LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The GREAT LAKES COBRA CLUB was officially brought to life back in the spring of 2001 and I have had the privilege of serving as your President since its birth. Last month, I informed the other Officers and Committee heads that I will not be seeking re-election for President nor will I be running for any club office in our November 2005 club election. This is a deeply personal decision as work and personal demands on my time have grown exponentially to the point I had to let go of something. I plan to remain active within the club and will participate in as many functions as possible. I would like to thank the other Officers, Committee heads, and most of all the many wonderful members whom I have met over the last 4½ years for the great friendships and great times. GREAT LAKES COBRA CLUB members are the best!

I do have another important announcement to make. Wes Rozan has offered to become our new editor for The Inside Track. Starting with the next issue of The Inside Track, Wes will be your go-to person for everything related to the newsletter. Fran Coulter and I will get Wes up to speed on the use of Microsoft Publisher but we need everyone else to help out by supplying those articles and photos that make the newsletter fun, interesting, and informative. As before, e-mail your articles to Wes in Microsoft Word format and your photos as .jpg files. Wes Rozan’s e-mail address is wircobra706@aol.com. Unless we decide otherwise, the closing date for all newsletter articles and information will remain the first of each month. Many thanks to Wes for stepping up and shouldering this important task!

There is still time to sign up for the 3rd annual GLCC Christmas party. The deadline is November 28th and I know that I have said this before but you really don’t want to miss this party. This is an elegant evening of relaxing with your fellow Cobra owners and enjoying a fantastic meal. Look at page 3 of this month’s issue to see the notice about the party and give Ingrid Reis a call. She has been planning this party for many months and I know from firsthand experience that everything will be out of this world great! Don’t forget about the gift exchange – it was one of the highlights of last year’s party. The gift exchange got plenty of laughs and was great entertainment for everyone.

The November meeting will be held at Andrico’s in Fenton (7:00 PM on November 15th). In addition to the election of GLCC officers, we will need to spend some time discussing our options for picking a permanent club meeting spot. If you have ideas on a location that you would like to see considered, now is the time to make it known. I hope to see a great turnout at the meeting! See you on the 15th!

Joe Pappas
I. **Meeting was called to order** at Toscani Grille at 7:25 p.m. – 23 members in attendance

II. **September minutes** posted in newsletter – mailed day before the meeting.

III. **Treasurer’s Report** given by Doug Lentz – Account balance is $2,630 (includes $325 collected for Hospice); all bills paid. Two members already paid 2006 dues.

IV. **Cruise and Special Event Committee Report** given by Terry Anway.
   - Halloween Cruise with Kaz Mamon bikers – Will be on Saturday, October 29th. An event to help special needs children that cannot go trick or treating to celebrate Halloween.
   - GLCC 2005 Christmas Party – Party to be held December 10th at Maggiano’s. Cost is $45 per person, checks should be sent to Ingrid Reis to hold your spot. Contact Ingrid Reis for more details. GLCC members can invite non-member guests to the Christmas party if they would like.
   - **Cobra Sculpture Raffle** – Art work was at meeting with tickets for sale.

V. **Club Merchandise & Apparel:** Jim Binder discussed creating a GLCC holiday shirt with the WWDC logo. Contact Jim if interested.

VI. **Membership Committee:** Linda Rennie reported 127 members as of the October meeting.

VII. **Guest Speaker – Margaret (Peggy) O’Hare, Hospice of Michigan:** Linda Rennie invited Peggy to the meeting to speak about the Hospice organization what they do and how GLCC can help to support the organization through various events.
   - One in four individuals will need Hospice care. Hospice of Michigan has an “Open Access Policy” that provides Hospice to patients regardless of age, diagnosis, age, insurance coverage or ability to pay. No one is turned down. The funds to pay for open access are entirely through fund raising and donations.
   - Hospice of Michigan has started a new project for 2006 called “In your own words”. This project allows patients to tell life stories to leave behind in the form of video, DVD, or recording. The service is entirely funded by donations and GLCC may be able to help fund this project.
   - Peggy suggested an idea of a “Reminiscence Cruise” that begins at Hospice of Michigan and finishes at a local nursing home. This would offer patients the opportunity to gather around our amazing cars, reminisce about their youth (and cars) and talk to the enthusiastic owners.
   - Other Hospice fundraising events occur throughout the year that we may want to participate in including: the annual fall fund raiser “Crystal Rose Ball”, Fish Fry in Ludington, “Blessing of the Bikes” in Gaylord, and a summer event in Detroit.

VIII. **Newsletter after 2005:** Joe Pappas and Fran Coulter will be publishing the last newsletter of 2005 and are still looking for a volunteer to take over for 2006. If you are interested in volunteering contact Joe Pappas or Fran Coulter for more information.

IX. **Meeting Location** – November meeting at **Andricos in Fenton** at which time the club will discuss and vote for permanent locations for odd/even month meetings.

X. **Officer Elections** – to be held at the November meeting. Officer positions are for a two year term and are held on odd years. All officer positions are available, Karen to send out an e-mail to determine nominations prior to the November meeting.

XI. **Next Club Meeting:** Tuesday; November, 15th 2005 - 7:00 pm at Andrico’s in Fenton.

XII. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.
The Inside Track

Come join us for
The Great Lakes Cobra Club
3rd Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 10, 2005
6:30-12:00   Dinner at 7:00

Maggiano’s Little Italy
2089 West Big Beaver Road, Troy
$45.00 per person
Limited seating - Cash Bar
Reserved seating upon payment to
Ingrid Reis, 8020 High Pointe Trail
White Lake, MI 48386
Reservation cut off date, Monday, November 28
Bring a gift to exchange (approx. $20 per participant)

Do you recognize this number? It is the winning number in our ATI (Advanced Technologies Inc.) raffle that we held at the October meeting. Guess what? No one stepped forward with the winning number – at least so far. So dig out your ATI raffle ticket stubs and check them out. You could be the winner of approximately $300 of suspension related work on your Cobra! Don’t wait and do it now. If 247003 belongs to you, give Jim Binder a call at 586 634-0361 and he will hook you up with the folks at ATI. One small detail, you have to produce your ticket stub…
Kids in a Candy Store

By Jim Binder

Each November the Las Vegas Convention Center plays host to SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association) where it showcases its member’s latest offerings of aftermarket performance parts and custom accessories.

This year, following a 4-1/2 hour flight from Detroit, GLCC members Jim Binder and Joe Pappas began a 2-day adventure into the realm of speed equipment, beautiful women and exotic automobiles.

The adventure began by viewing prominent displays from the major automakers GM, Ford and Chrysler. Significant examples of both current as well as vintage offerings could be seen without barriers allowing close scrutiny of these valuable automobiles. Familiar names like Roush, Cosworth, Edelbrock, McCloud, and Holley were scattered over acres of well-groomed isles filled with over 100,000 enthusiasts looking for the latest and greatest parts for their favorite ride. Shelby’s name appeared on several displays selling everything from wheels to car care products. Additionally, continuation Shelby Mustangs built from 60’s donor cars as well as 2006 Mustang GT’s with Shelby upgrades could be reviewed for later purchase. Tuner car parts and accessories were everywhere and noted to be the fastest growing segment of the performance market. Celebrities from Dream Car Garage, My Classic Car etc. could be seen walking in the crowds, with the notable Chip Foose drawing the majority of the attention.

An area of particular interest was Fords static Drag race simulator, where the driver of a fully functional Mustang GT could challenge the clock while the vehicle was put through its paces on a chassis dynamometer. A new high performance energy drink from NOS drew lesser crowds by comparison, but is still worth noting as a crowd pleaser.

For 2 full days Jim and Joe were like a couple of kids in a candy store and yes plans regarding next years adventure are already being discussed.
1996 Superformance 65 Shelby COBRA 427 S/C 2251 Miles, Dynamic Motorsports Demo Show Car, 460 Cobra Jet SVO Engine, 550 hp @ 6350 rpm, 530ft/lbs torque at 4750, 5 speed trans. MSD Ignition w/ Optima Deep Cycle battery, $45,000 or best offer. Call Jerod Swallow at 248-893-9808.

Superformance 427 S/C COBRA—SPF579, blk/gold stripes, 5,400 miles, 427 FE/500+hp by Bill Parham/Southern Automotive, Much Much More... $62,000 Contact John at (937) 935-1062 or E-mail cobra427@mac.com

Air Cleaners— Aluminum billet top with cast bottom. 81/2 X15 X2 K&N filter. Designed for low hood clearance applications. Can be machined to fit. $325 Contact: Terry Anway (810) 397-8475

Thinking about building a FFR? Moore Performance (FFR recommended builder) can save you money on kits and freight if you order through us. For info, call Matt: (419) 898-0059 Web site: www.mooreperformance.net

Everett-Morrison COBRA—Built 1997. 466 cid, 560 hp, Blue Thunder heads and intake, TKO 5 speed, MSD. Too much to list. POR. Contact Joe Pappas 248 830-7500

2003 Superformance S/C COBRA—522 cid BB Ford, 601 hp @ 5300 rpm, 618 ft lb @ 4600, turkey roaster, Tremec 5 spd, 795 miles, quick jacks, Titanium/black. $55,000. Contact Al Green 248 620-2875.

Superformance COBRA—Guardsman blue w/Whimbleton white stripes and rondells. FORD Windsor stroker engine 430 H.P., Tremec TKOII Trans, Accusump, 3000 miles. POR - Jim Binder 313 884-2512.

Cobra Side Pipes—2” dia.pipe, 50” long w/manifold extensions. $200.00—Doug Lentz 810 735-4721 or 810 573-9920.


427 Side Oiler Engine— Just freshened. 500 hp, cast iron heads, medium rise. Contact Mike Bird. 248 783-1070 or 517 914-6846 (cell).

Superformance COBRA—SN 69– 351 Crate engine, 385 hp, single plane intake with Pro Systems carb, TKO trans, MSD, Trigos. Contact Mike Bird. 248 783-1070 or 517 914-6846 (cell).

2005 Lonestar LSC Cobra - 409 cid motor. 351 w/409 stroker kit from CHP, 5 spd, MSD ign, GT40P Ford heads CNC ported, Boyd Coddington Smoothie 2 wheels, candy red w/ sliver stripes. $41,000 or best offer. Call Larry Markov 586-469-1122 home or 313-606-5756 pager.

Mickey Thompson tires mounted on Halibrand replica knock-off wheels (Ford bolt pattern). (2) 26x8.5-15 and (2) 29x12.5-15. $900. Contact Barb Rossbach at 248 969-2823.

The Great Lakes Cobra Club Upcoming Events...

November 15 - GLCC Meeting at Andrico's, Fenton
December 10 - 3rd Annual GLCC Christmas party, Maggiano’s Little Italy, Troy
December 25 - Christmas Day - think Cobra gifts!
January 1 - Happy New Year!
The Great Lakes Cobra Club meets at 7:00 pm, the third Tuesday of every month (except December and January).

Watch for a permanent meeting place to be announced here soon!!!