

A Lovely Evening to Remember...

The 2017 NSCC annual awards banquet was held at The Cotillion in Palatine and attended by 80 members who indulged in the hot hors d' oeuvres, a four-course dinner and an open bar. We were serenaded beautifully by Vince Micari and our own Larry Latko during cocktails and dinner. Then it was time for the DJ, Joe Tudela, to play dance music for us until midnight.

A \$6,050 raffle was held throughout the evening ending with a live drawing of many large prizes. There was a selection of jewelry for the ladies, sports memorabilia, electronics, entertainment gift cards, tools, and Corvette related prizes...something for everyone.

Important awards were given to members who reached milestones, achieved distinction or gave outstanding service. Debbie Monnier was honored for earning the "Woman Driver of the Year" award for her racing skills. For the first time in NSCC history, there was so much avid competition among the men on the tracks there was a tie for "Male Driver of the Year" and Rick Craig and Frank Punzio each received this special trophy. Frank Punzio passed 900 participation points and was awarded his Lifetime Member status with the black wool/leather jacket. The Member of the Year trophy was awarded to Brett and Pam Bacci for their efforts on behalf of NSCC and the changes they are leading to make NSCC even stronger. Congratulations to all of you!

The evening had some additional awards recognizing members for their participation and service in the club. Glenn Blum received the "Pursue Your Passion" trophy for attending the most meetings and activities throughout the year...33 in all. Bill and Jeannie Domerchie were recognized for "The Youngest Navigator" award for having their granddaughters, Lillie and Emma, navigate a day ride for them. John Jakubco received his "Most Weak in the Knees Museum Visitor" certificate for the fun he had on at the birthday bash in April. Skip Gallagher was awarded a certificate for "Solving NSCC Fibber McGee's Closet" award and Tom and Martha White were recognized for "Traveling the Farthest"...all the way from Mississippi!

A committee of eight enthusiastic women, including Arlynn Liberty, Betty Modra, Diana Gallagher, Lenore Pettinger, Nancy Jakubco and Shar Wayman planned the banquet. They brought a different look and evening activities this year and it was a pleasure working with all of them. We thank all the additional volunteers who helped set up and provide a wonderful evening. Thank you to Rick Craig for the video and Jerry Mulick, our photographer.

We look forward to another active year with NSCC in 2017 and hope you join us to celebrate next January.

Pam Bacci and Barb Harms, co-chairman