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25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mid-West Corvettes, Rock Island, Illinois

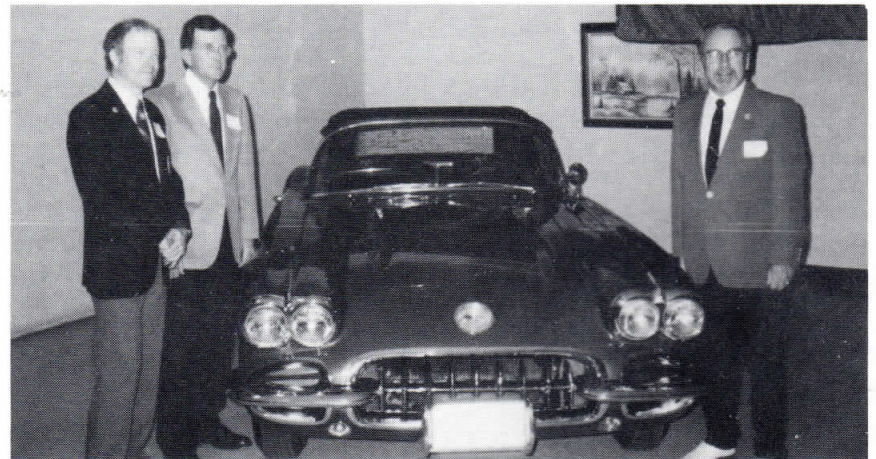
"In the beginning", on the 15th of May, 1960, ten Corvette enthusiasts gathered to ordain and establish a Corvette club that came to be known as Mid-West Corvettes, Inc. (MWC). To this day, we boast of our ten charter members, two of which are also charter members of NCCC. MWC has progressed from the original ten members in 1960 to a high of around 200, give or take a few. Currently, the membership is at 148, 97 of which are NCCC members. Little did the original ten members realize the magnitude and great potential of the club they had created.

1985 was a very special year for Mid-West Corvettes — we celebrated our 25th Anniversary! The 1985 Executive Board strived to make the entire year special. For example, in an all-out club effort, we were able to clear over \$3,000 in our annual charity raffle for crippled children. This



and speaker, Bob Wollenman, past NCCC President. Also in attendance that day on the national level were Nancy Bailey (NCCC Secretary) and her husband, Arnie. From the Midwest Region we had in attendance John Poloney (our Regional Executive) and his wife, Jan; Sue Bohne (Regional Secretary) and her husband, Dean; and Dale and Carolyn Samuelson (number one man and woman in the nation for 1984). We were pleased to have a very good cross-section of past officers, members and friends span-

decorated a beautiful anniversary cake featuring a frosting version of the club's anniversary emblem. This commemorative emblem was created by banquet chairman, Paul Castle (charter MWC and NCCC member). After very enjoyable cocktail and dinner hours we were honored to have Kirsten Hawes say a few words and present MWC with a 25 year certificate from NCCC. Bob Wollenman then gave a little insight into the history of NCCC and how he got involved with it. He also emphasized how nervous he was up there in front of our club. (This is the same guy who used to talk to as many as 2,000 people at conventions??) Paul Huzzard then took over the podium and gave a slide presentation on the evolution of the Corvette and what we might be seeing in the next few years. After the program everybody danced to music provided by "Bittersweet". When the



money all stays here in the Quad City area of Iowa and Illinois to be used to aid our local crippled children. But, **THE** day to remember was our Anniversary Banquet on September 28th at the Davenport Holiday Inn. The celebration unofficially started off early in the morning as decorations were being put in place. The opening of the Hospitality Room at 2:00 pm officially kicked off the festivities, with acquaintances being made and renewed with new and old friends. Our main guest speaker, Paul Huzzard (Chevrolet Corvette and Camaro Production Engineering Manager from Detroit), was on hand at the Hospitality Room to visit and answer our many questions concerning our favorite toys — our Corvettes. Also on hand were our other two distinguished guests: Kirsten Hawes, current NCCC President,

ning the club's 25 years in existence.

Our banquet that evening was highlighted by a giant "centerpiece" — a 1960 Corvette owned by club members Ben and Iris Wagner and a 1985 Corvette provided by our club sponsor, Bob Eriksen Chevy Center. These two cars depicted the club's 25 year span — 1960 through 1985. Deb Burford, with the assistance of her husband, Larry, baked and



dancing was over, the decorations and our two centerpiece cars were removed, and the diehards all went back to the Hospitality area. The trip from 1960 to 1985 seemed like a short one compared to the late night's entertainment! When the management informed us that the Hospitality Room had closed 2½ hours earlier at midnight, most of us called it a night. However, Bob Wollenman and his friend, Jim Weidmair from St. Joseph, MO, along with our own President and his wife (Warren and Deb Birely), were the last ones to give up and were duly awarded the responsibility for turning out the lights on a very memorable day.

The first 25 years of MWC's life are now history, and we are looking forward to even bigger and better accomplishments during the next 25!