

Michigan

"Where it all began"



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2016 MI SACC Chapter Event Schedule

Final Event of 2016

Dec. 10 (Saturday)
Christmas Luncheon
At
KARL'S CABIN

Special points of interest:

2017 DUES were
due by
Dec. 1st. 2016
See page 7
for renewal

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SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	Dec. 10

Exit 15 off M-14
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Please contact Bill Huffman
by Nov. 28 for reservations



From the President's laptop

October 2016

How time flies when you're having fun. After a slow start due to my shoulder surgery, it has turned out to have been a busy summer.

In July, Corvettes at the Summit in Canton went well. Several of us met at Tom & Sue Gamache's for coffee & bagels before caravanning to the show. With many really nice Corvettes, I was fortunate to take 3rd place in C-1.

In August, Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City was a little rainy. However, fellow members, Ron & Elizabeth Struck took 1st and Patrick & Ellie Lickfeldt took 2nd in C-1 with their '62s. Congratulations, Guys.

Our caravan to the 2016 National Convention in mid-Sept was mostly uneventful although Tom's '54 did spend the week in Bill's pole barn. A total of 21 C-1s from 1955 thru 1962 made the drive to Effingham, IL. Three cars won SACC awards from SACC President Max Brockhouse. Paul Lemieux won for his 1959 and two guys who drove 2800 miles, top down, on back roads from Oregon in their cars (a '58 & a '60) following an app for locating ethanol free gasoline won the other two awards.

The big item Michigan Chapter took away from the convention was a very strong suggestion that we need to step up & host the 2019 SACC National Convention in the Detroit Metro area. This is an opportunity to show off our cars on a big stage, close to home. We need your participation to make this a success.

Please join us at our Michigan Chapter Christmas Lunch at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Rd, Plymouth, MI on Saturday Dec 10 at 1 PM at for further discussion, Q&A & lots of Christmas cheer.

Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC



Don't forget our website: www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com



The 2016 National Solid Axle Corvette Club Convention was held in Effingham, Illinois September 12-14. It ended just in time for the 26th Mid-America Corvette Fun Fest to begin. Several SACCMi members made the trip in one fun filled day. However, Tom and Suzanne Gamache's '54 spent the weekend in Bill Huffman's garage.

Bill and Steph > 1959, JPaul and Cheryl Lemieux > 1959 successfully made it to Effingham without incident.



Bill Huffman & Jack Hollada with Huffman's red/white 1960

Monday morning Mary Brockhouse and Gerry Hollada opened registration and there was a board meeting. At the afternoon chapter representative meeting, the Eastern region rep Ron Dill said the 2017 Convention will be held near Lakeland, Florida on October 9-11 right before the Lakeland Lake Mirror Classic Concours and Open Car Show.

Bruce Fuhrman of the Southern California Chapter announced that the 2018 Convention will be in July in Ventura, CA. It will include a bus tour into Los Angeles to the newly remodeled Petersen Automotive Museum and a driving tour for the Vettes up the Pacific Coast. The club now has front license tags with the Solid Axle Club logo for sale. See web site to order.



Monday evening we all drove our C1 Corvettes over to Mike Yager's home for appetizers and drinks on the patio around his Bow-Tie-Shaped pool. All were greeted by Mike Yager and his wife, Laurie.



Next page—photo of Corvettes gathering on the lawn of Mike Yager's home





The party at Mike Yager's for the Solid Axle Corvette Club, Effingham, IL



MI SACC Final 2016 event



Christmas Luncheon at Karl's Cabin, Plymouth, Mi on Dec. 10, 2016



The happy group of SACC Mi members at the 2015 Christmas gathering. We are looking forward to the 2016 gathering. A gathering where we will be discussing the 2019 SACC national convention.

SACC Mi has received a request from the National SACC Board to consider hosting the 2019 SACC national convention in Michigan.

We have had a Board meeting to discuss the options, but we agreed that the entire membership should be involved in the process.

As this newsletter indicates:

"Michigan, where it all began."

The 2019 SACC Convention will be honoring the birthday of the 1959 C1s.



Hope to see you all on Dec. 10, 2016 with interest in supporting our Chapter as we explore the options and manpower necessary to host a successful national SACC convention in the Detroit Metro area.

We shall begin the discussion of possible events, host hotel, covered and secured parking, activities, etc at this luncheon. Please plan on attending and becoming involved in the initial planning stages.



**Please contact Bill Huffman
by Nov. 28, 2016
to indicate
your attendance at the
DEC. 10 luncheon.
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Welcome to the Michigan Chapter SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2017 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
2017 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 # _____

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Applicant Name _____ Co-Applciant: _____

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.

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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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