Michigan

"Where it all began"



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2017 MI SACC Chapter Event Schedule

April 22 (Saturday) 10:00 am
Breakfast and Business Mtg
Chelsea Big Boy

July 8 (Saturday)

Spend the day by the lake Corvettes at the Summit Canton, MI

July 29 (Saturday)

R.E. Olds Car Show Lansing, MI

August 25-26

Corvette Crossroads Mackinaw City, MI

Sept 16 (Saturday)

Paragon Open House Swartz Creek, MI

Oct 14 10:00 am

Color Tour Chelsea Big Boy Uncle John's Cider Mill

Dec. TBD

Christmas Dinner

SACC MI Dues

2017 DUES were due by Dec. 1st. 2016 See page 14

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From the President's laptop April 2017

Finally, a bright sunny, dry spring day that warms your heart and makes it possible to go rev your car's engine----again.

Stef & I spent most of January in Florida to get a taste of snow-birding to see if perhaps we might enjoy it. Sure beats the cold & snow we left behind but unfortunately, I had no Corvette to drive. I was forced to settle for fresh strawberry shortcake at the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, FL instead. We got home in February to such warm weather that I reactivated the insurance on my 2005 and got quite a bit of seat time before winter came roaring back.

To those of you who are already snow-birds and those of you who would like to be, the SACC National Convention in Oct 2017 near Lakeland, Florida is a unique opportunity for a trifecta. What could be better than combining Late Fall, Corvettes & Florida??? Details are enclosed in this newsletter. See pages 8-10. Some SACC Mi chapter members are considering caravanning down, if you're interested contact me at SWH73@comcast.net.

Michigan Chapter's 2017 club events were chosen at our Spring Membership Meeting held at Brookshire Inn, Williamston on April Fool's Day, but no prank intended. Even Michigan State University played it's Spring Football Game on the same day 5 miles down the road.

We hope you are able to attend all of our 2017 events. See schedule on page 5. Suggestions are always welcome for next year. Don't be shy. If you like it, your fellow members would too.

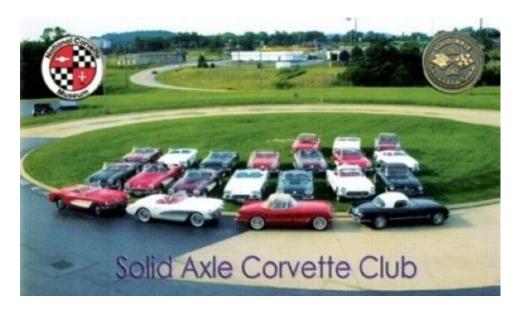
IT'S OFFICIAL!

The Michigan Chapter will be hosting 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. Planning is for mid-August 2019 in the week leading to Woodward Dream Cruise. This is a terrific opportunity and we need your participation to make this a success.

Next meeting April 22 at Chelsea Big Boy 10:00 am.

Bill Huffman, Pres. Michigan Chapter SACC





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

MICHIGAN SACC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2017 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM BROOKSHIRE INN—WILLIAMSTON, MI



L to R: Stef and Bill Huffman, Patrick Lickfeldt, Ira Rosenberg, Ron and Lorraine Melaragni, Kathy and John Hutchins, Tom Gamache, Kandy and John Ronayne at Brookshire Inn planning 2017 activities + 2019 Convention

This handsome group of C-1s owners, lovers, caretakers and drivers met in Williamston, MI on April 1 to prepare the MI SACC schedule of events for this coming spring/summer/fall 2017. Each event has a sponsor, who will be responsible for coordination and communication of the timing, and preregistration requirements and to generally keep the cats moving in the right direction.

Specific details, registration info and event directions will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Greetings to all Michigan SACC members from the 2017 MI SACC Board.

"Michigan" is your window on the Club, review the 2017 schedule of events and make your plans. We hope to see a lot of you this 2017 driving season



MI SACC 2017 schedule of events:



MI SACC club Events

April 22, 2017 10:00 am Breakfast and Business Meeting

Where: Chelsea Big Boy followed by a Spring Cruise of the nearby countryside.

Why: Mi SACC is beginning the planning for the 2019 SACC National Convention in Detroit, MI

Who: All Mi SACC members and C1 owners interested in being a part of 2017 & 2019 activities

July 8, 2017 Heritage Park, Canton, MI 12th Annual, Corvettes at the Summit The most beautiful Corvette Show in Michigan

Visit website for details: http://www.corvettesatthesummit.com/html/catsscheduleofevents.html

Pre-registration is \$25.00 and the deadline is July 1, 2017. Day of show registration is \$30.00. See page 6 & 7 for additional details



July 29, 2017 R. E. Olds Car Show, Lansing, MI

https://www.evensi.us/2017-car-capital-auto-amp-bike-show-re-olds-museum-car/198103042

August 26-26, 2017 Corvette Crossroads, Mackinaw City, MI

http://www.mackinawchamber.com/Annual-Events/corvette-crossroads-auto-show12

- **Sept. 16, 2017, 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. More info to follow.
- October 14, 2017 Fall Color Tour- More Information later
- October 23-26 2017 SACC National Convention, Westgate River Ranch, Florida

Are you interested in caravanning with Michigan C1's to Florida in October? Contact Bill at SWH73@comcast.net

NON-MI SACC events of interest

- May 21, 2017 10:00 am, Corvette Club of Battle Creek hosts non-MI SACC event Annual Corvettes Only Car Show at Cornwell's Turkeyville.
 For information call Dan 269-964-9479
- Sunday, June 30, 2017, non-MI SACC event 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.
- August 12, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Rain or Shine non-MI SACC event Corvette America hosts a huge Corvette Show & Swap- meet with
 dozens of early cars whose owners are not SACC members but could be. For information contact info@corvettesamerica.org
- August 16, 2017 Corvettes on Woodward, tours of GM Heritage Center, Lingenfelter Collection contact: MichiganCorvetteEvents@gmail.com
- August 19, 2017; Woodward DreamCruise, non-MI SACC event Woodward Avenue from Pontiac to Berkley.
- Sept. 8-10 Frankenmuth Auto Fest 2017 (Oldies Fest) http://www.frankenmuthautofest.net.
 The AutoFest is a non-MI SACC event

Show Cars must be 1978 and older to register for the Frankenmuth Auto Fest Show Car entry \$25.00 CASH at the Schaefer & Bierlein Chrysler



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July 8, 2017 Heritage Park, Canton, MI 13th Annual, Corvettes at the Summit



Tom Gamache will be the Event coordinator and as in the past MI SACC are to meet at his home for coffee and donuts

Pre-registration recommended see below and page 7

MI SACC Caravan planned from Gamache's to Heritage Park
Tom Gamache to coordinate

Tom & Sue Gamache have once again have invited us to meet at their home at 45451 Augusta Dr., Canton, MI prior to caravanning to the show. We leave for the show at approx.

9:45 AM. For those of you who haven't been there before, Summit Park is a beautiful spot to kick back and enjoy a day of nice cars, good friends, great weather and contribute to a worthy cause.

Visit www.corvettesatthesummit.com for registration and event information.

Each participant should pre-register – fee \$25.00 register prior to July 1, 2017 In addition, please RSVP to Tom by July 1 at tsgama22@comcast.net to qualify for donuts.......



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THE ALL CORVETTE SHOW

AT MICHIGAN'S **MOST BEAUTIFUL** CORVETTE VENUE

HERITAGE PARK is located in Canton, MI on CANTON CENTER ROAD, South of CHERRY HILL, 1.5 miles North of Michigan Ave

Food • Music • Prizes Vendors • 50/50 Raffle Door Prizes • Basket Raffle

and America's Sports Car! It's everything you want in a Corvette show. Don't miss it!

REGISTRATION OPENS 8am AWARDS PRESENTATION 3pm Sponsored by:



LES STANFORD **CADILLAC**



in Dearborn, MI

Proceeds benefit

Camp A.B.L.E. (Achieve, Believe, Learn, Experience)

All entries receive a commemorative T-Shirt, Goodie Bag, Dash Plaque and License Plate.

For more information, please visit www.corvettesatthesummit.com

RATION



JULY 8. 2017 * HERITAGE PARK * CANTON, MI

■ PRE-REGISTRATION (before July 1) \$25 each

■ REGISTRATION (After July 1, or at the show) \$30 each

Make all checks payable in US funds to: **Corvette Legends Club**

> Mail this Registration to: **Corvette Legends** P.O. Box 87858 Canton, MI 48187

Questions? Call Jim Rees at 734.673.4291 or email irees1957@vahoo.com

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email (will be used for Show information ONLY)

Phone

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- □ CLASS 5 C4 1984-1990
- □ CLASS 6 C4 1991-1996
- □ CLASS 7 C5 1997-2004
- □ CLASS 8 C6 2005-2013
- □ CLASS 9 C7 2014-2017

Year Color:

ALL CORVETTES JUDGED "OPEN HOOD"

IMPORTANT

Whether you pre-register or register the day of the event, you MUST check in at the Registration table NO LATER THAN 10am to be judged.



NOW FOR THOSE INTERESTED

Sunshine State Solid Axle Club introduces

2017 SACC NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS:



We expect most of you are, at least, vaguely familiar with Florida. And, we're relatively certain that when you do think of Florida, you dream of beautiful blue water, sandy white beaches, spectacular winter weather, Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, NASCAR and, of course, an occasional Hurricane.

However, there is a part of Florida that most visitors to the state are unfamiliar with and just never see. That being South Central Florida – home of vast cattle ranches and huge citrus orchards. This area of Florida takes you back to the time when our cars were new. When the solid axle cars first roamed the Florida Highways, there were no Interstates and Orlando was a sleepy little winter resort town; and, Mr Disney had not even thought about buying up every available inch of Orange County Florida Real Estate.

The Westgate River Ranch Resort is located on Florida State Route 60 roughly 25 miles East of Lake Wales. Other than the food available at the resort, the closest restaurants are in Lake Wales. And, while the Resort General Store carries some groceries, the clos-

est full service grocery stores are the Super Walmart, Publix or Winn Dixie located in Lake Wales. Should you decide to purchase some late-night snacks/beverages to bring with you, there is a coffee maker, refrigerator and microwave in each resort room. The closest gas station is 15 miles from the Resort. For convenience, people arriving at the resort from the West should fill their gas tanks in Lake Wales – those arriving from the East should fill up at the Travel Center in Yee Haw Junction.

For those wanting to go "shopping" there is a Super Walmart and a Bealls Outlet in Lake Wales but more and varied shopping opportunities are Winter Haven (40 miles Northwest) and the VF outlet mall in Vero Beach (50 Miles East) – it is a comfortable 45-minute drive to either.

Once you've had a chance to look the convention agenda over, we think you'll agree that we have done our best to keep you busy. However, this is a Dude Ranch and there are various activities and amenities available which could be of interest to you – should you get your fill of Corvette "stuff" and be looking for something else to occupy your time.

The Ranch is adjacent to the Florida Kicco Wildlife Management area - a good place for a walk and you may see wild hogs or alligators as well as all the Florida Water fowl. The Resort operates a Trap and Skeet Range, has airboat rides on Lake Kissimmee, Swamp Buggy Rides, a catch and release pond, 9 hole Golf Course, Archery, horseback riding, a mechanical bull, 300 foot Zip Line and Miniature golf. For those of you staying over an extra day for Friday evening, they hold an actual rodeo complete with barrel racing and bull riding. On Friday and Saturday nights the Resort Saloon is open with adult beverages, line dancing, live music, and did I mention, adult beverages.

By the way, should you be wondering what to pack for the Florida weather in October. You can reasonably expect night time low temperatures of the high 60s to low 70s and high daytime temperatures of about 85 degrees – it will be really nice top down cruising weather. October starts the Florida dry season so, on the average, we get about 2 inches of rain the entire month.



Registration for 2017 SACC National Convention See page 9

Caravanning?
Contact Bill at
SHW73@comcast.net



2017 SACC National Convention Registration Form October 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2017

Westgate River Ranch, Florida

Name	Non	-SACC Guest of Member	
Address	Hon	ne Phone# ()	
City	Cell	Phone# ()	
State/ProvZ	E-M	Tail	
SACC Membership #	Arri	val & Departure Dates	
Chapter			
Convention host hotel: Westgate River Rayou are attending the Solid Axle Corvette Corshould be mentioned when making reservation convention and 3 days after. Room reservations are area of the resort and each has two beds Please indicate all functions you plan to attended.	nvention. And, please, they have ons. Rooms will be \$145 plus Tax ations must be made by 6 Seps, a Microwave, Coffee Maker, a seps.	established a group registration code of <u>62</u> and they will honor that rate 3 days before <u>t 2017</u> to guarantee this rate. Rooms are that refrigerator and a TV.	2-14 which the
Convention Registration, before 9/6/20 Registers ONE individual. Registration hors d'oeuvres; the Tuesday Breakfast Bu and Lunch Buffets, the Banquet Dinner, a are both cash bars. To receive discounted rate, completed r	fee INCLUDES the Monday e uffet, the Wednesday Breakfast and light hors d'oeuvres. The b	vening reception meal, and light Buffet, the Thursday Breakfast ears at the reception and banquet	
Registrations received after 6 Sept 2017, Non-SACC member, guest of SACC mem) per person. \$25 X () = \$ \$235 X () = \$	
Tuesday, 10/24 Kennedy Space Center To entrance fee. Wednesday, 10/25 Road Tour and visit to \$13 per person. Thursday, 10/26 Tech Sessions – number Thursday, 10/26 Cocktail hour (Cash Bat T-Shirts: SM M_ LG XLG Convention T-shirts may be ordered, if un Total enclosed	o Bok Tower and the gardens in of people attending () r) & BanquetXXLG \$25.00 each.	\$80 X () = \$ Lake Wales. Tower entry fee is \$13 X () = \$	
Sorry, but due to our having to pay in adver- Hold Harmless Agreement: I agree to insure insurance to SACC. I agree to assume the ris- destruction of my property or injury to me or send or bring proof of vehicle insurance cover-	<u>10/6/2017.</u> my vehicle(s) and property against k of all damages or acts or omission to others occurring during or beca	loss, damage and liability and to provide ons which may result in the theft, damage	proof of sucl or
Year Model	_	State	
Exterior color(s)			No
Insurance Company			
Signature	Date		
Please mail completed form and check & mad Convention Contacts: Ron Dill (757) 880-544	de payable to SSSACC, to:	Karen Russo – SSSACC 3077 Bowers Mill Road Pennsburg, PA 18073	

2017 SACC National Convention Agenda follows:

22 Oct (Sunday)

All day long, Early Attendees and SACC Officers arrive.

• 23 Oct (Monday)

0900 - SACC Officer meeting

1300 – SACC Officer Meeting with chapter representatives

1700 - Opening Reception - cash bar

1800 - Cook Out Dinner

• 24 Oct (Tuesday)

0630 - Breakfast Buffet

0800 - Bus tour to Kennedy Space Center

1615 - Depart KSC for Dixie Crossroads Restaurant

1630 - Dinner at Dixie Cross Roads Restaurant, separate checks

1800 - Depart Dixie Crossroads Restaurant

2000 - Arrive Back at River Ranch

25 Oct (Wednesday)

0700 - Breakfast Buffet - Free Time to enjoy Resort Amenities

1230 - Road Tour to Bok Tower and the Gardens in Lake Wales

1310 - Arrive Bok Tower

1600 – Depart Bok Tower for Manny's Original Chophouse

1615 - Dinner at Manny's, separate checks

1800 - Depart Manny's for the Ranch

1845 - Arrive back at the Ranch

• 26 Oct (Thursday)

0700 - Breakfast Buffet

0900 - Tech Sessions

1130 - Lunch Buffet

1300 - Tech Sessions continue

1600 - Membership Meeting

1700 - Closing, Cash Bar

1800 - Banquet Dinner

27 Oct (Friday) Time to go home, see you in

California in 2018







The Singing Tower: Looking up at the 205-foot neo-gothic and art Deco Singing Tower carillon is an experience like no other. The tower houses one on the world's finest carillons. Concerts from the 60 bell carillon at 1 and 3 pm fill the Gardens daily.



Corvettes on Woodward

I am running a little late this year with information about Corvettes on Woodward.

Corvettes on Woodward, 3 Day event

Wednesday August 16-19

Organized by Larry & Verna Courtney

Charity Event "Drive2EndHunger"

Begins with tours of:

GM Heritage Center Wednesday 10 AM

M1 Concourse Pontiac Michigan for meet & greet at noon on Wednesday

Thursday Tours of Lingenfelter Collection 10 AM

And Parade Company 1:30 PM

Friday tours of Webber Wildlife Museum 10 AM

And Stahl's Automotive Foundation

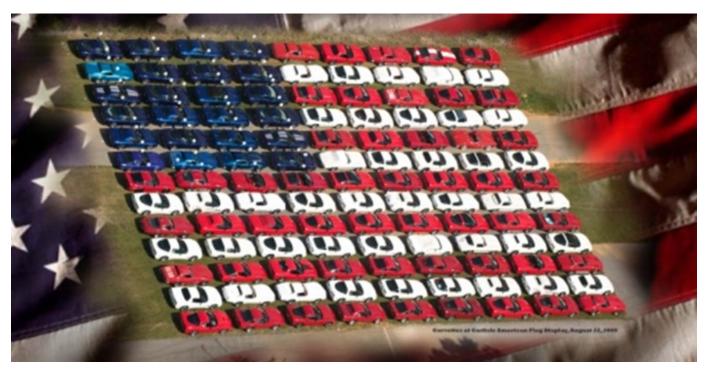
For complete information on times, dates and addresses email Larry



Larry Courtney 586-876-6923 cell 586-218-8616 home Corvette Event Organizer Corvettes on Woodward August 2017 NCM Ambassador 2019 Michigan/Indiana/Western Kentucky Captain NCM National Caravan

Maybe a Corvette flag again this year?





Corvettes on Woodward

April, 2017

Dear Corvette Friends,

I hope this note finds you doing well and gearing up for another great season of cruising in our Corvettes. Many of you have asked what our plans are for CORVETTES on WOOD-WARD this year. I am very excited to announce that our beginning event (on Wednesday August 16, 2017) will be a morning tour of GM Heritage Center moving to M1 Concourse in Pontiac (www.m1concourse.com) for a meet and greet at noon.. In case you have not heard about **M1 Concourse**, it is an 87 acre playground for auto enthusiasts right on Woodward that includes a secure community of 250+ Private Garages and a state of the art 1.5 mile Performance Track with its own private Motorsports Club. The property was formerly a General Motors factory for 100 vears!

M1 Concourse is going to be the largest facility of its kind in the world and they have already sold over 125 of the Private Garages. This will be <u>the</u> place to be during Dream Cruise. The owners have welcomed us with



open arms and the facility can accommodate many more Corvettes than we have ever had before. Plus, they have a big tent to provide shade and food will be available. More info to follow.





Welcome to the Michigan Chapter SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renev	• •	7 New Re	enewal
Michigan Chapter Membership requires membership in the Nati	_		OO Notterral
For record keeping: MI SACC collects both National and Chapte	er dues and submits your Nat		
		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*
*SACC National and MI SACC offer one year or three yea	r dues options.		
Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "	Michigan"		
National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "C	On Solid Ground"		
SACC National publishes an annual membership & roads city & state, but no street address. It also has a field to in needs roadside assistance in your area.			
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FAILURE TO INITIAL ABOVE INDICATES YOUR PERMISS	SION TO BE LISTED IN TH	IE ROSTER.	
If you are a new member: SACC National will send you a	National membership nu	mber separatel	y.
If you are an existing National member please insert you	r National membership #_		
For record keeping: MI SACC collects both National and Chapte	er dues and submits your Nat	ional dues to SA	CC 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_S	SACC@yahoo.com		
Applicant Name	Co-Applicant:		
Address			
City	State:	Zip:	
Home phoneWo	rk/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 t	tours Get away weeke	nds	
Museum tours Historic site/shop tours Car Show	s Tech sessions	Race events	_
Newsletter Contributions Tour/Event Planning O	ther		_
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, emailed 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:

Lucy Badenhoop, SACC NATIONAL P.O. Box 2288 N. Highlands, CA 95660-8288

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badenhoop@comcast.net

Kathy Hutchins

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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