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Michigan SACC Newsletter

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2012 SACC Activities

June 2, 2012 **Spring Tour – Chelsea**
RSVP by May 15, 2012
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July 14, 2012 **Corvettes at Summit**
Heritage Park, Canton
Sept 15, 2012 **Paragon Open House**
Swartz Creek

All are invited to enjoy the summer!

NON-MI SACC events

May 20, 2012 Battle Creek Corvette Club
24th Annual Corvette Show
Near Marshall –see page 6
June 17, 2012 Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI
NCRS caravan to show
Contact: Harry Jones, Jr

MI SACC Merchandise

WINDOWS DECALS

Decal replicates the MI SACC logo
\$5.00 each

MI SACC

Tee's & sweatshirts

Polo shirts and hats

Contact Bill Huffman for more details
swh73@comcast.net

Submit order ASAP with check payable to:

Kathy Hutchins, Treasurer, SACC
9417 N. Rich Rd.
Alma, MI 48801



MI SACC – Paragon 2011

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President's Message:

From the President's Laptop

- 1) Spring Cruise on Sat June 2 to Chelsea, MI for a pleasant drive, lunch at the Common Grill at 112 S Main St and shopping in downtown Chelsea. Corvette only parking for the cars has been arranged in the lot **across the street** from the Chelsea State Bank which is located at 305 S Main.
- 2) Corvettes at the Summit, Canton, MI on July 14. Information is available on their website <http://corvettesatthesummit.com>
- 3) Paragon Fall Open House, Swartz Creek, MI on 15 Sept. Information is available on their website <https://www.paragoncorvette.com>

Two additional potential events are in the planning stage, but not firm.

- 1) a tour of the GM Heritage Museum, Warren and
- 2) a tour of Corvette Central, Sawyer, MI.

Stef & I will be attending the BCCC show at Turkeyville (Marshall) on May 20. It is a great Corvette show. This was one of our proposed events, but a bit early. Perhaps we'll see you there. See page 4 for registration information.....

Bill Huffman,
President, MI SACC



Bill Huffman 2012 SACC Nat'l



MI SACC events

- 1) June 2, 2012 –MI SACC will be gathering in Chelsea between 10:00 and 11:00 and browse/shopping in the village (Corvette only parking for the cars has been arranged in the lot **across the street** from the Chelsea State Bank which is located at 305 S Main) followed by lunch at the Common Grille. After lunch enjoy a spring tour through the country side and end up back in Chelsea about 3:00pm.
We need a count for lunch, please advise Bill Huffman by May 15th.
- 2) July 14, 2012 - Corvettes at the Summit, Each member planning on attending this event must register at: <http://corvettesatthesummit.com> and advise Bill Huffman of your intent. MI SACC will be meeting offsite and caravan to the event. In that way we will be parked together. Gathering location info to follow.
- 3) Sept 15, 2012 - Paragon Open House in Swartz Creek is quite an event, music, food and drink; plus preferential pricing on all Corvette parts and accessories. We will be asking for those who plan on attending in early Sept. Paragon like to have an idea on the potential turnout. Any interest in a caravan? Contact Dave Ruby
- 4) GM Heritage Center event – TBD
- 5) Corvette Central visit – TBD
- 6) Woodward Dream Cruise – Interest?
Contact: Dave Ruby
- 7) Have a great Corvette summer!!!!!!!



Rick Smith's 1961

Technically speaking.....

... a voice of experience

By Harry Jones, Jr.

- All SACC Members should have the following in their library as a minimum if you plan on working on your Corvette.
- **Corvette Assembly Instruction Manual.** Can be purchased from Mid-American Designs, Inc. Indicate to them the particular year Manual you need. Mid America does the best job duplicating the manual pictures of all the companies' selling these Manuals. This will give you a pictorial of how the parts go together. However it does not spell out the assembly sequence.
- **1958-1960 Corvette Restoration Handbook** written by Bob Baird PhD, PC., and Tom Howey, MD. Can be purchased from the NCRS library. Contains information about Corvette Assembly processes and over 100 pictures of parts that are used on these three vehicle years.
- **The Complete Corvette Restoration & Technical Guide, Vol 1, 1953 through 1962** written by Noland Adams. Can be purchased from the NCRS library. Contains a gallery of information and pictures of Corvettes including assembly manual pictures and much information about these vehicles and parts.
- **1953 - 1962 Corvette Servicing Guide ST-12.** Can be purchased from the NCRS library. Contains repair and disassembly information and pictures.
- **1953 - 1962 Corvette Wiring Diagrams.** Can be purchased from the NCRS library. 1960 wiring diagram has one mistake in it-dealing with the AMP gage, reverse the wires or the gage will show discharge when the battery is being charged.
- **Chevrolet Passenger Car Shop Manual.** Indicate the year of your Corvette so you obtain the correct manual. Can be purchased from the NCRS library. Contains repair and disassembly information and pictures.
- **Chevrolet Passenger Car Shop Manual Supplement.** Indicate the year of your Corvette so you obtain the correct manual. Can be purchased from the NCRS library. Contains repair and disassembly information and pictures.

Thanks and have a great cruising season from all of us..



Dwight Theodore's 1958

Tech Tips:

Spring Fun - Corvette Style

The spring ritual of firing up the old chariot took a new twist this year. The bias-ply tires on my Roman Red '60 were showing some wear but driving them over the new grooved interstate roads has become more of a challenge than I want to take. In conjunction with the age cracking of the sidewalls, it was time for new tires from Corvette Central.

In pulling off the tire/wheel assembly I found two unexpected problems. First, one of the wheels had elongated holes and second, only one of the 5 rims was correct. Some dunderhead owner (I wonder who ?) had put riveted rims on. Doing some research, I found three different 15 x 5 steel Corvette wheels:



1953- 54 riveted, 1955-62 Pass car



1955 – Mid 1959 > Dog-bone welded Mid 1959 – 1962 > resistance welded

Fortunately, with the help of some good friends in the parts/service business, the old girl is getting a new set of Coker Wide Whitewalls with correct 15x5 welded rims, media blasted, black e-Coated and Roman Red painted faces. Should be done by 2 June. See you in Chelsea. Life is good.

Bill Huffman

Wanted/For Sale



1962 Corvette

- 340 HP 327 - 4 speed
- Roman Red; black interior
- All original except for long tube headers and chambered straight 3 inch pipes.
- Wonderful condition, numbers matching; condition "2" per owner
- Fresh motor and rebuilt transmission
- White soft top in good condition
- New tires. Wonderbar radio does not work
- Asking \$55,000; OBO

For more information contact:
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A note from Arlene Matteson Kalamazoo Corvette Club:

A gentleman contacted me about seeing if anyone was interested in buying his car. He does not have a computer and he sent me a note asking if I would pass his information on.

My husband did go look at it and took the pictures. He said it is a very nice car but maybe not quite as nice as seller rates it. The seller has owned the car for 12 years and it probably was as he rated it

12 years ago. However since he has owned it he really has not done anything to it in that time. So as he notes the car has new tires.....well that might have been since he owned it but they are not new this year.



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2011 - 2012 President

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**Register on your own, this event is not be an official MI SACC event...
But several MI SACC members will be there..**

Corvette Celebration

24th Annual

Sunday May 20, 2012
Show 10:00am-3:00pm
Awards 1:30pm
Gates open at 8:00am



One of the largest Corvettes-only shows!

Cornwell's Turkeyville USA
18935 15-1/2 Mile Road Marshall, MI 49068

Just north of Marshall, located at the corner of 15-1/2 Mile Road and N Drive North. Take Exit 42 off I-69 and go West to Turkeyville

Choose your own spot for parking, lot will be striped.
Enjoy the available food and refreshments (no grills please)
There will be a juried arts and crafts fair on the grounds as well

38 Trophies Awarded

- Trophies for first, second, and third places
- C-1 through C-6, both stock and modified
- Judge's Choice-Best of Show trophy
- People's Choice-Jack Lane Memorial trophy
- Going the Distance-Ray Meesseman Memorial trophy
- \$25 Club Participation Award



NCCC Sanction
#019-044

***Goodie bags & dash plaques
for the first 150 registered!***

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Corvette Year _____ Model _____ Modified: yes no (circle one)

Club _____ NCCC # * _____

Before April 22- \$15 After April 22nd \$20

Total Enclosed _____ Signature _____

Please print, and return with check to:

Corvette Club of Battle Creek, 117 Shadow Bend Lane, Battle Creek MI 49014





DUST OFF YOUR COLLECTOR CAR!
SATURDAY May 19, 2012

WHAT IS A *DUST OFF* YOU ASK?

It's the start of summer and time to get your Antique, Classic,
Muscle Car, Hot Rod, Racer - Trailer Queen,
Show Car,
Motorcycle or Project Car

out of the garage, fire it up and dust it off!
Head to the Gilmore Car Museum **DUST OFF.**

**SUMMER IS HERE and it's time
to enjoy our toys!**

This season opening event is only \$ 5.00 per person if you show
your antique, classic, hot rod, rat rod, muscle car, project car,
racer, low rider, vintage truck...

you get the picture!

Swap Meet space available.

\$7.00 general admission.

Nothing formal - No Trophies- No Pressure
Just dust it off and Join Us
for our 4th annual

DUST OFF
SATURDAY May 19, 2012

Welcome to the Michigan Chapter SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB

Michigan Chapter SACC Membership Application for 2012

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 the National office.



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 : _____.

Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"

SACC publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster, which does not include your street address. The roster does contain names, phone numbers, city & state. 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.

National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground"

If you are a new member the National SACC will send you a Natl. membership # separately.

See WWW.solidaxle.org/forms for national membership application form.

If you are an existing National member please insert your national membership # _____

Please make checks payable to: MISACC and mail to: Kathy Hutchins
MI SACC Treasurer
9417 N Rich Rd
Alma, MI 48801

Questions: (989) 463-1512 , kihh41@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 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 _____

I would be interesting of chairing an event or gathering. Yes ___ No ___

Description of the event or gathering _____

I am currently a member of the following Automotive clubs/organization

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Section awaiting your treasurers

WANT ADS for members

[Submit your ad to druby@comcast.net](mailto:druby@comcast.net)

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). A copy is sent to each member 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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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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