speed events, there is an increase in trophies. Question becomes, do we economize on trophies or add to the budget, which will effectively double the dollar amount needed for national awards. National Award price information was shared. As a possible motion to increase the National Awards budget amount, effectively doubling it, would be presented, a MWR straw vote was taken to determine Proxy Votes. Discussion followed. All voted "No" to an increase to the budget. Proxy votes will vote no.
- Status of Proxy forms – All but one 2025 Proxy form has been received.
- 2025 Appointed Officer selection and approval. Joan Thomas' selection and appointment as Webmaster was approved.
- Review the Region Admin schedule. Done.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

- **MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas.**
 - The MWR website is WWW.mwregion.com
 - The 2025 Administrative Schedule is on the website under >Meetings>Information.
 - For Governors Duties go to > Information > Duties of a National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Governor
 - Governors must send sanction event get flyers to Bill Docherty first. Joan cannot enter them until they are approved.
 - Governors, please remind club members to check out > Changes on the website to find latest news.
 - Another tip: check > History tab site for the latest 2025 Convention information "NCCC National Conventions..."
- **Awards Committee – Robyn Wood—** Awards are in progress. All is good.
- **2025 NCCC Convention (Wisconsin Dells) – Joan Thomas/Tim Wood.**
 - If a group of family/friends are attending convention and wish for rooms in proximity, Joan can do it. Make all hotel reservations, then send the hotel registration/confirmation number, all names and contact information to Joan Thomas. Use the Convention Director MAIL BOX on NCCC's 2025 Convention Information page, at the bottom.
 - Currently, 121 from the MWR are registered for convention. A workers list is being prepared. See the Convention documents for worker day passes.
 - MWR clubs wishing their logo on the program's "club page" should send the highest resolution logo to Joan Thomas.
 - The hotel has banner rules. Banners can be hung in the banquet room. Cost is \$30 per banners with grommets. Joan will check on rules for banners with own stands.
 - Donated Door prizes are needed. Clearance aisles in stores are a good source for nice-priced items.
 - Car numbers on RA track should be 8-inches high both sides of car.
 - Possible lap tours are being considered for Road America on Tuesday –
 - Note all Event and Tour start, and end times are approximate. Some depart times, such as cruise sail time cannot be held. An emergency phone number will be provided to assist coordination times the best they can.
 - For expense reimbursement – get the expense form from Joan Thomas
 - There will be a "car wash station" at the hotel - on the left side.
 - Meal ticket purchase cut-off date is August 1.
 - Clubs wishing to sponsor an ad page or part of a page see Joan. Prices are \$500 full page, \$250 for ½ page, \$125 for ¼ page and business cards are \$75.
 - Max Allers from Corvettes of Minnesota is creating the Convention 2020 Program.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Regional Party Status – Joan Thomas: The party has 46 registered – as of now. Remember to reserve hotel rooms.

New Business

- Discuss proposed Standing Rule changes. Request motion to accept changes: This recorded in the MWR RCD Report
- Other – All - And a **Thank You** goes to John Hibbler from all of us for today's cookie treat!

Meeting Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by JW Weddington, seconded by Steve Grabenstetter, approved by all at 11:04 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary