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NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB



The Northern Illinois Corvette Club, 1984 NCCC National Champions, was formed in 1972 by combining two former NCCC clubs, the SWANI Corvette Club and the Classic Corvette Club. Since then, the NICC has grown and prospered to become one of the larger Corvette clubs in the Midwest Region. Boasting a membership of approximately 100 members from the northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin area, we now call Rockford, Illinois, our home town.

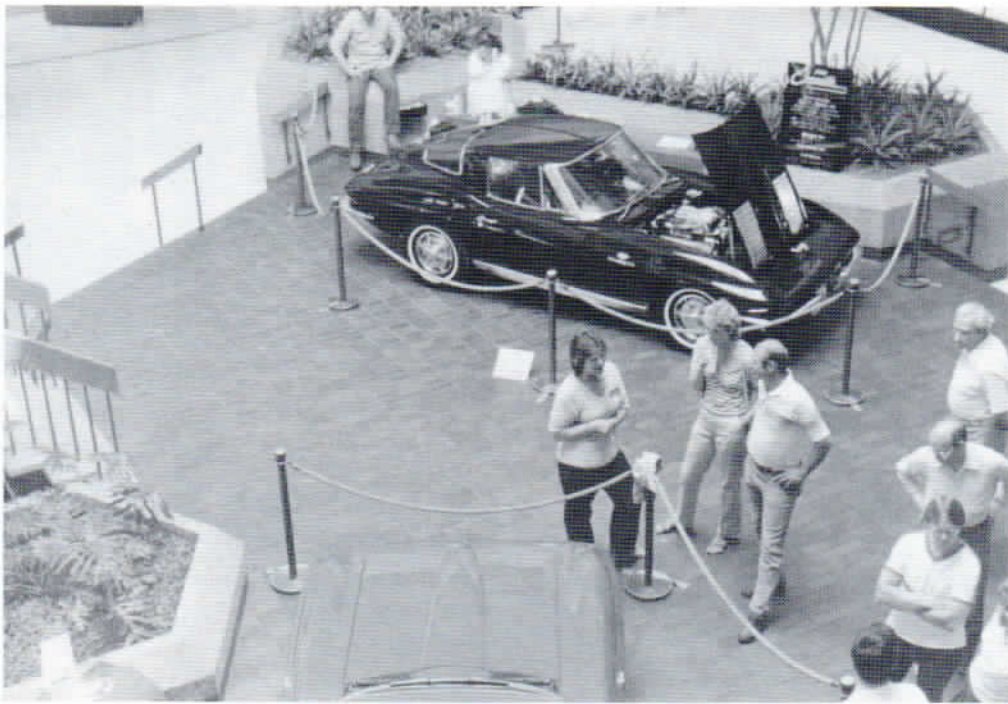
As the membership grew, so too did the interests of the club, so that NICC now has something to offer everyone. Obviously, NCCC sanctioned competition is a major interest to club members as NICC has won the Midwest Region in

1975, 1976, 1983, and 1984, as well as finishing second nationally in 1983. Club spirit ran high in 1984 as NICC sent eleven members to the "War Between the States" at Road Atlanta and six members to Orlando, Florida, in December for a six event weekend. The NICC is proud to have three women and five men in the top ten regional places in addition to the NCCC National Champions, Dale and Carolyn Samuelson. The sixth place in the nation also belongs to an NICC member, Nancy Bailey.

Several sanctioned events hosted by the NICC have become traditions within the Midwest Region. Our "Vale of Glass" concours is now in its 10th year and draws as many as seventy Corvettes inside

the Cherry Vale Mall. During the history of this show, hard work and careful planning by chairmen Jamie Boone, Gary Bosselman, Steve Johnson, and Jay Stahl have brought this concours to the place where it is one of the best shows within the Midwest Region.

Another annual event which is a tradition in its own right is the "Turkey Trek" rally held each year on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Now in its 8th year, participation has been as high as forty Corvettes. This rally has always been a photo rally, where directions are determined by matching photos with intersections. Under the guidance of chairperson Nancy Bailey, this rally has always been a challenging, yet fun rally.



Labor Day weekend finds most NICC members at Utica, Illinois, for a multiple speed event weekend. After several years, this weekend now consists of four speed events hosted by the NICC in conjunction with Fond de Vettes and Sunburst Corvette Clubs. After a day of racing on Sunday, it's time for sweet corn (by the truck load), roast pig, watermelon, and a barrel of beer (or two or three or???). Camping is also available on the track, and volleyball games last well into the wee hours under tem-

porary flood lights. Monday usually begins a little slowly as everyone attempts to recuperate from the previous night's party. Then, it's time for two more speed events. Oh - those RPs are hard on a headache!

Another annual event is our non-sanctioned drivers' school held early each year in order to help introduce autocrossing to the novice as well as remove the cobwebs for the more experienced racer. The school is always followed by a picnic. Under the watchful eyes of

veteran racers, Tom Stern and Bill Fouch, the drivers' school is continuing to grow and get better each year.

When Northern Illinois Corvette Club members are not competing, there is always a social event of one type or another to attend. Regular activities include summer picnics, pool parties, moonlight bowls, progressive dinners, photo fests, fall cruises, and on and on. It doesn't take much of an excuse for NICC to declare a party.





The NCCC Convention has always been a high point in the year for the NICC. In addition to several members usually bringing home some hardware at the awards ceremony, club members have been known to "actively" participate in all parties including sticker night, wet T-shirt and jock short contests. Who can forget the words "Northern Illinois Corvette Club" spelled out on the bare cheeks of 14 mooning NICC members at Indy?

The Northern Illinois Corvette Club is sponsored by Lou Bachrodt

Chevrolet, who supplies a source of income, as well as a parts discount, and new cars for every NICC show. Other income sources are car washes, candy sales, raffles, and bingo games.

In addition to club members supporting the NICC raffle car by individual ticket sales, a percentage of all club income is donated to charity. During the past two years over three thousand dollars have been donated to such charities as Spina Bifida, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, and the Ameri-

can Red Cross. Local charities include Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary, The Empty Stocking Club, and the Rosecrance Memorial Childrens Home.

1984 was a year the NICC will not soon forget. What an honor it is to be the NCCC National Champions! Throughout all of the competitive events the members of the NICC made good friends across the country. That's what the NCCC and Corvetting is all about.

See you at the races!

