

Michigan

“Where it all began”



Dates to Remember

2026 National & Chapter dues are due Dec. 1

**National membership is required
to be a MI Chapter member (2026)**

**SACC National will cease to exist as of
December 31, 2026. See pages 2-4.**

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Christmas Luncheon Dec. 6, 2025



Don't forget our website

www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com



From the President's laptop Jan/Feb 2026

Michigan Chapter members,

Our last club event for 2025 was our December 6th Christmas Lunch at Aubree's Restaurant in Dexter, MI. As you can see from the pictures, this turned out to be one of our best attended events. Members Steve & MaryJane Gould were given a President's Award for organizing and leading our 2025 Lighthouse Tour from Luddington to Mackinaw City. Thank you, Steve & MaryJane!

In a bit of old business, since they were unable to attend our 2024 Christmas Luncheon, Paul & Cheryl Lemieux were awarded the President's Award for organizing & leading our 2024 Lighthouse Tour from Tawas to Mackinaw City, then north over the bridge to Whitefish Bay and back. It was an awesome trip. All that! and they have been our club's Treasurer and Secretary for over 15 years. Thanks a bunch!

Looking ahead to 2026, two items.

1) The National SACC event, **2026 SACC St Louis National Convention**, will be held June 14-18, 2026. The convention is scheduled immediately after but not part of Bloomington Gold.

2) *On Solid Ground* is planning quarterly articles on member cars (53-55), (56-57), (58-60) (61-62). 53-55 deadline has passed for the Feb '26 issue. but submissions of (56-57) articles for a March 15th deadline to Lucy Badenhoop badenhoop@comcast.net. (58-60) and (61-62) member articles are being solicited for subsequent issues of *On Solid Ground*. If interested, please contact Lucy for deadline dates as noted above.

On a more somber note, a couple days before our Christmas Lunch, the Winter 2025 *On Solid Ground* arrived with a yellow flyer announcing the 2026 SACC National Phase-out Plan. SACC National will officially disband as of Dec 2026 when their insurance coverage lapses. The yellow flyer and MI SACC memo to all Michigan SACC members are available on solidaxlecorvettemi.com/membership.

What does that mean for us in Michigan Chapter? Minor changes without National governance.

- Michigan Chapter will remain as a registered non-profit car club. Name to be determined.
- Michigan Chapter will be responsible for our own insurance coverage starting Dec 2026.
- No national organization dues to pay starting Jan 2027.
- Signed licensing agreement with SACC for free use the name, logos & trademarks.
- Other SACC Chapters are in process of either continuing as a non-profit car club or disbanding.

Save the date: May 9, 2026 >I am encouraging all Michigan SACC members to attend our Spring Planning Meeting.

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

Bill Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC

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Michigan based SACC Members

January 1, 2026

This memo is being sent to all Michigan based SACC Members as information, but content related to Michigan Chapter SACC is directed at **non**-chapter members for their consideration.

Per SACC Phase-out Plan enclosed in the Winter Edition "On Solid Ground", SACC National will cease to exist as an organization as of Dec 31, 2026. Any questions you may have as to what prompted this action can be answered within the Phase-out Plan itself. The MI SACC Board was not consulted prior to and had no input into their decision.

Michigan Chapter SACC remains a viable club and with sufficient interest from Michigan based C-1 owners, our club is authorized to continue to use the Solid Axle Corvette Club name, the SACC acronym & logos for 2027 and beyond in focusing on maintaining and preserving our beloved C1s. It is the MISACC board's intention to continue to function as a non-profit organization focused on keeping C1s on the road.

Of the 53 SACC members (including couples) that live in Michigan, 31 SACC members belong to the Michigan Chapter. Contact info that allows MISACC to communicate with SACC National only members comes directly from National. Over time, without contact information updates, that connection will be lost.

As you decide whether remaining connected is important to you, we invite you to visit our website www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com and look around. After initial log-in permission (Your name & SACC member # must match), it is open to all SACC members. It contains a huge amount of C-1 technical information you will find useful. However, after Dec 2026 it may become Michigan Chapter SACC use only.

Major considerations:

Requirement to be a national member to belong to Michigan Chapter will no longer apply.

Current National dues of \$45/yr will go away for 2027 and beyond.

The disbanding of SACC National presents **non**-chapter members with these options:

- Option 1: You may join Michigan Chapter SACC and participate in serving the needs of the existing C1 community, supporting local C1 events, attending other Corvette events, taking Lighthouse Tours, visiting various Michigan sites & pleasure Tours. Our dues thru 2026 remain \$15/yr but may require adjustment for 2027. Membership application is on our website.
- Option 2: Or you may postpone your decision until you meet the Board of the MISACC Chapter on May 9, 2026, at our Spring Membership Meeting at Brookshire Inn, Williamston, MI and participate in developing MISACC future plans. Complete meeting notice with time & location will be emailed April 1, 2026, to all Michigan SACC Members. (RSVP required).
- Option 3: Or you may not be truly interested in joining us, if so, please respond to this e-mail with the word "**Unsubscribe**" and we will immediately stop any direct communication with you. If you should change your mind in the future, you may contact us thru our website. www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com

The Michigan Chapter SACC Board



2026 MISACC Events

All Michigan SACC members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the future of MI SACC as we begin our next phase of maintaining and enjoying our beloved C1s.

May 9, 2026 11:00am to 2:00pm

Brookshire Inn & Golf Club

Williamston, MI

Please contact Tom Gamache if attending by May 2, 2026

tsgama22@comcast.net

Lighthouse Tour #5 will be our primary focus.

Options:

Indiana border to Manistee

Leelanau Peninsula – Old Mission Peninsula

Upper Peninsula including State & National Parks

Food for Thought

Midwest C1 Reunion in 2027 or 2028 @ Gilmore

June 14-18, 2026

2026 SACC Convention (the last one!)

St. Louis, MO

See flyer on following page



Save the Dates!

June 14-18, 2026

*Come one come all to the
2026 SACC Convention
honoring the
100th Anniversary
of Route 66.*

Here are some highlights:

We will be staying in an original Route 66 Motel which has been remodeled. It is located on Route 66. Holiday Inn, 10709 Watson Road Sunset Hills, MO 63127.

Dates are June 14-18th 2026. The 14th will be a Sunday and it will be board meetings and meetings with club reps and a welcome party that evening.

We are planning lots of sight seeing and a car cruises on the Mother Road.

There will not be a registration fee this year. However we WILL need people to register so we have a head count for planning purposes. The application will be in the Spring 2026 issue of "On Solid Ground"

You will be responsible for making your own reservations by calling the Holiday Inn hotel at 314-821-6600. The discounted block is under the SACC Solid Axle Corvette Club or the group code CAR. Room rates are \$199 for Friday and Saturday nights and \$179 for Sun-Thursday. As the block fills they will add rooms but the sooner the better for reservations. If you want a room with a tub please ask, because most of the rooms only have showers.

Like I said, this hotel is actually on Route 66! It will fill up, so get those reservations in soon.

Side Note: Bloomington Gold is Thursday June 11th-13th at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, IL which happens to be 20 miles or 25 minutes from our hotel. Full details at www.bloomingtongold.com.

If anyone has any additional questions, feel free to call or email me at 314-852-1236 or Aeverpalu@gmail.com.

Michelle Paillou, SACC Central Regional Representative



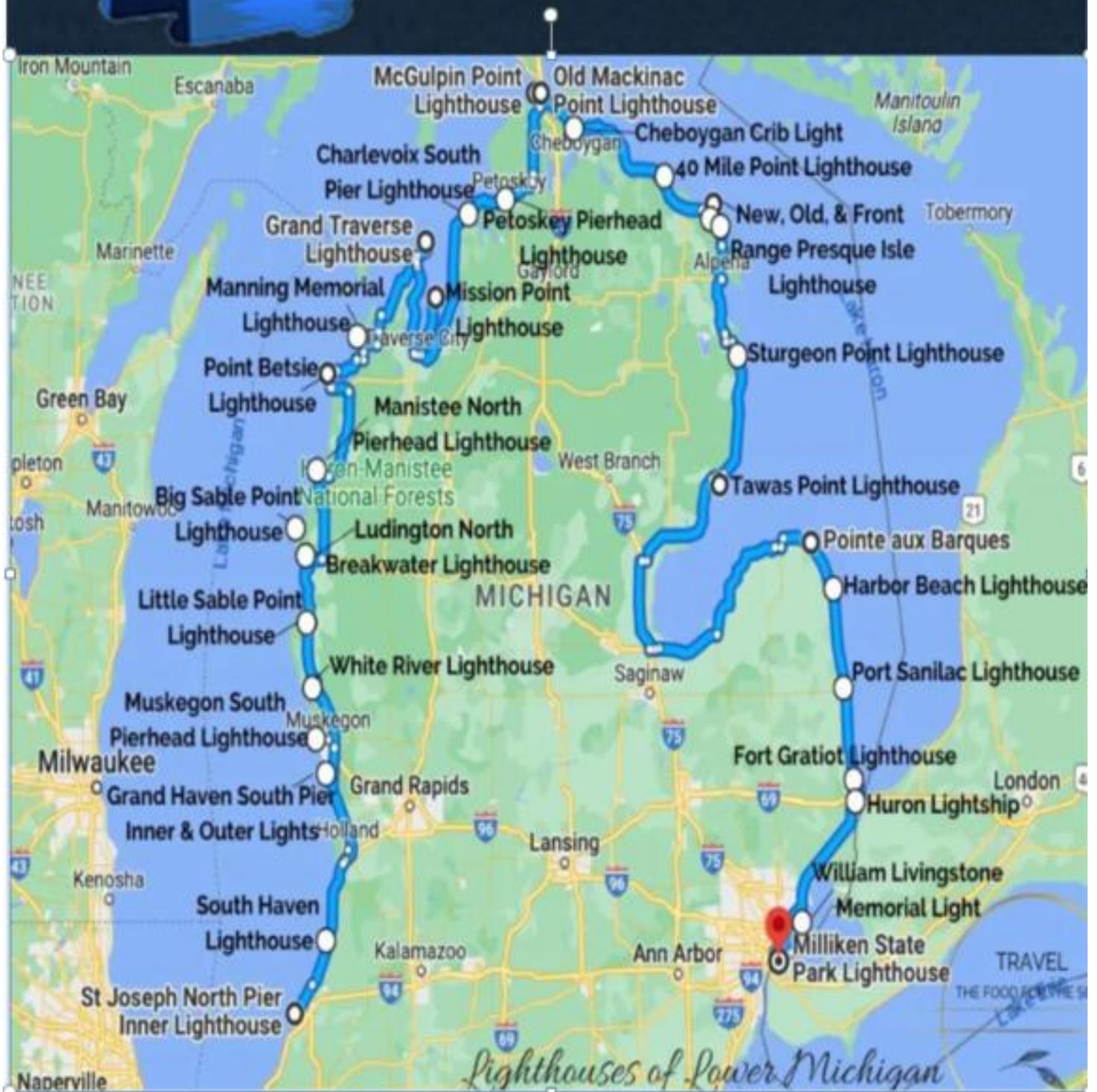
2025 Christmas Luncheon





Michigan

Lighthouse Tour





Welcome to the Michigan Chapter
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB

Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - New___ Renewal___ Yr. 2026
Michigan Chapter Membership requires membership in the National SACC organization.

For record keeping: MI SACC collects both National and Chapter dues and submits your 2026 National dues to SACC National.

Michigan Chapter SACC dues @ \$15.00 a year: 1 year
\$15.00.

Michigan Chapter SACC windshield decals: ___ decals @ \$5.00 each: _____
2026 National SACC yearly dues, renewable December 1st: \$45.00 *
Total : _____

MISACC chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"
National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground" for 2026
Note: 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 > jplvet9@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

Interest in 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 spring planning meeting Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Visit our website: www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com

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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. MI SACC is a family-oriented club with membership covering all members of your family. You do not need to own a Corvette to join.

Rules of the Road

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), 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.

Direct Questions to:

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Membership renewal and application form on previous page.

We encourage MI SACC members to submit articles related to their experiences with their C1 for publication.

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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