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"Where it all began"



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Dates to Remember

SACC dues > National and Chapter were due Dec. 1
National membership is required
to be a Chapter member

Lighthouse Tour Aug 21-22, 2025

Ludington to Mackinaw City

See pages 5 & 7 for info

Detailed Itinerary to follow shortly

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www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com



From President's Laptop

April 2025



Spring Planning Meeting

Left side of the table:

Jim & Cindy Dillon, Joe Feko, Mike Webster, Bill Huffman, Tom & Suzanne Gamache, Chris & Mike McLain

Right side of the table:

(Not pictured - Paul Lemieux,) Cheryl Lemieux, Bill & Chris Penzer, Mary Jane & Steve Gould, and Phil Stankewicz.

Michigan Chapter members,

At last, Corvette driving season is finally here. Our first event, the Spring Membership Meeting at the Brookshire Inn, Williamston, MI on May 3 rd had a good turn-out, several nice C1s in the parking lot, good food and lively conversations among friends.

We re-elected a slate of club officers and selected the Michigan Chapter events for this driving season. Many great car events from all over Michigan were listed and considered. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter and all are worth attending, if you live in that area.

The SACC event on the calendar is the 2025 SACC National Convention that will be held Aug 2-4, 2025 at Sacramento, CA. Details were in the Spring 2025 "On Solid Ground".

For 2025, the Michigan Chapter Board has planned the Michigan Lighthouse Tour #4. Starting Aug 21 in Ludington/Manistee, we will drive north on M-22 to Empire, then east on M-72 past Traverse City. Our destination on this tour is Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City. We would welcome your participation if you live in or close to any of the tour segments. As we continue with each tour segment, all SACC Members who are Michigan residents, whether Michigan Chapter members or not are invited to join us for whatever distance you or your car are comfortable with.

We welcome any suggestions from the membership on a suitable gathering to replace the mid-July Corvettes at the Summit in Canton as well as the mid-September Paragon Open house in Swartz Creek that were regular Corvette only events.

Our Fall Color Tour in October and our December Christmas Lunch are both locked in as club events.

Remember, every mile of seat time is a good memory!

Bill Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC



2025 MISACC Events

August 21-22

Lighthouse Tour

Ludington, MI

Regarding this season's Lighthouse Tour, Steve and Mary Jane Gould graciously have been doing research for a tour on the west side of the state. Steve wanted to know everyone's level of interest of certain areas along the coast to determine where to start and finish, and what areas we may want to avoid (e.g., Petosky and Traverse City due to heavy vacation traffic). After a good discussion, it was agreed to make our starting point in Ludington. The thought is for all to depart their homes on Thursday, August 21 in order to meet at a certain time in Ludington to visit the Ludington North Breakwater lighthouse. There is about a 1½ mile walk down the pier to see the lighthouse up close and if you wish, climb it for \$8 per adult. After that, we would drive up the coast to Manistee where we would be spending the night at the new Hampton Inn on the beach. Steve will look into getting a block of rooms there for our group. On Friday, August 22, we would continue up the coast to visit a couple more lighthouses as time permits. Then, travel across the top of the mitten toward Mackinaw City. Steve and Mary Jane will have a more complete itinerary in the coming weeks.

August 23

Corvette Crossroads

Mackinaw City, MI

Note: Rivera Motel is sold out

**Options: Lighthouse View Motel, 699 North Huron Ave.
American Boutique Inn, 517 North Huron Ave**

October 4/5 or 11/12

Fall Color Tour

TBD

December 6

MISACC Christmas Luncheon

Aubree's Grill, Dexter, MI

Optional events of interest provided for information only

May 31	Capital City Old Car Club	LCC Campus West, Lansing
June 15	Father's Day Car Show	Charlton Park, Hastings, MI
June 15 Shores	Eyes On Design	Ford Home, Grosse Pointe
July 20 Gilmore Museum	Best of Bowties—Corvette and Camaro	Hickory Corners, MI
July 26	Corvettes America Show	Clarkston, MI
August 3	Troy Traffic Jam	Columbia Center, Troy, MI
August 13	Corvette Flag Display	M1 Concourse > see page 4
August 16	Woodward DreamCruise	TBD possible with NCRS
August 30	Corvette Fest	Canterbury Village, Lake Orion

CORVETTES ON WOODWARD

Hello everyone,

Verna and I had an incredible time at the Corvette Museum last weekend for the **BASH**. If you've never visited, the **BASH** is a fantastic event, even with a little rain. We even caught up with our friend from England while we were there.

Upcoming Corvette Caravan

We're still determining the date for the next Corvette Caravan, which will either be in 2028 (75th anniversary of Corvette) or 2029 (anniversary of the Museum). To make it a spectacular event, I'm looking for teams from Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky who are eager to collaborate. Let me know if you're interested—planning is underway, volunteers welcome!

Changes at the Corvette Museum

Exciting news! The Corvette Museum has welcomed Bryce Burklow as its new leader. With 15 years of experience working at the Museum in various roles, Bryce has a deep understanding of both the Museum and its members. His leadership promises exciting new opportunities for both the Museum and the upcoming Caravan." I'm thrilled to continue working with him on the next Caravan."

Corvettes on Woodward 2025 Wednesday, August 13th

This year's Corvettes on Woodward is shaping up to be an unforgettable experience. Many friends are bringing remarkable Corvettes, and the displays promise to keep everyone engaged. We still need 24 White Corvettes and 24 Red Corvettes for the flag. All Flag participants will receive this year's Challenge Coin.

Here are just a few highlights:

- Historic Corvette Displays

- A working 1965 Corvette chassis

- A 2005 Original Indy Pace Car, signed and used in the race

- Corvette race cars and a pristine 1954 Corvette

- A special Detroit Grand Prix car for photos

- Interactive Experiences in the Event Center

- Simulators and slot car tracks

- Racing seminars and guest speakers discussing their autocross and track experiences

- Enjoy the bar and live entertainment by magician Anthony Grupido

Arena Activities and Vendors

- Beer garden, food trucks, and the Meijer Kids Zone

- Joe Hildenbrand > Neon Clocks, Metal signs, and Official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise

- Andrew Smith, a local State Farm Insurance agent and Corvette owner

- Kim Porter, Kim's Gold Dust- Corvette Jewelry for Women and Men

- Meet PAWS, the Detroit Tigers' Mascot

- Connect with NCRS, NCCC, and Waterford Hills racing enthusiasts

- Displays by Coker Tire, Corvette Central, and Les Stanford Chevrolet

- NCM Insurance will be returning

- Nowicki Autosport Design for your C8

Giving Back

This year, we're asking for a \$40 donation per car, with 100% of funds going to charities, as we have done for over twenty years. The Food Pantry cannot accept food at this time.

How to Get Involved

For more information, email me at MichiganCorvetteEvents@gmail.com

To register, visit M1Concourse.com and scroll down to Corvettes on Woodward.

Volunteers Needed. We need volunteers to help park, work the gate, and sell T-shirts. If you can volunteer, join the M1 Ambassadors and make some money while doing so. Contact Carla Stroman ambassador@m1concourse.com

Own a business? We'd love to feature you in our Event Book! This special publication will showcase biographies of all participating drivers alongside exclusive displays. It's a fantastic opportunity to promote your business while being part of an exciting event. Let us know if you're interested!"

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Best,

Larry & Verna Courtney





We are in need of volunteers that have local knowledge and an interest in assisting with the planning and organization of MI SACC's 2025/2026 Lighthouse Tours.

2025 proposed route were driven last fall or early 2025 daily distances and travel times noted to provide C1 time for driving, sight seeing, including meals and lodging.

Please see page 6 for the 2025 proposed Tour

Please express your interest below in becoming a member of the 2025/2026 Tour planning team.

Please see page 7 for Michigan Lighthouse map

Pick a Tour and begin your journey....

Upper Peninsula _____

Traverse City, Leelanua & Old Mission Peninsulas _____

Ludington South _____



Big Sable Point Light, Ludington

Michigan Lighthouse Tour

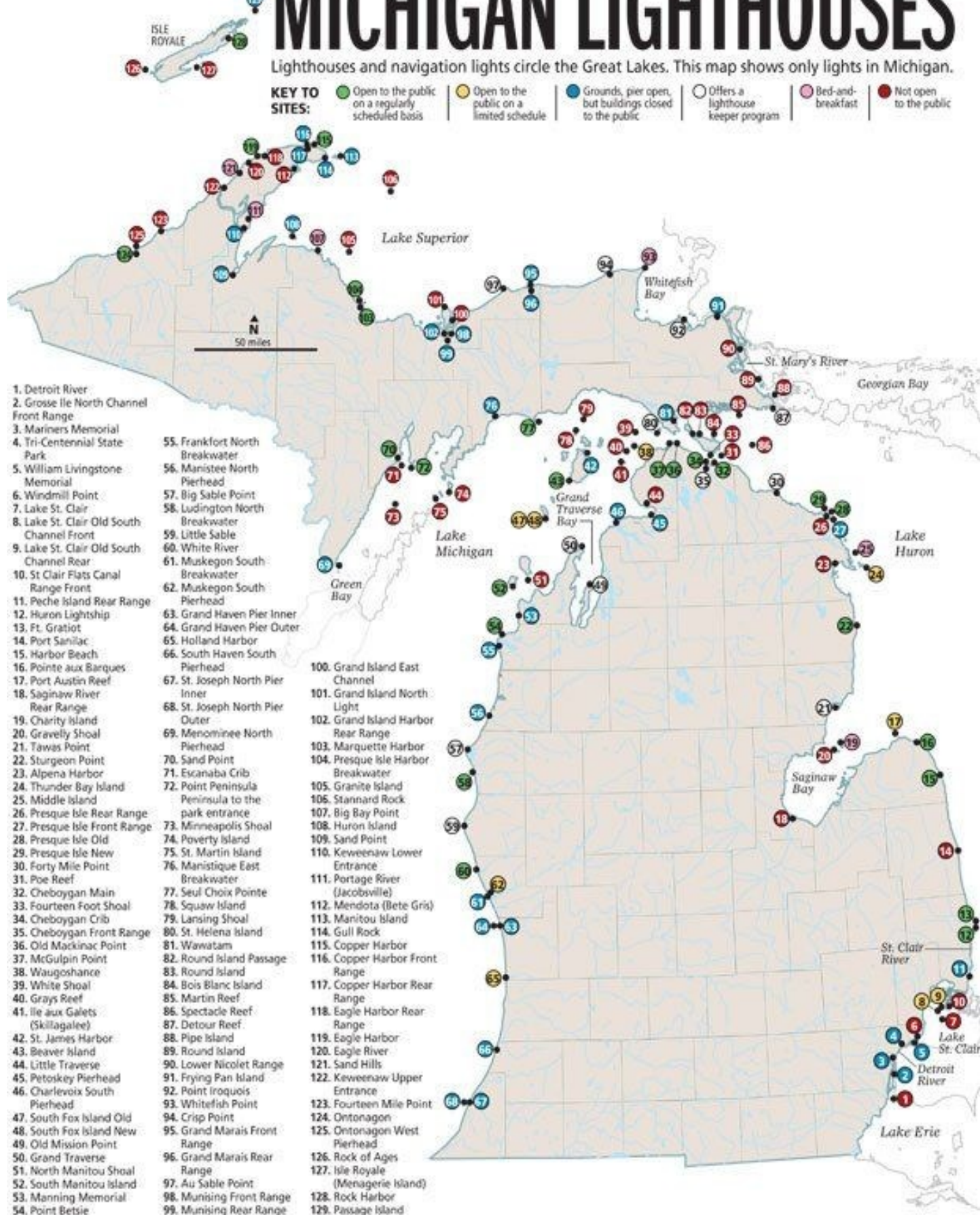


MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouses and navigation lights circle the Great Lakes. This map shows only lights in Michigan.

KEY TO SITES:

- Open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis
- Open to the public on a limited schedule
- Grounds, pier open, but buildings closed to the public
- Offers a lighthouse keeper program
- Bed-and-breakfast
- Not open to the public



SOURCE: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, www.gllka.com

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2025 SACC Convention

2025 SACC CONVENTION

by Lucy Badenhoop

SACC's 2025 convention will be in Sacramento California on 2-3-4 August just before Hot August Nights in Reno Nevada, only 100 miles away. Check HAN website for separate arrangements. Details and contracts for the SACC convention are still being worked out, so a registration form will not be available until the February issue. However, you can plan on T-shirts with a 1955 Corvette theme, but **I need pictures of your 1955 Corvette** for the artist to design it. **Please send the 1955 Corvette pictures by the end of November 2024** to Badenhoop@comcast.net and make them a separate file attachment, not embedded inside the email.

The venue is a jewel of the former Officer's Club and visiting officer's quarters (VOQ) refurbished by the new owner after McClellan Air Force Base was closed around 2000. It has easy highway access but is secluded and very private for our cars (including a security RV for nights). Room rates include a breakfast buffet (one queen \$109 or two queen beds \$129, plus tax & fees). That contract has been signed and reservations can be made now if you send me an email, I'll provide the online link.

The schedule may be modified as more contracts are signed, but count on the following activities.

2 Aug Sat 9 AM National Board Meeting - O'Club
1 PM Chapter Meeting
5 PM Welcome Reception



3 Aug Sun Tech Sessions and/or sightseeing
9 AM-10:45 AM Tech Session
11AM-12:45 PM Tech Session
Sightseeing in/near Old Sacramento
Tour of Underground Sac
Sutter's Fort
California State Capitol
Crocker Art Museum
California Auto Museum
River front, boardwalks & cobble streets
RailRoad Museum Train Ride
6 PM supper at special venue
(Delta King paddle boat, steam train or 1950s diner)

4 Aug Mon 9 AM road tour of Gold Country (Sierra Nevada foothills)
12 noon lunch at an original Pony Express Station
1-4 PM more road tour & sightseeing
6 PM Social Hour (no host bar) in the O'Club
7 PM Banquet & Annual Member Meeting in the O'Club

Bring the family for some living history lessons. The Sacramento region is a historical treasure for the "old west" migration about 200 years ago. The city was a major railroad center and a shipping port for river traffic from San Francisco. The air base venue has an aeronautical museum. Sacramento was also the Western end of the Pony Express Trail that started in St. Joseph Missouri. The distance of 1960 miles was covered in ten days and is re-enacted every June by volunteers carrying real mail with a special stamp. SACC members who register for the SACC convention by 30 April 2025 will receive a letter carried on horseback in the June 2025 re-ride.

The road tour on the last day of the convention will explore the Sierra Nevada foothills that sparked the gold rush and the mountain pass that was a portion of the Pony Express Trail. So, plan the trip now and register early so you can get the best selection on the hotel rooms, the T-shirts and the Pony Express letter.



On the 1st Thursday of every month, the new Pontiac Transportation Museum presents a free lecture about automotive history in Pontiac, MI. The subject of this Thursday's lecture is as listed in the link below. Their museum is open for free prior to the meeting. They have a lot of vehicles on display that aren't GM Pontiacs but were built in Pontiac. The two previous lectures have been very interesting and educational. Feel free to pass this on to anyone that might be interested.

Welcome to the Michigan Chapter
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB



Please include completed application with your dues renewal

Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - New___ Renewal___ Yr.____

Michigan Chapter Membership requires membership in the National SACC organization.

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

	1 year
SACC National Annual dues are	\$45.00
Michigan Chapter SACC dues are	\$15.00.
TOTAL	\$60.00

Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"

SACC National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground"

If you are a new National member please insert your National membership # _____

Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: Paul Lemieux
MI SACC Treasurer
403 Loris Lane
Oxford, MI 48371

Questions: contact Paul Lemieux > jplvet9@gmail.com

NOTE:

New members please send several photos of all your C1 Corvettes and a face shot of you (and your spouse, together, if you have one) to:

druby1938@gmail.com

Applicant Name _____ Co-Applicant: _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone _____ Work/Cell: _____

E-Mail _____

C1 Corvettes presently owned -

Solid Axle VIN # 1 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

Solid Axle VIN # 2 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

I would enjoy participating in these club activities:

Driving tours _____ Get away weekends _____ Continuation of Lighthouse tours _____

Museum tours _____ Historic site/shop tours _____ Car Shows _____ Tech sessions _____

Race events _____ Newsletter Contributions _____ Tour/Event Planning _____

Other comments or suggestions _____

I would be interested in attending the spring planning meeting Yes___ No___

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am currently a member of the following automotive clubs/organization _____

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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, and 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 page 9

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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