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GREAT RIVER CORVETTE CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

On July 11, 1972, a group of Quincy, Illinois Corvette owners met in Nauvoo State Park with Corvette owners from Fort Madison and Keokuk, Iowa for the first meeting of what was to be called the Great River Corvette Club. At this organizational meeting, Dick Valentine presented a proposed Constitution and Bylaws, and the group voted to establish Great River Corvette Club. An application was submitted to NCCC, and membership was accepted. The next week, the first Great River Corvette Club road rallye was held and attended by many in the area as the first club event.

The club began with 29 members and grew to 54 members. A newsletter was started the first month entitled "Stingray Communique," which is published and has been sent to all members every month since 1972.

Over the past 50 years, the club has raised money and donated to many charities, some of which included Camp Callahan, American Red Cross, Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Illinois Veterans Home as well as many local charities. The club ran tricycle races during Dogwood Days, bought and sponsored a car in the Soapbox Derby, eventually donating the car to the organization for any child to drive who didn't have sponsorship or a car. We also give scholarships to local youth to pursue a career in the automotive field.

Great River Corvette Club's mission is to respect and enjoy all aspects of Corvette ownership and socialize with other Corvette owners. In addition to sharing our love of the Corvette, we hold monthly meetings, socials, drives, car shows, parades, and above all else - build lasting friendships with other Corvette enthusiasts.

The club held its 50th anniversary June 18, 2022, at a member hosted dinner where photographs including drone photos were taken. We will be hosting an NCCC autocross July 23 and 24, 2022 where many other Corvette owners will travel to attend and participate. We hope to continue to make new friendships through the Corvette events we all attend.

