MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – September 13, 2025

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Future Midwest Region Meeting

November 15, 2025
February 21, 2026
May 1, 2026
September 11, 2026

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Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)			
Y	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Frank Kennedy
	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
Y	MW-135	Northern Rays Ltd.	Dan 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
	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
Y	MW-378	Corvette Cruisers of Ill	Lawrence Long
	MW-391	Mid Illinois Corvette Club	Glenn Goggins
	MW-464	Rolling Prairie Corvettes	Rod Finke
Y	MW-465	Mad City Vettes	Joan Thomas
	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Craig Besand
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
	MW-640	Game Over Vette Club	Michael Brown
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

Guests in Attendance

Robyn Wood	Mad City CC	Diane Wagner	Northern Rays
Tim Wood	Mad City CC	Pat Stevens	Sunset Corvette Club
Alan Petrik	Chicago CC	Helen Weddington	Chicago Cross Roads CC

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes- September 13, 2025
Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – **Dale Samuelson:** The MWR Governors meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

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

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 May Region Meeting Minutes. The May 3, 2025, Midwest Region meeting minutes. Minutes were e-mailed to all Officers and Governors on September 6, 2025. **Motion to approve** as e-mailed by Lawrence Long, seconded by Mike Stevens, all approved.
- Report from Convention Steering Committee meeting - Jeanne Cassel.
  - **2026 Convention update**. Debbie Schafer reported that the Syracuse Convention 2026 is on track.
    - Michele Cantelmo reported that she is working finalizing the 2026 Convention sponsors and will have more information at the November meeting.
  - **2027 Convention – Return to Bowling Green** – Dates will be June 12-18 or July 17-23, 2026. A committee of Dale Samuelson, Betty Parks, Carolyn Samuelson, Deb Murphy, Jack Alexander and others are working on plans. The facilities NCCC Convention used in 2023 are happy we are returning. The Crown Plaza Hotel's $129/per night includes breakfast. More info to come.
  - **2028 Convention** – Needs a Convention Team. Possibilities suggested included West Region and Omaha. Share any information you receive for a possible location and venue.
  - **2029 Convention** – Colorado is working on a proposal. More information to come.

MWR Treasurer – Gordon Green *(The attached 2025 Financials are numbered in order presented.)*
(Contact your Governor for copies)

- Report on region finances – income & expenses since last report & comparison to budget.
  - 2025 Period - Jan 1-September 13, 2025, results: The Income/Expense and Budget v Actual reports along with the fundraising results were reviewed and are attached. Changes from last meeting are in RED.
  - The Income / Expense period May 4, 2025 – Sept 13, 2025, and YTD Summary provides our checking account balance. New expense is the Bank Expense fee. Budget to Actual expenditures shows the MRW is working to control costs and manage the budget. Strong support and donations by clubs helps offset expenses. Dale thanked the Governors and their clubs for their help in controlling costs. This enables the MWR to avoid an event participant head tax that some other regions implement for their support.
- May and July Fundraiser results: The May Memorial Weekend at Rantoul had less projected drivers participate over the three days, and while expenses were met, the net profit was less than hoped for. The July Fundraiser at the Alliant Center had 10 more drivers than projected, resulting in a more favorable return for the region.
- New income/expense considerations in prep for 2026 Financial Plan? It is time to consider what new or different items need to be considered for the 2026 Financial Plan. What in addition to IRS Travel expenses and new officer's shirt expenses, and possible income from using an interest-bearing account for Region Funds should be considered?

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

- Report from RMD meeting - Currently there are 233 NCCC Clubs, with 17,454 members. The largest region by member clubs is the West Coast. The Midwest Region has 27 clubs.
- Renewal process discussion and due dates: The database will close on October 1 to prepare for renewals and will reopen about October 3. The cutoff will be November 15 for getting all renewals and club info to the Treasurer. The process of how a renewal works with a Life Time application was clarified - A *New Lifetime* is for a non-NCCC member applying for the first time, *Renew as Lifetime* changes the member at renewal, and *Lifetime* is used for a member enrolling during the year. Concern regarding the future impact Lifetime Membership make to NCCC finances was expressed, and some cost-cutting possibilities shared. If approved, the dues increase takes effect immediately.

MWR RCD Report – Bill Docherty (*See https://www.mwregion.com/schedule.html for latest event and flyer info*. See *https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Competition/Competition.html* for latest rule book information.)

- Report from RCD meeting: Convention was a fun time. As Chair of the Hospitality Room, I hope all enjoyed their time.
- Discuss Competition Rulebook changes to be voted on electronically. Following are brief comments regarding the changes presented for discussion and/or finalization at yesterday's Competition Meeting. On-line document is on the NCCC Competition tab at https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Competition/RulebookProposalsandClarifications/index.php. Following are provisions and changes that will be on the electronic ballot vote. The MWR will coordinate MWR voting. The voting must be all completed at one time. It will be part of the officer balloting. Results will be presented at the November Governor meeting.
  - **CHAPTER 12 - SUPPLEMENTAL - PROVISIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAMS FINAL VERSION.docx (2).pdf (as of Sep 09, 2025).** These are the guidelines for supplemental provisional programs.

- *Note that FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) are not NCCC. FCOA, Young Guns, and the Zora Competition Program offers opportunity to compete in alternative programs with like skilled and minded participants.*
  - Chapter 12.A Describes the proposed FCOA Competition Program. FCOA age group is 16 and under. Part of this program makes FCOA eligible for an Awards Point Program. For example, at age 9 a child can be a rally navigator, however, as a non-NCCC member they are not eligible to accumulate participation points. And some clubs like Windy City Corvette Club include a "Kids Electric Car Show" with their regular sanctioned car shows. This proposal encourages continuing participation at FOCA eligible functions by providing participation etc. points in age-eligible events, hopefully encouraging continued participation as they age.
  - Chapter 12.B is for the Young Guns – those age 16 to 25 (if student) who would like to compete in their own structured competition series. Events are separated into classes. The goal is to help this age group comfortably advance their skills while the continue growing their love of the Corvette, and Corvette people.
  - Chapter 12.C. Zora Competition Program is for those NCCC competitors who wish to compete in a 'shoot-out' with other qualified FTD (Fast Time of Day) winners. Review the parameters in the on-line documents.
- NCCC Auto-X Reclassification Proposal is to convert our current alpha Corvette classifications into the common Corvette Generation Classes (C-class number) language, subdivided by horsepower, etc.
- The NCCC Safety Guidelines Proposal is just that. *Safety Guidelines do not require a vote to become effective.*
- NCCC Drag Race Chapter Updating Proposal – *This pertains to mainly to Texas*.
- Competition Clarifications up to May 2nd, 2025
- Following is some of the items that the balloting covers:
  - "Alcohol" word will be replaced with terminology encompassing "under influence" to include drugs, etc.
  - Passenger on parade laps must be age 16 or more.
  - Age 9 is minimum age for rally navigator and Funkhana.
  - Element Fire Extinguishers are acceptable – not UL approved, does not have a gage or no expiration date.
  - Autocross Tech inspection is required for with a hard top without roll bar. Tops must have a "T".
  - "Tear down" to be replaced with Post Technical Inspection.
  - Funkhana classes to be separated for open versus closed top. (Suggestion - Requiring tops up)
  - Rally Checkpoint start and timing to use WWD time service from Federal Government, or cell phone.
  - Rallies should include "Round-About" language in definitions.
  - All Rally Classes run together. Entrants to declare which class.
  - Concours added "Custom Seats".
  - Championship information will change if classifications change.
  - Bylaws/Standing Rules worker points under consideration. Technically workers don't travel to get worker points.
  - The E-Board asked the Committee to review the book annually.
- Rule Book Changes are found at: https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Competition/Competition.html
  - The vote will be on line. Some items will be grouped, some listed individually. These take effect Calendar 2026. 2026-2027 proposed rule changes will be strictly in the 2026 Rule Book.
  - Autocross Parade Laps will be mandatory.
  - Roll Bars have specifications.
- There is a *New Waiver for Minors*. A parent can appoint another person to watch minor and sign the waiver.

- 2026 MWR Competition Schedule Worksheet review.
  - The Awards Party date is a place holder. Craig Wiendl and Badger group are investigating options.
  - The April Fundraiser may have another date. April 11-12 is 1st Autocross.
  - Bill Docherty explained how a club's 14 sanctions can be used, shared, sold, and can even buy sanctions.

MWR RE Report – Dale Samuelson

- Report from RE meeting:
  - Report from NCCC Finance Meeting
    - **Standing Rule 2025-009-V8** and **Standing Rule 2025-012-V3**. Was discussed and vote is this afternoon.
      - *SR 2025-009-V8* ***Increase dues to increase NCCC revenue*** *enabling NCCC better opportunity to operate in the black. Increases are for Primary, Spouse/SO, Associate, Enthusiast and Lifetime membership.*
      - *SR 2025-012-V3 adds a New Life membership line to the membership database as a member type, authorized the dues increase and confirms timelines for implementation.*
      - Discussion from REs about their clubs and how they are voting and why.
      - The projected deficit was discussed, but the picture is better than initially projected. Possible cost solution options discussed included reconsidering the number of annual NCCC Governor meetings, perhaps removing one or using Zoom in lieu of in person meetings versus the benefit of how in-person contacts help foster interpersonal relationships, improve communications, and aid problem solving and goal achievement. Virtual meetings may have a connectivity and learning curve and cost to many clubs and governors. Membership cards and/or Lifetime cards elimination, electronic/soft copy Blue Bars, and other conversation topics continued.
      - The Dues increase proposal tabled last meeting is up for a Roll Call Vote. The vote is about the process – not the amount, it is a Yes/No vote to increase *or* not increase dues. More conversation followed questioning the fiscal responsibility to raise dues and not cut costs. Cost cutting options and processes will continue.
    - Blue Bars reminder to for governors and clubs consider soft copies – particularly if any are snow birds.

- Proposal SR 2026-001 affects how dues increases could work in the future. It would allow E-Boards to do incremental "cost of living" type increases of up to x7% without a formal process. Traditionally NCCC Governors have Yes/NO dues increase power. Dale recommended we do not give this power to the E-Board.
- Recommended finance order of business - develop criteria for the committee. There were twenty-some suggestions including delete committees, add a competition fee, delete competition rebates, offer paid room for convention incentive, review need for membership cards, evaluate regions who do not meet sufficient membership to stand alone, eliminate officer reimbursements. The cost-savings needs to be quantified. We also need to know if what members see as a 'benefit' is worth the cost.

- Confirm the current year Sanctioning meeting date. **Motion for the Midwest Region to finalize the 2026 Competition Schedule at the Nov 15, 2025,** by Ed Cassel, Steve Grabenstetter seconded, and all approved**.**
- Discuss #1 Club Possibilities: Need banquet date, location and plan information at November meeting. Badger State Vette's Governor Craig Wiendl confirmed they will present ideas and plans at the meeting.
- Appoint 2025 MWR Awards Committee – Robyn Wood graciously volunteered. Thank you, Robyn. Robyn will ask for assistance as needed. **Motion to approve appointment** by JW Weddington, Craig Wiendl seconded, all approved.
- Determine 2025 Awards Budget - The 2024 budget was $5,000. It was determined this amount is satisfactory, and they will follow past practice and hold spending down. **All approved**.
- Review the Region Administration schedule. All completed.
- Blue Bars Deadline is this weekend.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

Officer Nominating Committee report. 2026 MRW Officer Candidates are:

- Region Executive - Dale Samuelson
- Regional Competition Director - Bill Docherty
- Region Membership Director - Steve Grabenstetter
- Region Secretary - Sandy Green
- Region Treasurer – Gordon Green
  - **Motion to close Nominations** by Tom McKinley, seconded by John Hibbler, and approved by all.
  - All Officer candidate information should be sent to Webmaster for posting on the Region web site.

- Electronic voting for officer election process review **– Dale Samuelson** reviewed the on-line steps, reminding all that once they start to vote process, they must finish the process. The process cannot be accessed.
- Appoint Teller Committee to review on-line election results/count ballots as necessary in November **–** Dale Samuelson, Craig Wiendl and Jeanne Cassel will meet Friday Nov 14, in the hotel lobby to count ballots.

MWR Webmaster report – **Joan Thomas**. Frank Kennedy is new Governor for Chicago Corvette Club.

- 2025 NCCC Convention (Wisconsin Dells) **– Joan Thomas/Tim Wood.** Joan shared how she and Tim took on Co-Chairing the Dells Convention for the MWR. And she shared some highlights and a couple lowlights they overcame – such as redoing the 499 Convention programs that were assembled together incorrectly and saddle-stapled into booklet covers. Joan and team were able to get solutions and hands-on help and support to solve this and the myriad of other issues that came up and help with events. She and team are grateful for all the support and cooperation. The MWR is good, we pull together – The MWR does shine! There's a reason MWR is considered the best in the nation.
  - Attendance was 425. The "Worker Pass" worked well – 48 signed up and some were there for most of the week. They paid their food and were a great help. Joan explained how the Attendance Award winner is determined by distance traveled by members, and she explained that this year Convention presented both an Attendance Award and a Club Participation Award, which factored in club membership size as well as club convention attendance.
  - The net Convention profit is split between NCCC and the Convention sponsoring group, for 2025 this was the Midwest Region. T-shirt, etc. was handled strictly my Mad City therefore profit goes to goes to Mad City. The mid-day non-competitive Road America Lapping event was managed entirely by Kettle Moraine Corvette Club - it offered a great non-competitive opportunity to cruise this iconic track. *It was a convention to remember*.
- Joan mentioned that identification on the Data Base indicating phone number is the home, cell, etc. would greatly help connecting with folks if it was redone to just read Phone Contact: and just be whatever the Member wants to have as their contact number. It is believed Sandy Arnold responsible for the database. Walt is Director
- Dale thanked Joan and Tim, and Crew, and those in the room and Region who stepped up and helped convention.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Other – Steve Grabenstetter reminded all that November 15 is the deadline for membership submissions.

New Business

- Next meeting start time will be back to 8:30 AM.

Meeting Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Steve Grabenstetter, seconded by JW Weddington, approved by all at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary.