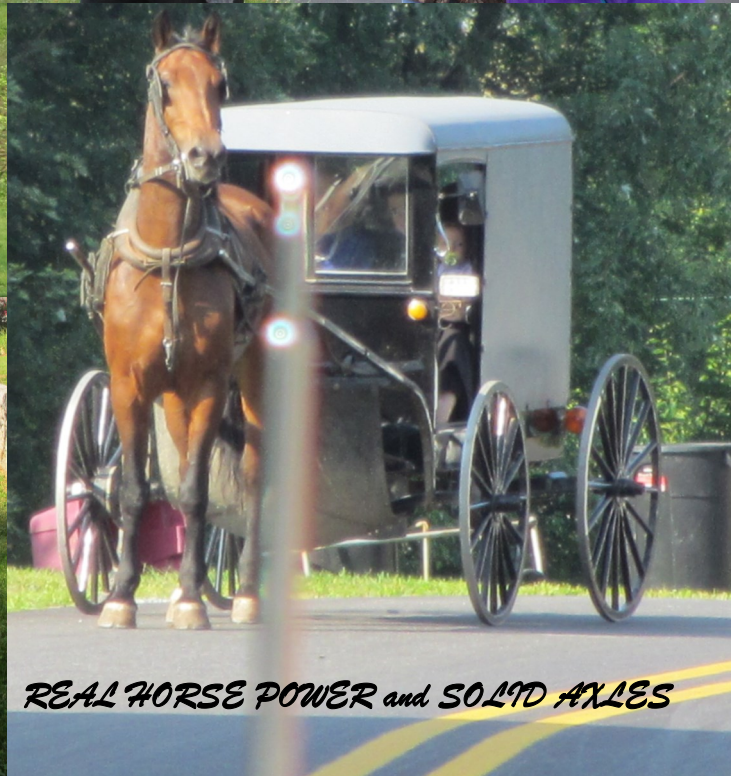


**Greetings to all SACC members in Michigan
from the 2015 MI SACC Board.**

Attached you will find "Michigan" and a schedule of 2015 events.

We hope to see a lot of you this 2015 driving season



Michigan

“Where it all began”



Volume 6 Issue 1.5

Welcome to 2015 Driving Season



Special points of interest:

**2015 DUES were due
by Dec. 1st.
See page 5
for renewal**

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This should get you started!



Remember Chelsea 2012?

Or Marshal 2008?



Or SACC National 2014?

From the President's Laptop

April 2015

The 2015 driving season has officially started with our Michigan Chapter Spring Meeting at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth April 4th. The weather was perfect, the sun was bright, the temp was in the 50's and my old chariot ran & drove well after the winter layover. From my perspective, the meeting was a success before it even started ! Paul & Cheryl Lemieux got to drive their new Chrystal Red Metallic baby (less than 500 miles on the odometer). Congratulations, Paul, nice ride.

John Hutchins was re-elected Club Secretary for another 2 years of loyal service. The writer is honored to accept another 2 year term as your President.

Once again, I feel compelled to remind you that this is your club, so your feedback & suggestions are always encouraged & appreciated.

Michigan Chapter has selected a full slate of Club Events for 2015 that we believe the membership will enjoy from May 17th thru Oct 3rd.

- Our kickoff event is the Battle Creek C C annual show at Cornwell;s Turkeyville May 17.
- June 21 is the Father's Day Car Show at Historic Charlton Park in Hastings.
- Corvettes at the Summit in Canton on July 11 is always a good show.
- July 25 is a cruise-in to Chelsea for shopping & lunch at the Common Grill during downtown Arts & Craft show. Parking across the street from Chelsea Police Dept at 311 N Main.
- Caravan to SACC National Convention in Fife, WA Jul 28- Aug 1—in planning stage.
- Sept 19 is the Paragon Open House, Swartz Creek. Bring your wish list.
- Fall Color tour Oct 3 (Oct 10 rainedate). Breakfast at Chelsea Big Boy, leisure caravan to Uncle John's Cider Mill in St Johns.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2015 events.

Bill Huffman, Pres.
Michigan Chapter SACC



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

2015 SACC MI EVENTS

MAY 17

27TH ANNUAL CORVETTE CELEGRATION

8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM

CORNWELL'S TURKEYVILLE USA

18935 15 1/2 MILE ROAD, MARSHALL

Caravan planned—Bill Huffman (swh73comcast.net)

REGISTRATION INFO TO FOLLOW

JUNE 21

34TH ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

HISTORIC CARLTON PARK, HASTINGS, MI



Caravan planned—Bill Huffman to coordinate

REGISTRATION INFO TO FOLLOW

JULY 11

CORVETTES AT THE SUMMIT

HERITAGE PARK, CANTON, MI

Caravan planned—Tom Gamache to coordinate

Corvettes at
CORVETTE
Legends
the Summit
CLUB

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 must pre-register – fee \$25.00 In addition, please RSVP to Tom at tsgama11@wowway.com register ASAP and

Please advise Tom by July 1



2015 SACC MI EVENTS

JULY 25

ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEKEND
CHELSEA, MI



Preliminary itinerary:

- 9:00 am Meet and Greet in Chelsea (reserved parking)
- 10:00 am Chelsea Arts and Crafts Show
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Common Grille (if possible)
- 2:00 pm Explore the area or cruise the country side

Caravan to and from a consideration
Please contact Bill if interested
swh73@comcast.net

SEPT 19

PARAGON OPEN HOUSE
SWARTZ CREEK, MI



Caravan optional
Dave Ruby to coordinate
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OCT 3

OCT 10 (RAINDATE)

COLOR TOUR
BREAKFAST IN CHELSEA AND
LUNCH AT JOHN'S CIDER MILL

Caravan planned to and from
Bill Huffman to coordinate
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Technology Speaking

April 2015

Fusible Link

At Carlisle I spoke with 2 members that had experienced burned wiring in their C1s. While we are not certain just what caused their problems, there was a very nice, and appropriate, article by John Hinckley in the October 2005 issue of *Corvette Enthusiast*. It was John's conclusion that the short which results in burned wiring can often be traced to the ignition shielding. If the coil is not oriented properly, the 12 volt lead to the positive (+) terminal on the coil can come into contact with the shield resulting in a direct short to ground and burned wiring or a car fire.

Prior to '67 (which pretty much means all our cars) the ignition circuit was not protected by a fuse of any type – agreed, there were fuses for certain items within or on the car but nothing protected the main circuit at all. Beginning in 1967, all Corvettes came with a fusible link protecting the wiring system. A fusible link is nothing more than a type of fuse comprised of fine wire designed to burn through in the event of a short. If the ignition circuit is fed with a 12 gauge wire you use a 4 number smaller fusible link – in this case, a 16 gauge fusible link. A 10 gauge feed would take a 14 gauge fusible link, etc.

For your own protection and the safety of your car – I've looked at burned cars before and it is not a pretty sight – you might want to consider adding a fusible link to your wiring system. Our systems are fed from the large bolt on the starter solenoid through, probably, a 12 gauge black wire. Merely disconnect that wire and splice the appropriate sized fusible link between the large bolt and the wire you removed from the bolt.



Fusible links are available at all auto part stores as well as your local Chevrolet parts shop for about \$4. For those of you with sharp eyes, this is a 14 gauge fusible link for my truck, a spare I had around the garage – this would be too big for most of our C1s as a 16 gauge link would be more appropriate. I bought this at "Advance Auto" and they had the right 16 gauge size – I believe labeled as a Ford or Chrysler part.

Oh, and by the way – while you are busy installing your new fusible link – pull your ignition shield off and check to make certain that the coil is oriented in such a way as to prevent an accidental short of the positive terminal to the shielding. Later Corvette models have a plastic insulator glued to the inside of the shield to prevent such accidental shorts – which seems like a pretty good idea to me.

Reprinted from SACC National website

**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 # _____

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Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: **Kathy Hutchins**
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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 ___

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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.

Direct National SACC Membership questions to:

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Michigan membership dues, inquiries and corrections to the address list should be 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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