

# Michigan

"Where it all began"



## The Planets Aligned and the Road Angels...

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Saturday August 16

Michigan SACC members, Tom and Sue Gamache in their 1954 Corvette, and Paul and Cheryl Lemieux in their 1959 Corvette left for the 2014 SACC National Convention in Lancaster, PA on Saturday, August 16 (we missed the Woodward Dream Cruise, bummer).

The first day of driving across Ohio on I-80 was good and we spent Saturday night in Barkeyville, PA (an easy 263 miles)

Sunday August 17

We headed for Lancaster (only 258 miles) on Sunday morning. Stopped at the Pennsylvania Welcome Center and were advised to take PA322 for a scenic drive (*the first planet aligned*).

As we exited I-80 onto PA 322-E, I felt a bit of play in the **left** front wheel of the '54. Stopped along the road and confirmed all was not well. I decided to limp into Philipsburg (having traveled 107 miles since breakfast) hoping to find a place to assess the damage. Stopped at a Kwik Fill gas station (*the second planet aligned due to its visibility to the main road*). After determining that the left front wheel bearing had completely failed, I pulled out the **SACC Road Assistance Directory** and sure enough there was a Tom Sayers (SACC 690) listed in Philipsburg. Called Tom and left a message on his home phone and proceeded to contact Hagerty Ins. to arrange for a tow.

As I'm on the phone with Hagerty, the **first Road Angel** appeared in the form of John Kendrick and his friend Dewey. John said "I'm just an old hot rodder (1948 Ford Sedan with a 351 Windsor powertrain), but you're welcome to use my garage to fix

your car." After we accepted his offer, John got on his cell and called his friend who owns Corvettes to see if he would be able to help - his friend was on the way to meet us at the Kwik Fill. John told Sue and Cheryl that he called his friend, "Tom" and Sue said that we had just called someone named Tom - that's when we discovered that we both called the same person! Our **Second Road Angel** - aka Tom Sayers appears.

It was assessed, the '54 could be repaired, but we needed to get it to John's garage. After many minutes on the phone with Hagerty Ins. couldn't locate a tow service in the area. I mention this to John and John responded, "well, let me see if Jim is available". One call to Jim Washburn at Price-Parkway Service and he arrives with his tow truck (our **Third Road Angel**). I called Hagerty back and Jim and Hagerty worked out Jim's reimbursement for the tow to John's garage. (continued on page 2)

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**2015 DUES are due by Dec. 1st.**

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## .....Road Angels appeared or Your SACC Road Assistance Directory.....

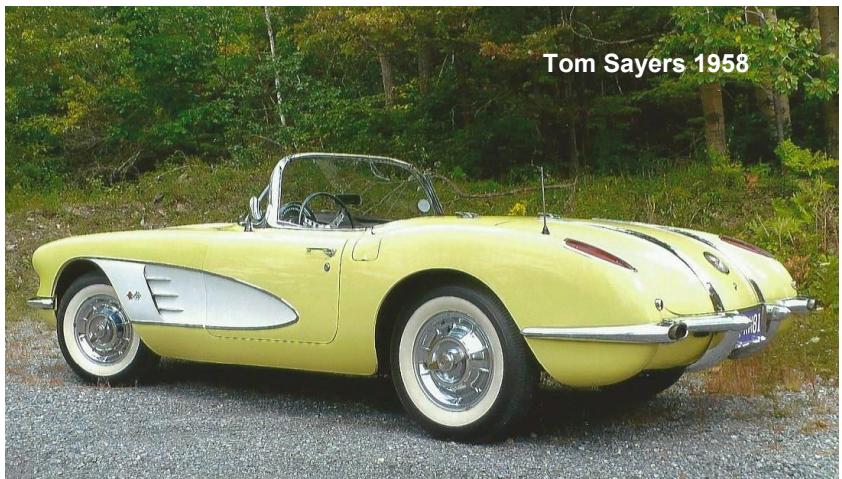
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With the '54 safely in John's garage, his wife Carol (our **Forth Road Angel**) came out to sit with Sue and Cheryl and assured them that Tom Sayers knows Corvettes and he'd surely get it repaired. Off came the wheel and after an assessment of the failed bearing, Tom Sayers said "the only way you're going to get to Lancaster tonight is for me to take the drum and hub assembly off of my 1958 Corvette and install it on the 1954".

I thought that Tom probably had a 1958 parts car and we'll just take the drum and hub assembly off of the '58. How very, very wrong I was! Upon arriving at Tom's garage and opening the garage door, I was blown away. A man's dream; Corvettes, Camaros, a first generation Firebird, a 1965 Mustang, and more, all in pristine, restored condition. One example would be Tom's 1969 Z28 Camaro 4 speed with 28K miles. Tom bought it new, still owns it, and no, it's not for sale! Tom also does Corvette repair and in the back of his garage was a beautiful silver blue 1964 coupe, 365 4-speed with real Corvette knock off wheels and side pipes.

Now, I'm waiting for Tom to take us to his '58 parts car, but instead Tom wheels his floor jack over to his original/restored beautiful Panama yellow 1958 Corvette with black interior (yes, NCRS says it should be charcoal, but Tom likes black so that's what it is). Unbelievable as it was, Tom proceeds to remove the hubcap, wheel and then the original hub and brake drum assembly from this immaculate 1958 Corvette, all to repair my 1954 and allow us to proceed to the SACC National Convention in Lancaster that evening. I am in disbelief!

Words cannot describe this incredible act of kindness!



# .....Don't Leave Home without it!

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After a bit of work on the spindle to dress out the minor scaring due to the failed bearing, we were, incredibly, on our way to Lancaster. I was to ship Tom's hub and drum assembly back to him when we got back to Michigan, and he would then ship my original hub and drum assembly back to me.

But wait, the saga continues. Our initial assessment of the failed bearing was that it was just a bad bearing. An easy answer that proved to be incorrect. Pulling into the convention hotel in Lancaster, there was an all too familiar sound and feel that evening coming from the **right** front wheel. Yes, another wheel bearing failure, identical to the left front wheel bearing failure. Finally, the real reason these bearings failed - I'd installed the wheel bearing incorrectly.

Again, a look at the **SACC Road Assistance Directory**, and sure enough, Peter Botta (our **Fifth Road Angel**) was listed for Lancaster. A call to Peter and an offer to use his garage and any other assistance we needed, including transportation was made.



Paul Lemieux

Tom Gamache

Tom Sayers

John Kendrick

(Fortunately, Sue was driving our Lincoln MKX, since we needed space for our golf clubs, so we had transportation.)

Monday 18th

Peter gave me the name of a place (The Sportscar Center) that had worked on his 1953 and 1955 Corvettes. A call to owner, Mel and son Eric, at the Sportscar Center and we arranged to have the car flatbedded to their shop. A call to Paragon had a set of bearings and a seal over-nighted to our hotel.

Tuesday 19th

The new bearings arrived that afternoon and a quick trip out to the Sportscar Center got the repair rolling.

Meanwhile, we attended another great SACC convention and reacquainted with old friends, and met new friends. We participated in the driving tour of PA Dutch "Amish Country", including a covered bridge photo with the cars.

Wednesday 20th

Picked up the car on Wednesday, and enjoyed the road tour and tech sessions which took us to see a couple of

great car collections as well.

Thursday 21st

We were on our way to Corvettes at Carlisle. Parked on the Fun Field at the SACC display and was fortunate to receive a Celebrity Choice Award for the 1954. Left for Michigan after picking up the award on Sunday morning at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. Arrived home safely Sunday night and tucked the 1954 into its usual place in the garage.

Really hard to call this a "trip". It was much more of an adventure, and a very clear demonstration of just how kind and wonderful people in the car hobby are.

John and Carol Kendrick opened their home (and garage!) to strangers stranded on the road.

Tom Sayers gave me an original part off of his Corvette to use.

Peter Botta offered any assistance we needed.

While so much seems to be wrong with the world these days, this experience has renewed my faith in people and served as a high bench mark that I will try to match should I ever see someone stranded on the road or receive a call from a fellow SACC member in need of assistance!

Tom and Sue Gamache,  
Paul and Cheryl Lemieux



# The Rest of the Story...

By Tom Gamache



SACC National Convention—Great Location, Great Activities, Great Weather, Very Well Organized.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter did an outstanding job with every phase of the Convention. Brad Bean, his wife Marilyn, and a host of other Mid-Atlantic Members spent a lot of time and effort putting this Convention and the various activities together, and it showed.

Registration was on Sunday with story swapping time. The convention activities began on Monday. Sue and I played in the golf tournament; competition was very stiff, we played a fivesome. The SACC Board meeting followed that afternoon, and an early evening reception for all Convention attendees.



Tuesday morning began with a very well thought out and documented (excellent turn by turn instructions with mileage check points) Road Tour thru the Pennsylvania countryside, including 3 covered bridges, and arrangements were made to have pictures taken for each Tour participant. The Tour ended at the "Amish Experience", which included a tour of an Amish House followed by lunch at "Plain



and Fancy" family style restaurant. The afternoon consisted of a Chapter Board Reps. meeting with the selection of the site for the 2016 National Convention. The evening's activity was very special, with dinner at the Dutch Apple Theater followed by a presentation of the stage play "Hairspray".



The Wednesday tech sessions were special for the "car guy" in us. We road tripped to Ludwig's Custom Auto which is a very well reputed (Jeff did Brad Bean's outstanding 1960 Corvette and his 1957 Chevrolet Nomad) restoration and custom auto facility. Jeff provided a very interesting discussion on auto restoration and painting, including a video demonstration documenting the process's Jeff uses. Talk about detail, How about wet sanding with 2000, then 4000 grit before final painting?

Back on the road, we were given the opportunity to visit Jeff Barbour's private collection, and what an impressive collection it is. Many re-



Jeff Barbour's Collection

stored and original Corvettes together with midget race cars and motorcycles, and loads of auto memorabilia. To give an example of the quality of Jeff's collection, his 1964 Corvette is used as a "reference" vehicle by the NCRS.

Lunch on Wednesday was at the Boehringer's Drive Inn, followed by the annual member's meeting back at the hotel.

Wednesday evening we gather for a reception in the Palm Court followed by dinner at the Palm Court restaurant in the Double Tree hotel. After dinner, Adam Boca of the Nation Corvette Museum provided a very interesting presentation about the repairs to the Museum following the sink hole and the restoration of the vehicles

damaged in the sink hole. Brad Bean concluded the evening and the Convention with presentation of Convention awards and closing remarks, before thanking the attendees and wishing all a safe trip home.

Thursday found some attendees headed for home and some headed for Corvettes at Carlisle in nearby Carlisle PA. The weather turned a bit cooler, and with a bit of spotty rain on Friday. However the number of Corvettes at this event and the number of Corvette related business's, vendors and the size of the swap meet and cars for sale is truly mind boggling. Definitely a must see to believe event. SACC National had their usual area just inside gate #3 so the C1's in attendance received a lot of visibility and attention. One of the cars from the MI Chapter was chosen for a Celebrities Choice award so we were well represented. Quite coincidentally we added a new member, Don and Linda France from Harper Woods who were at the event and stopped by the SACC display.

It was a very good week regardless of my wheel bearing problems. We meet some great people, had some wonderful experiences and made it back home safely. My personal thanks to Cheryl and Paul Lemieux who traveled with Sue and I and were most supportive during my road problems.

Probably won't take the '54 to Tacoma in 2015, but certainly looking forward to 2016 in Illinois

Tom and Sue Gamache

PS: Below is the "Celebrities Choice"



Tom Gamache's 1954 at Carlisle



## **Tom Sayers 1958 Panama Yellow Corvette**

Least you think I was exaggerating about Tom Sayers' kindness and generosity and the quality of his 1958 Corvette . Consider that the beautiful 1958 (shown below) became the donor for the drum and hub assembly necessary to get my ailing 1954 safety on the road (and continue our trip to the SACC Convention in Lancaster). Check out the rest of the story.....

Upon arriving home from the SACC Convention, I disassembled the borrowed left front hub and drum assembly and returned it to Tom Sayers, with many, many thanks. Tom immediately reassembled his Panama Yellow 1958 Corvette, and now complete and roadworthy again, Tom decided to take it for a spin to pick up a few miscellaneous parts from Corvette America in Reedsburg, PA.

As Tom Sayers exited Corvette America that afternoon, there was a fellow with a camera showing a lot of interest in his Panama Yellow 1958 Corvette. He asked Tom if he might take a few pictures of the car. Tom agreed and the fellow began taking pictures. He stopped for a moment and ask Tom, "May I do a "photo shoot" of your car?"

Tom responded, "How long will the "shoot" take?" He responded, "about 2 1/2 hours." Tom said , "OK by me, I've got all afternoon." The photographer then proceeded to take hundreds of photographs of Tom's beautiful Panama Yellow 1958. When the photographer was finished he told Tom Sayers, "Your Panama Yellow 1958 will be the cover car for one of the next two Corvette America catalogs. Is that OK with you?" Tom said, with pride, "Absolutely!"

So you see, Paul and I were not the only people that recognized just how great Tom's 1958 Panama Yellow Corvette is.

Wonderful story and I'm absolutely thrilled that Tom and his Panama Yellow Corvette are getting the recognition they deserve.

With many thanks, Tom Gamache.



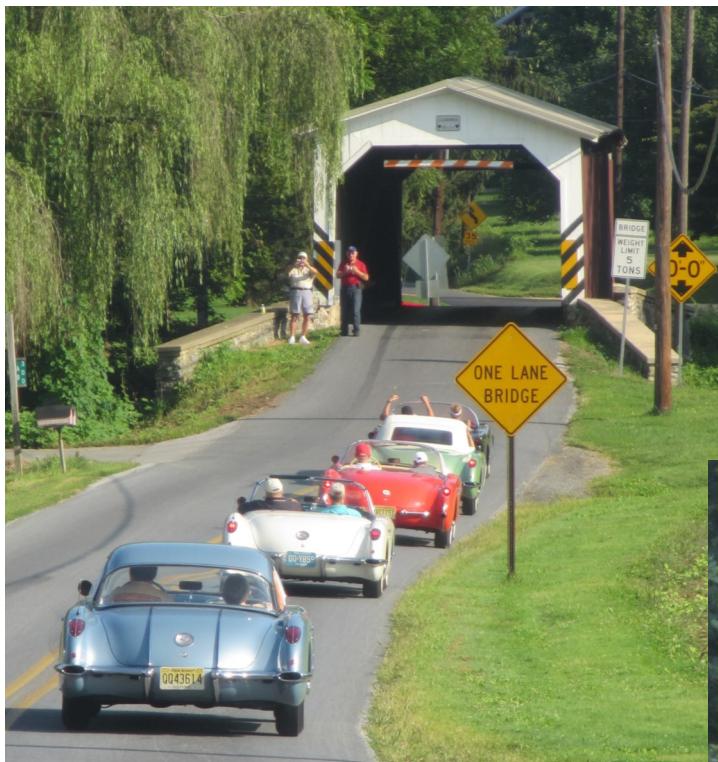
# From the President's Laptop

## Sept. 2014

Greetings to all Michigan SACC members,

This summer has passed so quickly. It seems only yesterday that we had our Spring Meeting in Williamston in April and suddenly the 20 Sept Paragon Open House was upon us.

Our cruise to visit the Auburn Cord Duesenberg in June was a good day, as was the Corvettes at The Summit where everybody who had their car judged received a Gold Award. Those who were fortunate enough to be able to make the trip to the SACC National Convention in Lancaster, PA had a successful adventure that we will be reading about soon. Cheryl Lemieux took a couple hundred pictures that absolutely made us jealous that Stef & I were not able to attend.

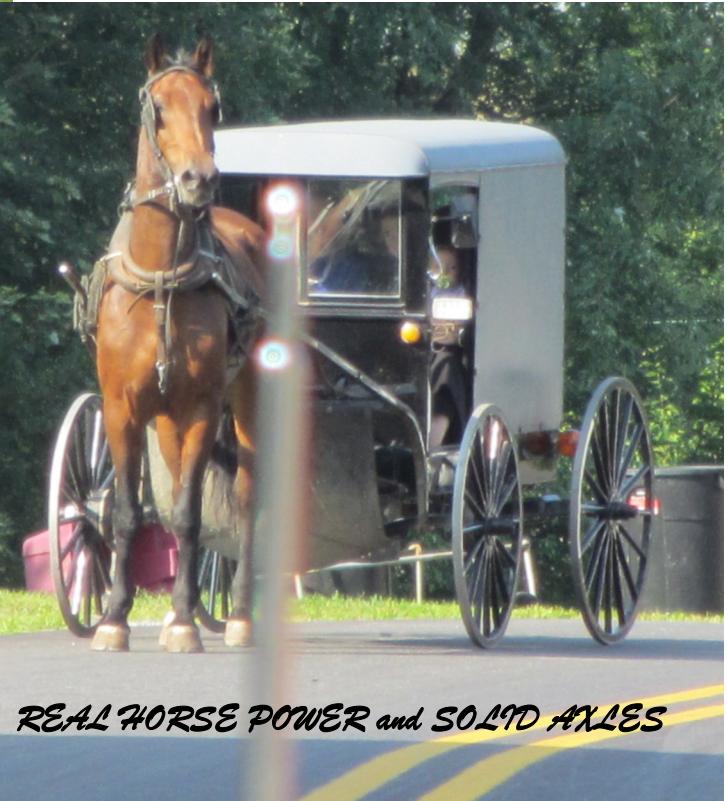


Stef and I were able to get away for a couple days to attend Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City. They had lots of cars, beautiful weather and passed thru downtown & across the bridge.

Phil & Donna Stankewicz entered their red/white 1958. Ron & Elizabeth Struck were there with their black 1962. Both are extremely nice cars.

Bill Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC



# 2014 National SACC Convention And Corvettes at Carlisle Road Tour

This year's Solid Axle Corvette Club National Convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was another great event. You may have read Tom Gamache's '54 road trip report (page one), the drive there was unfortunately "eventful", but all turned out well in the end.

We set out on "Dream Cruise" Saturday morning, August 16th, with Tom and Sue Gamache – Cheryl and I in our 1959 and Tom in his 1954. Sue followed in her "steel" car as she carried the two sets of golf clubs the Gamache's would need for the SACC convention golf outing on Monday morning. Art and Carol Wyman met up with us at the hotel in Lancaster, and the six of us were the only Michigan club representatives.

Tom planned our route and the first day was a comfortable 4 to 4-1/2 hour drive to Barkeyville, Pennsylvania. The traveling was good with sunshine and no rain – the rain came during the night while we slept, but cleared up before we set out on the next leg of the journey. It was on this next leg that Tom's car developed the bearing troubles that you'll read about in his story. We were just as blown away as Tom was with the generosity of fellow SACC member, Tom Sayers, offer to help out. We met some great people due to Tom's misfortune! This second day's travel was to be another easy 4 hours or so. It was at noon on Sunday that the breakdown happened, and we were delayed five hours with the repair... back on the road at 5 p.m. By the time we got to the convention hotel in Lancaster, it was getting dark, so headlights were on for the last portion of the trip. It was a relief to pull into the hotel parking lot! We checked in and met down at the hotel restaurant for a welcome beverage and some food!

Early Monday morning, Tom and Sue took their clubs and headed out to play golf – we hear it was a nice event, but only five participants. They played in a "fivesome" and had a good time. The weather was good, but a little warmer than they hoped for. When they returned, Tom contacted Paul to go down and take a look at his car – he had felt that similar feeling in the car's handling last night as we neared the hotel. As Tom suspected, the passenger side bearings had failed as well. This is when he jumped into action again to contact Peter Botta and get the name of the repair shop, etc. to get the ball rolling on repairing the other wheel. By this time, we had met up with Art and Carol at the hotel as well. We all registered for the convention and got our welcome packets. The Welcome Reception was held in the "Terrace Room" of the hotel where members got reacquainted with familiar friends from the national club.

On Tuesday morning, we joined the convention goers for the road tour of Pennsylvania Dutch "Amish Country", which included a covered bridge photo. The planned route was great – through the countryside with corn-fields, tobacco fields and cow pastures all around. We went through a couple of single lane covered bridges, and at one of these was the photo op where convention organizers helped stage the cars for the photo as they emerged from the bridge one at a time. We all stopped a short distance away at an arranged spot in front of a very large beautiful brick home – all the C1s lined up in front of this property was quite a sight! A lot more photos were taken by all! Then, it was off to the Amish Experience, which consisted of a short film explaining the Amish ways of life and a tour of an Amish house. We knew a little of their way of life, but this was a very informative experience to better understand their ways. Talk about stepping back in time! The afternoon wrapped up with a delicious lunch at the "Plain & Fancy" family style res-

taurant. We were full after that delicious meal which finished with a choice of two desserts – yum!

After returning to the hotel, Tom discovered his wheel bearing parts arrived from Paragon, so we took a drive out to the repair shop to keep things moving on getting the '54 back on the road.

That evening, there was another fun event planned by the convention organizers – we went to the "Dutch Apple Theater" for a buffet dinner (eating again!), and to see the production of "Hairspray". Again, the food was great, and afterwards, we sat back and enjoyed the musical. Many of us had taken the hotel shuttle bus to the evening's events, so it was nice to sit back and let someone else do the driving!



On Wednesday morning, the club members met up for the road tour to the car collections and technical sessions. Tom rode with Paul in his '59, which worked out well since having a navigator to follow the list of directions was great in case they got separated from the group due to traffic lights, etc. They went to Ludwig's Custom Auto in Denver, Pennsylvania, where Jeff Ludwig explained the process involved in painting Brad Bean's immaculate 1960 Cascade Green car, which appeared on the cover of a past issue of *On Solid Ground*. Also in Jeff's shop was a 1959 Chevy 4-door that was purchased at the Vanderbrink Auction. This car has only three original miles and is being restored by Jeff. Then we caravanred to Jeff Barbour's private automobile collection in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. As we pulled into the driveway of his "estate", we parked our C1s facing each other – quite a sight! This was another WOW moment as Jeff started to open his garage doors. There were several solid axles along with several mid-years, and a lot of automotive memorabilia. But, there was more... as we descended to the lower level, there were several sprint cars, one that was driven by A.J. Foyt and Johnny Rutherford, as well as many restored Triumph motorcycles and John Deere tractors. This caused the automotive senses to be overloaded by Jeff's collection! The group then headed to have lunch at Boehringer's Drive Inn in Adamstown, PA. It was at this point when Tom and Paul decided to split off from the group to go pick up Tom's car instead since it was ready (I think they were still full from all the good food the day before!).

## 2014 National SACC Convention And Corvettes at Carlisle Road Tour

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For the ladies who didn't want to join the others on Wednesday's road tour and sessions, the hotel shuttle bus was available for a shopping adventure to two nearby outlet malls. About nine opted for this choice and several purchases were made! It was a welcome sight to get back to the hotel that afternoon to see the '54 parked next to the '59 in the parking lot!

Tom and Paul attended the Annual Members Meeting where plans were discussed for next year's national convention which will be held in Tacoma, Washington. It sounds like another great event is in the works! However, we're not sure this would be a road trip in the solid axles from Michigan... perhaps a little too far to trust stretching their legs for this!

The closing dinner held in the Palm Court of the hotel was very nice – after a cocktail hour, we were served salad, followed by a plated meal of steak medallion and chicken breast, accompanied by potato and vegetables. Of course, it was followed up by another delicious dessert of apple pie – seems to be a favorite in Pennsylvania! It certainly was ours!!

The evening's program began with Tom Gamache receiving the golf trophy for lowest score for the Monday outing!! Way to go, Tom!! The trophy is a very cool looking piece displaying the C1 emblem. It's worthy of a prime display spot in the Gamache home! The speaker for the dinner was Adam Boca of the National Corvette Museum., who spoke about the fateful day of February 12, 2014, when the sinkhole occurred in the Museum. His talk was accompanied by pictures of the disaster, which were heartbreaking, to say the least. The evening wrapped up with an auction of a poster that was created of the images of past SACC National Convention T-shirts. The money from the auction was to be donated to the Museum. The winning bidder paid \$150 for it, and then asked to also donate the poster to the Museum on behalf of the Solid Axle Corvette Club! It would be great to see it on display there on a future visit! Could be an acceptable road tour destination, any interest?

Our thanks to this year's convention organizers – everything was great, and we all appreciate how much hard work goes into the planning and execution of the events.

Of course, our trip didn't end here. On Thursday morning, we continued on to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to attend the Corvettes at Carlisle show. It was a first time for Paul and Cheryl, but Tom and Sue had been to it a couple times previously. The drive to the fairgrounds was not that long, and we got the cars parked in the Solid Axle Corvette Club area located right inside of Gate 3- perfect visibility spot to be seen by many! After checking in at the Guest Services building, we walked around to see some of the vendors setting up and the enormity of it all. Quite a show – Paul and Cheryl had never been to one at this large of a scale – it was great! The next two days was a total immersion into Corvettes and their parts! You could walk and walk all day and still not see everything! Unfortunately, there were some spotty showers on Saturday, but it did not dampen the spirits of Tom and Paul – they soldiered on through the tables and tables of car parts! Sue and Cheryl stayed back at the hotel that day to catch up on their reading and take a welcome break from the "immersion"!!

On Sunday, we met for breakfast at the hotel went back to Carlisle for Tom to pick up his "Celebrity Choice Award" (another, "way to go Tom!!"), and pick up the cars to start our journey  home. When we were about an hour away from our planned hotel for the night, it was still early in the day, and the guys were enjoying the drive – very little traffic, great weather and no car troubles, so we all agreed to take a short break and continue further. Well, "a little further" turned into driving all the way home in one day! Tom and Sue split off toward their house from I-275 around 7:00 p.m., and Paul and Cheryl arrived home shortly after 8:00 p.m. – it was still sort of light out when we got the car back into its spot in the garage! It was a great trip, but it sure was great to be home and sleep in our own beds after being on the road for over a week!

Hope to see everyone at the next Michigan SACC event!

Paul & Cheryl Lemieux



# *Corvettes at Carlisle 2014*



Welcome to the Michigan Chapter  
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB



**Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2015 New\_\_ Renewal\_\_**

Michigan Chapter Membership requires membership in the National SACC organization.

For record keeping: MI SACC collects both National and Chapter dues and submits your National dues to SACC National.

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|  | 1 year           | 3 years          |
| <b>2015 Michigan Chapter SACC dues @ \$15.00 a year:</b>                   | <b>\$15.00.</b>  | <b>\$40.00</b>   |
| <b>Michigan Chapter SACC windshield decals: ____ decals @ \$5.00 each:</b> | ____             | ____             |
| <b>National SACC yearly dues, renewable December 1st :</b>                 | <b>\$35.00 *</b> | <b>\$100.00*</b> |
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\*SACC National and MI SACC offer one year or three year dues options.

Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"

National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground"

SACC National publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster. The roster contains names, phone numbers, city & state, but no street address. It also has a field to indicate that you are willing to help if a traveling SACC member needs roadside assistance in your area.

If you do not want your name listed in the roster initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want to participate in the road side assistance program initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Corvettes presently owned - please include the VIN # for all C-1's

I will enjoy participating in these club activities: Driving tours\_\_ Get away weekends\_\_

Museum tours\_\_ Historic site/shop tours\_\_ Car Shows\_\_ Tech sessions\_\_ Race events\_\_

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Suggestions for events or cruise \_\_\_\_\_

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# Solid Axle Corvette Club

The Solid Axle Corvette Club is for enthusiasts who drive and show America's first sports car., our beloved C1's. The Solid Axle Corvette Club invites you to share our enthusiasm and dedication to the Solid Axle Corvettes, and to enjoy the fellowship of our members.

SACC is the initials of the Solid Axle Corvette Club. So, just what is a solid axle Corvette? The rear axle housing on all 1953 to 1962 Corvettes was a one-piece shell. The rear differential (rear gears) and the axles were mounted within this rear axle housing. (The rear axle housing is sometimes called a solid [or straight] axle housing.)

Beginning with the 1963 model year, Corvettes had an independent rear suspension (IRS). The rear differential is built into the center housing: universal joints and short shafts (called jack shafts) transfer power to the rear wheels. Each rear wheel reacts independently to the road surface, and has earned the nickname "rubber axle".

The Solid Axle Corvette Club (SACC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, care, history, and enjoyment of the 1953 to 1962 Corvettes. Ours is a family oriented club with membership covering all members of your family. You do not need to own a Corvette to join.

## Road Rules

The **Michigan** is the quarterly newsletter for the Michigan Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club and is published four times yearly (Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter). It is published in PDF format, emailed to members in good standing.

Membership in the Michigan Chapter is open **only** to members of the parent organization, the Solid Axle Corvette Club. The Solid Axle Corvette Club is a non-profit organization, serving members with an interest in 1953—1962 model year Corvettes. Ownership of a Solid Axle or any Corvette is not necessary to become a member of the organization.

The newsletter provides a forum for members to communicate with other members. As a result, the newsletter will often contain member opinions. Those opinions should not be construed as an endorsement by Michigan SACC or the parent organization, SACC.

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Membership renewal and application form on page 13

Please submit articles for publication to the editor. Generally, articles for publication should follow the broad theme of anything of interest to the Solid Axle Corvette community". Suggested items for publication would include how-to articles, parts information, performance issues, scheduled events, restoration or repair information, and personal stories.

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