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“Where it all began”



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DETROIT

where it all began



From the President's laptop

June 2018

Memorial Day is one of those bittersweet holidays. It's the traditional start of summer holiday for all of us, but for many, the Veterans Memorial services are a somber reminder of the true cost of the freedoms we cherish. We must never forget.

A highlight of the weekend: our granddaughter was home for the holiday so I had a passenger riding with me in the old roman red chariot in the Memorial Day Parade. (Yes, Cheryl we used the two deck lid US flags you & Stef bought for me at FunFest in Effingham). Just when you think a 58 year old car is old, we were behind a 1909 Jackson and a 1915 Ford. Maybe..... the next generation will keep her running.

We have selected several venues as MI SACC club events that we believe you will enjoy. Our kickoff event was **Corvettes at the Summit** in Canton, MI on 14 July 2018. Tom & Sue Gamache once again hosted our pre-show coffee and doughnut gathering at their home at 45451 Augusta Drive, Canton. MI SACC C1s caravanned to the show and parked in the shade along the bank of the pond.



Several C1's enjoyed the new all **Corvette Show & Swap** meet at the **Gilmore Museum**, Hickory Corners, MI on 22 July 2018. Unfortunately, my wife & I will not be at the Gilmore show this year because we will be attending the **2018 SACC Convention** in Ventura, CA from July 20-22, 2018. Our purpose is to present a preview of MI SACC 2019 Detroit SACC Convention proposed activities to the National SACC Board & the various SACC Chapters. Somebody had to take the evening Harbor Dinner Cruise and enjoy sunsets over the Pacific Ocean. Hey, might as well be us.

Also coming up tomorrow, July 28, is the **Capital City Auto Show** on the Capital grounds in Lansing, MI. We participated last year and enjoyed a wide range of really nice cars. My advice is to arrive early, **pre-register** as a Corvette and follow Ron Melaragni. Lansing is his hometown. Caravanning to Lansing is an option. Contact Ron Melaragni at arjay0@msn.com if your are interested.

Planning for the 2019 SACC convention is in process. Be on the lookout for opportunities to become involved. Check out MI SACC website for an up-date for proposed activities and events.

A big welcome to all the new & returning chapter members since our last newsletter.

Bill Huffman, Pres. Michigan Chapter SACC,



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

From the President's laptop

HELLO FROM VENTURA

A big THANK YOU to Tom & Sue Gamache for once again hosting our pre-show gathering and caravan to Corvettes at the Summit. There were approximately 80 Corvettes in attendance and all were really nice cars.

Stef & I missed the all Corvette show & swap meet at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI due to our trip to Ventura. Michigan Chapter members Mike & Chris McLain did well as event organizers.

The 2018 SACC Convention in Ventura, CA from July 20-22 was an outstanding event. There were 153 registered guests & 60 Corvettes. Only about 10 were newer cars. From the Northwest chapter, 12 C-1s convoyed to the convention, 10 made it there. Attendees came from as far away as Massachusetts and two C1s were towed from Florida. Four couples from Washington State had a car hauler take their C1s back and they returned home via a train.

The evening Harbor Dinner Cruise and truly spectacular sunsets over the Pacific Ocean were sufficient to make the trip worthwhile. We took a cruise east to Thousand Oaks, CA to the Malamut Auto and 1950's Museum. The owner threw us a pizza party, so lunch was "on the house". What stood out? A '67 Nassau Blue big block conv; a pair of '63s- a conv and an injected split window; a '47 Pontiac woody wagon; a '57 Bel-Air Conv; a '54 Mercedes gullwing ; a 220 Mercedes cabriolet; a S120 Jaguar and an Amphibicar.

Larry Pearson, a SoCal member, did a tech session on C1 Rochester Fuel Injection inspection markings,. Eric Hershkowitz, a SoCal member and retired dentist, gave out sample tool kits as well as a very informative tech session on cleaning lube tips. Unfortunately, I had to leave the bag of lubricating & painting tips hypodermic syringes behind. There was no way to get it past airport.

Jim Gessner, co-founder of Registry for Corvette Racing, presented a slideshow of Corvette race cars from 1956 thru 1963. Jim was joined by 3 race car owners/drivers (Paul Reinhart, Joe Fietas & Fred Yerke) who actually raced the cars represented in his presentation. Joe also raced Cobras for Carrol Shelby but still owns his #77 '57 race car that he recently raced at Monterey in a Memorial race.

Our purpose in going was to present a preview to the National SACC Board & the various SACC Chapters regarding our upcoming 2019 Detroit SACC Convention. The presentation was well received and preliminary indications are that many folks told me that they are definitely coming to Detroit next August. The Dream Cruise is a big draw in Ventura, more so it would appear than the mid-engine Corvette. We arrived a day early & stayed an extra day to enjoy sunny southern California. Unlike Michigan with its average annual 90 sunny days, it was cloudless, 70-80 degrees, with a 5-15 knot breeze, 50 % humidity, Palm & Joshua trees and grass only where irrigated. All else was shades of brown. There was a no-rust, sun faded 1952 Buick 4-dr in the marina parking lot next door to the hotel. Need I say more ???

Bill Huffman, Pres.

Michigan Chapter SACC,

<https://www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com>



CORVETTES AT THE SUMMIT



John and Kandy Ronayne 1959



Ira and Barbara Rosenberg 1962



Bill and Stef Huffman 1960



Tom and Sue Gamache 1954



Paul and Cheryl Lemieux 1959



2019 SACC NATIONAL CONVENTION
DETROIT METRO AREA
AUG 13-16, 2019
HOSTED BY MICHIGAN CHAPTER SACC

Michigan Chapter members,

The SACC National Board has extended the opportunity and Mi SACC has accepted the challenge of hosting the 2019 SACC National Convention in the Detroit area. The Michigan Chapter Board, acting as the initial organizing committee, has developed a broad brush outline of activities and venues in & around the Detroit Metro area. We believe these activities will be of interest to C1 owners, i.e., National SACC Members.

For 2019, in addition to the highly anticipated introduction of the new mid-engine Corvette and C1 tech sessions, we believe Detroit offers many unique automotive experiences. Consider a gathering of C1's caravanning to the home base of C-6 / C-7 Racing at Pratt & Miller in New Hudson or to the Lingenfelter Auto Collection in Brighton or a C1 caravan on historic Edward N. Hines Drive to visit the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Automotive Hall of Fame and the Rouge Plant tour in Dearborn.

Image Corvette design engineers guiding the SACC tour of the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights in the morning and after lunch visiting downtown Detroit, the Renaissance Center the GM Corporate Headquarters, for a spectacular view of the Detroit/Windsor area and finishing the day with a pleasant 2 + hour cruise on the Detroit River.

The icing of the cake, in cooperation with the NCRS Michigan Chapter, SACC members (registration through NCRS required) will have access to parking on Saturday in Birmingham, thus making the Woodward Dream Cruise easily available to our out of town guests.

Above is the big picture and now we have about 10 months to put flesh on the bones, choose your place on the team and provide for a pure Michigan experience. Hears hoping that all MI SACC members will work to make 2019 Detroit a SACC convention for all to remember.

Michigan Chapter Convention Committee

Bill Huffman, Pres.;

Tom Gamache, V.P.;

Dave Ruby, Editor;

Cheryl Lemieux, Sec.;

John Ronayne and Harry Jones, members at large.



**Greetings to all Michigan SACC members
from the 2018 MI SACC Board.**

**Save This Date:
Aug. 13-16, 2019
2019 SACC CONVENTION**

**MI SACC is continuing to plan and schedule activities
as the host chapter for the 2019 SACC Convention in the Detroit area.**



We are encouraging all members to engage in the SACC Convention process. Volunteers are needed to assist in the planning, and implementation of the events for the 2019 Convention.

Volunteers contact Bill Huffman: sw73@comcast.net

See our website for proposed activities.

www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com



MI SACC EVENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2018 Car Capital Auto Show
Champion: Ron Melaragni arjay0@msn.com
www.carcapitalautoshow.org/

Lansing, MI
Pre-registration recommended
See Volume 9 Issue 3 page 9

Aug 25, 2018 Corvette Crossroads
Champion: Paul Lemieux jplvet9@gmail.com
www.mackinawcity.com/event-detail/28th-annual-corvette-crossroads-auto-show/

Mackinaw City, MI
Pre-registration required
See Volume 9 Issue 3 page 10

Sept 15, 2018 Paragon Reproductions Open House
Champion: Harry Jones chochooharry@comcast.net
www.paragoncorvette.com/t-show_schedule.aspx

Swartz Creek, MI
Info to follow

Oct 13, 2018 Fall Color Tour
Champion: Bill Huffman SWH73@comcast.net
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Chelsea to St Johns, MI
Info to follow

Dec 8, 2018 Christmas Lunch
Champion: Bill Huffman SWH73@comcast.net
www.karlscabin.com/location/karls-cabin/

Plymouth, MI
Info to follow



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



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - 2018 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
2018 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 # _____

Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: **Paul Lemieux**
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Applicant Name _____ 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 interested in assisting with the 2019 SACC Convention in the Detroit area 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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