

## **MID ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB - 60 YEARS**

Mid Illinois Corvette Club, MICC, was formed in 1993 by a small group of guys who you might say are a bunch of 'gearheads.' We all share a love of vintage and antique cars of all kinds, and ... of course the Corvette.

The first, very informal, meetings to kick around some ideas for forming a car club were held at Timberlake Club in Peoria in early 1993. As the ideas for a club came together, the guys thought it might be a good idea to solicit a sponsor. About the same time we were discussing a Corvette club, the Nova car club, which was sponsored by Gary Uftring, disbanded. It was suggested we talk to Gary about sponsoring a Corvette Club. When Gary agreed to sponsor the club, meetings were moved to the meeting room at Uftring Chevrolet in Washington, IL. Gary has generously sponsored and supported the Mid Illinois Corvette Club since the beginning and John Haase has been the club liaison since the beginning. We started with 24 members and have grown to about 150 members. Most of the founders and original club members are deceased or are no longer active. The club boasts every Corvette model from 1955 to 2023.

The general purpose of MICC is to provide social events for MICC members and Corvette owners and enthusiasts ... and to encourage safe and skillful driving practices on the roadways. We are a 'not-for-profit' organization. We are in effect a social club and do some local fund raising through special activities, events and 50-50 drawings at our monthly meetings. We have raised funds for St Jude Children's Hospital by sponsoring an annual car show. We have donated to local food banks and other organizations. We have a yearly project at a local grade school to provide shoes and socks for underprivileged kids. We have participated in local and out-of-state car shows, cruise-ins and several out-of-state road trips. In recent years we have participated in and sponsored autocrosses...for those that like to race a little. We have also had some really fun club trips!

As you can see, we are a pretty well-rounded club. We have something for everyone in the form of activities. Read the activities list posted on the MICC web site. I am sure you will find something fun to do.

As a reminder, I will say, the more you participate and volunteer, the more fun you will have and you will meet some really great people.

