



"STUFF" YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT NCCC & THE MIDWEST REGION but didn't really want to ask!

[National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.](#) (NCCC) is the world's largest non-profit Corvette organization that was incorporated in 1960. One thing that makes NCCC unique is that it is "staffed" entirely by volunteers! Today it is a nationwide network of almost 300 clubs with a 2006 membership of approximately 17,000 members. NCCC presently has 16 active "Regions" including the [MIDWEST REGION](#), which covers Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Made up of up of 32 Clubs, it is one of NCCC's largest Regions with an estimated 2006 membership of 1,900+ Primary, Spouse/Companion and Dependent members. The Midwest Region also boasts the largest number of members in NCCC's youth organization, [Future Corvette Owners Assn.](#) (FCOA) with a count of almost 500!

WHY DO CLUBS and THEIR MEMBERS CHOOSE AFFILIATION WITH NCCC?

- ◆ its insurance program for Clubs covering social activities, meetings and competitive events
 - ◆ its fund-raising activities for various charities including the National Kidney Foundation
 - ◆ its sanctioning program for competitive events of various types
 - ◆ its annual fun-filled Convention held from Orlando to Denver to Michigan with lots of great activities for the all attendees ~ NCCC Conventions are not just about competition events
 - ◆ its top-notch quarterly magazine entitled *Blue Bars*
 - ◆ its participation in the National Corvette Museum Foundation
-the list of benefits to a Club and its members can go on and on!

Each affiliated Club has an elected or appointed representative to NCCC. This person, known as the "Governor", is responsible for any paperwork relative to NCCC membership as well as all paperwork for any competition events the Club hosts. A NCCC Governor usually does not live in a huge mansion in your state capitol. The Governor is a NCCC member's link to NCCC by attending both National and Regional Meetings and advising members on issues and activities.

WHEN & WHAT IS THE MIDWEST REGION PARTY? The Midwest Region Party is an annual social event held each spring and hosted by whichever Club attained the rank of #1 in NCCC "points" the previous year. A small part of the program that night is recognition and awards for the previous Midwest Region competition season. So even if you aren't really interested in the competition side of NCCC, there's food, music and whatever else the hosting Club can muster up to make sure you and your friends have a great time. Any competitor who earns 200 points or more in a competition year receives a "points" place award at this annual Region Party. Later, these same men and women receive a NCCC jacket patch showing their Regional placement. In addition, participants in the prior year's Midwest Region Championship Series receive awards and recognition. As you read further into this article, you'll learn how you can earn "points" and how to "qualify" to be invited to the annual Championship Series that is planned each fall.

WHAT ARE SANCTIONED EVENTS? The Midwest Region Sanctioned Event Schedules are printed in the Midwest Region newsletters and can also be found on the Region website. There are seven (7) basic types of NCCC Sanctioned Events. Listed below is a brief description of the types of competitive events that are generally held in our Region. If you want information on other types, see your NCCC Rulebook.

SPEED EVENTS:

AUTOCROSS -- a speed event where a course is set up using pylons and/or a track. Cars race against the clock, not wheel to wheel. Autocrosses are designed to test driving skills. The course is less than one (1) mile in length. Can be low or high speed -- see note below (after Matching Times).

TIME TRIAL -- an Autocross where the course is over one (1) mile in length, such as long road courses.

MATCHING TIMES (MT) -- a timed run on an autocross course for consistency. The course is less than one (1) mile in length. These were formerly known as "Matching Time Trials" (see Time Trial definition).

A LOW SPEED EVENT is one where the maximum obtainable speed by any Group I-S, I or II car is less than 80 mph; a Novice Class is available for those with little or no experience. The Rulebook has specific High-Speed Event regulations including driver certification, roll bars, fire extinguishers, etc.

DRAGS: a wheel to wheel acceleration contest between two (2) cars on a sanctioned drag strip at least one eighth (1/8) mile in length. NCCC sanctioned drags can be elimination by Class or by ET Bracket.

RALLYE: a competitive automobile "run" on public roads, following a set course and under ordinary traffic rules. Both a driver and navigator are required. There are three basic types of Rallyes: Gimmick, Chance (poker, hare & hounds, etc.), and Time-Speed-Distance (TSD).

FUNKHANA: a timed contest for cars designed to test skills; gimmicks are used on an Autocross-like course. Both a driver and navigator are required; in a Blindkhana, either the driver or navigator is blindfolded.

CONCOURS: a showing of Corvettes in which the entries are judged for cleanliness and workmanship. Clubs can also sanction the popular "People's Choice" type Concours where entrants and spectators vote for their favorite car in each class.

HOW CAN YOU EARN MIDWEST REGION POINTS? Competition events listed on our Region Event Schedule are sanctioned by NCCC and, therefore, are run in accordance with the NCCC Rulebook. Sanctioned events are often called "points" events. "Points" accumulate throughout the competition season (January 1/December 15). When you enter at least five (5) events in a year, your name and points total appear on the Regional Points Standing in a "place" according to the number of points earned.

All NCCC members can earn individual "points" at sanctioned events in the following ways:

- ◆ You earn "points" if you are a current NCCC member and participate in a Corvette or as a worker.
- ◆ Currently, you can earn from 2 to 11 points according to how you place in your class in the event.
- ◆ Chairperson/Co-Chairperson can earn 9 points for one event a year.
- ◆ Workers earn 2 points if they are not entered in the event.
- ◆ As an entrant, you earn travel points for one event per day if the Host Club is 200 miles or more from your Club's declared "Home City". One (1) point is also earned for each 100 miles over the first 200 up to a maximum of 9 points (example: >300 miles = 3 travel points). If you live more than fifty (50) miles from your Club's home city, your travel points are calculated from your home address; ask your Governor to have your name put on the RCD's "50+ Mileage Sheet" each year.

NCCC Clubs can earn "points" for tabulation in the Club Points Standing. Clubs earn points as follows:

- ◆ Each time you enter or work a sanctioned event that is hosted by another NCCC Club, your Club earns an equal number of points, including travel points.
- ◆ Instead of receiving points equal to what its members earn as entrants or workers, your Club earns 100 points for each NCCC sanctioned event that it hosts. A NCCC Club can host seven sanctioned events each year for a total of 700 points.

The top-placing Club in the Region hosts the Region Party the next year, receives an award and each member of that Club receives a commemorative jacket patch from NCCC.

HOW CAN YOU QUALIFY FOR MIDWEST REGION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES? (If the Series were not held in any particular year, this information would also apply to earning the participation patch.) The events listed on the Midwest Region Event Schedule are the events used to accumulate "points" towards qualifying and then being invited to participate in the Series. Your individual "qualifying points" are accumulated by entering events from January 1st through approximately September 15th (the last day to qualify changes every year). In addition to the number of points required to qualify in each event type, you must enter a minimum of five (5) events of any type during that time period. No travel, worker or Chairperson points count toward qualifying but you can receive one event participant credit for the event in which you were Chairperson or Co-Chairperson. You may qualify in more than one class in Concours or Speed but you must declare only one class when pre-registering to participate in the Championship Series events. Points needed to qualify for the types of events are:

CONCOURS -- the points must all be earned in the same class; the number of points varies according to class. (Wash & Show - 12 points; Street Show - 16 points; Concours Prepared, Modified, Custom or Race Prepared - 18 points)

RALLYE -- 12 points -- both driver and navigator must be qualified

SPEED EVENT -- 25 points -- the points must all be earned in the same class. Points for Matching Times count only if held in conjunction with a Speed Event. (Funkhanas and Drags do not count.)

Each Club Governor receives informational flyers for all Midwest Region sanctioned events to pass on to you. If you are a Member-at-Large, you can contact the Clubs listed on the schedule or the RCD to get flyers. Hope to see you out at some events each year! Renew old friendships -- make some new ones! Have some fun with those 'Vettes & enjoy a bunch of other Corvette "nuts"!

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