

# President's Message February 2019

## Winter is Here!



Dale Samuelson NCCC  
President

**It's February and winter is here with a vengeance!** Here in northern Illinois the temperature has been sixteen below zero (the actual temperature – not the wind chill) and six to ten more inches of snow are forecast. I'm looking forward to Spring.

**As president of NCCC, I have the honor** of sitting on the Board of Directors for the National Corvette Museum. We have had one tele-conference and will have our first board meeting of 2019 mid February in Nashville, TN. NCCC has had a long relationship with the National Corvette Museum and I look forward to that continuing as the Museum celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**February brings the first NCCC Governors meeting of 2019 in St Louis, MO.** If you ever get a chance to attend a meeting, I suggest you make an effort to do so. All NCCC members are welcome. On Friday afternoon and evening various committee meetings take place and a hospitality room gives everyone a chance to mingle. Saturday morning consists of several Regional meetings and the executive board meeting. Saturday afternoon is the actual NCCC Governors meeting where the business of the organization takes place. I've attended most of these meetings during the last 35 or so years, both in an official capacity of some sort, and also just as an interested NCCC member. It's a good opportunity to learn more about how NCCC works, say Hi to old friends, and meet new friends.

**February also brings the opening of Registration for the annual NCCC Convention.** I've been to most every major Corvette gathering in the United States and while I have enjoyed them all, I think the NCCC Convention offers the most bang for the buck. The 2019 Convention will be in Denver, Colorado and your hosts are busy planning a full week of activities for you to enjoy. There is so much to see and do in the Denver area – maybe a week isn't long enough. I'll let Convention Director Cindy Urenda provide some more details and please check out the link on our web site for more details are On the [NCCC Website](#) under Conventions. Hope to see you there.

**That's it for now** – stay warm, Spring is coming soon.

Save the Wave  
Dale Samuelson  
NCCC President

## Convention 2019 Information



July 7-12 2019

**Registration opens tomorrow, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time!**

The clubs of the Rocky Mountain Region invite you to the 60<sup>th</sup> annual NCCC Convention in the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado for a week of "Rocky Mountain High" fun!

Early registration and tech will be available on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> will be registration and tech day. After Sunday, tech will be by appointment only because our tech team has other jobs to attend to. The Crowne Plaza is located at I-70 and Chambers Rd on the east side of Denver. Greeters will be on the Convention Center (east) side of the building to assist you with parking. The theme for the welcome party Sunday evening is "State Pride", so wear shirts that show us where you're from.

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> is a busy day. The judged and the people's choice car shows, and the valve cover races will be inside, out of the heat all morning. The afternoon rallye will be a pleasant drive that won't strain your brain. The evening party

will be a plated dinner where we will be celebrating NCCC's Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary, honoring the 2018 National Champions, and presenting National awards. This is the evening we will wear our "Sunday Best".

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is drag race day at Bandimere Speedway, an NHRA drag strip nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This is the same one we used for the 1999 and 2009 conventions. We're offering matching time trials, bracket and record drags. If you're not a drag racer, you might want to register for a fun morning golf outing, the funkhana or a bus trip to the old mining town of Blackhawk, which is now a premier casino town. There is no party Tuesday evening because drag races can run pretty late. It will be a good time to explore on your own.

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> is low speed autocross day at the Front Range Airport east of Denver. Competitors will be assigned to either the morning or the afternoon run groups.

If you're not competing this would be a great day to enjoy the sights and culture of Denver and the surrounding area, including the beautiful Rocky Mountains and a myriad of local attractions including awesome restaurants, museums and theaters, an exceptional zoo, casinos and shopping. There's even a Rockies home game on Friday. If you choose to go to downtown Denver, we don't recommend driving your Vette. Parking spaces are narrow and navigating the busy one-way streets will make you appreciate how easy our rallye was in comparison. Alternative transportation is taxis, Uber or Lyft, or the hotel shuttle can take you to a nearby light rail station which will take you quickly to downtown Denver. Just get back in time for our 60's party. We'll have dessert and a live band and we encourage you to dress in any style from the 60's for a costume contest.

Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> will be for those who have a high speed license to head east to High Plains Raceway to compete on a challenging two and a half mile road course. Those interested in a track day can register directly with the track to go out on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. You will have another chance to do the funkhana if you missed it on Tuesday. If you'd like to ride on the narrow gauge railroad in the mountains, register for the Georgetown Loop tour. Buses will pick you up at the hotel and take you to Georgetown. There you will board the train for a ride to an old silver mine that you can tour before heading back. We've planned a Western party with a barbeque buffet for dinner. We'll have a country music band and a photographer will take professional photos of you in your western wear.

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> will be the convention awards breakfast and the ceremonial passing of the flag to the 2020 convention directors. This is the day to wear your club or convention shirts. Afterward, if you're not in a hurry to head home, we'd love for you to join us for a cruise into the mountains. If you've been too busy all week to get up into the Rocky Mountains, you won't want to miss this. If we get enough cars, we will submit a video to Guinness World Records.

[Check out this video](#) for a peek at what Colorado and the 60<sup>th</sup> Convention has to offer.

The registration link, schedule and information on tours and activities are on the [2019 Convention page](#).

**Please note that the hotel will not take reservations until February 11<sup>th</sup>.** This gives the convention treasurer time to process everyone's registrations and assign your convention number. You will be required to give your convention number when you call for your room reservation, so the hotel can confirm you are a registered convention attendee. If you would like a suite, we have a courtesy block at Cambria Suites, just a block east of the convention center. Contact information will be in the confirmation email you receive from the convention treasurer.

We hope you will join us in Colorado for a great convention in July!

**Cindy Urenda & Lorren Loewen**  
**2019 Convention Directors**