Michigan

"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 21-23, 2025

Ludington to Mackinaw City

See pages 2-9

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Don't forget our website www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com

From President's Laptop

July 2025

I have been busy with medical activities lately, but I thought you might send out a blast to the chapter members with details about the upcoming Lighthouse tour.

Just so we are clear on this, here is our present plan:

1) For those who want to make it a 2-day trip and travel on Wednesday, August 20.

Suggest Noon lunch at Doherty Hotel, Clare, Mi. downtown on US 127 Bus, across from Cops & Donuts. In Ludington, visit Big Sable Lighthouse which is a 1 1/2 mile walk thru the Ludington State Park or enjoy watching the car ferry arrive.
Overnight - your choice of Ludington or Manistee. Make your reservations.

2) For those traveling on Thursday, August 21

Meet up with Wednesday travelers at 3PM, August 21 at Steans Park on the beach in Ludington. Ludington's North Breakwater Light is across the sand, at the end of the breakwater. Lots of Parking. After an hour or so Caravan to Manistee for dinner and overnight at Hampton Inn, Manistee, MI

Reservations required. Reservation Block closes on July 20.

Hampton Inn: 101 S Lakeshore Dr. Manistee, 231-299-1096, Group Code : C-ACC)

3) Friday, August 22, Lighthouse Tour, see page 4-9, to Empire then drive to Mackinaw City.

4) Saturday, August 23, Corvette Crossroads, Mackinaw City, MI

Preregistration required: **www.mackinawchamber.com or see page 10**

Motel options on page 3—please make your reservations ASAP

Notice: Lighthouse Tour participants:

Please provide name, email and phone number ASAP to stegould@outlook.com 619-292-4929

Steve will provide Detailed Tour info

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**

Pre-registration required **www.mackinawchamber.com**

Note: Rivera Motel is sold out (previously the motel of choice)

Options: Lighthouse View Motel, 699 North Huron Ave. (231-216-3035)
American Boutique Inn, 517 North Huron Ave (231-322-7579)

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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	Eyes On Design	Ford Home, Grosse Pointe Shores
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

An invitation to all SACC members whether or not you are members of SACC Michigan Chapter:

The Michigan Chapter is continuing the series of weekend Lighthouse Tours.

There are **129 Lighthouses;** as you know, we are not short of destinations. Just your interest to drive…

The tours allow SACC Members to join us for a day or two when they (or their car) are comfortable. See page for Lighthouse map of Michigan.

Michigan Lighthouse Tour #4 will be a 3-4 day road tour beginning is Ludington/Manistee with Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City as the destination as described below.

Our tentative plan is for everyone to meet at 3:00 pm in Ludington on Thursday, August 21st, at **Steans Park** on the beach in Ludington. The Ludington's North Breakwater Light (pg. 7) is across the sand and at the end of the breakwater. Lots of parking there. After an hour or so there (and we have everyone!) we are going to proceed to Manistee (35 mi/30 minutes) to the Hampton Inn-Beachfront **(101 S Lakeshore Dr. Manistee, 231-299-1096, Group Code : C-ACC)** After checking in there, we will meet for dinner TBD, or have Hampton Inn set up for us in their upstairs restaurant. We can watch the sunset from that restaurant, or in the bar downstairs.

Friday, we are going to tour 3 lighthouses going north to Empire: 1) The North Pierhead Light (pg. 7) in Manistee. 2) the North Breakwater Light in Frankfort (pg. 8) (Both are at the end of a pier across the beach). Then onward to 3) the Point Betsie Lighthouse (pg. 8) This one is on land and has facilities.

This route will take us through Manistee, then along Lakeshore Drive onto M22. From there through Onekama and Arcadia on M22. The goal would be to end up in Empire around noon or 1:00pm, and have box lunches (which we can pick up locally) at the Empire City Park looking towards Sleeping Bear Dunes.

That's it for the lighthouses!

Then we deadhead East on M72 to and thru Traverse City, then on to US 131 almost up to Petosky, and then take the back roads around Petosky (River Road, I think), and then over to the old Mackinaw Trail, and into Mackinaw City. This path has a lot of twists and turns, but allows us to avoid downtown Petosky. This portion of the tour is realistically 3+ hours of driving, approx. 140 miles.

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For those who chose to drive to West Michigan a day earlier and arrive on Wednesday, 8/20, there are a couple of scenarios you might want to consider:

1) Drive to Ludington, and stay in Ludington. Lots of chain hotels in Ludington. Pick one you like or have points for. There is a beachfront hotel adjacent from Stearns Park: Snyders Shoreline Inn. Lakeview rooms there are $224/night. It's a classic old-school up-north motel.

2) Or drive to Manistee, and stay at the Hampton Inn. That way you can unpack once for a two-night stay. This is a very nice hotel!

Depending on interest, we can organize group rides and dinners for Wednesday night, and Thursday till the rest of the group gets here Thursday afternoon. Options include:

1) Drive out through the sand dunes to Ludington State Park, and take the 1.5 mile walk to Big Sable Point Lighthouse. Or, if that's too much walking, instead, tour this spectacular State Park. (State Park endorsement, or Day-Use fee required.)

2) Watch the famous SS badger (car ferry) come into Ludington Harbor at 6:15 pm or so. This is always a spectacle.

3) Other local tours.

The distance between Manistee and Ludington is a leisurely and picturesque 35 minute/30 Mile drive, and both cities are equidistant from SE Michigan in diving time and miles. So, do what you want to do! If you do plan to come early, please announce your intention.

Steve and Mary Jane have offered local guidance, and would be happy to coordinate the early-arrivers' activities.

(stegould@outlook.com 616-292-4929)

For additional see pages 6-9.

For those who may not have attended Corvettes Crossroads in Mackinaw City:

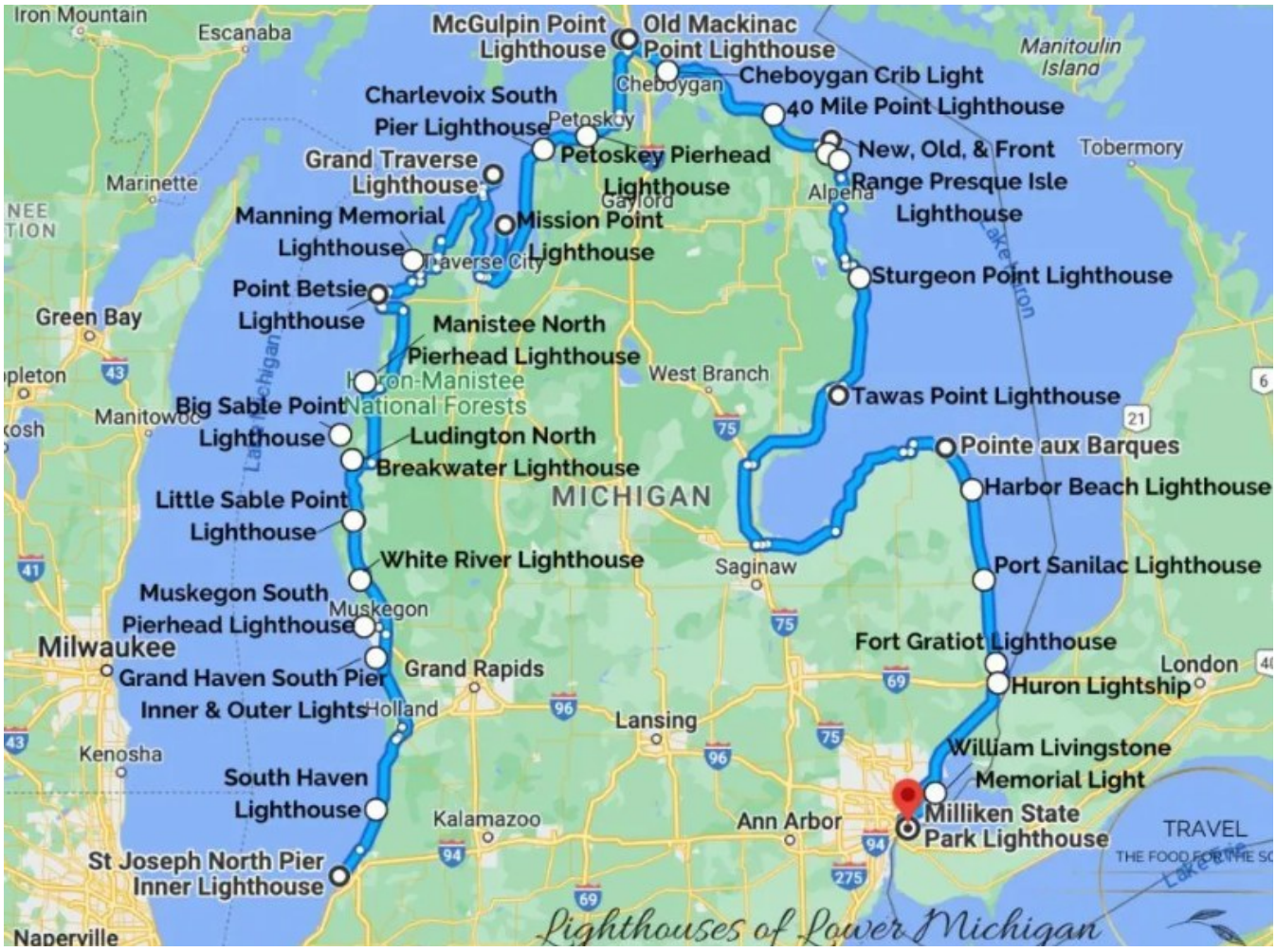
Corvette Crossroads show is Saturday followed at 7:00 pm by the Mackinac Bridge Parade—36th Annuals

Registration and information is available on www.mackinawchamber.com

Sunday is a day of rest, site seeing, a trip to Mackinac Island, or returning home or staying the night.

Monday when the traffic on I-75 is much less is best for returning south

This requires three nights in Mackinaw City. So plan ahead.



Michigan Lighthouse Tour

58 Ludington North Breakwater

Ludington's North Breakwater Light has been ranked as the #1 lighthouse to visit in Michigan. This iconic lighthouse, located at the end of Ludington Avenue, is accessible from Stearns Park. It's a focal point within the community, and a great place to watch the sunset! Visitors and locals enjoy walking the long outer break wall (a mile-long round trip) leading out to the light. This location provides a close look at the S.S. Badger ~~carferry~~ as it cruises from its home port to cross Lake Michigan, from Ludington to Manitowoc, and back. During open hours, visitors can climb ~~the 53~~ steps to the top of the North Breakwater Light.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm May 23-September 3, 2023.

Manistee's North Pierhead Lighthouse

The most symbolic icon of the Victorian Port City is the **North Pierhead Lighthouse**, located between the 1st Street and 5th Avenue beaches of Manistee. Many Michigan lighthouses demolished their catwalks when the lights became electrified, so Manistee's catwalk is a rare sight. In the late 1920s, after extensive pier renovations, the old fog signal building was replaced by the present structure. Standing watch over Lake Michigan waters, Manistee's North Pierhead Lighthouse welcomes boaters into its harbor, and is a reminder of Manistee's great maritime history.

Michigan Lighthouse Tour

Frankfort North Breakwater Light

A visit to the charming city of Frankfort in Benzie County wouldn't be complete without a trip to the Frankfort North Breakwater Light. The current light was constructed in 1912 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Standing 44 feet tall, the light is placed on top of a 25-foot-tall square steel base. The cast iron lantern room, which is surrounded by a gallery, originally contained a fifth order Fresnel lens that was upgraded to a fourth order Fresnel lens. Located on the west side of downtown Frankfort, you can walk the breakwater out to the lighthouse, and fish off the pier.

POINT BETSIE LOGHTHOUSE

feet tall, but with the height of the dune it towers 52 feet above the water line. Point Betsie was the last lighthouse on the Great Lakes to be manually serviced and was fully automated in 1983. The light could originally be spotted as far away as 27.5 miles with the Fourth Order Fresnel Lens it came equipped with. Upon automation the Fresnel Lens was replaced with a Vega VRB-25 system, which has a range of 15-22 miles. Today Point Betsie stands in quiet testimony to the many keepers who maintained the light while their wives maintained the household, tended gardens, and watched their children playfully explore the dunes. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and manned for 106 years, Point Betsie offers a fascinating visit to history buffs and those who just want to relax. Sporting the same paint scheme the lighthouse had in the 1940s, it has been preserved and is cared for by "The Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse". If visiting Frankfort, or Sleeping Bear Dunes in Benzie County, make sure to visit this historic lighthouse. Wander the grounds, explore the accompanying fog station, stroll the beach, or have a family picnic.

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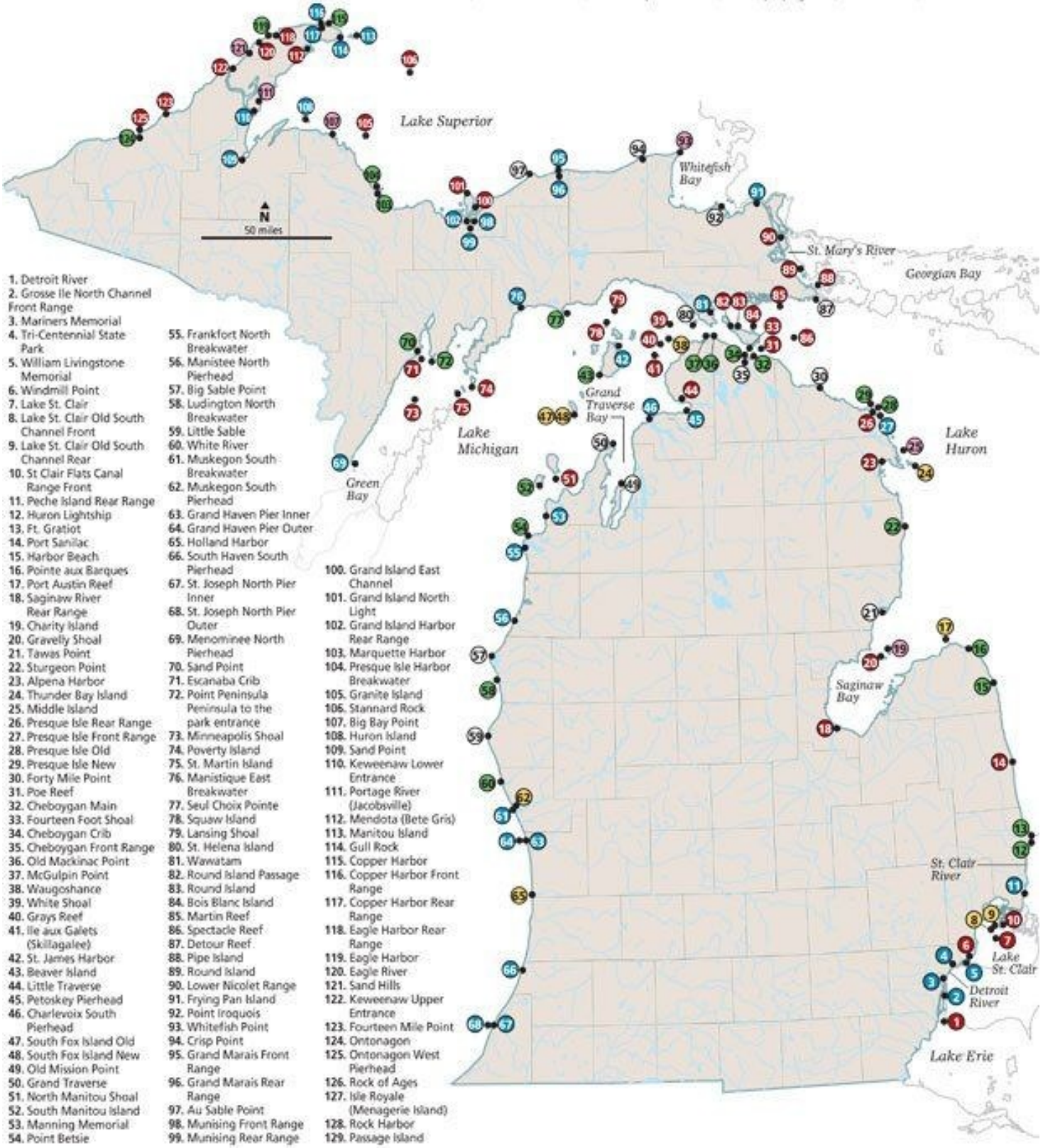
MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES

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



1. Detroit River
2. Grosse Ile North Channel Front Range
3. Mariners Memorial
4. Tri-Centennial State Park
5. William Livingstone Memorial
6. Windmill Point
7. Lake St. Clair
8. Lake St. Clair Old South Channel Front
9. Lake St. Clair Old South Channel Rear
10. St Clair Flats Canal Range Front
11. Peche Island Rear Range
12. Huron Lightship
13. Ft. Gratiot
14. Port Sanilac
15. Harbor Beach
16. Pointe aux Barques
17. Port Austin Reef
18. Saginaw River Rear Range
19. Charity Island
20. Gravelly Shoal
21. Tawas Point
22. Sturgeon Point
23. Alpena Harbor
24. Thunder Bay Island
25. Middle Island
26. Presque Isle Rear Range
27. Presque Isle Front Range
28. Presque Isle Old
29. Presque Isle New
30. Forty Mile Point
31. Poe Reef
32. Cheboygan Main
33. Fourteen Foot Shoal
34. Cheboygan Crib
35. Cheboygan Front Range
36. Old Mackinac Point
37. McGulpin Point
38. Waugoshance
39. White Shoal
40. Grays Reef
41. Ile aux Galets (Skillagalee)
42. St. James Harbor
43. Beaver Island
44. Little Traverse
45. Petoskey Pierhead
46. Charlevoix South Pierhead
47. South Fox Island Old
48. South Fox Island New
49. Old Mission Point
50. Grand Traverse
51. North Manitou Shoal
52. South Manitou Island
53. Manning Memorial
54. Point Betsie
55. Frankfort North Breakwater
56. Manistee North Pierhead
57. Big Sable Point
58. Ludington North Breakwater
59. Little Sable
60. White River
61. Muskegon South Breakwater
62. Muskegon South Pierhead
63. Grand Haven Pier Inner
64. Grand Haven Pier Outer
65. Holland Harbor
66. South Haven South Pierhead
67. St. Joseph North Pier Inner
68. St. Joseph North Pier Outer
69. Menominee North Pierhead
70. Sand Point
71. Escanaba Crib
72. Point Peninsula Peninsula to the park entrance
73. Minneapolis Shoal
74. Poverty Island
75. St. Martin Island
76. Manistique East Breakwater
77. Seul Choix Pointe
78. Squaw Island
79. Lansing Shoal
80. St. Helena Island
81. Wawatam
82. Round Island Passage
83. Round Island
84. Bois Blanc Island
85. Martin Reef
86. Spectacle Reef
87. Detour Reef
88. Pipe Island
89. Round Island
90. Lower Nicolet Range
91. Frying Pan Island
92. Point Iroquois
93. Whitefish Point
94. Crisp Point
95. Grand Marais Front Range
96. Grand Marais Rear Range
97. Au Sable Point
98. Munising Front Range
99. Munising Rear Range
100. Grand Island East Channel
101. Grand Island North Light
102. Grand Island Harbor Rear Range
103. Marquette Harbor
104. Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater
105. Granite Island
106. Stannard Rock
107. Big Bay Point
108. Huron Island
109. Sand Point
110. Keweenaw Lower Entrance
111. Portage River (Jacobsville)
112. Mendota (Bete Gris)
113. Manitou Island
114. Gull Rock
115. Copper Harbor
116. Copper Harbor Front Range
117. Copper Harbor Rear Range
118. Eagle Harbor Rear Range
119. Eagle Harbor
120. Eagle River
121. Sand Hills
122. Keweenaw Upper Entrance
123. Fourteen Mile Point
124. Ontonagon
125. Ontonagon West Pierhead
126. Rock of Ages
127. Isle Royale (Menagerie Island)
128. Rock Harbor
129. Passage Island

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

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CORVETTE CROSSROADS AUTO SHOW

~Registration Form~

409 South Huron Avenue
Mackinaw City, Michigan ~ August 23, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club Affiliation: (if any) _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

RELEASE: I accept and assume full liability for any injury to me or my property, agents or employees at anytime, from any cause in connection with this event. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damage/injury and to indemnify and hold harmless Village of Mackinaw, Mackinac Bridge Authority, Odawa Casino Mackinaw, the Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce, Arnold Transit, Company, and Michigan DNR, its officers, directors, agents, employees and chapters for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during the show. I agree to provide and pay for my own insurance. NO REFUNDS; RAIN OR SHINE.

Signature: _____

DASH PLATES GUARANTEED ONLY TO THE FIRST 200 REGISTERED VETTES

- **All Cars must be registered/checked in and on display by 10 a.m. No late entries.**
- **Friends & clubs that want to park together must arrive together. No savings spots.**
- **Event Registered cars only on event property! Thank you for your cooperation!**

Automobile Information:

Year: _____ Body Style: _____ HP: _____ Color: _____

Class Stock: _____ Modified: _____ Full Modified: _____

Note any special accommodations: _____
(i.e., handicap accessibility, trailer, etc.,)

Class distinction is at the discretion of officials. Please register in appropriate class.

STOCK: Original, delivered factory appearance and condition.

MODIFIED: ***(Modifications that change the outward appearance of the vehicle.)***
Examples may include: custom paint or custom hoods.

FULL MODIFIED: Anything goes!

AWARDS: All judging is Show Participants only! The club with the most registered Vettes wins award. Registered Vette that travels the farthest wins awards.

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place in each stock class
1st, 2nd Place award in modified & full modified class.

AWARD CLASSES

C1:	1953 - 1962
C2:	1963 - 1967
C3:	1968 - 1982
C4:	1984 - 1996
C5:	1997 - 2004
C6:	2005 - 2013
C7:	2014 - 2019
C8:	2020 - Present
C1:	1953 - 1962 Modified
C2:	1963 - 1967 Modified
C3:	1968 - 1982 Modified
C4:	1984 - 1996 Modified
C5:	1997 - 2004 Modified
C6:	2005 - 2013 Modified
C7:	2014 - 2019 Modified
C8:	2020 - Present Modified
	1953 - Present Full Modified

Auto Pre-Registration by 8/1/25	$30.00 each auto		$ _____
Registration after 8/1/25	$40.00 each auto		$ _____
Parade - Saturday 7:00 p.m. - from Odawa Casino	FREE for registered auto		
Exclusive Event Pique Polo Shirt - Pick Up With Registration Packet *(Must order by 8/1/25)*		Quantity	
W/Embroidered Logo & Dates - Mens: S____ M____ L____ XL____ XXL____	*$52.00 each*	x _____	$ _____
W/Embroidered Logo & Dates - Ladies: S____ M____ L____ XL____ XXL____	*$52.00 each*	x _____	$ _____

CREDIT CARD REGISTRATION

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD NO.: _____

EXP. DATE: |__|__| / |__|__| CVV: _____ $ _____

BILLING ZIP: _____

GRAND TOTAL: $ _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Make checks payable to "MCCofC" and mail to: P.O. Box 856, Mackinaw City, MI 49701

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 > 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

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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 _____

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. 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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