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WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE THE GLCC

You have got to love this Fall weather which has graced us these past several weeks. The sunshine, warm temps, awesome smells, and fantastic palette of color have been intoxicating. Hopefully each of you has had the opportunity to enjoy the "Pure Michigan" essence of the Fall season from the open cockpit of your Cobra.

With the driving season rapidly coming to a close, our focus is beginning to shift toward our indoor activities. For some, that will mean putting the old Snake away until Spring. For others, it just offers more time to tinker with the "garage toy". Most of us are never quite satisfied with what we have...we always want that little extra. It is little wonder that companies like Summit Racing and Jegs are probably busier in the "off" season vs. the "on" season. Let's just face it, we are all kids at heart and the lure of playing with our car toys keeps us young.

There are some important indoor things that all GLCC members can do in the next few months. They are: come to our club meetings and plan on coming to the Holiday party. Our last two meetings of 2010 will be held in October (Richard's Family Restaurant, Livonia) and November (Gino's Pizzeria, Keego Harbor). Our first meeting of 2011 is planned for February at a location to be determined at next Tuesday's meeting. The 2010 Holiday party is planned for Saturday December 4th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Troy. The Holiday party is a "don't miss it" event and the ambiance of Maggiano's coupled with the great friends, great food, and great fun (don't forget the "dirty Santa gift exchange – always good for lots of laughs) makes for one memorable evening.

In this month's issue of The Inside Track, we have included coverage of the Frankenmuth AutoFest and a look at the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races. Make sure to check out the flyer for the Holiday party and mark that date on your rapidly filling holiday calendar. Next month, we are planning an article on the NSRS show in Kalamazoo, coverage of Lynn's and my recent Cobra trip to Colorado, a visit to a petroliana collection in Rock Island Illinois, and more!

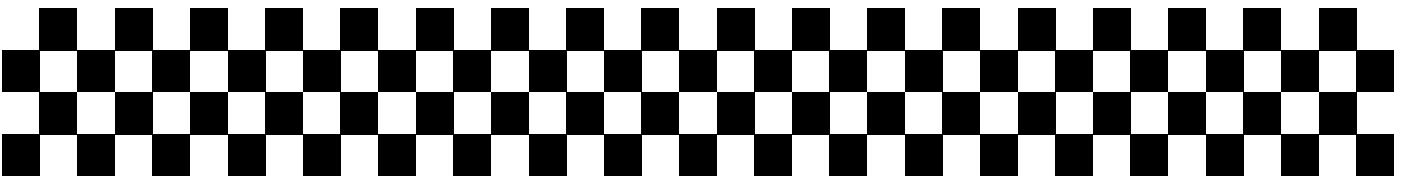
We hope to see everyone at Richard's Family Restaurant on Tuesday October 19th. We have some important club business to conduct concerning our By-Laws and need your participation. Show up early and enjoy a tasty meal prior to the meeting. See you there!

Joe Pappas, Editor

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COOL WEBSITES FOR YOU TO BROWSE

BY JOE PAPPAS

www.AmericanPowertrain.com

American Powertrain of Cookeville, Tennessee offers its White Lightning TKO 5 speed shifter. This shifter offers is extremely versatile and is most certainly way above anything else like it out in the marketplace. The American Powertrain site is full of some fantastic driveline parts that are sure to get your attention.

Stop by the site and see for yourself. You will not be disappointed!



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Almost all Cobra owners have some sort of fire extinguisher on board. Macs Tie Downs manufactures a new quick release fire extinguisher bracket that features CNC billet aluminum construction and stainless steel hardware. While you are visiting the Macs site, take a look at the dozens of other tie down products that Macs produces.



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Give us your **COOL WEBSITES** so everyone can share in the fun. Send me an e-mail with the information and see it posted here. Send e-mail to Joe Pappas at pappas9@comcast.net

NEXT GLCC CLUB MEETING IS OCTOBER 19th AT RICHARD'S FAMILY RESTAURANT IN LIVONIA AT 7:00 PM- COME EARLY AND HAVE DINNER!!!

Tuesday, September 21, 2010- GLCC Meeting Minutes

- I. **Meeting called to order** at Gino's Pizzeria in Keego Harbor by President Terry Anway at 7:00 pm. No new members were present.
- II. **Introduction of Officers:** President Terry Anway, Vice-President Dave Swanson, Treasurer Dave Courter were present. Secretary Lynn Pappas was absent.
- III. **Minutes** from the August meeting were published in the September newsletter.
- IV. **Treasurer's report:** Dave Courter reported the current balance as (Please go to website and view pdf meeting minutes for amount).
- V. **Events:**
 - a. Upcoming Club Events:
 - i. **GLCC Christmas Party:** December 4; cost is \$50 per person, open bar. Sign up with Karen Anway.
- VI. **Membership:**
 - a. Current members: 84; one new member Todd Andrews.
- VII. **Merchandise Committee:**
- VIII. **Old Business:**
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. Doug Lentz suggested getting a car inspector from the National Street Rod Association to be a speaker at a future meeting.
 - b. New meeting locations were discussed including Richards in Plymouth, On the Border on Baldwin Road, and Logan's at Great Lakes Crossing. It was decided to hold the October meeting at Richards, Ekles and Plymouth Road.
 - c. Dave Swanson suggested updating the website, including different links and car problems/information. He is looking for suggestions and others willing to help and will send an email to get volunteers.
 - d. A motion was made by Karen Anway to give Doug Lentz \$600 to shop early for WDC. Seconded by Dave Swanson; passed.
 - e. Doug Lentz made a motion to buy a raffle ticket tumbler, seconded by Dave Courter; passed.
 - f. Dave Swanson is looking for more drivers for the Go-Cart club races. Current dues paid members only can get the trophy.
- X. **Raffle:** \$65 collected. First prize of a Shelby book was won by Doug Lentz. Second prize of a WDC/GLCC T-shirt was won by Dan Ross.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Burger.



8TH ANNUAL GLCC CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010
6:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.

HOLD THE DATE AND JOIN GREAT LAKES COBRA CLUB FOR SOME HOLIDAY FUN!

The club had has voted to return to a Holiday favorite - Maggiano's Little Italy for 2010.



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For our holiday party Maggiano's offers:

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 - Chicken Piccata
 - Beef Tenderloin w/ Zip
 - Potatoes Anna
 - Vegetable Medley
 - Spumoni Ice Cream
 - Open Premium Bar
- A private banquet room for 60 people, which is elegantly decorated, including a Christmas tree and our own private bar.
- A staff assigned to our room for the evening.
- All this for \$50 per person, including cocktails tax and tip



Optional game - "Dirty Santa" - if you would like to play, bring a wrapped gift under \$20 and take turns opening a new gift, stealing or trading a gift. (One gift per couple or per person)

e-mail: Jim Binders at sasgroup@comcast.net or Karen Anway at karen.anway@towerwatson.com
 by **October 27th** if you can join us.

PURE STOCK MUSCLE CAR DRAG RACES

By Joe Pappas with Photos by Chip Bliem

Each September, the Mid-Michigan Motorplex hosts the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags which bring together a fantastic cross section of the finest examples of 1955 to 1974 factory built muscle cars. Being an old drag racer myself, there is nothing better than watching vintage door slammers competing pretty much heads up in best of 3 runs. The strict rules that each competitor must adhere to ensure a fantastic show for both the drivers and the folks in the stands.

This year Mike Pikelis and Chip Bliem made the trek to Stanton, Michigan to enjoy a day in the sun watching the action. Did I say day in the sun? Well, the sun forgot to shine and the liquid falling from the heavens prevented any on-track action until very late in the day but our intrepid GLCC members did not let a little rain dampen their day. For your enjoyment, Chip supplied some great photos to share with you.

For more information on the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races go to <http://www.purestockdrags.com>. They have a great website. Don't forget to take a look at their rulebook. Only then you can appreciate how much effort they put into making sure that STOCK means STOCK.



The rain on the windshield and on the starting line gives an indication as to what the rest of the day held in store. Chip and Mike made the best of the situation by poking their heads (and camera) into parked trailers, under open hoods, and around the pits to bring us a taste of what the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races has to offer.

The photos on the next page provide a cross section of the fine quality of cars on hand. How many cars and engines can you identify?

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PURE STOCK MUSCLE CAR DRAG RACES

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REGULATORY ALERT (UPDATE)

SAN Members Say “No” to More Ethanol in Gasoline

The SEMA Action Network wants to thank the hundreds of members who asked President Obama to stop the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from raising the ethanol content in gasoline. The SAN worked with a number of other organizations to generate more than 22,000 total e-mailed letters. The collective effort spanned a broad cross-section of industries, including boating interests, grocers, convenience stores and, of course, car enthusiasts.

The EPA is expected to rule by late October on whether to raise the ethanol content in gasoline from 10 percent (E10) to 15 percent (E15) for late-model cars. It could permit the use in other cars at a later date.

The SAN is opposing the initiative due to concerns that the additional content will harm automobiles of all ages, including special interest collector and historic vehicles. Ethanol increases water formation in the fuel system, especially when the vehicle sits over a period of time. Under these conditions, formic acid is created which corrodes metals, plastics and rubber. Ethanol also causes engines to burn hotter which could lead to premature engine and equipment failure. The EPA has no procedure in place to adequately protect against misfueling or to ensure that gasoline with no ethanol will continue to be available for owners of older vehicles.

We will let you know when the EPA issues its decision. Meanwhile, we are taking this opportunity to thank our SAN members for their effective response. Questions/comments may be directed to Steve McDonald at stevem@sema.org.

Original Action Alert: <http://www.semasan.com/main/main.aspx?id=62807>

THE GREAT LAKES COBRA CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS...

Events

12/4/10 GLCC Holiday Party at
Maggiano's Little Italy, Troy, MI

Meeting Dates

10/19/10 Richard's Family Restaurant,
Livonia, MI
11/16/10 Gino's Pizzeria, Keego Harbor

2010 FRANKENMUTH AUTOFEST

By Joe Pappas with Photos by Chip Bliem

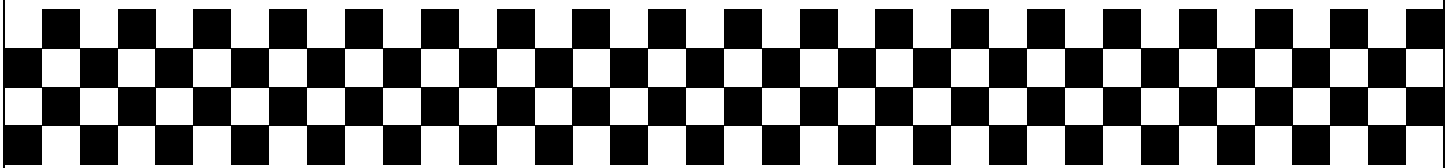
The 27th annual Frankenmuth AutoFest was held September 10th through 12th in Heritage Park on the banks of the Cass River in Downtown Frankenmuth. Throughout the years, this event has been known as one of Michigan's premier auto events. Open to cars of 1978 vintage and older, this event typically attracts over 1000 cars with events running 3 days (and nights)! Friday weather was fantastic and the cars came out in droves. Saturday brought showers but did not dampen the crowd's enthusiasm. Sunday again brought sunshine and good times. As always, parking was by permit only for registered cars with trophies awarded the top cars in at least 20 different categories.

Thanks to Chip Bliem for providing the great photos of this year's event.



There is only one view like this in all of the world—the view from the cockpit of a COBRA. Chip shot this from the passenger seat of Tom Keel's Everett Morrison Cobra on the way into town.

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This 1933 Ford contained a period correct flathead equipped with Sharp cylinder heads—a common hot rod hop up item in the 1940's.



I have it on good authority that a certain GLCC member with the initials DW has more than a passing love for these old COE trucks. Hey there Mr. DW, I'm with you on this. Back in my very much younger days I drove one of these and boy the view was exceptional from way up there (if you get my drift)...

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Modern technology meets vintage technology heading south in Downtown Frankenmuth.



Tell me where to sign up! You may not NEED one of these, but you really WANT one of these!



GLCC WANT ADS

Notice to all GLCC members. Use this space to sell ANYTHING you want. Do you have some unneeded parts, an engine, transmission, tires, or an entire car? Hey, we don't care what you have. List it here for free. Contact Joe Pappas at pappas9@comcast.net or 248 830-7500 with your information and see it here.

FOR SALE—Ford 302 engine from 1987 Ford Mustang. The short block and heads appear to be in good shape (rebuildable). Parts available include the intake, flywheel, and the Ram Induction. The engine does not contain a cam and is missing one exhaust header and injectors. Listed below are the Ford Part Numbers of the major components:

Block - 23 GL26 23 ETTE CA

Pistons - 72E 6110-6A

Intake - RF-E6SE-9K461-D2A Tag 21662

Flywheel - RF-E1ZR6880-A2A

Ram Induction - RF-E7ZE-9425-C4B

Package price is \$250. Contact Bob Matouka at

248 884-4474 or email at rpmoakland@comcast.net



LS1 ENGINE FOR SALE

Engine is from '04 GTO—same as used on '04 Corvette. Less than 10,000 miles. Comes with engine harness and coil packs. \$3,800 plus freight from PA (approx \$200). Contact Matt Moore 419 898-0059 or email at mooreperformance1@yahoo.com

HAULMARK TRAILER FOR SALE

20' enclosed trailer with checkerboard vinyl and rear ramp door. Moduline alu-

ing and brakes in perfect condition. Twin breakaway brake system. Twin hubs. 4 floor mounted D rings. GLCC graphics on it but they can be removed with heat gun. Price is a bargain at \$3500. Contact Joe Pappas at 248 830-7500 or pappas9@comcast.net for photos or information.

SOLD

flooring, polished aluminum diamond plate runners minium cabinet with galvanized steel top. All lighting. Comes with emergency battery operated 3500# torsion tube axles equipped with EZ Lube

Trailer is very clean and well maintained. Trailer has

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Stainless side pipe mufflers from Everett Morrison Cobra for sale. No collectors or turnouts. Only on the car for 4000 miles. Contact Tom Keel at 810 240-2464 or email at tom1945@comcast.net

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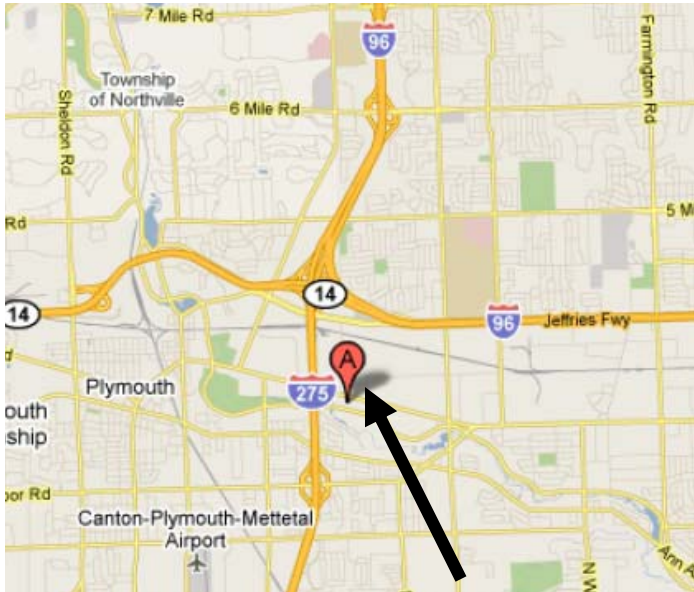
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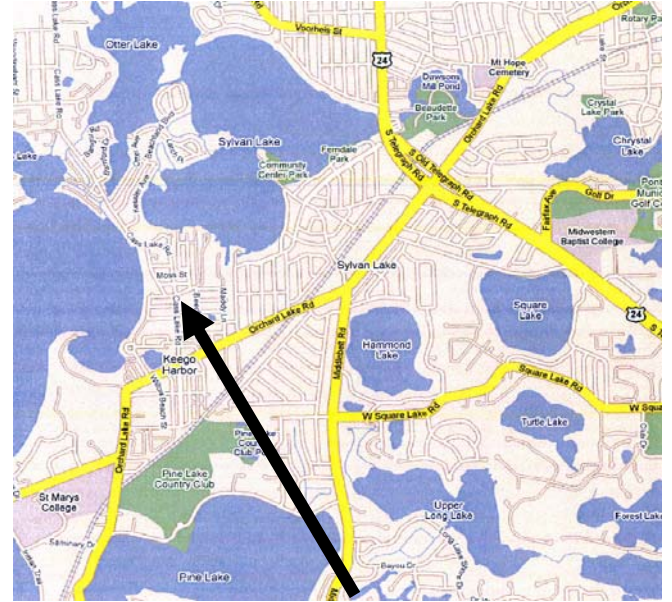
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THE GREAT LAKES COBRA CLUB
MEETING PLACES

The Great Lakes Cobra Club meets at 7:00 pm, the third Tuesday of every month (except December and January).

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OCTOBER - FUTURE MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CLUB APPROVAL OF SITE.

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MEETINGS HERE IN:
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SEPTEMBER, AND
NOVEMBER

