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2017 MI SACC Chapter Remaining Event

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SACC MI Dues

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Karl's Cabin

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From the President's laptop

A quick note to all of our Chapter members, SACC members residing in Michigan and all National SACC Members who will be reading this-----Michigan Chapter will be hosting the 2019 SACC National Convention in August 2019.

The 2003 Flint Convention, the 50th anniversary of the Corvette was the last time Michigan played host. For the 2019 SACC convention, MiSACC has arranged to visit the GM Tech Center Design Studio for an executive tour as the new mid-engine C-8 is released as well as visiting the GM Heritage Center. As a retired automotive engineer, I can't overstate the rarity of this opportunity.

Conventions, as much fun as they seem to be, are the result of *PLANNING, PARTICIPATION & SUPPORT* by you, the members. The MiSACC planning committee, desires & needs assistance with all three elements to make the 2019 SACC Convention in the Detroit area a rewarding experience for all.

MiSACC has been assured support by the SACC National Board. However, We will be seeking Michigan Chapter members that are willing to show their support for this event by volunteering to assist.

We have plenty of opportunities for your consideration: Welcome Greeters at the Embassy Suites, Hosts as the Welcoming reception and each day at the hotel and at the attractions. We need Caravan leaders for cruises to GM Tech Center, Henry Ford Museum, and the Lingenfelter collection; your attendance at the Tech Sessions and Area guides and/or cruise leaders to the Woodward DreamCruise that weekend. This is an opportunity to show off PURE MICHIGAN and your C1 to those who will really appreciate it.

Once again, every mile is a memory.

Bill Huffman, Pres. Michigan Chapter SACC

We need volunteers, planners and workers for the 2019 SACC Convention in the Detroit area.

Initial planned events as noted above will provide an opportunity for C1 owners from across the country to experience the Detroit Automotive Heritage as well as PURE Michigan hospitality.

The success will be in the hands of the Michigan SACC members who share their ideas, time and talents towards a positive Detroit experience

YOU can make a difference—Volunteer NOW!!



Attending the 2017 SACC Convention

We left Michigan the morning of Fri, Oct 20, meeting for breakfast at 10 AM in Marshall at the Denny's, on the SE corner of I-94 & US-27. If you're ever in the area, this art-deco Rosie's diner is delightful, has good food, reasonable prices & a nice discount for veterans.

We had planned a leisurely 3 day trip south on I-69 thru Auburn & Indianapolis, then down I-65 thru Louisville with a first stop in Bowling Green, KY. The Holiday Inn University Plaza is almost identical to the hotel planned for our 2019 SACC Convention. After some great prime rib dinners at Rafferty's, it was time to get ready for day two.

Day two found us still on I-65 thru Nashville TN, Huntsville, Birmingham & Montgomery, AL then US-231 to Dothan AL. After turning east on I-10, we turned in at Quincy, FL. The motel clerk suggested we try a local seafood place on the water named The Whip. Write this down as one of life's unexpected experiences. An eight table restaurant with a 16 foot bar in an unfinished room like a deck over the water, attached to a bait shop. We found one empty table; I found a delicious French Dip sandwich and a pleasant evening. Obviously, it is a well-attended local treasure.



Day three started on I-10 from Tallahassee to Lake City, I-75 past Ocala to the Florida Turnpike, to US-27, then south to Lake Wales where we turned east on FL-60 to River Ranch Blvd.

The Westgate Resort River Ranch is a western themed complex with horses, real longhorn cattle, a Saturday night rodeo a saloon, a dance hall. Located 30 miles from the nearest services & 3 miles off the main road via a private drive w/ a 50

mph speed limit, it is remote.

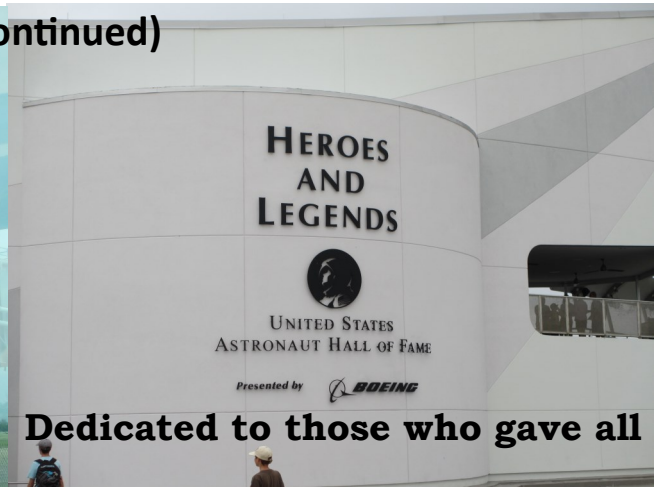
Tuesday we took a bus tour to the Kennedy Space Center at Titusville. Stef & I went there in 1987 and the changes are extraordinary. The entry area is what used to be the entire exhibit. Most impressive to me was the Saturn V rocket/ Apollo/lunar module display & the Space shuttle exhibit. Up close the shuttle is HUGE and it always looked so small riding the back of a 747. On the way back, we were well fed at the Dixie Crossroads seafood restaurant.



2017 SACC National Convention (continued)



Mobile Launcher



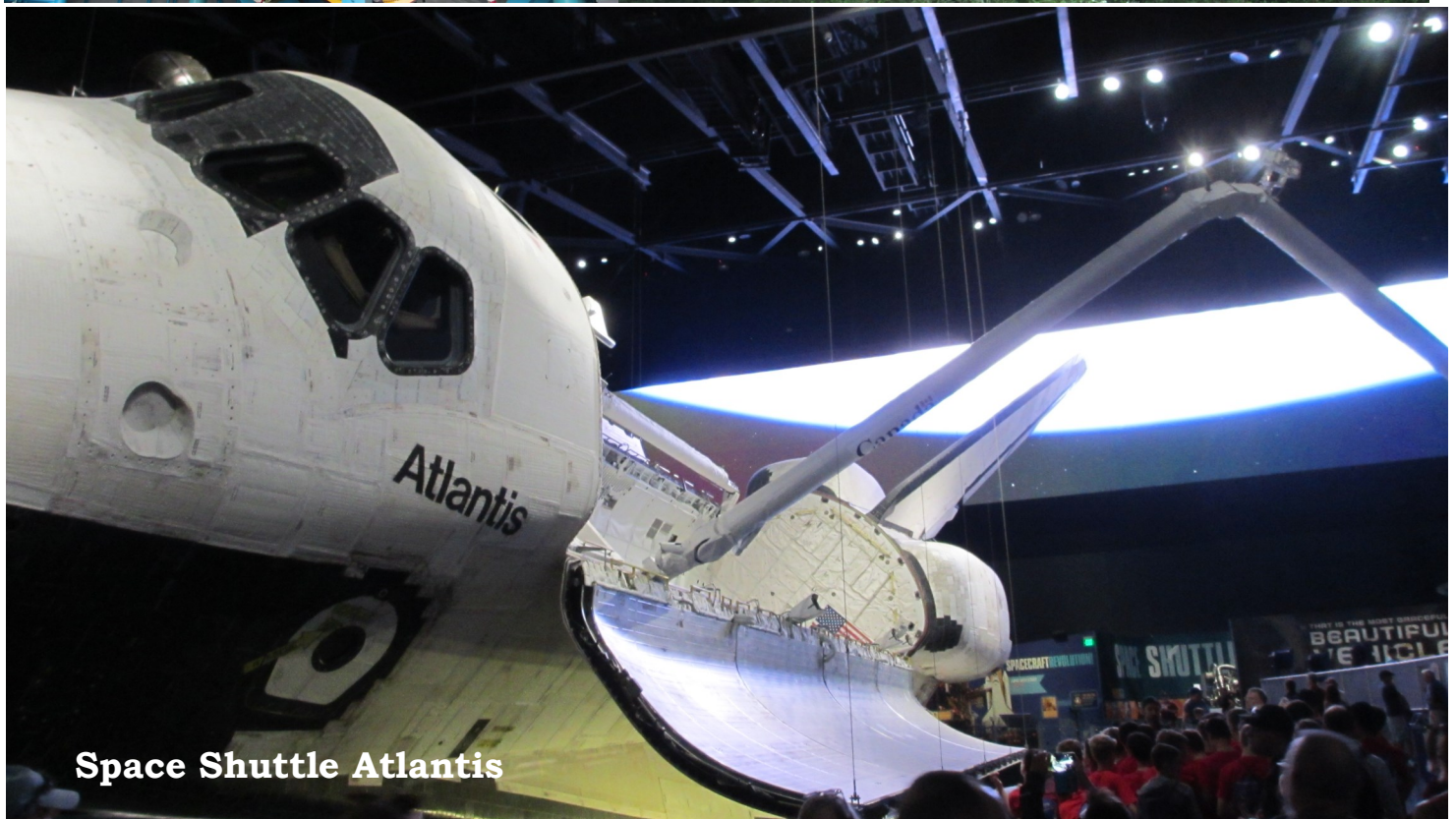
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Saturn Engines



Vertical Assembly Building



Space Shuttle Atlantis

2017 SACC National Convention (continued)

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2017 SACC National Convention (continued)



Wednesday, we cruised to Lake Wales to tour Bok Tower Gardens. 3 hours may sound like a long time to chase butterflies, admire the various floras, stroll the garden paths, visit the carillon and enjoy the sounds of nature but it was a pleasant afternoon and too quickly over. Dinner was a 5 minute cruise away at Manny's. Think Happy days, American Graffiti & the Blues Brothers, License plates and 50's hubcaps then you've been to Manny's. It just wasn't a drive-in. However, the hostess station was a roman red 1958-60 Corvette from wheel centers forward.

A total of 9 C-1s made the convention + our C-6 & the Lemieux's C-7. The low number was attributed to 3 things: Driving distance from other states, the recent hurricanes & time of year (too early for most traditional snow-birds).



2017 SACC National Convention (continued)

Attendees were comprised of National Board members, the 3 Regional Representatives & members of the Sunshine State Chapter, SoCal Chapter Pres. Phil Roche, 4 from Michigan Chapter & the tech session presenters.

Ken Amrick asked MiSACC to prepare 2019 convention highlight articles for the four editions of On Solid Ground to be published following the Ventura Convention in July 2018. Each article is to highlight the 2019 convention attractions. In no particular order: 1) the GM Design Studio & GM Heritage Museum, 2) Henry Ford Museum complex, 3) Linginfelter Collection 4) Woodward DreamCruise and 5) Diamond Jacks Riverboat Cruise. The four articles will be forwarded to Doc Hollada, Midwest Region SACC Representative on the SACC Board, who will add music & make each into a video for the SACC website.

Rich Mozzetta is a Corvette restorer who presented two tech sessions, the 1st was on C-1 Electrical Systems which he not only sent to me but wrote that I could share freely. It would make a great tech session for 2019. The other was to present John Baldwin's 1 of a kind 1957 Corvette SS from GM's Design Studio. Good stuff.



The SACC National officers (L to R): Ken Amrick "On Solid Ground" Editor; Bill Stalder, Western Region Rep; Ron Dill, Eastern Region Rep; Bruce Fuhrman, Secretary; Brad Bean, Vice President; Lucy Badenhop, Treasurer/Membership; Max Brockhouse, President; and Dr. Jack Hollada, Central Region Rep and Website Editor.



Ken Kayser, a retired GM powertrain exec did one tech session regarding the subject of his new book about Zora, 50's era GM, and the gestation & birth of the 1953 Corvette. Mr. Kayser, with his book, attempts to prove where & when the first three cars were driven out & by whom. The book has pictures of both events; the real & the re-enactment.

Mr. Kayser's banquet presentation was a biography of Zora Arkus-Duntov and the lady who helped make the legend. The beautiful woman sitting in or standing by the cars, standing by or kissing Zora after a race was his lovely wife Elfi. She also took many of the photographs that we as fellow C-1 Corvette owners & drivers see them and wonder "Did he really do that?" Like the one with the '53 prototype roadster flying over a hill, 4 wheels off the ground, no seatbelt, no helmet, with his head completely above the windshield. Yes, he did that. The other thing we know is that by some miracle, the landing didn't kill him.

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Convention awards were given:

Farthest distance, won by Bill Stalder, the West Coast Regional Rep,

Farthest driven C-1 went to Russ Sobczak, an SSSACC member from Tallahassee, FL.

We took different routes back to Michigan. Paul & Cheryl left Saturday for home via West Virginia. Stef & I left Friday morning; heading for Lakeland to visit then took the parking lot called I-4 east to I-95. Not a good choice. However, I-95N to I-26W to I-40W to I-75N thru the Smokey Mountains was a spectacular 700 mile Color Tour. This is a beautiful country we are free to drive around in. Fly overs are just not the same.



Once again, every mile is a memory.

Bill Huffman, Pres. Michigan Chapter SACC



The Drive Home returns, this time “Driving the Future”



Hemmings Daily Sept. 20, 2017 > [Kurt Ernst](#) on at 8:59 am



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For the past two winters, LeMay – America’s Car Museum has teamed with the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) to present The Drive Home, a cross-country odyssey in vintage automobiles designed to demonstrate that collector cars are meant to be driven, regardless of the season. This time around, America’s Automotive Trust (which oversees LeMay – America’s Car Museum) is again partnering with the NAIAS to present “The Drive Home III – Driving the Future,” which begins in Miami, Florida, on Thursday, January 4, and ends in Detroit, Michigan on Friday, January 12, 2018.

The Drive Home III, continued

In between these two points (and climatic extremes), The Drive Home III will be stopping in or passing through Orlando, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; Birmingham, Alabama; Greenville, South Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Troy, Michigan. Past Drives Home have traveled from Tacoma, Washington, to Detroit, Michigan ([The Drive Home](#)), and from New York City to Detroit ([The Drive Home II](#)) using a 1957 Chevrolet Nomad, a 1961 Chrysler 300G, and a 1966 Ford Mustang, but as the name of this year's tour implies, it will involve cars both classic and contemporary.



Though the final mix has yet to be set, the automobiles planned for inclusion in the 2018 journey are a Chrysler 300 (vintage to be determined, but different from the 300 used in past Drives Home); a 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville; a 1959 Plymouth Fury; a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro; a 1972 Chevrolet El Camino; and on the two-wheel side, a Triumph Thruxton motorcycle. At least one “green” vehicle will also be part of the caravan: In planning the trip, a key objective was to demonstrate how automotive technology has evolved over the years, so the final selection of vehicles will reflect this goal.

Event sponsors State Farm, BF Goodrich, Shell, Quicken Loans, Hagerty, and Montecristo are planning special events and giveaways throughout the trip, and visits are scheduled for the Casa de Montecristo Lounge (city or cities to be specified); Ace Café Orlando; Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama; and Michelin's North America headquarters in Greenville, South Carolina. As with prior Drives Home, the final leg will traverse a portion of Woodward Avenue before ending up at Cobo Center in Detroit in time for the opening of the 2018 NAIAS.

More information on the individual stops will be published as it becomes available. For the latest, visit AmericasCarMuseum.org/Event/The-Drive-Home-III/.



**Greetings to all Michigan SACC members
from the 2017 MI SACC Board.**

MI SACC at Corvettes at the Summit



Tom and Sue Gamache reward for 1954 C1



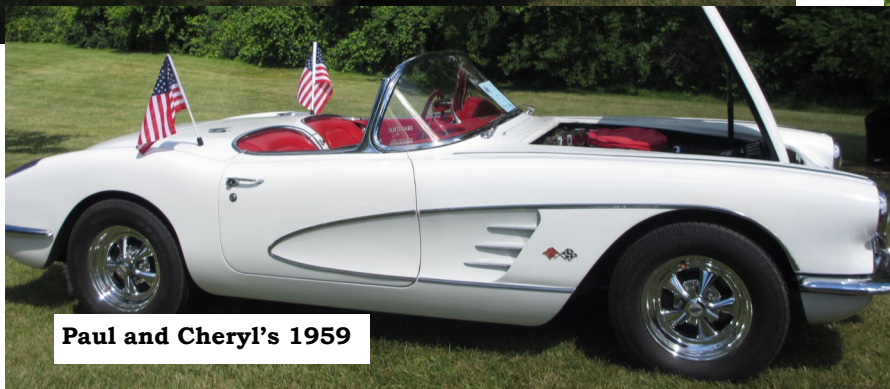
Bill Huffman's—1960



Gamache's 1954



Harry Jones -1960



Paul and Cheryl's 1959



**Overall Class Champion
Bill Huffman—1960**



If you seek membership in the Solid Axle Corvette Club[®], fill out this application and mail it with payment to the following address:

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Renewing Member Number _____ New Member _____

Applicant Name _____

Co-Applicant Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ Country _____

Phone #1 _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Phone #2 _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

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Solid Axle Serial #3 _____

Solid Axle Serial #4 _____

Solid Axle Serial #5 _____

Annual dues are:	U.S:	\$35.00 one year	Canada:	\$44.00 one year
		70.00 two years	All Others:	\$55.00 one year
		100.00 three years		

(Make payment payable to SACC in U.S. funds only)

For information: phone: 916-991-7040; fax: 916-991-7044; email: badenhoop.lucy@bigfoot.com
Check out the SACC website at <http://www.solidaxle.org/>

SACC publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster, which does not include your street address. The roster does contain names, phone numbers, city & state. 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: _____

FAILURE TO INITIAL ABOVE INDICATES YOUR PERMISSION TO BE LISTED IN THE ROSTER.

National SACC and Mi SACC membership renewals may both be sent to Mi SACC Treasurer who will in turn forward your info to National..

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**Welcome to the Michigan Chapter
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB**



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2018 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.

	1 year	3 years
2018 Michigan Chapter SACC dues @ \$15.00 a year:	\$15.00.	\$40.00
Michigan Chapter SACC windshield decals: ___ decals @ \$5.00 each:	_____	_____
National SACC yearly dues, renewable December 1st :	\$35.00 *	\$100.00*
Total :	_____	_____

*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"

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If you are an existing National member please insert your National membership # _____

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Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: Kathy Hutchins
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Questions: (989) 463-1512 , kjhh41@hotmail.com or MI_SACC@yahoo.com

Applicant Name _____ Co-Applicant: _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone _____ Work/Cell: _____

E-Mail _____ Fax: _____

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

I will enjoy participating in club activities related to the 2019 SACC Convention in the Detroit Area.

We need members for: Planning, registration, on-site assistance, cruise leaders, hospitality, greeters, parking direction and assistance. There will be plenty of opportunity to make SACCs visit to Detroit a memorable one..

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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, e-mailed 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 previous pages.

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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