

Michigan

“Where it all began”



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2016 Chapter Activities

April 9, 2016

Membership Meeting

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Brookshire Inn

205 W. Church Street

Williamston, MI 48895

Special points of interest:

**2016 DUES were due
by Dec. 1st.**

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for renewal

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Fellow MI SACC Members,

Everyone, members and perspective members, are invited to a gathering of Michigan C1 faithful at Brookshire Inn in Williamston to plan our 2016 activities and focus on the enjoyment of one of Michigan's greatest creations—our C1s



From the President's Laptop

March 2016

Greetings to all Michigan SACC members,

As winter turns into the long anticipated spring thaw and with more sunshine due to daylight savings time, it is finally time to pull the cover off the old chariot, kick some tires, fill some tanks and fire them up for another season of Corvette Summer - 2016 edition. By the way, our C-1s are now eligible for AARP membership this year!

To you snowbirds who went south, welcome home. To those of us who were forced by circumstance to tolerate another Michigan winter, I say enough already.

It's time for the MI SACC Spring Meeting to get reacquainted with old friends, meet some news ones and discuss plans for the coming driving season. Some brave souls may even be planning on attending the SACC National Convention immediately preceding the 23rd annual Mid America Motorworks Funfest Corvette meet in Effingham, Illinois from Sept 12 - 15 (Corvette Funfest Sept. 15-17, 2016)

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Planning Meeting. We have reservations for 11:00 am on Sat, April 9th at Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church, Williamston, MI. Bring your likes and dislikes, your ideas and comments, we can always improve with experience. If you have not joined us previously, please consider it. All are welcome.

Brookshire Inn is a nice facility with good food about 1.8 miles north of I-96 Exit 117. See you there.

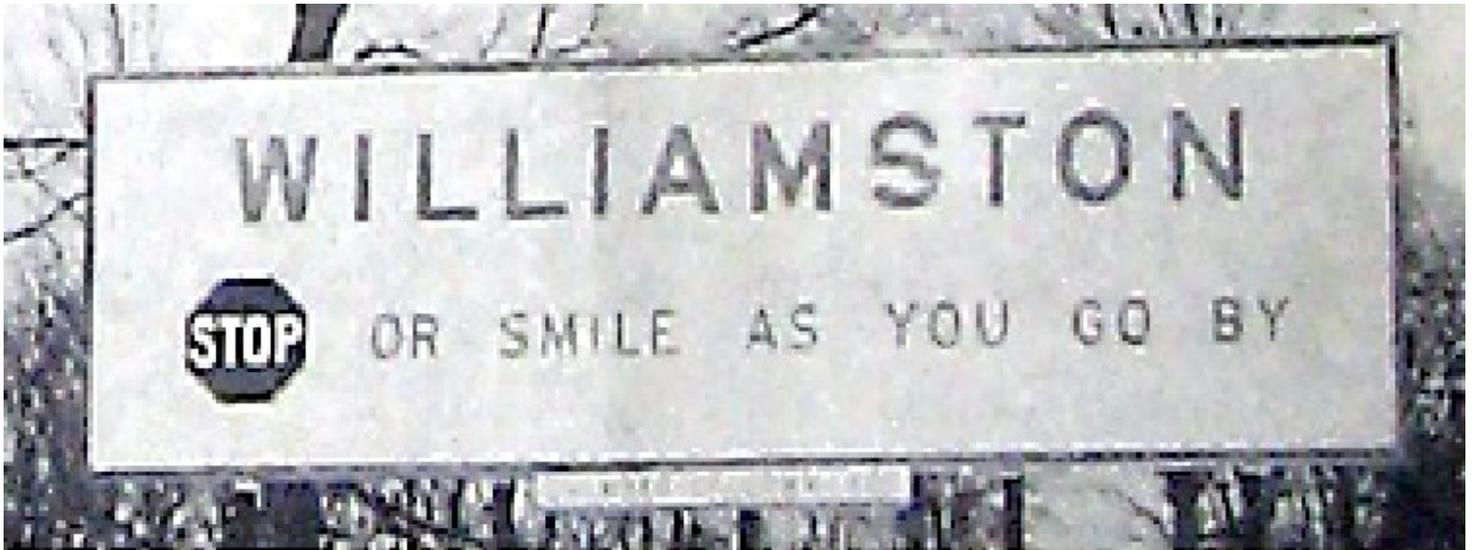
Bill Huffman, Pres.
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MICHIGAN SACC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2016 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

BROOKSHIRE INN—WILLIAMSTON, MI



The area that was later to become Williamston was originally the ‘summer home’ of a small group of the Tawas band of the Chippewa people. This land was used by them for planting what few crops they needed, holding an annual spring gathering of related bands of the tribe, and burying their dead.

The most famous native American resident was Okemos, whose name survives as a postal address in nearby Meridian Township. Okemos means “Little Chief” in Chippewa and as in English, that phrase can mean either ‘physically small leader’, or ‘leader of subordinate authority’. It is unclear if this name was applied to Okemos because he was short, or because his authority was limited because he had few if any tribesmen below him, as both those descriptions are accurate! Unlike many native Americans, Okemos had a relatively well-documented life.

For example, as an ally of the British in the War of 1812, he was so badly wounded during an attack on a U.S. Cavalry unit near Sandusky Ohio, that he was left for dead along with his cousin and all the other members of the attacking party. He and his cousin however *did* survive the attack, and lived on many years to recount the tale, However, Okemos bore a four to five-inch-long scar from a saber on the left side of his forehead the rest of his life as a reminder of that battle fought in his youth.

Unlike the coasts of Michigan, which were settled and administered under colonial authority of France, England and/or Spain, this area never flew a flag other than the Stars and Stripes. Williamston was first settled by people of European ancestry in 1834 when Hiram and Joseph Putnam cut a road through the dense forest between what is now Stockbridge and the Red Cedar River. This road still exists today as Williamston Road, and, inside the Williamston city limits, it is named “Putnam Street” in the family’s honor. Upon arriving in the area, the two scratched out a 15 acre settlement on the north bank of the river on the former Native American planting ground, built a log cabin, and started farming the land that is now the Brookshire golf course and city residential area.

MI SACC 2016 planning ideas and thought starters:

We offer this list of possible MI SACC events for 2016. We need 4 or 6 to continue to be of value to our members and their C1s. 3 or 4 events, both east and west, is our ultimate goal.

Come to Brookshire Inn in Williamston on April 9th and become a part of the planning.

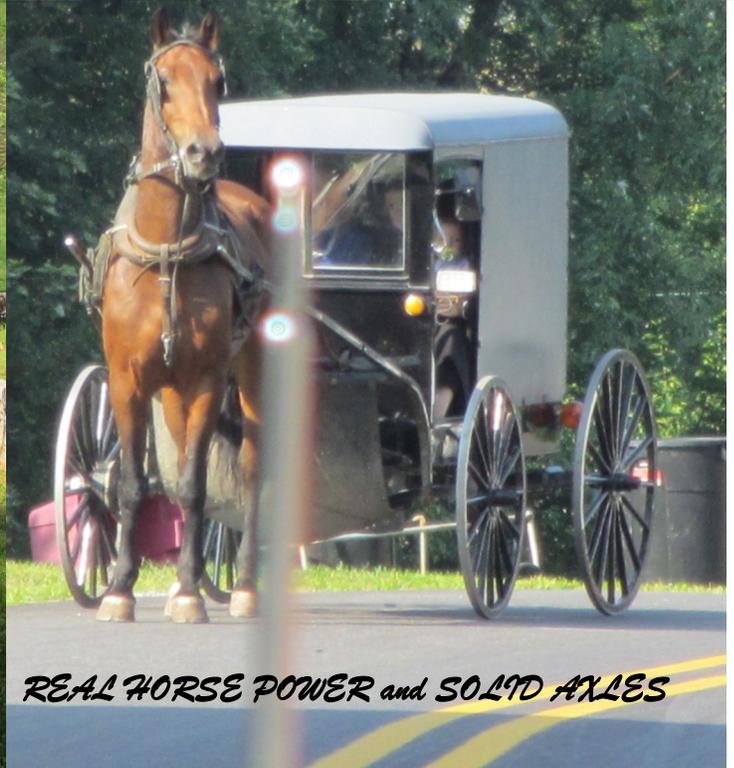
These are not firm, no advance planning has been done, but are suggestions for thought and consideration of all members.

See you on April 9th. Be there or be square!

- MISACC tour to the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum with six automobile donations, three new exhibits, new programs, increased fund-raising and a nearly completed plaza, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum offers a new experience to visitors in 2016! http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/news/auburn-cord-duesenbergs-automobile-museum-reflects-on-a-successful-year?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=ocw-mep-nl-160114&utm_content=812693_OCE160114&utm_medium=email
- May 16, 2016 10:00 am, Corvette Club of Battle Creek hosts 28th Annual Corvettes Only Car Show at Cornwell's Turkeyville. Pre-registration is preferred—\$15 before April 18th, \$20 after April 18th. Awards at 3:00 pm Can be chilly there and has been wet. Register at www.corvettebc.com/events
- May 21, 2016, "New This Year" The Donald Gilmore Classic Collection featuring pre-war classic from 1896 to 1942 Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, Mi. The Gilmore Car Museum is open May thru Sept. \$10 admission.
- June 4-5 2016, Back to the Bricks Cadillac, Michigan www.backtobrickscadillac.org/
- July 9, 2016 Heritage Park, Canton, MI 11th Annual, **Corvettes at the Summit** The most beautiful Corvette Show in Michigan
- Sunday, July 31, 2016, Concours d'Elegance of America will be held at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This past year several of us caravanned with the Michigan NCRS chapter with premium and convenient parking on site.
- August 6, 2016 9:00 am to 4:Kalamazoo Antiques Auto Restorers Club, Red Barn Spectacular, 35th Annual Car Show, one of West Michigan's oldest and largest premiere car show events at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI Both the Judged Car Show field and Driver's Choice Show field are open to all vehicles 25 years or older, - See more at: <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/2016-events-calendar>. Exhibitor Admission \$20.00 Pre-registration required.
- August 16-20 2016; Back to the Bricks Cruise Weekend Flint, Michigan www.backtothebricks.org/schedule
- August 13, 2016, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Rain or Shine - Corvette America hosts a huge Corvette Show & Swap- meet with dozens of early cars whose owners are not SACC members but could be. This year the meet will be held at Sellers Bowman Auto Center, Clarkson, Michigan. Pre-registration recommended—online or by mail see www.corvettesamerica.org/Corvettes_America/corvettes.html
- August 20, 2016; Woodward DreamCruise, Woodward Avenue from Pontiac to Berkley for those interested NCRS in the past has arranged for parking adjacent to Woodward in Birmingham for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and has extended the invitation to Michigan SACC members.
- Sept 12-15, 2016 - SACC National Convention, Effingham, Ill Plenty of activities, Convention immediately precedes Mid-America Motorworks FunFest in Effingham. Should be a fun Corvette filled week..
- Sept. 2016, Paragon Corvette Reproductions in Swartz Creek, MI hosts a Fall Open House including beverages, lunch & T-shirt. Always a good time to pick spare parts at a reasonable price.
- A "Color Tour" in mid-October- East side-Frankenmuth a tour of the thumb coastline and a "Lighthouse Tour". West side-St Joseph- tour of the Fall colors along the coast line and a "Lighthouse Tour".
- Lakeshore to Lakeshore- West side members start at St. Joe or Holland; east side members start at Port Huron. Caravan on a predetermined scenic route and meet in the Lansing area for dinner and an evening of relaxation. [Return home the next day as individuals or continue the caravan.](#)
- Be prepared on April 9th to add to the options; Visit State Parks, Amish Country, Covered Bridge Tour

Greetings to all for 2016

SACC past activities



REAL HORSE POWER and SOLID AXLES

NOW FOR THOSE INTERESTED

SACC NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS:

Hotel Rooms: Since this is very important, we will cover it first! Corvette Funfest is big, and Effingham is not a mega-city. Hotel rooms are not easy to come by. We have secured 3 blocks of rooms in 3 hotels. The main hotel has 40 rooms, the second one has 10 rooms and the 3rd has 5 rooms blocked just for SACC. I believe we will be just fine if everyone does not try to bring a Corvette friend who does not belong to SACC. Once you have returned your SACC Registration form to Mary Rae Brockhouse, you will be personally contacted by one hotel to make your room registration within a few days. The hotels are within 1 block of each other and are comparable. You must provide your cell phone# and your email address. This information will ONLY be used by the hotels to contact you for this registration. You will be asked for a credit card number to hold your room. If you prefer a suite, please write that on your registration form and I will

have that hotel contact you, if that block is not used. All 3 hotels are very nice and very clean! There are no bargains. The first hotel is \$159.00 plus tax per night, the 2nd hotel is \$169.00 plus tax for a regular room and \$189.00 per night for a suite. The 3rd hotel is \$160.00 per night. WE LOOSE OUR BLOCKS OF ROOMS ON AUGUST 12, 2016. We have no control after that date. The registration form will be printed in our magazine and available online at www.solidaxle.org in January. The dates are firm, so you can begin making your plans.

Monday, September 12, 2016, Board Meeting at 9 AM, at 2:00 PM, the Board will meet with Chapter Reps. Approximately 5 PM we will convoy to the Yager Home for our Welcome Party.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016. A motor coach will pick us up at the hotels and take us to St Louis to see the City, followed by dinner and a show at

an iconic venue and return to the hotel. There will be plenty of time to rest, visit and eat! More later as our plans become more solid. At the present time all the plans are not solidified for this excursion, consequently, the cost may change.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Special SACC workshops and special workshops with the women in mind! Solid Axle Corvette Club Annual Banquet at 6 PM with Guest speaker, at the Mid America Campus.

Thursday starts FUNFEST. The Funfest Road Tour is late afternoon and you must sign up for this with Funfest registration. I strongly suggest that you register for Funfest fairly quickly. Just call 866-309-6459. (This will be the only driving road tour for SACC.)

The weekend is Funfest and it is tops. You will be on your own to experience the fun and hospitality of the Mid America Motorworks Funfest Team.

Registration for 2016 SACC National Convention pages 7 & 8 1954 Corvair Re-Creation Motorama Car at 2015 FunFest



General Motors Motorama shows were the pinnacle of the automotive hobby, where prototype and concept vehicles were unveiled to crowds of enthusiasts. One such vehicle, a 1954 Corvair Re-Creation Motorama Car, was on display at Corvette Funfest 2015! Attendees took a step back in time to the original Motorama shows all weekend with this replica. Motorama showcar.

Indiana native Mike Terry purchased a 1954 barn find from New Jersey with intentions to recreate the stunning looks and style of the Motorama car. He enlisted the help of Brett Henderson and Blue Flame Restorations to bring his vision to life and unveiled the results at the 2015 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The 1954 Corvair Re-Creation Motorama Car features the same aircraft-inspired roof and European styling of the original. Four years of restoring, fabricating and upgrading virtually every inch of this Corvette successfully created a faithful re-creation of the Corvette Corvair

2016 SACC National Convention Registration Form

September 12-15, 2016

(Corvette FunFest begins September 15-17, 2016)

NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

SACC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and CHAPTER _____

ARE YOU A CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE? ____YES/NO

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

We have secured a block of rooms for SACC in 3 separate hotels. You MUST be a member of SACC and you must pay registration and attend the SACC National, to qualify for room assignment. If any of our rooms are assigned to a non-member, the registration will not be honored! I will provide the hotel with the list of members who may register for rooms. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL OR EMAIL FROM THE HOTEL TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS. YOUR CELL PHONE AND EMAIL WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HOTEL SO THAT THEY CAN CONTACT YOU TO FINALIZE YOUR RESERVATION. This information will only be used only for reservations! This is done so that rooms for SACC can be provided as there is very limited hotel space available in Effingham, Illinois. The room rate is \$159.00 PLUS TAX. ONLY 2 QUEEN bedrooms are available in the contract. The main hotel has been refurbished in the last 2 years and is very comfortable and clean. It is located near Corvette Funfest. The other hotels are equally nice and very near. Completed registration form AND PAYMENT must be received by August 1, 2016. However, once our block of rooms is exhausted, we cannot guarantee room availability! ONLY 1 ROOM PER REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE DURING FUNFEST.

REGISTRATION FEE (individual or family) _____ **\$80.00** _____

ONSIGHT REGISTRATION FEE OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2016 _____ **ADD \$20.00** _____

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 **BOARD MEETING** 9:00 AM AT THE HOTEL _____

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 **CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES MEET** THE BOARD AT THE HOTEL AT 2:00

MONDAY EVENING AT 5 PM, **MR. AND MRS MIKE YAGER, OWNERS OF MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS, WILL HOST A WELCOME PARTY AT THEIR HOME, at BOW TIE POOL AND BACK YARD, FOR REGISTERED SACC MEMBERS AND FAMILY** _____ **(NUMBER ATTENDING)** _____

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016: **DAY AND EVENING BUS TRIP TO ST. LOUIS.** (THIS FEE WILL INCLUDE ADMISSION TO THE GATEWAY ARCH, BUDWEISER BREWERY, CARDINAL VILLAGE, TOUR OF LANDMARKS, DINNER, AND ADMISSION TO A SHOW AT THE FAMED FOX THEATER OR OTHER VENUE, DEPENDING ON PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES, IN DOWNTOWN ST.LOUIS.) (LUNCH WILL BE ON YOUR OWN AT CARDINAL VILLAGE). A COMFORTABLE AIR CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH WILL PICK US UP AT THE HOTEL AND RETURN AFTER THE SHOW.

This trip will give you an idea of all the great things St. Louis and includes some of the most iconic venues in ST. Louis. There will be restrooms and rest time. Best of all we spending time with our C1 Corvette friends!

_____ **Number attending @ \$180.00 each** _____ . **(Subject to change)** _____

Registration for 2016 SACC Convention (continued)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:

Special SACC workshops and a Special treat for the ladies:

Lunch at the HOTEL: # attending _____ at \$25.00 each _____

SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET at 6 PM WITH A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

followed by ANNUAL MEETING. \$55.00 EACH # ATTENDING _____ TOTAL _____

(You may attend the annual meeting, after the banquet at no charge.)

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Funfest starts! Men may attend workshops at Funfest.

REMEMBER THE MID AMERICA FUNFEST ROAD TOUR. (SACC MEMBERS SHOULD SIGN UP ASAP AS ONLY THE FIRST 100 CORVETTES WILL RECEIVE THIS HONOR)

This will be the only road tour offered this year.

Ladies will spend the day together at Funfest. We will have our own tent, chairs and refreshments with plenty of time to visit and other fun activities! Activity Suggestions WELCOMED!

DO NOT MISS THE AWESOME CONCERT AND DINNER ON THE GROUNDS OF MID AMERICA ON SATURDAY EVENING. Be sure to make your arrangements when you register for Funfest.

Call 866-309-6459 for Funfest Registration. Please indicate you want CLUB REGISTRATION

MEN'S EVENT T SHIRTS _____ small _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ @ \$20.00 _____

XXL _____ @ \$25.00 EACH. _____ \$25.00 _____

LADIES ROUND NECK EVENT T SHIRTS _____ SM _____ MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$20.00 _____

LADIES SHIRTS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE IF PREORDERED, add \$5.00 if unable to attend and it will be mailed.

Total for all functions and shirts _____

Send to **Great River Chapter SACC, MARY RAE BROCKHOUSE, 215 CEDAR DRIVE, CHAPIN, ILLINOIS, 62628**
NO CREDIT CARDS CAN BE ACCEPTED. PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH ONLY.

Questions: Mary Rae Brockhouse 217-472-3222. Be sure to register for Funfest by calling 866-309-6459 and indicate you want the CLUB Registration. To do it online is very complicated. I also recommend signing up for the Saturday night meal before the Concert.

Sorry, no refunds will be made for cancellations occurring after August 1, 2016.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: I agree to insure my vehicles and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to SACC. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or acts or 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 wherever located.

Signed _____ DATE _____

Camping is available within 3 miles of the host hotel and Funfest at Camp Lakewood, 1217 Rickelman, Effingham, Illinois 217-342-6233.

Make your own arrangements.

Be sure to tuck in your lawn chairs and get ready for a fun and relaxed show! See you at Funfest 2016! You will need them for the concert.

Great Rivers Chapter of SACC

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



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2016 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
2016 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"

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 # _____

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

Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: **Kathy Hutchins**
MI SACC Treasurer
9417 N Rich Rd
Alma, MI 48801

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 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 _____
 Suggestions for events or cruise _____
 I would be interesting of chairing an event or gathering. Yes ___ No ___

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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.

Direct National SACC Membership questions to:

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Michigan membership dues, inquiries and corrections to the address list should be directed to the Treasurer:

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Membership renewal and application form on previous page.

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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