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President's Message

by Mark Hall

So can you just believe how fast the summer has passed? It's hard to believe that Labor Day has passed and, unfortunately, we will be starting to put away the cars for the winter—except for the warrior few. With all that, it is nice to look back and reflect on all the fun and interesting things we have done as a club this summer.



Did you make the monthly Superdawg event, the monthly general meeting, or the laugh filled breakfast? Along with those events, we had Bloomington Gold at its new venue (the Indianapolis Motor Speedway) which, for the most part got great reviews, especially coming from the Champaign site the previous year. As with all things, they will have to work out the bugs but nothing too pressing.

Did you make the drive to the Fireside dinner theater in Wisconsin to watch "All Shook Up"? The stories of the fun experienced there have been countless.



What about the cruise weekend with the Back Road Kruizers? Next followed one awesome club photo shoot. And the one day we get to let Chicagoland North shine for all to see, the annual car show. This was the 10th year for what has become a nice draw to expose people to our club and the fun people we have in it. While the weather scared a good number away, we still had a solid turnout with some beautiful cars. The final wrapup was the club picnic, with perfect postcard-pretty weather.

While Diane and I were not able to participate in a few of these events, the picnic included, the great thing about this club is that we have so many event choices. Each of us can find something to fit his or her taste and schedule.

I would just like to personally thank each and every member whether it be a board member or general member that came and helped out or just attended an event.

Refecation is a good thing; sometimes we get so busy that we forget to stop and think back to something that brought happiness. I personally had this strike me a little over a year ago. As most of you know I'm a slight workaholic, and while I've had people tell me for some time now to stop and just smell the roses, it was not in my nature to do so. I'm not fully sure what triggered it, but all of a sudden I said I think it was time to check off a few things on my LIST—I started to work on it. Yes, I know we are a Corvette club, but all of us have things we enjoy doing. One of my joys is to get on the motorcycle and just ride. It has always been a great way for me to clear my mind. If you ride, you understand. My 25th anniversary at work came with a 6th week of vacation, so there was no better time than the present to work on my goal. My goal you ask? Most might find it a bit crazy, but it is to ride to all 50 states and to the 4 far corners of the USA. So on August 13, 2015, I set out, and 19 days, 15 states, and 6106 miles later, I am here to tell you this.

"At some point in one's life we all make a choice that will change our lives forever. Life is too short. Go out and enjoy it."

As always, it is a pleasure and an honor to serve as your president. But I couldn't do it without the amazing group behind me. Thank you to each one of you.

Always,
Mark



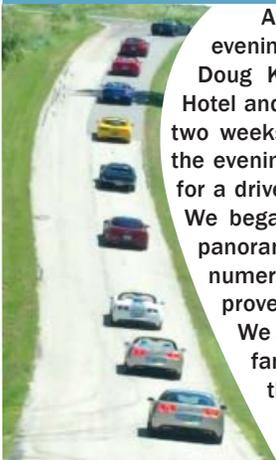
CRUISING WITH BRK – 700 MILES OF FUN

by Lauriel Sima



We left Wheeling early on the evening of Thursday, July 30, 2015, anticipating a weekend of fun on the first private tour designed by the Back Road Kruizers (BRK) just for our CNCC group. The tour was far better than any one of us could have imagined.

MT. HOREB



Arriving in Mt. Horeb, WI late Thursday evening, we met with our hosts, Susan and Doug Kiry, and checked into the GrandStay Hotel and Suites, a lovely new hotel opened only two weeks prior to our visit. A little tired from the evening drive, we “slept fast” and assembled for a drivers’ meeting at 7:45 on Friday morning. We began cruising the curvy, hilly, scenic, and panoramic views of the WI landscape. The numerous “roller coaster” portions of the route proved quite a thrill for us Illinois “flatlanders.” We stopped at two cheese factories, the first famous for goat cheese (Montchevre) and the second famous for brie cheese. We sampled some wonderful and tasty cheeses.

side of the Mississippi River. Our next stop was at PromiseLand—that’s the PromiseLand Winery. We assembled for a group photo, breathing in the fresh air and pausing for a bit on the park benches along the river.

BLUE MOON PARTY

We made our way back into WI and to dinner at the Hi Point Steak House, one of WI’s many supper clubs. We gathered outside of the restaurant to view the rising of the blue moon, enjoying “Once in a Blue Moon BRK Dessert Cocktails.” [Note: The next blue moon occurs in January 2018.]



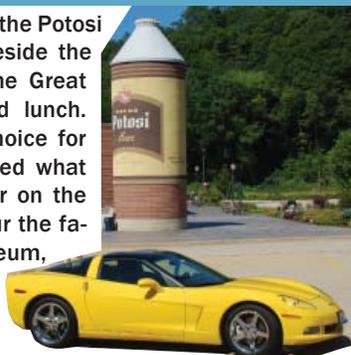
SATURDAY EVENTS

We cruised to the Lady Dawn for a delicious homemade breakfast prepared especially for CNCC. We were able to partake of build-your-own Bloody Marys (high-octane or alcohol-free) before a short drive to New Glarus WI. We stopped at Brenda’s Blumenladen, an incredible boutique filled with plants, flowers, water fountains, and kitsch galore. We then cruised another scenic back road to the charming arts community of Paoli, WI, where we stopped for an ice cream break. We swung around more wonderful back roads on our return to Mt. Horeb. Many of us toured the Mt. Horeb fire department facilities, where we viewed showcase after showcase of scale model fire trucks and other memorabilia. We saw the fire department’s unique all-black fire engines—yes, they really are black. Dinner was at the Dorf Haus, a unique WI supper club serving many authentic German dishes. Everything was delicious—especially the wonderful Black Forest cake.



POTOSI

We drove on to Potosi, WI to the Potosi Brew Pub and Beer Garden, beside the scenic Mississippi River and the Great River Road, where we enjoyed lunch. While beer was the drink of choice for some, the restaurant also served what was possibly the best root beer on the planet. We had a chance to tour the famous Potosi Brewery and Museum, transportation museum, and complex—fascinating! We also visited the Whispering Bluffs Winery, which was well-stocked with wine, chocolates, and gifts—the smell of chocolate that permeated the air was wonderful.



CASSVILLE FERRY

We next boarded the Cassville car ferry to cross to the Iowa



UNANTICIPATED EVENT

We had 15 cars and 26 people (including 2 BRK cars and 4 BRK members) on the trip. On Friday evening on the way to dinner, Larry and Karen Auer experienced a flat tire on their 2007 Z06 silver coupe. Our hosts, Susan and Doug, did yeoman’s duty, arranging for a tow—their car “cruised” on a flatbed—and arranged to have their tire repaired at Symdon Chevrolet in Mt. Horeb.





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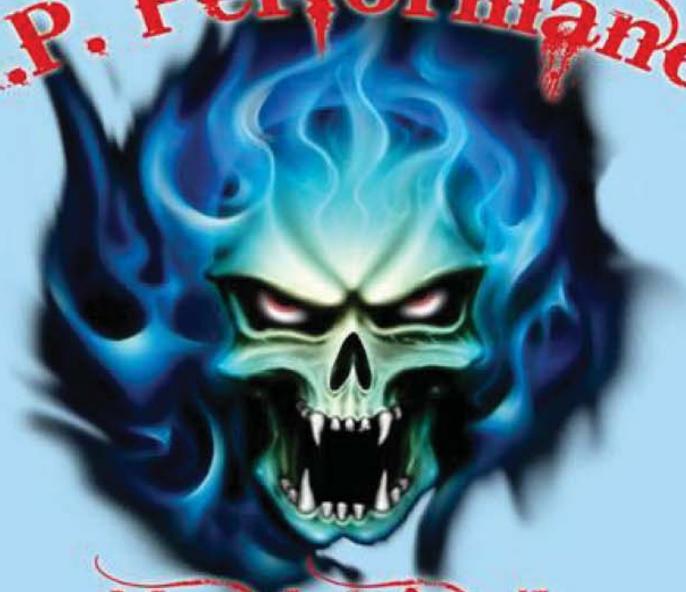


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NIGHT DRIVING

BY SUSAN FRISSELL

There are several factors affecting our driving at night, including fatigue, prescription medication use, speeding, alcohol consumption, and, of course, a driver's age.

More fatalities occur during nighttime driving than at any other time of day.

Despite the fact that there is 60 percent less traffic at night, more than 40 percent of all fatal car accidents occur at night. This is one-third higher than during daylight hours. Approximately 90 percent of a driver's reactions depend on vision. Darkness compromises a driver's depth perception, peripheral vision, and color recognition.

Older drivers have more difficulty with night vision because of the gradual diminishing of visual acuity. Someone who is 50 years old generally requires twice as much light to see as well as someone in his or her thirties.

Driving at night requires a driver's complete attention. Even driving in familiar areas may appear different at night. It is easy to become confused. If this happens, experts suggest you stop and compose yourself, and then continue. If you think you are lost, it is usually better to retrace your steps than to continue ahead. At least you are familiar with where you have been.

Fatigue is the second major cause of accidents and one reason people fall asleep at the wheel. It increases for most drivers after dark, making driving difficult. Concentration is dulled, resulting in slower reaction times and reduced visual ability. Impaired reflexes, sometimes due to over-the-counter drugs or prescription medication, can affect our driving. Also critical when mixed with driving are sleep deprivation/sleep loss, which can result in sleep debt. Driving when overtired can slow our reaction time, cause us to be irritable, and impair our vision.

It is important to become familiar with your 'snooze alarms,' the warning signs of fatigue. These include: not remembering previous miles driven, not being able to focus or see straight, blinking or squeezing your eyes, wandering or drifting, and being unaware of other vehicles.

Our ability to perceive and judge distance is severely

impaired at night; the human eye requires light to see. An estimated 90 percent of all driver decisions are made based on what is seen. While our eyes are capable of seeing in limited light, the combination of headlights and road lights can cause problems for our vision.

Sunlight provides the strongest light source. While our eyes will adjust to lower levels of light, they have difficulty functioning properly when switching from bright to dark. Other dangerous driving times are right before sunrise and immediately after sunset/dusk.

As most everyone is aware, alcohol and drugs are significant factors in more than one-half of all motor vehicle-related deaths. According to the NHTSA, in 2015, the rate of alcohol-impaired driving declined while the rate of drug-impaired driving increased; Drug use while driving went up from 16.3 percent in 2002 to 20 percent in 2014. Alcohol use declined by one-third since 2007.

Prescription medication and over-the-counter drugs can also impair our driving. Reading labels and becoming aware of how certain medications affect us is important when operating a vehicle. Susceptibility to the influence of alcohol and drugs increases with age.

Some tips to improve your nighttime driving offered by the Shell Motorist Club and Safety Council include:

- ▶ Prepare your vehicle for nighttime driving by making sure the headlights, taillights, signal lights, and windows are clean.
- ▶ As we age, we become more sensitive to temperature changes. Keep your vehicle's interior at a temperature that is comfortable.
- ▶ Adjust your eyes to nighttime driving. Allow up to five minutes for your eyes to adjust to changing light conditions, especially if you have just left a brightly lit area.
- ▶ Be vigilant about other vehicles around you.
- ▶ If you find yourself growing weary, stop and rest in a well-lit parking lot, restaurant or rest area.
- ▶ Allow enough distance between other vehicles to stop. Low beams should allow you to see 160 feet ahead, while high beams should illuminate about 500 feet in front of you.
- ▶ Keep your windshield clean.
- ▶ Limit distractions. Focus on the road.
- ▶ Use common sense: all driving is defensive and requires common sense. Reduce your speed and increase your distance. Carry a cellular phone.



KIDS AND CARS ON THE EAST COAST

by Charles F. Falk

My wife Joan and I determined that too much time had passed since we visited two of our children who live on the East Coast. And so, we piled into our road car and drove to Silver Spring, Maryland, near Washington, DC to see our middle son Scott and family. After a week in Maryland, we headed northward on I-95 to spend two weeks with our daughter Laura and her family who live on Schooley's Mountain in Long Valley, New Jersey--about an hour and a half from Manhattan. Two very different places, but with one thing in common: They are terrible places in which to drive.



A sleek cat and a line of T-birds at the Ramapo Concours d'Elegance

It will not come as a surprise to many that in addition to doing the family thing, along with some sight-seeing, I managed to locate a few car-related events to amuse us during our time away. First, after having read about an event in a car magazine, we attended the Inaugural Ramapo Concours d'Elegance in Mahway, NJ.

Manwah is a leafy up-scale suburb that is home to many people working in Manhattan. About eighty great cars were exhibited and judged during the Concours, which was held on the wooded and rolling hills of Ramapo College. While many foreign and domestic marques were represented, it seemed odd that no Corvettes were among them. It was, nevertheless, a great time.



1927 Lincoln Limo used in Boardwalk Empire

Next up, we back-tracked to the south and toured the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia. Several sources (correctly, I think) identified this museum as one of the top five auto museums in the U.S. The focus of this relatively new museum is on racing sports cars. These are cars that have fenders, headlights, and room for a passenger, and that can be driven to work, as well as raced on weekends.



1951 Packard Pan American

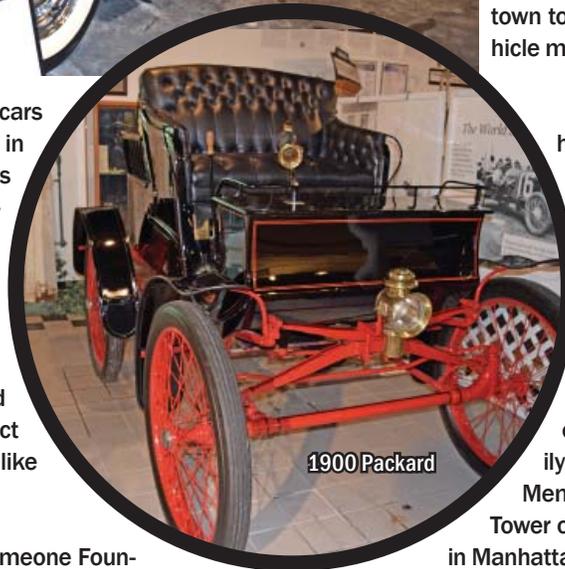
The museum has sixty-five such cars dating back to the start of auto racing in the early 1900s and extending to models from the early 1970s, a time when interest in sports car racing dimmed and was supplanted by heightened interest in open-wheel racing and plastic NASCAR creations. About one-third of the cars in this collection are race and/or Concours winners; many had celebrity drivers; and most are displayed in dioramas that depict the settings in which these cars, or cars like them, raced.

Because of the philosophy of the Simeone Foundation collector, cars in the collection have been maintained and preserved, but not restored to original showroom prettiness. The cars look pretty much the way they did when they came off the track.

The majority of the cars in this collection represent Italian, German and English makes with which we are all familiar. However, Vette enthusiasts will be pleased to know that their favorite marque is properly represented among American-born racing sports cars.

A 1963 Corvette Grand Sport, which beat Ferraris and Cobras in December 1963 races in Nassau, and which later won the 1964 Daytona Beach endurance race, is also on display. This car later competed at Sebring as a part of Roger Penske's racing team. A 1966 426 Corvette Sting Ray is also considered a significant part of the Simeone collection.

Our next adventure was attending the "Cops and Rods" cruise night held in Hackettstown, NJ, far from Long Valley. Held each Thursday night, this event resembled many of the cruise nights of which we are all familiar in the Greater Chicago area. As expected, there



1900 Packard

were many Corvettes in the mix of vehicles on display, but the role of the local police as a featured partner in running the event was a different twist.

Our third and final car adventure was a stop on the way home at the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio. About twenty minutes north of I-80 in Northeastern Ohio, Warren is the original home of the Packard manufacturing plant before the company relocated to Detroit in 1903. A legacy company, Delphi Packard Electric Systems remains in town to this day. It makes electrical devices for vehicle manufacturers.

The Packard Museum is intimate and houses about twenty-five Packards on display at any one time. Some are from the Classic Car Era (1925-1948); the remainder are either older or newer models. A major holding of the Museum is the second oldest Packard known to exist: a 1900 model.

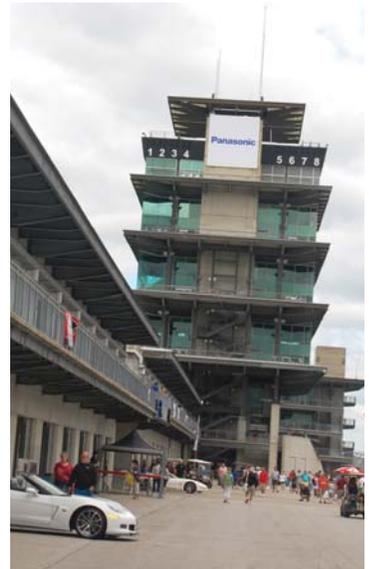
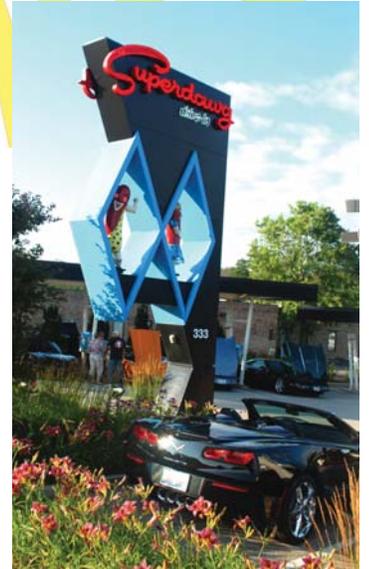
A particularly memorable experience on this trip had nothing to do with our family or cars. Rather, it was our visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, and the new Freedom Tower on the site of the former World Trade Center in Manhattan. The museum and memorial are very well done. If you haven't seen these displays dedicated to 9/11, you might want to add them to your agenda. We came away with very strong and mixed feelings: one part, deep sadness; the other, strong feelings of anger toward the perpetrators.

In sum, it was wonderful to visit with our children and grandchildren, but our several interesting and pleasant car experiences certainly enhanced our overall enjoyment during this trip.



1963 Corvette Grand Sport on display at the Simeone Foundation/Automotive Museum

SUMMER





HAVING JUST COMPLETED MY 20TH OPEN AIR CLASSIC (OAC), I THOUGHT I'D SHARE AN IDEA FOR A CORVETTE OUTING.



BY SUSAN FRISSELL

We came back from the OAC, which this year was held in the Ashland/Bayfield, WI area, on all the “back” (Blue Highways) roads. Mostly to avoid the traffic around Milwaukee, my co-pilot--a former AAA employee, came up with a great route.

For those of you who participated in the latest Back Road Cruisers trip, OAC is very similar. We are given a ‘road map’ and list of stops along the way. We get our sheet stamped by local merchants and turn them in at the end of the weekend for raffle tickets. At the final Sunday breakfast, all participants place their tickets with prizes they covet, and the drawing is held that morning.

The OAC tours are always held in Wisconsin, the third Thursday-Sunday of August. Convertibles come from as far away as Texas and Florida, but most are Midwest cars: Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Convertibles of all kinds show up and this year included a beautiful 1934 Plymouth. Membership is suggested, as members have first dibs on the Tour. And it fills up fast.

As we zig-zagged over 300 miles back from the upper parts of Wisconsin, we managed to not only avoid large traffic areas, but to see some of the most beautiful parts of the state.

Leaving Ashland at 8 am on Sunday, we headed out of town on Route 2 south and east toward 51 south (Manitowish). We then picked up 47 S/8 S through Lake Tomahawk and Rhinelander. Continuing on 47/45 S, we passed through the town of Shawano on the way back to 47 S toward Appleton.

The roads were excellent, traffic was minimal, and there was scenery galore. What I like best when traveling these off-the-beaten path routes is the scenery, devoid of shopping malls and concrete. Believe it or not, there still does remain a fair amount of land that has been left undisturbed. This makes me feel good.

As we headed toward Appleton, we decided to make our way around Lake Winnebago on the West side, passing through/around Menasha and Neenah, and ending up at Schmitty's in Fond du Lac. Schmitty's would be a perfect Corvette Club stop: a sports bar with lots of seating, two large bar areas, and right on the lake. Although they don't





really have much in the way of outside seating, the restaurant is clean, comfortable, and friendly.

Years ago during one of our OAC stops, many of the towns decided to compete for the most clever theme. Fond du Lac won first prize as “Convertible Heaven.” When our 200+ convertibles drove into one of the local rest areas, several people from the tourist bureau were dressed as angels. It was a scream and a lot of fun.

After a great lunch and local beer at Schmitty’s we connected with 41 S, jogging to the West through the town of Horicon. On this route are some great eateries, the beautiful Horicon Marsh, and some twisty, scenic roads.

We wound our way toward and through Oconomowoc, stayed on 67 S through Delafield. We then took 20 E (East Troy) through Waterford and past the infamous Union Grove (Drag Raceway), 45 S, and 120 E, and then connected to 41 S toward Chicago. We drove just over 400 miles.

Although we arrived in Northfield around 7 pm, the ride needn’t take that long. When going up to Ashland on Thursday, the ride straight up through the middle of the state took only 7 hours.

GRILLE GREATS

A half dozen automobile front ends from the 1960’s are pictured here. Match the correct year, make and model to each of the six illustrations.

1968 Plymouth Barracuda

1968 AMC Rebel SST

1966 Studebaker Daytona

1968 Chevrolet Camaro SS

1963 Ford Falcon Futura

1967 Oldsmobile 442

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by M. J. Frumkin



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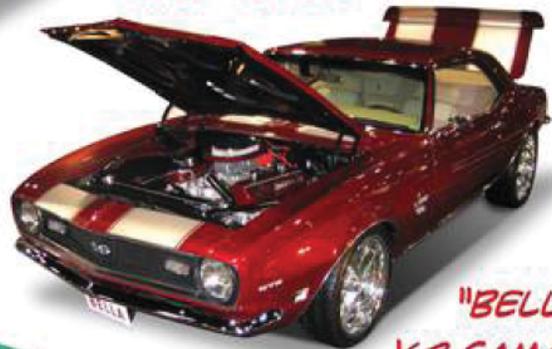
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Change Fluids Prior to Winter Storage by Bill Van Buren

Time to think about Annual Maintenance for your Corvette

We all clean and polish our Corvettes before winter storage. But it is also a good time to do scheduled maintenance.

Most Corvette owners only change their oil once a year. Winter storage is the best time to do your yearly oil change. With fresh oil in your engine there is nothing to settle out of the oil while sitting in the engine all winter. No unburnt fuel, water, or acid build up from summer driving to contaminate interior engine parts.

The same goes for your cooling system. GM suggests to drain and refill your cooling system at 5 years or 100,000 miles; then every 3 years or 36,000 miles

thereafter. However, if the coolant is murky brown or rust colored, the system should be drained and flushed. The additives in antifreeze deteriorate over time and allow the coolant system components to rust and deteriorate. By replacing the coolant every 3 years, it keeps the coolant system clean and allows the system to cool efficiently. It keeps the radiator, water pump, and heater core from deteriorating. This maintenance can save you expensive repair costs. For example, a heater core replacement can easily cost over \$1000.

With fresh fluids in your Corvette prior to winter storage, there will be no chance of corrosion from contaminants built up in these fluids.

6 Best Tips to Protect New Paint by Susan Frissell

It's always fun when one of our club members takes the leap and purchases a Corvette. I know the feeling well: You get the bug, it's in your blood and it's hard not to 'reward' yourself with a shiny, new upgrade. And the best thing-unlike disapproving parents of younger years-our fellow Corvette lovers are excited for us.

There are probably a lot of things to remember when purchasing a new vehicle. Corvette owners, more than many other new car owners, know how to care for their rides. When you bring home that new car, your first instinct is to 'baby' the engine for a while.

But another part of the car you need to protect for the first few months is the paint finish. It usually takes a few months for the paint to dry and harden completely. For the first 30 days, it is prudent to follow these tips for maximum protection.

According to Eagle One car-care products, the following applies:

- ▶ Do not expose the car to direct sunlight for long periods of time
- ▶ Avoid parking under trees; they often drip sap and harbor birds
- ▶ Avoid spilling gas, windshield solvent, etc. on the finish. If that happens, rinse it with water, but do not wipe dry.
- ▶ Avoid traveling on gravel or unpaved roads
- ▶ Wait to wax or polish the car for the first 3 months.
- ▶ After the paint has cured, wax or polish at least 3 times per year for maximum protection.



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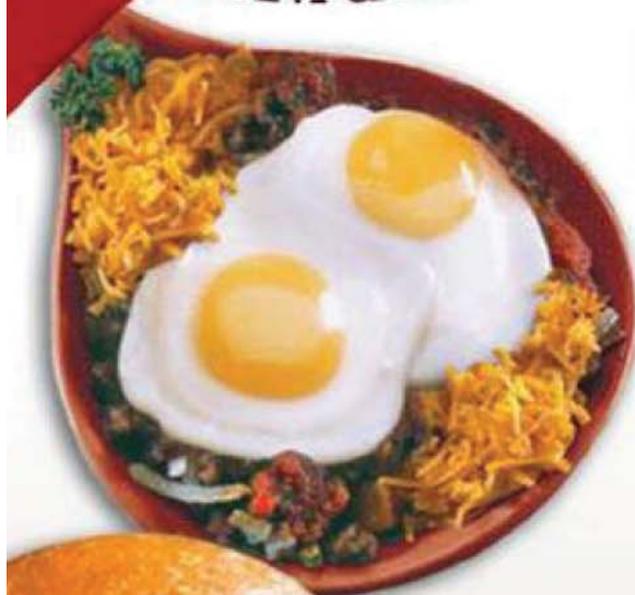
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween General Meeting Thursday 10/29/15

Our craziest General Meeting of the year! Put on your scariest or most creative costume and get in the spirit of Halloween. Prizes given, lots of yummy treats to enjoy.



Sip & Paint Saturday 11/7/15

Back by popular demand! Sip & Paint is the perfect place to bring out your inner Picasso. We BYOB and they supply us with step-by-step instructions and all the art supplies necessary to create a 16"x20" masterpiece.



Pinstripes Brunch & Bocce Ball Sunday 11/15/15

Start off the day with a delicious brunch at Pinstripes Cafe. Lots of great entrees and side dishes topped off my amazing desserts!

Then off to test your skill and luck at the sport of Bocce Ball.

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Grille Greats Puzzle Answers
 1) B - 1968 AMC Rebel SST, 2) A - 1968 Plymouth Barracuda, 3) F - 1967 Oldsmobile 442,
 4) C - 1964 Studebaker Daytona,
 5) D - 1968 Chevrolet Camaro SS, 6) E - 1963 Ford Falcon Futura



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OCTOBER

October 8	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
October 10	Saturday	9:30am- 11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
October 29	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

NOVEMBER

November 7	Saturday	6pm-8:30pm	Sip & Paint @ Studio	4412 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60030
November 12	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
November 14	Saturday	9:30am- 11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
November 15	Sunday	10am - 1pm	Pinstripes Brunch & Bocce Ball	1150 Willow Rd. Northbrook, IL 60062
November 19	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

DECEMBER

December 10	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
December 12	Saturday	9:30am- 11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
December 17	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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