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Club Spotlight

Mid-Illinois Corvette Club – MICC is revving up with a full calendar of 2012 activities. Members will visit the 104th edition of the Chicago Auto Show. First held in 1901, this show is the largest auto show in North America at McCormick Place. Members will gather at Conklin Dinner Theatre Barn II in Goodfield, IL to enjoy Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn." One of the Club's spotlight events will be a motor tour May 17-19th to the 32nd Annual Corvette Beach Caravan and Car Show. Over 100 Corvettes will caravan from Dothan, AL to Panama City Beach, FL for a fun and exciting weekend of friendship, dining, entertainment, special guests, Corvette Seminars and auction to benefit The National Corvette Museum.

The Wisconsin Corvette Club, Inc. – Member Jim Heindl discovered the meaning of the expression "it's a small world" recently while attending a Corvette event at Road America. While talking to a group from Finland, Jim shared that the new owner transported a Corvette he owned to Finland. It turns out that the Finns knew of his car. To his delight, they told him that it was in Sweden undergoing restoration.

The Milwaukee area group enjoyed their annual Fall Color Run to the Monroe, New Giarus and Mineral Point, WI area. Known as the beautiful uplands, the area's nickname held true as members enjoyed fall colors, greet meals and tours of local points of interest including a brewery tour. Warming up for the holidays, a cookie exchange, tubing and Christmas Party rounded out their calendar.

While many Corvette owners in the Midwest Snow Belt store their cars from the harsh winter elements, the Wisconsin CC in Milwaukee, WI does not let the weather keep them from having fun and enjoying the friendship of other Corvette owners. Members bundled up and braved the elements at their annual WCC Tubing Event followed by a Polar Plunge at Bradford Beach to ring in the New Year, followed by a late winter Chili Cook-off guaranteed to take the chill off the outside winter air. Members balance out the calendar with weekend trips, dining out, movies, dances and other gatherings throughout the year.

Badger State Vettes, LTD Milwaukee Metropolitan area – the Wisconsin Humane Society was the real winner at the 19th annual Chili Cook-Off, 17th annual Chocolate Bake-Off and 10th annual Salsa Competition when the Badger State club challenged Brew City, Kettle Moraine, Muskego, Ozaukee and Wisconsin Corvette Clubs to join them for this annual event. With cold northerly winds blowing outside, participants and guests warmed up indoors with hot bowls of chili, tasty salsa dips and tempting chocolates guaranteed to satisfy everyone's appetites. Division winners: Jan Rose (Muskego CC) – Chili, Ed Cassel (Wisconsin CC) – Salsa, and Rita Mesu (Badger SV) – Chocolate, were welcomed as Inductees into their respective Hall of Fame for their prized recipes.

During the fall of 2011, members enjoyed an annual social event that brings owners together for fun, food and beverages while participating in a scenic Driving Challenge through the Kettle Moraine, WI State Forest. Navigators received a list of questions to answer along a planned driving route. Participants cannot use electronic navigation devices during the Challenge. The route included plenty of ups, downs and arounds. Once at their destination restaurant, participants had the opportunity to order alligator from the menu. For the less brave, the usual restaurant items were also available.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Inc. – This past year, the Club sponsored their first ever "Photo Party" with 17 people in attendance. Guest brought appetizers, desserts and photos to share. Highlight of the evening was a "Stump the Others" table. Members challenged guests to name people in the photos which included baby pictures, prom photos and wedding pictures. Member Louise Gorsch had the best eyes of the night by correctly guessing the name of people in 11 photos. She won the "Stump" prize, a Corvette serving tray.

NICC members participate in their annual community's "Adopt a Highway" program. Volunteers remove debris from both sides of a stretch roadway of Perryville Road

between Harrison Avenue and Newburg Road, Rockford, IL four times a year. The highway department posts signage with the Club's name along the highway in appreciation of the Club's efforts.

Sparkling dresses and holiday ties were part of the festive garb as Club members attended the Rockford Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert last December. Participants enjoyed sharing holiday festivities and singing carols with the Orchestra.

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