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Lighthouse Tour #2

August 23 - 26, 2024

Tawas to Mackinaw City

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MI Lighthouse Tour #2

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Tawas Point

Don't forget our website

www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com

From President's Laptop

May 2024

Michigan Chapter members,

Turnout was good at our Spring Membership Meeting on Sat, May 11th at the Brookshire Inn in Williamston, MI where we selected Michigan Chapter events for the 2024 driving season. The real challenge was navigating the old chariots thru a Red Cedar River bridge reconstruction zone with W Church St completely blocked.

Our biggest issue this year required us to choose between two conflicting events:

The 2024 SACC National Convention that will be held Aug 21-24, 2024 at Carlisle, PA or Corvette Crossroads at Mackinaw on Aug 24 th and our plan to drive Lighthouse Tour #2.

After consulting with members of the National Board, the decision was easy... Lighthouse Tour #2.

A bunch of old Corvettes driving the Michigan shoreline, having fun, meeting folks, and enjoying a traveling car show is a terrific way of increasing SACC Club awareness.

As we continue with each tour segment, all SACC Members who are Michigan residents, whether Michigan Chapter members or not, are invited to join us for whatever distance you or your car are comfortable with. There is something uniquely satisfying about driving in a traveling car show.

Everybody we meet has a smile, a wave and often a personal story of the one that got away.

As you read the Lighthouse Tour #2 description on pages 3 & 4, please note that there are many places where you could join-up.

First, you are welcome join us for the entire trip or along the way....

Registration to the Crossroads Car Show and lodging at Tawas Bay Beach Resort & Mackinaw City are up to you.

Second, the approximate time for travel to each lighthouse is listed to assist your planning

Please join us, when and if you can.

Remember, every mile of seat time is a good memory!

Bill Huffman, Pres.
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An invitation to all SACC members whether or not you are members of SACC Michigan Chapter to us on **Lighthouse Tour #2 August 22-26, 2024.**

Please advise Bill Huffman of your interest in joining Lighthouse #2 tour (swh73@comcast.net) See itinerary below:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 OPTIONAL, but recommended drive to Tawas..

Thursday overnight >Tawas Bay Beach Resort, 300 East Bay Street, East Tawas, Phone 989-362-8600 (*Their rooms have a water view or city view [providing a view of the parking lot] and offer a military discount if you served in the military (no proof required). Resort has a heated indoor pool, hot tub, dry sauna, restaurant, lounge.) Of course, there are other accommodations in the area if you wish to explore those.*

FYI: the Tawas City Lighthouse is visible in the distance from the water side of the Tawas Bay Beach Resort. The light is located in Tawas Point State Park which requires a recreation passport for entrance. We do not plan to visit this lighthouse as a group, but you may do so on your own Thursday if you wish.)

Friday, August 23, 2024

Breakfast at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort; check out.

10:00 AM – Depart East Tawas to **Sturgeon Point Lighthouse**, 6071 Point Rd., Harrisville (44 miles; 53 min. drive) Sturgeon Point Lighthouse opens at 11AM

In 1869, the Lighthouse Service began construction of the lighthouse at Sturgeon Point to mark the dangerous coastline of its treacherous rocks, shoals and reefs. Sturgeon Point Lighthouse became operational in the spring 1870 and has been in continuous service since 1869. Admission to the museum is free. There is a small fee to climb the lighthouse tower.

12:00 PM- Depart to **Presque Isle New Lighthouse** (1870) Museum and Tower, 4500 East Grand Lake Rd., Presque Isle (54 miles; 1 hour, 12-minute drive) Open daily, 10AM to 5PM. Admission to the museums is free, although a nominal fee (\$5 adults) is charged for tower climbs; weather permitting. The original Keeper's House serves as a visitor's center, museum and gift shop. Museum admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.

By 1868 the Keeper's House for the Old Lighthouse (1840) at Presque Isle Harbor was in such dire need of repair that plans for renovation were drawn up, but these plans were shelved. Instead, this New Lighthouse was built to go into service for the 1871 shipping season. After 152 years later, the New Lighthouse remains an active aid to navigation.

Note: this is the tallest lighthouse on the Great Lakes that can be climbed by the public.

Please note: we do not have an organized lunch stop planned on this route. You may want to pick up a box lunch either in Tawas or on Presque Isle, there is *Ida Mae's Portage Deli* (convenience store at 5472 E. Grand Lake Rd., Presque Isle) that has a varied menu of lunch items. Keep in mind, however, our trip will not arrive there until approximately 1:15 p.m.





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Lighthouse Tour#2

Friday, August 23, 2024 continued

2:30 PM – Depart to **40 Mile Point Lighthouse**, 7323 US 23N, Rogers City. (27 miles; 32 minutes) The park is open year-round from 8AM until dusk. Hours for the lighthouse, museum, pilot house, Glawe school and gift shop are Tuesday-Saturday, 10AM to 4PM. Free admission; donations accepted.



At a cost of \$25,000, the station was completed by the end of 1896. Its 4th Order Fresnel lens has been a welcoming beacon to sailors since May 1897 and is still operating today. Visible on the beach about 200 yards from the light are the remains of the wooden steamer Joseph S. Fay, built in 1871. It was one of the first Great Lakes freighters built for the iron ore trade.

4:00 PM – Depart 40 Mile Point to **Mackinaw City** if attending the **Crossroads Corvette show** on Saturday, August 24. (51 miles; 56 minutes)

Arrive Riviera Motel of Mackinaw City, or alternate overnight accommodations such as the Lighthouse View Motel, 699 N. Huron Ave., Mackinaw City, Phone 231-436-5304 or American Boutique Inn, 517 N. Huron Ave, Mackinaw City , Phone 231-436-5543

FYI, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse is open 9AM to 5:30PM, with last admission at 5PM. Adult admission is \$10.25. (No plans to visit this lighthouse as a group.)



Saturday, August 24, 2024

MISACC group arrangements to enter **Crossroads Corvette show** with cars to park

Sunday, August 25, 2024 After Breakfast

Option #1: Depart to cross the Mackinac Bridge enroute to **Whitefish Point Light Station** and **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**, 18335 N. Whitefish Point Rd., Paradise, MI (80 miles; 1 hr. 31min.). Open daily 9AM to 5PM; Museum admission \$15 Adults; All buildings close at 5PM.

Option #2: Take ferry to **Mackinac Island** for the day on your own.

Return to Mackinaw City motel accommodations for the evening.

Monday, August 26, 2024 – Depart to home





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Lighthouse Tour

We are in need of volunteers that have local knowledge and an interest in assisting with the planning and organization of future MI SACC's Lighthouse Tours.

The proposed routes should be driven to establish daily distances and travel times to provide C1 time for driving, sight seeing, including meals and lodging.

See page 6 for Lighthouse locations in Michigan
Please express your interest below in becoming a member of a future Tour planning team.

Pick a Tour and begin your journey....

#3 Mackinaw City to Traverse City _____

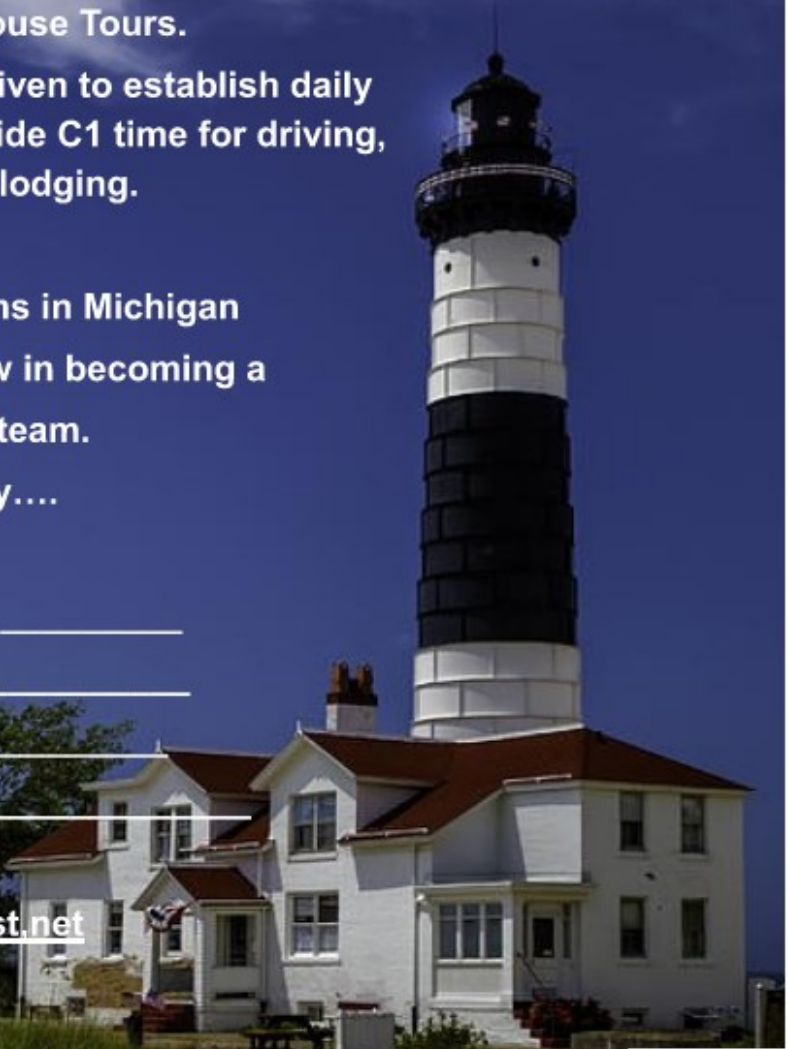
#4 Ludington to Traverse City _____

#5 St. Joseph to White River _____

#6 Your preferred tour _____

Your choice. Pick one and contact

Bill Huffman swh73@comcast.net

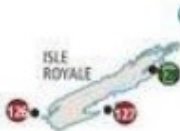


Big Sable Point



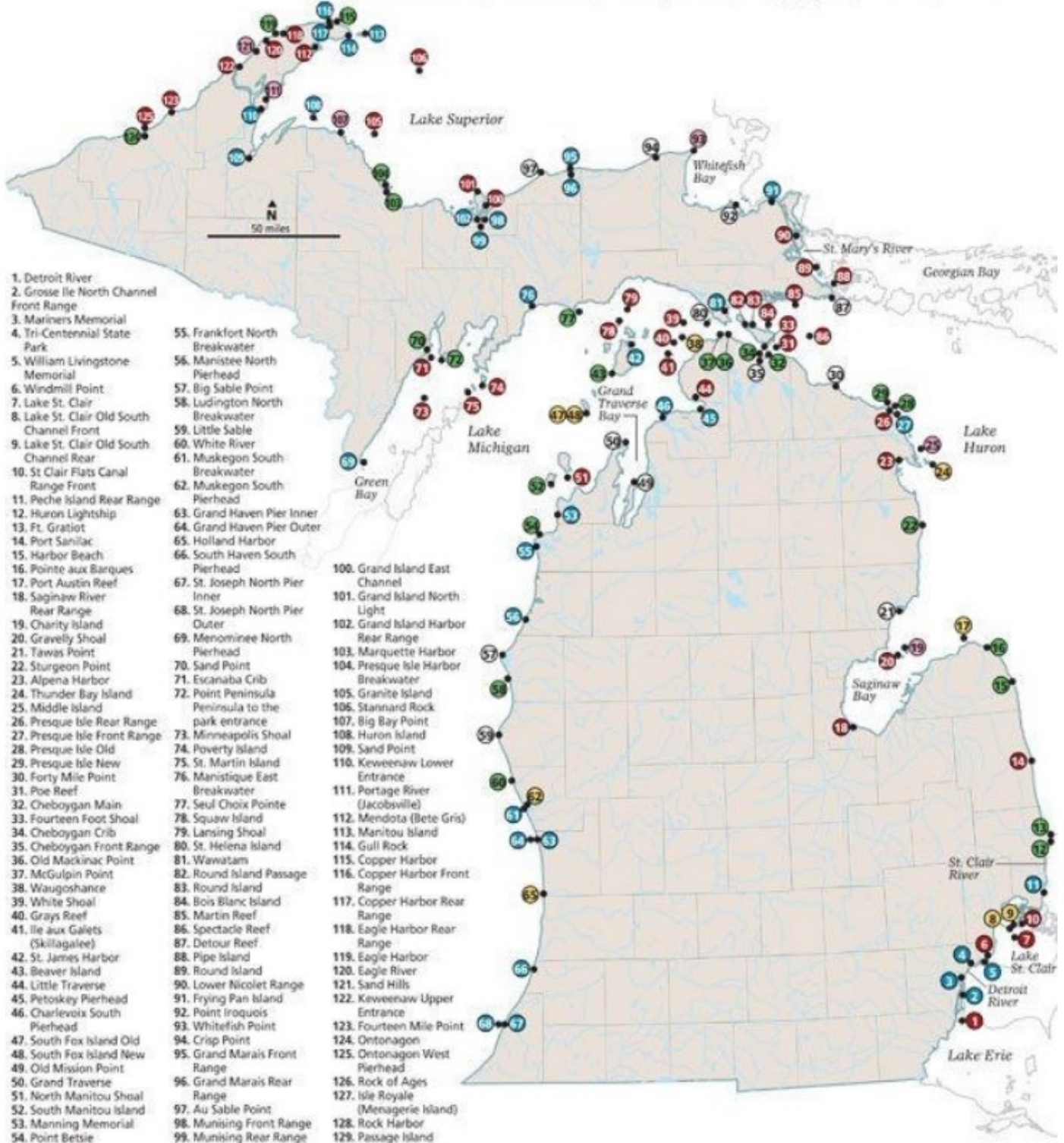
MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouses and navigation lights circle the Great Lakes. This map shows only lights in Michigan.



KEY TO SITES:

- Open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis
- Open to the public on a limited schedule
- Grounds, pier open, but buildings closed to the public
- Offers a lighthouse keeper program
- Bed-and-breakfast
- Not open to the public



1. Detroit River
2. Grosse Ile North Channel Front Range
3. Mariners Memorial
4. Tri-Centennial State Park
5. William Livingstone Memorial
6. Windmill Point
7. Lake St. Clair
8. Lake St. Clair Old South Channel Front
9. Lake St. Clair Old South Channel Rear
10. St. Clair Flats Canal Range Front
11. Peche Island Rear Range
12. Huron Lightship
13. Ft. Gratiot
14. Port Sanilac
15. Harbor Beach
16. Pointe aux Barques
17. Port Austin Reef
18. Saginaw River Rear Range
19. Charity Island
20. Gravelly Shoal
21. Tawas Point
22. Sturgeon Point
23. Alpena Harbor
24. Thunder Bay Island
25. Middle Island
26. Presque Isle Rear Range
27. Presque Isle Front Range
28. Presque Isle Old
29. Presque Isle New
30. Forty Mile Point
31. Poe Reef
32. Cheboygan Main
33. Fourteen Foot Shoal
34. Cheboygan Crib
35. Cheboygan Front Range
36. Old Mackinac Point
37. McGulpin Point
38. Waugoshance
39. White Shoal
40. Grays Reef
41. Ile aux Galets (Skillagalee)
42. St. James Harbor
43. Beaver Island
44. Little Traverse
45. Petoskey Pierhead
46. Charlevoix South Pierhead
47. South Fox Island Old
48. South Fox Island New
49. Old Mission Point
50. Grand Traverse
51. North Manitou Shoal
52. South Manitou Island
53. Manning Memorial
54. Point Betsie
55. Frankfort North Breakwater
56. Manistee North Pierhead
57. Big Sable Point
58. Ludington North Breakwater
59. Little Sable
60. White River
61. Muskegon South Breakwater
62. Muskegon South Pierhead
63. Grand Haven Pier Inner
64. Grand Haven Pier Outer
65. Holland Harbor
66. South Haven South Pierhead
67. St. Joseph North Pier Inner
68. St. Joseph North Pier Outer
69. Menominee North Pierhead
70. Sand Point
71. Escanaba Crib
72. Point Peninsula Peninsula to the park entrance
73. Minneapolis Shoal
74. Poverty Island
75. St. Martin Island
76. Manistique East Breakwater
77. Seul Choix Pointe
78. Squaw Island
79. Lansing Shoal
80. St. Helena Island
81. Wawatam
82. Round Island Passage
83. Round Island
84. Bois Blanc Island
85. Martin Reef
86. Spectacle Reef
87. Detour Reef
88. Pipe Island
89. Round Island
90. Lower Nicolet Range
91. Frying Pan Island
92. Point Iroquois
93. Whitefish Point
94. Crisp Point
95. Grand Marais Front Range
96. Grand Marais Rear Range
97. Au Sable Point
98. Munising Front Range
99. Munising Rear Range
100. Grand Island East Channel
101. Grand Island North Light
102. Grand Island Harbor Rear Range
103. Marquette Harbor Breakwater
104. Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater
105. Granite Island
106. Stannard Rock
107. Big Bay Point
108. Huron Island
109. Sand Point
110. Keweenaw Lower Entrance
111. Portage River (Jacobsville)
112. Mendota (Bete Gris)
113. Manitou Island
114. Gull Rock
115. Copper Harbor
116. Copper Harbor Front Range
117. Copper Harbor Rear Range
118. Eagle Harbor Rear Range
119. Eagle Harbor
120. Eagle River
121. Sand Hills
122. Keweenaw Upper Entrance
123. Fourteen Mile Point
124. Ontonagon
125. Ontonagon West Pierhead
126. Rock of Ages
127. Isle Royale (Menagerie Island)
128. Rock Harbor
129. Passage Island

SOURCE: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, www.gllka.com

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Convention 2024

-- August 21 - 24, 2024 --

SACC rotates convention locations from East to West to Central areas. This year we will be in the East and will join with Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle, PA for our annual convention. When you register you will be provided web site information where you will make your reservation with our group. Our host hotel is in a nearby small town with an easy drive to the Carlisle Fairgrounds. The discounted room rate is \$199.00 per night.

- Wed 8/21**
- The National Board will hold its meeting at 9 AM in the hotel meeting room.
 - The Chapter Representatives will meet with the board at 2 PM. All members are encouraged to come.
 - We will hold our welcome reception at the hotel at 6 PM with a catered meal in the breakfast area, for all registered members. Immediately following will be the Annual Meeting, all members of SACC can attend and vote.

- Thur 8/22**
- We will host a Corvette workshop. An alternate event will be offered for the spouses.
 - The Board and Volunteers will set up our display tent at Corvettes at Carlisle.



Fri 8/23
Sat 8/24

CARLISLE
REGISTRATION *Events*

WE WILL BE ENJOYING CORVETTES AT CARLISLE!

Please make your own arrangements with Carlisle for tickets, parking and their events.



Looking forward to seeing all our members!!



2024 SACC National Convention

August 21 - 24, 2024 We are joining forces with Corvettes at Carlisle!

- 1. Name _____ Spouse or guest _____
- 2. Address _____
- 3. Chapter _____ SACC Membership # _____
- 4. Cell Phone # _____ Arrival date _____
- 5. Email address _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Covers Welcome Party and Annual Banquet Dinner, hotel dedicated parking area, parking lot security at the hotel, signs demarcating dedicated parking area, use of the meeting room, posters/easels/office supplies.

- \$250.00 for 2 people \$190.00 for single attendees

Make checks payable to SACC Convention. You will receive instructions on where to make your room reservation after your registration has been received.

Hold Harmless Agreement: I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of insurance to SACC. I assume the risk of any and all damages or acts of omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or to others occurring during or as a consequence of this convention. I agree to send proof of vehicle insurance covering the convention dates. I will abide by Federal, State and local guidelines to prevent contagious diseases and virus spread and that SACC is not responsible for any transmission of these diseases.

Year _____ License tag# _____ State _____

Exterior color _____ Trailer YES or NO

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____ Expires _____

Signature _____

**Mail completed form and payment to:
Mary Rae Brockhouse • 215 Cedar Drive • Chapin, Illinois 62628**

2024 Proposed MISACC Events

Bill Huffman handed out a list of possible events for the Michigan Chapter members to consider for this driving season. The proposed events were briefly discussed and members were asked about their interest. The following events were selected to for this driving season:

☐ **Sunday, June 2 - Bakers of Milford** restaurant, 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, MI

(Bakers has a classic car show every Sunday afternoon in the warm months) – to be confirmed for club participation. Tom Gamache offered to call Bakers to ask if they could reserve 8 to 10 parking spots for our club to park together as this is a very popular car show venue. More info to follow..

☐ **Sunday, July 21 - Gilmore Car Museum Best of the Bowties Corvette & Camaro Show**,

Hickory Corners, MI. Show is 9 AM – 4 PM on the Campania Barn Lawn.

Registration is required \$20 per vehicle (pre-registration is recommended).

Participant gate open from 8 AM to 12 PM. Website is www.gilmorecarmuseum.org.

☐ **Thursday, August 22 –26 Lighthouse Tour #2**

Tawas to Mackinaw City route, details on pgs 3 & 4 with further details to follow.

This tour will begin in Tawas preceding the **Corvette Crossroads** car show.

if you wish to join TOUR #2 or join us for an hour or 1/2 day..

Please notify Bill Huffman (swh73@comcast.net)

☐ **Saturday, August 24 Corvette Crossroads**, Mackinaw City, MI

9:00 a.m. – (Note: we normally make this a weekend trip – travel up Friday, return Monday)

suggested reservations at Riviera Motel, phone 231-436-5577 or Lighthouse View Motel phone 800-434-1659
More information can be found on the website: www.mackinawchamber.com on their “Events” page. The car show location will be at the wharf next to Conkling Heritage Park. If you are planning to attend, please let Bill Huffman know. Registration fee is \$30.00

Register online: www.mackinawchamber.com/product/corvette-crossroads-registration/

☐ **Saturday, October 12 - Fall Color Ride** – route TBD– possibly start at either Chelsea or Dexter.

☐ **Saturday, December 7 - MISACC Christmas Lunch** - location to be determined; Tom Gamache offered to make a couple calls for possible locations.

For any of the 2024 MISACC events

please Contact Bill Huffman swh73@comcast.net if planning to attend.



Welcome to the Michigan Chapter
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB



Michigan Chapter SACC Membership or Renewal Application - New___ Renewal___
Yr.____

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.

SACC Annual dues are	1 year	\$45.00
Michigan Chapter SACC dues are		\$15.00.
TOTAL		\$60.00

Chapter dues include our quarterly Chapter Newsletter "Michigan"

SACC National Membership includes the quarterly magazine "On Solid Ground"

If you are a new

National member please insert your National membership # _____

Please make checks payable to: MI SACC and mail to: Paul Lemieux
MI SACC Treasurer
403 Loris Lane
Oxford, MI 48371

NOTE:
New members please send several photos of all your C1 Corvettes and a face shot of you (and your spouse, together, if you have one) to:
druby1938@gmail.com

Questions: contact Paul Lemieux > jplvet9@gmail.com

Applicant Name _____ Co-Applicant: _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone _____ Work/Cell: _____

E-Mail _____ Fax: _____

C1 Corvettes presently owned -

Solid Axle VIN # 1 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

Solid Axle VIN # 2 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

Solid Axle VIN # 3 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

Solid Axle VIN # 4 _____ Yr _____ Color _____

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 interested in attending the planning meeting Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Visit our website: www.solidaxlecorvettemi.com

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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, and 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 page 9

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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