

Michigan

“Where it all began”



Volume 12 Issue 2

Dates to Remember

SACC dues > National and Chapter were due Dec. 1
See page 14 for renewal application

*National membership is required
to be a Chapter member*

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Mi SACC Chapter Membership Meeting

May 14, 2022 11:30am —2:00pm

Brookshire Inn, Williamston, MI (See Page 4)

2022 SACC COVENTION NOTICE

July 30—August 1, 2022

Host Hotel: Gold Dust West Casino Hotel,

CARSON CITY, NEVADA

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From President's Laptop

April 2022

Michigan Chapter Members,

For Michigan Chapter, the time between our Christmas Lunch and our Spring Membership Meeting seems like down-time. The cars are put to bed, our snowbirds settle in warmer climates and those of us left get the bleak, cold mid-winter.

However, behind the scene, there is getting our rides ready for another driving season, reviewing new & anticipated club events and planning for the 2022 SACC Convention in Carson City, NV is now complete. Stef and I have registered and our reservations have been confirmed for July 28-Aug 1. Come join us at **Hot August Nights**.

Dr Jack Hollada (our former SACC Central Region Rep) has accepted the position as SACC VP.
*******Congratulations, Jack*******

So... There is a SACC Board position open for any SACC member whose life is not complete unless they can attend Bloomington Gold & FunFest every year. If you have interest in this position, see page 3 then e-mail SACC VP Jack Hollada at jhollada@casscomm.com.

Bonus: SACC Club Secretary Mary Rae Brockhouse has secured a block of rooms at a hotel in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois situated a few blocks from this year's **Bloomington Gold Corvette Show**. The show has moved back to Bloomington plus it is the show's 50th anniversary. The rooms are available at a discount for June 9-12. Normal rate would be \$175, but Mary Rae talked them down. Currently there are 12 rooms available. These rooms are for members of SACC. To obtain the information to secure a room, simply email Mary Rae at maryrae-brockhouse@hotmail.com.

******Serious discussion: We operate as a Chapter of the National SACC. No matter how much fun we have as friends, the by-laws require that we, as individuals, must be a SACC National member in order to join and/or remain in Michigan Chapter. Our suspension of dues in 2020 due to Covid & again in 2021 resulted in an imbalance between the Chapter & National that may have been confusing. We value your friendship but supporting SACC National is very important. Please renew your National and Chapter dues ASAP******

Michigan Chapter's first club event for 2022 will be the Spring Membership Meeting on May 14th from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM at the Brookshire Inn, 205 W Church St, Williamston, MI. Bring yourselves, your favorite car and your suggestions for club events you would like to attend. Once again, Paragon has awarded us gift certificates based on club member purchases from 2021, We have door prizes of \$45 and \$50. Must be present to win!

We look forward to seeing you there,, and always make every mile of seat time a good memory!

Bill Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC



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An Opportunity for MI SACC member to activity participate in SACC National

Hello Chapter Presidents and Chapter Newsletter Editors:

I hope you are sitting down.....

Yesterday I got promoted to VP. (I know...what?) President Larry is looking to fill the Central Regional Rep slot. I know they always say "You won't have to do hardly anything!". But in this case, it is mostly true. Anyone who has experience in chapter functions already has the background.

Mostly it is:

- Looking to start a new chapter
- Assist the Central Region Chapters
- Vote on National Board matters
- Attend the National Convention/Board meeting

Each Regional Rep has an annual budget allotment of \$300 to cover expenses incurred in trying to start up a new chapter. I used much of my allotment this year on a vendor booth at Bloomington Gold, which will be held in Bloomington, Illinois in June. Gerri, Mary Rae and I will be looking to sign up new members, as well as of course looking to start up a chapter in Northern Illinois or Indiana.

Also, you are covered by the club's Directors and Officers liability insurance policy.

So please confer with your chapter folks, let me know who is interested. I will then pass the information along to President Larry.

Thanks!!

-Jack Hollada

PS.. MISACC members interested in this opportunity but have questions, may discuss the ins and outs with Bill Huffman at your earliest convenience,



MI SACC EVENT CALENDAR

May 14, 2022 Membership/Planning Meeting
11:30am—2:00 pm

Brookshire Inn, Williamston, MI

EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR THE PLANNING!

LET'S ALL MEET TO PLAN FOR 2022

WHAT BETTER WHY TO START 2022? > DRIVE THE C1

**Please notify Bill Huffman (swh73@comcast.net)
if you plan to attend.**

July 30-August 1 2022 SACC National Convention Carson City, NV



Contact: Bill Huffman swh73@comcast.net for more info



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SACC 2022 CONVENTION

30 July thru 1 August 2022

Gold Dust West Casino Hotel, CARSON CITY, NEVADA

* It is impossible to plan events with certainty these days, so SACC has negotiated opt-out contracts for the 2022 convention. Our registration deadline is 31 May, but all financial commitments can be cancelled up to a month (30 June) before the event without penalties. While wages, supply chain disruptions and general inflation has pushed all prices up about 20%, our flexibility still allowed fun stuff in the budget.

Someone had a really good idea regarding this.

Carson City is located about 30 miles from both Virginia City & Reno. They both have a Hot August Nights, held 1 week apart.

Virginia City Hot August Nights is the week before & Reno Hot August Nights is the following week allowing attendance at either or both.

The first day will take care of business with the national board and chapter meetings, followed by the welcome reception. All ladies registered for the reception will receive a surprise gift of jewelry that can be customized on the spot. After the reception, choose from many of the local restaurants for supper according to your own preferences.

The second day is tech sessions for those who want to learn about their cars OR a vintage train ride to Virginia City for those who want to sightsee or shop. Virginia City is one of the largest historical venues in the USA that dates from the discovery of the Comstock Lode gold vein in 1859. Mark Twain lived there and worked for his brother's newspaper from 1861-1863. The town grew to 28,000 with over 100 saloons. Today, there are still 1,200 residents, wooden boardwalks, 15 museums, 2 mines with tours, a traditional noon siren and 67% of the remaining saloons are women owned. Getting to Virginia City will be an adventure of its own on a vintage railroad. Participants will carpool 4.5 miles to the train depot, then take the 12-mile trip to Virginia City in a rail coach pulled by a steam locomotive. Along the way are two tunnels, the water tank, and possible viewing of wild mustangs. There are 3.5 hours in Virginia City before the return train ride. That evening will be a group BBQ buffet at Red's Old 395 Grille. You'll enjoy the rustic wood décor with old wagons hanging from the rafters.

The third day is a road tour in our Corvettes with a box lunch. That evening will be the banquet at the hotel followed by the annual member meeting and election of national officers. Plan to join the fun knowing we have an escape clause available on 30 June.

T-Shirts: The 2022 convention will feature the 1962 cars and pictures are needed for the artwork on T-shirts, signage, etc. **Members who own a 1962 are asked to send pictures by 30 April** to Lucy Badenhoop via badenhoop@comcast.net or call her at 916-216-7040. The artwork must be ready on 31 May when the shirts are ordered for silk screening. If the convention is later cancelled, T-shirts will be mailed with a refund of other registration fees. For similar reasons, convention shirts will not be sold on site – only through the registration form;

NOTE: the larger range of sizes being offered. Generic SACC logo apparel and other logo items will be offered on site.

The 2022 SACC National Convention will be held in Carson City, NV in conjunction with Hot August Nights.

Don Eckhart & Denise Iverson will lead a caravan from the North Texas area.

Talk to them for more information.

Registration deadline is May 31, 2022.

Our host hotel is the Gold Dust West Casino Hotel.

Book reservations by 31 May with group code SOLAXL722.

By phone: 877-519-5567 or 775-885-9000; press #1; request SACC room block

By internet: www.gdwcasino.com; click Carson City; click Book Hotel Reservations

Hot August Nights Virginia City before SACC 29-30 July: 30 miles East on Hwy 50

Hot August Nights Reno after SACC 2-7 August: 33 miles North on Hwy 395/580

Register separately on their website: <https://hotaugustnights.net/event-schedule/>.

SACC 2022 National Convention 30 July to 1 Aug – Registration Deadline 31 May

Name _____ Family Member(s) _____
 Address _____ Non-SACC Guest(s) _____
 City _____ Home Phone _____
 State _____ ZIP _____ Cell Phone _____
 SACC Member Nbr _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter _____ Arrival Date _____ Depart Date _____

NOTE: 2022 prices & cutoff dates reflect vendor supply chain issues for new lead times & 15-20% cost increases.

Registration (overhead for security, meeting room, etc.)	SACC member +1person	\$ 150
Additional persons (age 16+) @ \$50 each x _____ persons		\$ _____
Late fee (if form post marked after 31 May, forms not accepted after 30 June)	\$50	\$ _____
Parking Lot Security 10 pm to 6 am (Fri – Sat – Sun – Mon nights)	Trailer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Included
Convention T-shirt featuring 1962 Corvette (silk screen on 50/50 cot/poly) not available after 31 May		
\$40 each x qty _____	SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XLG _____	\$ _____
\$45 each x qty _____	2XLG _____ 3XLG _____ 4XLG _____ 5XLG _____	\$ _____
NOTE: If not attending, a \$10 Priority USPO fee applies for each T-shirt mailing.		
30 July Sat 5 pm – Welcome Reception:	_____ persons (light refreshments)	Included
31 July Sun 9 am – Technical Sessions:	_____ persons (coffee & water)	Included
31 July Sun 9 am – Steam Train to Virginia City	\$55 x _____ persons	\$ _____
	_____ adults _____ seniors (age 65+) _____ veterans	
31 July Sun 6 pm – Red's BBQ	\$45 x _____ persons	\$ _____
1 Aug Mon 9 am – Road Tour box lunches	\$15 x _____ persons	\$ _____
1 Aug Mon 6 pm – No Host Bar, Banquet & Meeting	\$45 x _____ persons	\$ _____
** Mail this completed form & a check (payable to SACC) to	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Mary Rae Brockhouse, 215 Cedar Drive, Chapin, IL 62628

Reminder #1 – Pictures of 1962 cars needed by 30 April

Reminder #2 – If the convention is cancelled after 31 May, T-shirts & remaining refund will be mailed.

Reminder #3 – Make hotel or RV park reservations directly with the casino info on a separate page.

Reminder #4 – A separate registration is required for Hot August Nights -- See their website: hotaugustnights.net.

Virginia City NV Fri-Sat 28-29 July OR Reno NV Tues-Sat 2-7 August

Hold Harmless: With the safety and good health of all members in mind, I agree to abide by all national, state & local directives, rules, & regulations regarding safeguards to keep from receiving or transmitting the Corona Virus or any other virus. Safeguards include wearing masks, social distancing, washing frequently & using approved hand sanitizer. I agree to insure my vehicle(s) & property against loss, damage, & liability & to provide proof of insurance to SACC covering the convention dates. I assume the risk of any & all damages or acts of omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or to others occurring during or as a consequence of this convention.

Year _____ VIN# _____ License # _____ State _____
 Exterior Color(s) _____ Interior color _____ Trailer: Yes No
 Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____ Expires _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Convention Contacts: Mary Rae Brockhouse 217-473-5758 or Lucy Badenhoop 916-216-7040

New Kansas law passes, saves restored 1959 Corvette from the crusher

Kyle Smith

24 March 2022



The thought of crushing a freshly restored 1959 Corvette is heartbreaking. Then, add in that the reason for doing so centers on the condition of two very specific rivets. Luckily for Richard Martinez, Kansas lawmakers have finally come through and passed a law that frees his beloved hardtop from the clutches of the impound lot.

The center of this debate has been the VIN plate on Martinez's Corvette. He bought the car in 2016, a beloved ride that got a full restoration some years ago and as part of the repainting process the VIN plate had been removed. Upon presenting it for routine state inspection, the

Kansas Highway Patrol seized the Corvette. Unknown to the Martinez, the car ran afoul of a Kansas law which stated any vehicle with a "destroyed, removed, altered, or defaced" VIN plate must be crushed. That's a harsh reality for a historic car that wasn't party to any nefarious intent. Early on, authorities declared Martinez innocent of any wrongdoing, but the car was still being targeted for destruction.

With the car sitting in an impound lot, a push developed to revise the Kansas law, largely thanks to the non-profit Kansas Justice Institute. The revision that resulted from this advocacy (House Bill 2594) aims to exempt classic vehicles undergoing repair or restoration and would additionally exempt classic car owners who didn't know or had no reason to believe their car was involved in a crime. This is a big step forward and removes a significant bit of hesitation from owners in Kansas who feared their vehicles might get them in legal hot water when they went to register it.

House Bill 2594 was ultimately approved by Gov. Lauren Kelly on March 22, ending this half-decade long saga of anxiety for Martinez and his Corvette. At this time, it is unclear exactly when the owner and hardtop might be reunited, but there is finally light at the end of the tunnel.

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5 steps to bring your car out of storage

HAGERTY DAILY by [Kyle Smith](#) // March 26, 2020



The snow mounds are receding and the mercury is beginning to rise for much of the U.S., which means that many gearheads are eyeballing their currently tucked-away vintage rides. If you are giddy with anticipation about driving that long-stored vehicle, here are five steps to follow to get your next driving season started off smoothly.

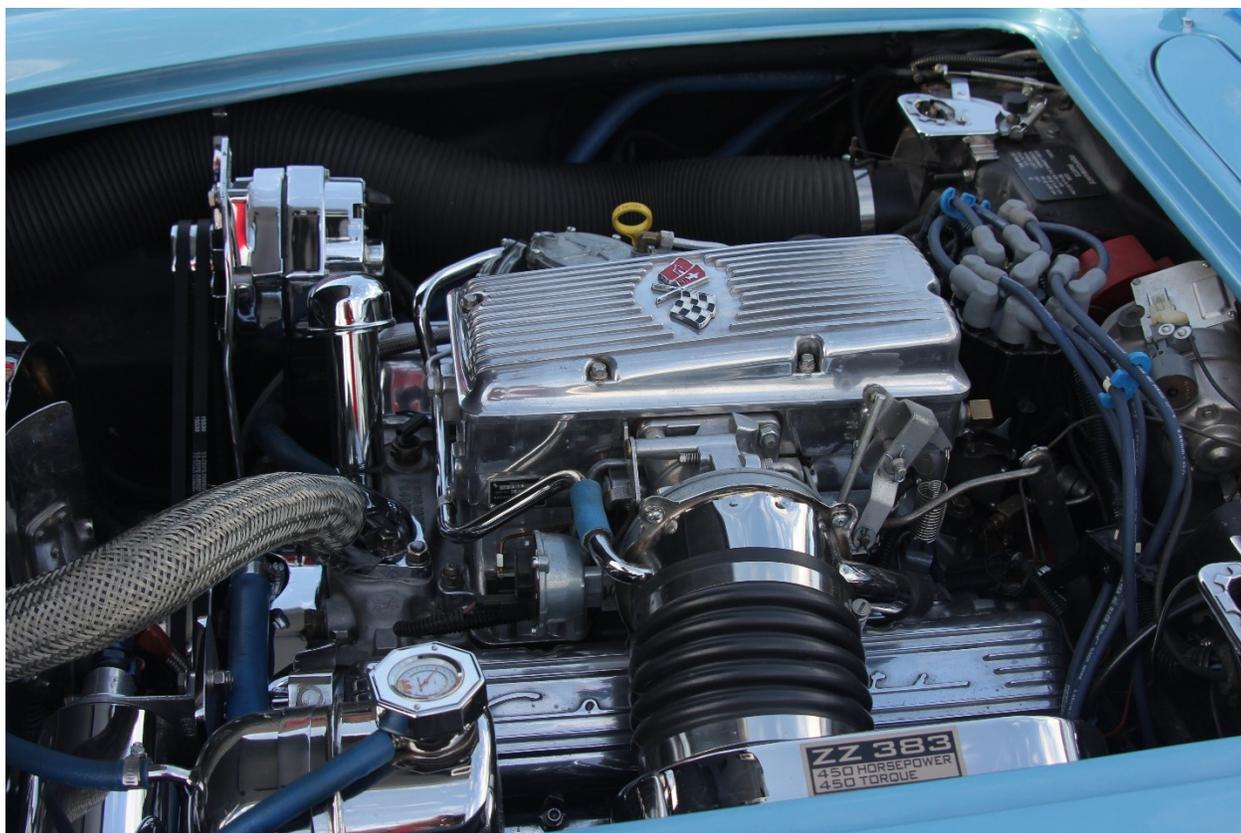
Inspect

Even if you put the car away properly, and kept an eye on it over winter, the first thing you should do is go over it with a keen eye. Bumper to bumper and roofline to contact patch, grab your favorite flashlight (everyone has a favorite flashlight, right?) and examine each nook and cranny of your car.



Keep an eye out for cracks, evidence of leaks, worn-out bushings, or wiring that needs attention. Despite your best efforts, you might have to evict a rodent. Now is the time, however, before you tear off on the first, triumphant drive and a nest dislodges and causes even more damage. Meticulously taking stock of the car each year is a great way to ensure that deteriorating parts do not cause additional damage.

The most important system to inspect right now is the brakes. I start with a hard/harder test at the pedal. Sit in the driver's seat and press the brake pedal as if you were coming to a normal stop and hold the pedal down for 10 seconds or so after the pedal stops moving. Now press even harder on the pedal—more akin to a panic stop—and hold pressure again. The pedal should stay rock solid, not slowly move towards the floor. After this test, inspect the brake system once more, looking for leaks or signs of fluid escaping the system. This is a pass-or-fail exam, and now is the time to find any issues, not on the open street.



Steve Springer's 1960



Clean

Even in storage, dirt and grime accumulate on your beloved ride. Take the time to remove all this damaging debris from both painted and soft surfaces. We have talked about good detailing technique before, and we will always recommend keeping both the interior and exterior of your ride clean.

You can perform this step at the same time as the inspection, but I prefer to keep the tasks separate so I don't lose my mechanically-oriented concentration amid a mist of quick detailer. Treat rubber weather stripping to keep the sealing intact, therefore allowing less dust inside the interior (unless you prefer to go topless.) Interior fabrics should get a protectant to start the season off right and make for easier cleaning later on, when you would rather be driving or showing than detailing.

Prepare to start



That's right, we're slicing this process pretty thin. However, even when properly stored, a dormant engine can benefit from a slow awakening. Ensuring components are ready to move again will go a long way to ensuring your engine has not only a good driving season but a healthy extended life.



Engines drain oil from top to bottom, and after sitting all season there is likely very little—if any—oil at the top end of the engine. If you have the ability and confidence to spin the oil pump before cranking the engine with the start, do that. If not, grab an oil can and remove the valve covers and oil the top end. This won't get the main bearings, but it is better than nothing.

Hopefully, your inspection told you that the fuel lines were in good shape (if they weren't, replace and then come back to this step) so it's time to get fuel pressure in the system. Be prepared for anything at this point, especially if you stored the car filled with fuel that has ethanol blended into it. An electric fuel pump is great for these situations, since you can pressurize the system rather than cranking the engine for a bit.

If you don't have an electric pump, disconnect the ignition by pulling the coil wire to the distributor and crank the engine till you see oil and fuel pressures. You'll know that fuel pressure is adequate on a carbureted engine if the accelerator pump squirts fuel into the intake when the throttle is opened by hand. Replace the coil wire once this process is complete.

Start



Now the fun part. While it pales in comparison to starting a rebuilt engine for the first time, starting your vintage car for the first time of the season is the pick-me-up most of us could use right now.

A few pumps of the accelerator on a carbureted engine will get some raw fuel in the intake

manifold to make starting a bit easier. Fuel-injected engines (may require one pump to set choke) will only need a turn of the key.



Go for a short drive



Ryan Gertner

You finally made it to the part you have been waiting for this whole time. Put the car in gear and start slowly—a trip around the block or down the street, for example. Pay attention to any noises or vibrations that seem out of the ordinary. Investigate accordingly.

Just like that, you are on the path to another great season of driving. Keep up on the maintenance on your classic and you will be rewarded with miles of enjoyment. Is there an extra step you like to take with your car? For now, though, get out in the garage and get your car ready to cruise at a moment's notice.



*You never know
when a
runaway shopping cart
will appear*



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



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 both National and Chapter dues and submits your National dues to SACC National.

	1 year	3 years
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 :	\$45.00 *	\$130.00*
	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"

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: _____

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

If you are a new member: SACC National will send you a National membership number separately.

If you are an existing 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 > jpvet9@gmail.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 these club activities: Driving tours ___ Get away weekends ___
 Museum tours ___ Historic site/shop tours ___ Car Shows ___ Tech sessions ___ Race events ___
 Newsletter Contributions ___ Tour/Event Planning ___ Other _____

I would be interested in attending the 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 3.

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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