

# Michigan

"Where it all began"



Volume 6 Issue 1

## 2015 Chapter Activities

**April 4, 2015**

**Membership Meeting**

**12:00 noon to 2:00 pm**

**Karl's Cabin**

**6005 Gotfredson Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170**

**Major intersection:**

**Exit 15 off M-14**

**Fellow MI SACC Members,**

Everyone, members and perspective members, is invited to a gathering of Michigan C1 enthusiasts at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth to plan our 2015 activities and focus on the enjoyment of one of Michigan's greatest creations—our C1s

**Special points of interest:**

**2015 DUES were due  
by Dec. 1st.**

**See page 5  
for renewal**

### Inside this issue:

Mi SACC Planning Mtg 2 & 4

President's Message 3

MI SACC dues &  
Membership info 6



# MICHIGAN SACC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2015 12:00 NOON

### KARL'S CABIN—PLYMOUTH, MI



Built in the 1940's, Karl's Cabin is truly a "Michigan Made" log cabin roadhouse restaurant, bar & grill. Located minutes west of Downtown Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, we have served families from Northville, Novi, Canton, South Lyon, Livonia and member of Michigan SACC on several occasions.

For libations, Karl's offers 20 Michigan craft beers on draft with a constant commitment to Bell's, Founders and Short's. Karl's extensive wine list includes over 60 wines to choose from and with over 20 wines available by the glass.

#### The hidden secrets of Karl's Cabin

- ✦ Casual Dining
- ✦ Family Dining Experience
- ✦ Rustic charm
- ✦ Draft and bottled beer
- ✦ Full service bar
- ✦ HD TVs in the Pub
- ✦ Private Rooms
- ✦ Knowledgeable Friendly staff



# From the President's Laptop

March 2015

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 - 2015 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 from Jun 29- Aug 1, 2015 in Fife, WA.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Planning Meeting. We have reservations for Sat, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Rd, Plymouth, MI starting at 12 Noon. Bring your likes and dislikes, your ideas and comments, we can always improve the experience. If you have not joined us previously, please consider it. All are welcome.

Karl's Cabin is a nice facility with good food about ½ mile north of M-14. See you there.

Bill Huffman, Pres.  
Michigan Chapter SACC



**Don't forget our website: [www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com](http://www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com)**



---

## MI SACC 2015 planning ideas and thought starters:

We offer this list of possible MI SACC events for 2015. 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 Karl's Cabin on April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Be there or be square!

- MISACC tour to the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum
- Spring road tour in late May for a late breakfast/lunch as a Meet/Greet, somewhere along I- 69. But the weather has been unpredictable, rain and cold has been the order of the day..
- Sunday Mid May at 10:00 am, the corvette Club of Battle Creek will host a Corvettes Only Car Show at Cornwell's Turkeyville. \$10 entry fee. Can be chilly there.
- Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, Mi. could provide a rendezvous point for a possible weekend event which might include a visit to Corvette Central and/or downtown South Haven. The Gilmore Car Museum is open May thru Sept. \$10 admission.
- June 12-16, 2015 Back to the Bricks West Side Promotional Tour, Battle Creek, Whitehall, Manistee, Boyne City, West Branch
- July 11, 2015 Heritage Park, Canton, MI 11<sup>th</sup> Annual, **Corvettes at the Summit**
- Sunday, July 26, 2015, 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 1, 2015 Kalamazoo Antiques Auto Restorers Club, Red Barn Spectacular, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, one of West Michigan's oldest and largest premiere car show events at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- August 11-15, 2015; Back to the Bricks Cruise Weekend Flint, Michigan [www.backtothebricks.org/schedule](http://www.backtothebricks.org/schedule)
- August 15, 2015, 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 ReNew Auto Center, Clarkson, Michigan
- August 22, 2015; 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.
- July 31, 2015 - SACC National Convention, Tacoma, WA. Plenty of activities, Golf Tournament, Road tour, Amish Experience, Dinner Theater, Outlet shopping plus Tech workshops.
- Corvette Central Tour—Dates to be arranged
- Sept. 2015, 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.](#)
- In addition, there are various non-car related festivals that might be fun for both spouses:
- Be prepared on April 4<sup>th</sup> to add to the options; Visit State Parks, Amish Country, Covered Bridge Tour



# From the President's Laptop Sept. 2014

## Greetings to all Michigan SACC members





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



**Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2015 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
2015 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\_\_\_

## Michigan Chapter SACC 2013 Volunteers

President: **Bill Huffman**  
2200 N Sandstone Road,  
Jackson, MI 49201  
swh73@comcast.net

Vice Pres: **Tom Gamache**  
45451 Augusta Drive,  
Canton, MI 48188  
tsgama@wowway.com

Secretary: **John Hutchins**  
9417 N. Rich Rd.,  
Alma, MI 48801  
kjh41@hotmail.com

Treasurer: **Kathy Hutchins**  
9417 N. Rich Rd.,  
Alma, MI 48801  
kjh41@hotmail.com

Editor: **Sue & Dave Ruby**  
30120 Lincolnshire E.,  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
druby@comcast.net

Tech Advisor: **Harry Jones**  
2056 Fox Glen Court,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
choochoooharry@comcast.net

Event Organizer: **Rick Smith**  
170 Lake Forest Ct.,  
Niles, MI 49120  
hummerrick@msn.com

# 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:

Lucy Badenhop, SACC NATIONAL  
P.O. Box 2288  
N. Highlands, CA 95660-8288  
badenhop@comcast.net

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

**Kathy Hutchins**  
9417 N. Rich Rd.  
Alma, MI 48801  
kjh41@hotmail.com

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.

### The Michigan Newsletter editor can be reached at:

Dave and Sue Ruby, Editor  
Michigan Chapter of SACC  
30120 Lincolnshire E.,  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
248-644-6879; cell: 248-514-2677  
druby@comcast.net

