

Capital City Corvette Club – Celebrating 50 Years of Corvetting!

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It's true what people say – time flies when you're having fun!
Capital City Corvette Club is 50 years old this year. Let's celebrate!

In 1958, a group of Lansing-area Corvette enthusiasts joined together to share their love of this American sports car. Although time has dimmed many memories, it is a well know fact that Mr. Steve Spinrad was instrumental in the formation of the club.

Early membership in the club was mostly limited to men. Women weren't encouraged to join, because it was assumed they didn't drive hard enough. Early "meetings" revolved around working on cars and going out for a bite to eat afterwards. Wives soon tired of their husbands being gone. They began to attend meetings. It wasn't long before the club became more organized and held monthly meetings. Club activities focused on racing, rallies, and concourse shows.

As interest in the Corvette grew nationally, in 1959 our club along with five others (including the Corvette Club of Michigan) formed the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Although the original members of the NCCC were all small clubs east of the Mississippi River, there are now more than 269 clubs nationwide. We're club 003 -- CCM is club 006. Kudos to Steve Spinrad and the original membership for having such vision.

Did you know?

- Prior to forming our club, local Corvette owners raced their cars on Lake Lansing during the frozen winter months.
- MacGillivray Chevrolet was the club's first sponsor.
- Our club members used to race their cars on the docks at Mackinaw City.
- We have a sidewalk brick at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Don't forget to look it up the next time you visit the museum.
- We once had a club drink – the Oscar. Here's the recipe:

1 Fifth	Vodka
1 Fifth	Gin
1 Pint	Wild Cherry Brandy
1 Pint	Grenadine
2 Lg. Cans	Sweetened Orange Juice
2 Lg. Cans	Unsweetened Pineapple Juice

Mix ingredients in a large pail. Serve over ice. (Remember – drink responsibly.)

- CCCC helped write the National Council of Corvette Clubs' original by-laws.
- The Corvette Club of Michigan is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Congratulations!

