



# Michigan

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Michigan SACC

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## 2013 Chapter Activities

March 30, 2013

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Western Michigan  
Kalamazoo area  
Location TBD**

**Please advise your preference for meeting location:**

Please email Bill Huffman: [swh73@comcast.net](mailto:swh73@comcast.net)

### Membership Meeting

Fellow MCSACC members,

Everyone is invited to a gathering Michigan C1 enthusiasts to plan the activities for 2013 and focus on enjoying one of Michigan greatest creations – our C1s...

**We will be gathering at TBD  
In Kalamazoo area, Michigan  
March 30 at 12:00 noon.**

The meeting agenda will include:

- 12:00 pm Outdoor meet and greet
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Call meeting to order
  - Chapter Status with National
  - Nomination of officers
  - Election of officers
  - Treasurer's Report /2012 Membership Report on National Convention
  - Discussion of possible MCSACC events
    - Selection of events
    - Selecting event champion

Suggestions on page 2 are thought generators, bring yours!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.  
If you plan on attending, please advise Bill Huffman



## SACC at Paragon Sept 22

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**Tom Gamache's 1954 Thunder Over Michigan  
and as seen in "On Solid Ground"**

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## 2013 Planning Ideas and Thought Starters:

**We offer this list of possible MCSACC events for 2013. We need 3 or 4 to be a functioning organization. Come to Western Michigan on March 16 or 23 or 30 and vote in your favorites.**

**These are not firm, no advance planning has been done, but are suggestions for thought and consideration of all members. See you on March 16 or 23 or 30 at Western Michigan-TBD.**

- Early May, Cornwell's Turkeyville, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd, Marshall, Mi. 1 mile W of I-69, 1st exit N of I-94.
- 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..
- Each year on Sunday in mid-May, the Battle Creek Corvette Club hosts a one day Corvette Car Show in Marshall, MI at the Calhoun County fairgrounds. \$10 entry fee. dinner @ Schulers?? Can be chilly there.
- July 24-26, 2013 - Caravan to National Convention  
So far, Patrick & Ellie Lickfeldt, Paul & Cheryl Lemieux, Art & Carol Wyman and John Hutchins have expressed interest in joining Bill & Stef Huffman in a 2-day trip down with a stop-over in Bowling Green, KY. The Holiday Inn, Bowling Green which is next door to Corvette Homecoming Convention Center was the location for two national conventions.
- Mid-August - 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 Pine Knob Golf course, Clarkston, Michigan. For those of us on the west side of the state it's a great show.
- First weekend before Labor Day - Michigan Shoreline Cruise - Port Huron to Mackinaw include "Corvette Crossroads at Mackinaw" \$25 entry fee, nice drive, and plenty of shopping for the ladies. At present, Pat & Ellie Lickfeldt, Paul & Cheryl Lemieux and Bill & Stef Huffman have expressed interest.
- 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.
- Sunday, July 28, 2013, Concour's d'elegance of America will be held at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Formerly held at Meadow Brook Hall). This past year several of us caravanned with the Michigan NCRS chapter with premium and convenient parking on site.
- August 17, 2013; 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.
- September 21, 2013; 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- Frankenmuth as a base, a tour of the thumb coastline and we could combine the Color Tour with the "Lighthouse Tour". Bavarian Inn hotel & Bavarian Inn restaurant are very good.
- National Cherry Festival in Traverse City June 29-July 6, 2013. This is not only was it a great event but there is a car show for those interested –June 28 at 5:00 pm, Cruise Night at Turtle Creek Casino, Williamsburg; June 30, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Old Town Classic Vehicle Show on Union Street, Old Town Traverse City. The drive up the peninsula to the lighthouse is spectacular.
- In addition, there are various non-car related festivals that might be fun for both spouses:
- Be prepared on March 30<sup>th</sup> to add to the options; Visit State Parks, Amish Country, Covered Bridge Tour



## From the President's Laptop

Dec 2012

The driving season in review helps to take the chill off the bones.

The Corvette Club of Battle Creek show in mid-May at Turkeyville had several members in attendance with at least two taking home awards.

"Corvettes at the Summit" on July 14 was a very good show for us in MI SACC. We took home 5 Gold awards and a Silver. As the last group in, we had the pleasure of parking on the peninsula, with a picnic table, a very nice shade tree and a cool breeze. Thanks Harry, we couldn't have done it without you. John Conder stopped by to see us but his '54 was still in Leland. Ron Struck, a new SACC member, took a Gold with his black '62. Ron, welcome to MI SACC.

The Concours d'Elegance in late July in Plymouth was "awesome" and I don't use the word lightly. It had to be seen to be believed. Again, thanks to Harry Jones Michigan NCRS invited MI SACC to join NCRS and enjoy VIP parking on site. The thought of participating in a world class car show is intimidating but what an opportunity. To those brave souls who threw caution to the wind, I say our old jalopies are as good as theirs any day. One of the highlights of the show were several vintage Corvettes,. Including Duntov's mule, from the early racing days, displayed with several vintage Jaguar race cars.

The Paragon Open House had good turn-out in spite of the threatening weather. The '57 ex-race car under restoration that is featured in the Winter 2012 "On Solid Ground" was there in-process & on display for us to see.

Here it is December already, the driving season is over and the toys have almost all been put to bed. I say almost because the Roman Red '60 is getting some more cosmetic surgery. I already told you about the wheels & tires but that's only the beginning. The old weather strip that let in so much water was replaced by the newer, softer stuff that seals much better. The new carpet it needed sure makes it look better. A fuel system leak if the tank was filled more than ¾ full lead to a new fuel tank, filler hose & clamps. I was amazed at how much residue was sloshing around in the bottom of the original tank. Then, adding insult to injury, the fuel gauge stopped working and had to be replaced.

After driving her to the last Jackson Cruise-in in late September, I decided it was time to redo the two old front fender repairs that I have making excuses for too long. The front end & hood area above the chrome are now stripped in preparation for glass work & paint.

All this fun and more to come, with the goal of driving the old girl to the National SACC Convention in Memphis, TN from July 25-27, 2013. We are planning on driving to Memphis, making it a two-day trip and hoping that others may be interested in caravanning to the convention. We are planning to begin our journey on the morning of July 24 with a stop-over in Bowling Green, KY at the Holiday Inn-University Plaza (877-786-9480) for dinner and rest. On the morning of July 25, we will proceed to Memphis, TN for the 6 PM reception. Stef and I have talked to several members personally who have expressed interest in joining us. Even if we have talked previously, please e-mail me directly [swh73@comcast.net](mailto:swh73@comcast.net) so we can make plans accordingly and I can keep you "in the loop".

Life is good. Bill Huffman



## *Technically speaking.....*

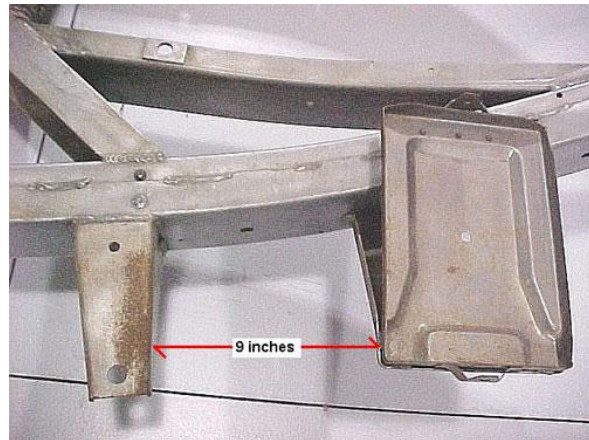
### **C1 Corvette Battery Tray and Welding Risks on E-coated Parts**



Pictured above on the right is a phosphate coated C1 battery tray ([part #171301](#)), along with a black e-coated tray that is a foreign made copy. The black tray is a good reproduction, as well as an option if your top priority is saving \$20. However, readers should be aware that the black coating, known as “e-coating”, is not recommended by most professionals as a “weld-through primer”. In short, there are health risks associated with welding fumes. To avoid this issue, it is recommended that the e-coating be blasted or ground back in the weld areas. If your intention is to burn off the coating by welding, make sure the resulting fumes are directed away from you in a well-ventilated area.



**Made in USA Tray**



**Properly Installed Tray**

You will notice that the domestic tray has a plain finish. It has simply been treated with a phosphate and oil (phos and oil, P&O) anti-corrosion coating. For best results, wash the oil off with a detergent prior to welding. The phosphate coating improves paint adhesion and is much safer to weld. Pictured above is domestic phosphate coated battery tray, mounted correctly on the frame, prior to priming and painting.



## MICHIGAN EDITOR COMMENTS:

We hope the newsletter provides you with useful information and that the content will continue to grow. We expect the basic format of the newsletter to be flexible and to that end we have left open what we publish—essentially, if it is of interest to the Michigan SACC community, we will print it. Obviously, we won't reprint copyrighted material without permission, but anything original could find its way into the pages.

Generally, I'll run whatever you send in as you prepared it, however, I reserve the right to edit for "good taste" and, of course, I'll correct obvious spelling or grammar errors. We will be keeping the length of *Michigan* to a reasonable length, so depending on the amount of information we have for publication; your input may have to wait for the next issue. But, rest assured it will find its way into the newsletter.

We plan to send the newsletter out in February, May, August, and November with occasional bonus issues. Therefore, please send items for publication to me by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

In summary, this is your newsletter—I just cut and paste the pieces together. So if there is something you would like to see here, please let me know.

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## Websites of interest - Corvette Enthusiasts

Chevrolet	<a href="http://www.chevrolet.com/Corvette">www.chevrolet.com/Corvette</a>
Corvette C1 Registry	<a href="http://www.c1registry.com">www.c1registry.com</a>
1953 Corvette Registry	<a href="http://www.corvetteaction.com">www.corvetteaction.com</a>
Bowling Green Assembly Plant	<a href="http://www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com">www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com</a>
C1 Corvette parts and restoration	<a href="http://www.c1corvette.com">www.c1corvette.com</a>
Corvette Central	<a href="http://www.corvettecentral.com">www.corvettecentral.com</a>
Corvette Action Center	<a href="http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com">www.corvetteactioncenter.com</a>
Corvette Forum	<a href="http://www.corvetteforum.com">www.corvetteforum.com</a>
Eckler's Corvette Parts & Accessories	<a href="http://www.ecklerscorvette.com">www.ecklerscorvette.com</a>
Fuel Injection Parts, etc.	<a href="mailto:www.JohnDeGreg@aol.com">www.JohnDeGreg@aol.com</a>
Mid America Motorworks	<a href="http://www.motorworks.com">www.motorworks.com</a>
Mid Atlantic Chapter SACC (MACSACC)	<a href="http://www.masacc.org">www.masacc.org</a>
National Corvette Museum (NCM)	<a href="http://www.corvettemuseum.com">www.corvettemuseum.com</a>
National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)	<a href="http://www.mcrs/prg">www.mcrs/prg</a>
Northwest Chapter SACC (NWSACC)	<a href="http://www.nwsacc.org">www.nwsacc.org</a>
Paragon Reproductions	<a href="http://www.corvette-paragon.com">www.corvette-paragon.com</a>
Solid Axle Corvette Club (SACC)	<a href="http://www.solidaxle.org">www.solidaxle.org</a>
Central Great Rivers Chapter	<a href="http://www.casscomm.com/~wcic">www.casscomm.com/~wcic</a>
America's Corvette Club	<a href="http://www.americascorvetteclub.org">www.americascorvetteclub.org</a>
Car Show Central	<a href="http://www.carshowcentral.co">www.carshowcentral.co</a>
National Cherry Festival	<a href="http://www.cherryfestival.org/events/everything.php">www.cherryfestival.org/events/everything.php</a>
Corvette Clocks by Roger	<a href="http://www.corvetteclocks.com">www.corvetteclocks.com</a>
Corvette Facts	<a href="http://www.vettefacts.com">www.vettefacts.com</a>
Zip Products	<a href="http://www.zip-corvette.com">www.zip-corvette.com</a>

### CORVETTE HISTORY WEBSITES:

[http://www.corvettes.nl/gm\\_prototypes/xp64/index.html](http://www.corvettes.nl/gm_prototypes/xp64/index.html)

[http://history.gmheritagecenter.com/wiki/index.php/Zora\\_Argus-Duntov\\_at\\_Daytona\\_Beach](http://history.gmheritagecenter.com/wiki/index.php/Zora_Argus-Duntov_at_Daytona_Beach)

<http://www.corvettereport.com/tag/zora-arkus-duntov/page/2/>

<http://lets gobenchracing.wordpress.com/2009/05/27/zora-arkus-duntovs-daytona-flyer-the-first-factory-supported-racing-corvette/>

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



#### Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application for 2013

Michigan Chapter Membership requires membership in the National SACC organization. To make record keeping easier MI SACC collects both National and Chapter dues and submits National dues to SACC National.

2012 Michigan Chapter SACC dues @ \$15.00 : **\$15.00.**

Michigan Chapter SACC windshield decals: \_\_\_\_\_ decals @ \$5.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_.

National SACC dues, renewable every December : **\$35.00 \***

**Total : \_\_\_\_\_.**

\*SACC National offers a one year, two year or three year option for dues.

See page 8 for SACC National Membership Form

Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"

National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground"

SACC publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster. The roster contain 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: MISACC and mail to:

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Corvettes presently owned - please include the Serial # 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 \_\_\_

I am currently a member of the following automotive clubs/organization \_\_\_\_\_

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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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#### 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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