

OCTOBER PRESIDENT MESSAGE *BUSINESS AT HAND*



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Fall is a busy time for NCCC. Our membership usually tops out about this time of year as we get ready to start renewals for 2019. Each club Governor and their region RMD have until October 15th to get all membership transactions completed and the membership database updated. ***On October 15th at 9 PM CT*** the membership database will be closed. It is expected that in one or two days it will be reopened after all data validation has been completed. During the renewal period, as each member is renewed, the membership database will send an email confirmation letter with a link to a printable membership card to all that have renewed their NCCC membership. After all renewals have been completed a *plastic membership card will be sent to each active member via US Mail.* Everyone will get both types of cards.

The hope is clubs, club members and MAL's rejoin NCCC as they feel they have enjoyed belonging to NCCC. NCCC is a family of Corvette people. I would hope that each of you have experienced something that makes you feel you belong to this family. I have said it many times that if you get involved you will find something or someone in NCCC that drives you to be part of this great group of friends and family. *Renewals are \$25 primary and \$10 for a spouse or youth.*

Voting for new NCCC National Officers takes place this month. Members can tell their club Governor who you would like see represent all members and clubs for 2019. Nominations were made and candidate for the office of **Director of Public Relations** is *John Cantelmo*. The current **Parliamentarian** *Kathy Brisbois* and **VP of Membership** *Amelia Workman* are seeking a second term. *Chris Reitz* is candidate for the position of **Treasurer**. Candidates for **Office of President** are *Bernyce Molenda* and *Dale Samuelson*. These are all good people, long time members of NCCC, and willing to give to the membership so we can all have a good time with our Corvettes. I am sure no one thinks about it, but it takes qualified people to run an organization of 18,000 plus members. That is why NCCC is great because of members like these six. Please show your support for them by letting your Governor know you care. All the candidates "Bios" can be read on the NCCC web site under **Candidates**.

Officer Voting for Governors opens on *October 1st at 6 PM and closes October 31st at 6 PM CT.* On the ballot along with Officers there will be a line to approve the 2020 NCCC Convention in Indianapolis hosted by the Indiana Region of Clubs.

August 23rd-26th, my wife and I attended along with the Charity team, Sponsorship team, and the NCCC Merchandise folks the ***Carlisle Corvette Show in Pennsylvania.*** This four day show has to have the most vendors and used parts of any show in the country. What fun it was meeting many of the NCCC members from the clubs out east. If you are ever able to attend this show make sure you allow at least several days to walk the show. There is that much to see!!

The next week August 29th-September 1st I attended the 24th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum (NCM). Attendance was down a little as people are waiting for the 25th next year. The nice part was the NCM had everything they always do and there were no lines or waiting for a seat to hear a GM person talk about Corvettes. I felt the best seminar was the past and current Hall of Fame members, about 25-30 previous HOF members, sharing stories about saving the Corvette and hiding things from big brother GM. Got to love it.

September 20th-23rd, 2018, NCCC attended the World's largest Corvette Party in Effingham, Illinois. The Charity team, Sponsorship team, Merchandise team, FCOA Director Pat Kelly, Director of Public Relations Denny Luther, and my wife and I all had a great time talking to NCCC members who stopped by as we raised some money for St. Jude selling tickets to win a Guitar. If you have never attended this fall event, it is something you should put on the bucket list for the future. NCCC member, and NCM Hall of Fame member Mike Yager and his family make sure everyone attending has a great time.

So time marches on. Each day we get **older**. I'm not sure if we get **wiser**; we just know a lot more, but **can't remember** what we know. We walk into a room and **forget why** we came in. We see a face and can't **remember the name**. But we always remember the stories about the adventures we have with our Corvette and friends. Make the most of the time you have spending it with people who have the same passion about the Corvette. That's a good thing, and NCCC members will help you remember why you came into the room.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Don't wait too long as the day will soon be over. Call a friend, tell someone thanks for something they did, and be thankful for who you are and what you have. We all own Corvettes. We are the lucky ones.

God bless you all. Blessings flow from blessings given. Be a blessing to someone!

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