



MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

St Louis Missouri – November 9, 2024

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Future Midwest Region Meeting

February 22, 2025 (to be voted on)
May 3, 2025 (to be voted on)
September 13, 2025 (to be voted on)
November 15, 2025 (to be voted on)

Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel
900 Westport Plaza Dr., Saint Louis, MO
Phone: 314-878-1500
Reservations: 888-627-7064
Reference "National Council of Corvette Clubs"



Governors in attendance were:

Yes (Y)

<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-004	Chicago Corvette Club	Jon Kurtz
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-051	Suburban Corvette Club	Ken Franklin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-054	Midwest Corvettes	John Severs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-075	Wisconsin Corvette Club	Ed Cassel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-077	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Mike Link
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-084	Kettle Moraine Corvette Club	Dick Huibretgse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-109	Corvette Club of Illinois	Gordon Green
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-120	FOM Corvette Club	Curt Callies
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-155	Great River Corvette Club	Steve Grabenstetter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-167	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Dale Samuelson
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-277	Sunburst Corvette Club	Mike Stevens (Proxy)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-278	Central Illinois Corvette Club	John Hibbeler
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-315	Corvettes of Minnesota	Don Gettinger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-351	Windy City Corvette Club	Dave Heinemann Sr
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-470	Route 66 Corvette Club	Tom Reitz
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-598	Brew City Corvette Club	Tom Muex
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-613	Central Minnesota Corvette Assoc	Lynn Steenblock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW-621	Stray Vettes of Illinois	Sandy Arnold
<input type="checkbox"/>	MW-999	Members-At-Large - Governor	Sandy Arnold

MWR OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MW Regional Executive	Linda Fairlamb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Competition Director	Bill Docherty
<input type="checkbox"/>	MWR Membership Director	Sandy Arnold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Treasurer	Diane Wagner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Secretary	Jeanne Cassel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MWR Webmaster	Joan Thomas
<input type="checkbox"/>	MWR Facebook Dude	Matt Waters

Guests in Attendance

Tim Wood	Mad City	Pat Stevens	SCC
Joan Heinemann	Windy City	Helen Parks	Crossroads
Carolyn Samuelson	Northern Illinois	Anette Stegall	Glass Favorites
Glenn R Goggins	Mid Illinois	Barb Goggins	Mid Illinois

Midwest Region Governors Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2004

Please mute all cell phones

Call meeting to order – Linda Fairlamb called the MWR Governors meeting to order at 8:47 AM.

Approval of the meeting agenda by Dale Samuelson, seconded by Joan Thomas and all approved with a show of hands.

Introduction of those attending. All 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

- Teller Committee report – election results. At 5 PM, Nov 8, the Teller Committee members, Jeanne Cassel (Secretary), Craig Wendl (Badger), Mike Stevens (Sunburst), met along with Dale Samuelson (Northern Illinois) and Linda Fairlamb. As no “mail-in ballots” were received, the on-line ballots were reviewed, and the results were printed. Actual ballots/votes are not visible, but the report does show which clubs voted, and all but three MWR clubs voted this election. This was a good turnout.
 - The following are elected/re-elected:
 - **Dale Samuelson** – Regional Executive
 - **Bill Docherty** – Regional Competition Director
 - **Steve Grabenstetter** – Regional Membership Director
 - **Gordon Green** – Regional Treasurer
 - **Jeanne Cassel** – Regional Secretary

Congratulations to all, and a **Thank You to outgoing officers, Linda Fairlamb RE, Sandy Arnold RMD, Diane Wagner RT** for your service.

- **Approval of September Midwest Region meeting minutes.** Minutes were e-mailed to all Officers and all current, incoming, and outgoing Governors on October 3, 2024. Motion to approve as e-mailed by Dave Heinemann, seconded by Lawrence Long, and approved by all.
- Report from **Convention Steering Committee** meeting (*non-2025.Dells Conventions*) – Jeanne Cassel
Allen Morris, NCCC Business Manager, opened the meeting at 7:11 PM. Joplin Convention 2024 was a success, enjoyed by participants. Michele Cantelmo – Sponsorship shared that Convention sponsorship is at up slightly from 2024 and this is good. Michele will be Corvettes at Carlisle August 27-29, 2025, to market NCCC to possible sponsors. Information and updates for the MWR 2025 Convention will be presented later in this meeting. 2026 Convention update proposal was presented by Chuck Heretta/Debbie Schafer. Their proposal is being presented to the e-board for pre-review before presenting to the Governors at the NCCC meeting. The Hilton Double Tree is the host hotel, and room rates are \$172+ taxes, etc. Proposed tours are lined up, and competitive venue tracks ESTA Safety Park and Pineview Run are ½ hour away from the hotel. The team is working to line up a tour and picnic along with a parade lap with passengers at their iconic Watkins Glen. This will be a 7-day convention.

MWR Treasurer – Diane Wagner (*2024-2025 presented Financials and Financials and the updated documents are attached*)
(Contact your Governor for the documents)

- Report on region finances – income and expenses since last report and comparison to budget.
The November 9, 2024, Income Expense report depicting the Period Summary 9/15/2024 through 11/9/2024 and the YTD Summary 1/1/2024 through 11/9/2024 were reviewed along with the NCCC-Midwest Region 2024 Budget vs Actual expenses and notes, and discussed were some anticipated income and expense adjustments for the MWR sponsoring of the November Hospitality room. With these minutes both the information presented at the November 9 meeting and the updated financials through November 27, 2024, are attached. Note that “**changes from last period/report are depicted in red**” with the explanations under “Notes”. With the updates, the 2024 Year-To-Date total was adjusted to \$1,669.29. Everyone did an awesome job maintaining the budget.
- Volunteer requested for Financial Audit – review of 2024 activity to be completed by February 2025 meeting. Chris Reitz volunteered – Thank you Chris.
- **2025 Annual Financial Plan Review** – This document compares 2024 YE forecast to 2025 anticipated financial information.
 - Region Awards Banquet Proposal - #1 Club Mad City – Joan Thomas – Document *4b-TAB BANQUET SCENARIO* is the tab from updated “*2025 Annual Financial Plan 1st*”. Banquet attendees will pay \$50/person and \$3000 is being budgeted as an estimate of the remaining expense of the Region, as shown on the *2025 updated Annual Financial Plan*. Motion to approve a Banquet Subsidy Amount of \$3,000 by Ed Cassel, seconded by Mike Stevens. Approved by all.
The proposed Banquet date is March 29, 2025 at the Marriott West in Madison Wisconsin. And the hotel is waiving the parking fee. Estimated “Attendee dinner subsidy” is \$2,707.00 dollars.
 - Head Tax or Region Dues required? Based on all information it was determined 2025 budget will not require a head tax. This will be monitored as we go forward through the new year.

MWR RMD – Sandy Arnold MWR Regional Membership Director Report – November 8, 2024

- Report from RMD meeting – Sandy Arnold was asked to cover the Executive meeting. Her report was read by Linda Fairlamb.
- There are 18,338 members and 236 clubs in the NCCC.
- The Midwest Region has 2,245 members and 26 clubs.
- With renewals underway I've only finished five renewals.
- Renewals are due November 15, 2024.
- If you need help, please let me know.
- If you have a new Governor, please give them my phone number so the database can be reset.
- Ask your club members if they are interested in a soft copy/downloaded copy of Blue Bars. (A soft copy saves the organization money, the affect on Blue Bars sponsors is unknown).

MWR RCD Report – Bill Docherty

Report from RCD meeting – It was an involved meeting. Note: Do not use commas when entering names in the data base – Commas affects the delimitation function. Computer programming reads commas in names as a function. Use of commas in any “name fields” results in name and sorting errors.

- Competition:
 - Funkhana issue suggested convertibles have an advantage over coupes when the event includes participants to enter and/or exit the vehicle. To compensate for any possible advantage adding classes to provide “open” and “closed top/coupe” M/M, W/W, M/W, W/M classes was proposed. Clarification passed creating the 8 classes and entrants cannot change during the event.
 - Sanctioned Funkhana points discussions included perceived equity/non-equity of 7 event days, 14 event weekends, [or 21 event holiday weekends]; and Funkhanas that use a “Corvette on the premises” concept.
 - Roll bar general discussions. Current rules do not comment on seam welding tubing, however, it isn't as safe. Discussion ensued regarding events that require a roll bar, i.e., drag strip vehicles faster than 10 seconds, and for high-speed events. And Moly tubing was discussed. It currently is not allowed.
 - Post Tear Down Technical Inspection issue was discussed and passed.
 - Clarification regarding the 15 convention “participation” and/or worker points currently posted in NCCC points as “travel”. With the split speed and/or non-speed event classifications, to which classification should the “participation points” be applied. The 15 attendance points will be tallied as non-speed and Event attendance points will be tallied per event category.
 - NCCC is considering also combining speed and non-speed events for an overall trophy.
 - *The purpose of competing is to have fun and enjoy the function. Sportsmanship is the purpose, not self-interest.*
 - Linda asked Bill to talk with Renee regarding the issues discussed.
 - A joint Fundraiser with the SE region at the NCM Motorsports Park was presented. MW-077 Mike Link donated seven sanctions. SE and MW will each have seven sanctions for a 14-event weekend, tentatively in April.
- MWR Competition season final standings report – Check the MWR Website for full information.
- Top 10 Men/Women from the Midwest Region:

Place	First Name	Last Name	Club	Place	First Name	Last Name	Club
1	TIM	WOOD	Mad City Vettes	1	LINDA	FAIRLAMB	Northern Rays Ltd.
2	BRIAN	EICHHORN	MAL	2	DIANE	WAGNER	Northern Rays Ltd.
3	RONALD	FRANK	Mad City Vettes	3	JOAN	THOMAS	Mad City Vettes
4	BILL	DOCHERTY JR.	Windy City	4	SANDY	GREEN	Corvette Club of Illinois
5	DAN	WAGNER	Northern Rays Ltd.	5	JOYCE	MILLER	Mad City Vettes
6	GORDON	GREEN	Corvette Club of Illinois	6	JOANN	CIZEL	Badger State Vettes
7	STEVEN	SALEFSKY	Badger State Vettes	7	JEANNE	CASSEL	Wisconsin Corvette Club
8	JOE	ELLER	MAL	8	ANGIE	MIDKIFF	Route 66 Corvette Club
9	TONY	CIZEL	Badger State Vettes	9	CHRIS	REITZ	Route 66 Corvette Club
10	FRED	MARANO	Northern Rays Ltd.	10	ROBYN	WOOD	Badger State Vettes

- Top Worker – Robyn Wood, Mad City Vettes
- Top Concours Man & Woman – Joan and Tony Beck, Badger State Vettes
- Top Rallye Man & Woman – Tim and Robyn Wood – Mad City Vettes
- Permanent Number Renewal due dates for next year (Jan 1-31), new requests (Feb 15-Mar 15). Joan Thomas reminded Permanent Number information is on the website. Check the information out.
- Re vote on a Standing Rule Changes regarding patches. (Section 5 a-d). Eliminating 200 Points Patches is a cost saving measure that is under discussion and that the Competition committee discussed at their meeting.
- Discussion regarding tabled events included what the process is, that 2/3rd of present is needed to pass the proposal. Dave Heinemann to connect with Denny Luther, Parliamentarian, regarding Roberts Rules of Orders. A straw poll

of Governors present vote position for Patches for 2024 was 9 for continuing patches for the 2024 competition year as 2024 participants probably expect them, to 7 who voted to not continue the patches.

- Discussion regarding a NCCC per-event, per-participant assessment proposal ensued. Think “NCCC head tax”. There are a lot of unanswered questions such as how the process would be managed by clubs, by the new treasurers, the rational, the true value of the estimated income of \$6,700 versus management expenditures. And options such as how some regions charge for sanctions, some have region dues, and some have fund raisers.

MWR RE Report – Linda Fairlamb

Report from RE meeting.

- Report from Finance meeting – Linda Fairlamb – An NCCC financial update is to be presented at the NCCC meeting.
- Complete Proxy forms as needed for next year (per 5.1.2). Because there will be a new RE, every returning Governor and new Governors must sign a Proxy releasing their right to vote at the NCCC meeting to Dale Samuelson. The Region administrative process in the absence of an RE was confirmed, the RCD is the next in line.
- Accept applications for MWR Appointed Officers (Webmaster) – The application for Joan Thomas was accepted.
- Determine next year’s Region Meeting dates and tentative Sanction meeting dates. Motion to approve Region Meeting dates of February 22, 2025, May 3, 2025, September 13, 2025, November 15, 2025, and the tentative Sanction Meeting date to be the November Governors meeting date was made by Steve Grabenstetter, seconded by Tom Reitz, and approved by all.
- Review the Region Admin Schedule - Done.
- Anyone with WOW stories about members please forward information to Linda for the Blue Bars article by Nov 30th. Dale might write something.
- Discussion regarding discontinuing NCCC Rebates to regions. Rebates are based on the number of participants in each region accruing 200 points. As a cost saving measure, the e-board is considering eliminating this rule book benefit/language. Estimated savings of \$7,000 for NCCC of which \$1,100 goes to our Region.
- Midwest Region Hospitality on Friday night was awesome. Sandy Arnold is “Party Planner Extraordinaire”. We had 220 cookies, plenty of beer and wine, snacks, charcuterie trays, etc. Great job promoting the 2025 Convention.
- Thank you to all outgoing officers. The organization does not exist without volunteers.

Appointed Officer and Committee Reports

MWR Webmaster report – Joan Thomas – The site will be updated with Bill’s Sanctioned Event Schedule. Help new club governors enter the information. Governors, please share with new members how to navigate the website for meeting minutes, history, convention information and more. The Banquet flyer will be on the website.

2025 NCCC Convention (Wisconsin Dells) – Joan Thomas/Tim Wood.

- The overview of the 2025 Convention material was presented to the Governors. All is under control. Help is needed on the Scavenger hunt in downtown Dells. The help is in manning the table for handing out the material and collecting completed material. There will be a Wild Cat Punch Poker Rallye, and someone is needed to facilitate the start and end. If you have a smaller club, consider offering to assist other clubs. Joan recommends printing out a copy of the registration form and complete the paper form as a template prior to starting the on-line form. Convention food functions requiring Tickets will have a monitor at the door. July 15, 2025, is the deadline for signing up for Competition Events. Linda reminded all that the convention is a whole week of fun. Registration will start February 1, 2025.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Other – All. None

New Business –

- MWR 2025 Sanctioning Meeting – **Bill Docherty** (See <https://www.mwregion.com/schedule.html> for long and short schedules) The 2025 MWR Sanctioned Event Planning Schedule dated 9/17/2024 and sent to all Governors was reviewed. Several requests and adjustments were made by Governors. The updated schedule will be on the MWR website.

Other – All

- Mike Link – Glass Favorites is celebrating their 50th Anniversary.
- Encourage Convention 2025 participation. Club table Decoration is on Sunday, Best Hat Contest is Monday night, and the 50’s/60s party is Tuesday with a Best Costume Contest.

Motion to adjourn by JW Weddington, seconded by Tom Reitz, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Cassel MW Region Secretary

Turn on Cell Phones. **Note: National Governors Meeting starts at 12:30pm**