

Corvette ANNAPOLIS

Established 1991

HISTORY

If you were a Corvette enthusiast in the early 1990's, what else could you do besides drive your car? The next best thing to actually sitting behind the wheel, listening to the sweet music of a Chevy V-8 while stirring the cogs, is talking with someone about doing this. The founding members of *Corvette* Annapolis did just this. At the time there was no car club in the immediate Annapolis area that catered to Corvette owners. Two of the founding members, Jim Davis and Mike Bluestein, traveled to the closest Corvette club in the area to satisfy their quest for fellowship with fellow Corvette owners. The closest club at that time met on the opposite shores of the Chesapeake Bay, in Queenstown, MD. It wasn't long until these men from the Annapolis area decided that once there were as many men attending the Queenstown meetings from the western shore as there was from the eastern shore, they would start another club in the Annapolis area. From this, *Corvette* Annapolis was formed. Besides Jim and Mike, the other founding members were Ed Sutton, Carl Morgan, Mike Doty, and Steve West.

The first informal meeting was held at Ed Sutton's house with later meetings held at the Riva Volunteer Fire Department. Another one of the early meetings was held on a Saturday morning at Rudy's Tavern on General's Highway, just north of Annapolis. From the start, *Corvette* Annapolis was a supporting member of the National Council of Corvettes Clubs, NCCC. As Jim recalls, you couldn't beat the price of liability insurance that NCCC offered a small club just starting out. Being a member of NCCC also allowed *Corvette* Annapolis to receive information about what other Corvette Clubs were doing. To back the club financially at the start, each of the founding members chipped in \$100.

The first show the club held was a concours at Genderson Chevrolet. Along with other shows and rallies, *Corvette* Annapolis started to grow, and as of this writing has around 115 members. One of the monthly events that the club currently holds is a brunch. The founding members of the club started this tradition of mixing Corvettes, fellowship, and food.

The *Corvette* Annapolis logo and patch was designed by Steve Angell in early 1998. Steve took the idea from T-shirts the club would have made each year for the September concours. The shirts had a similar picture of the Bay Bridge on it, so he used that as a basis. He felt that it was a fitting symbol of the Annapolis area. He added the "old" and "new" Corvette emblems, because our club's members' cars range from a '54 to (now) an '01. The original club jackets were light blue with teal trim, so he used the light blue for the water. The club name logo was designed by Jim Davis (our first club President) and one of the founders of the club, so Steve used that logo of the words "Corvette Annapolis" in his design. The logo had always used the red and royal blue colored letters, sometimes with a silver background behind "Annapolis". Our club colors have always revolved around the all-American red, white, and blue. The patch design was decided during a competition by the members present at one of the spring or summer meetings in '98. They voted on a winner from 3 different designs which were anonymously submitted.

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