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## **Message from the President...**

### **Say it isn't so...**

Well we have come to that time of the year where we start to put away the cleaners and get ready for storage. However, if there is one thing I love about October is Indian Summer, and here in MA it looks like this weekend will be nothing short than perfect! Get out there and drive those cars, the cool weather helps us keep our engines cool. Take in the fresh fall air and see those magical colors that you can only find in New England.



### **Fall Brawl—Success!**

I am very pleased to announce that our Fall Brawl was a great success thanks to all of you who attended. With your help and generosity we raised \$1000.00 for the Red Cross 911 Fund.

I would also like to thank my hard working crew I had that day, without your help and support we could not have pulled this show off. And last but not least, I very big THANK YOU to my husband Derek, who helped assemble ALL the trophies!

Please visit our website for pictures and highlights from this show.

## **Time to Vote—November!**

It's that time once again to vote for your 2012 Board of Directors. The following positions are open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Social, Competition, and Editor. Please email Jane or myself if you are interested in running for any of these positions. Voting will be held in November, nominations will take place on 10/12/2011 at general meeting.



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## CLUB INFORMATION

Corvettes United of Central Massachusetts welcomes prospective members to our meetings, social gatherings and competitive events. Club Event and Social Gathering dates are listed in the events section of this newsletter .

### General Club Meetings

General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Celtic Tavern, Rte 9 West, Northboro, MA at 7:00 PM. The next meeting is Oct 12, 2011

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact any club officer for additional information, or visit us at our web site at:

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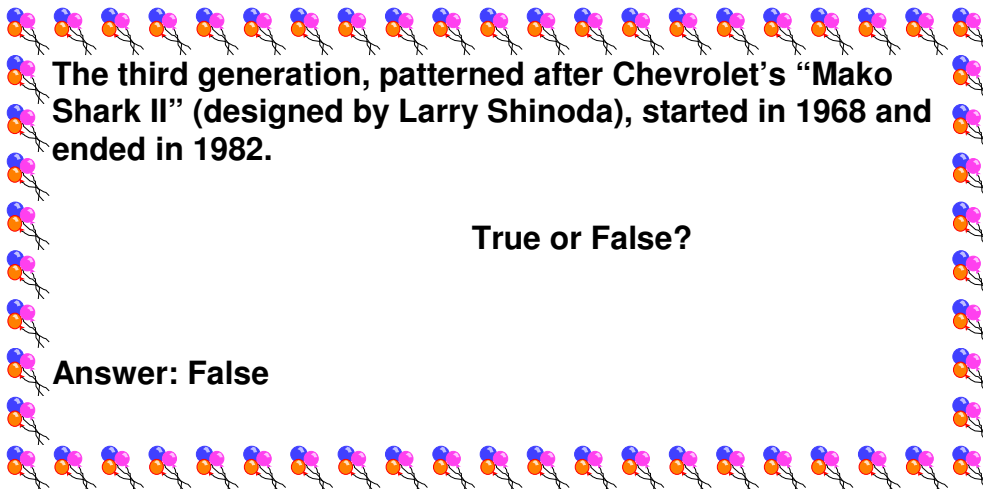
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## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Fiber Topics is published by and for the members of Corvettes United of Central Massachusetts. Articles, classified ads, and event notices are welcome and encouraged from all members. Every attempt will be made to include all items in the month for which it was intended. However, due to space limitations, the editor reserves the right to shift items to the following month.

All articles and info are due to the editor by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month for publication in that following month's newsletter.

## Corvette Trivia



The third generation, patterned after Chevrolet's "Mako Shark II" (designed by Larry Shinoda), started in 1968 and ended in 1982.

True or False?

Answer: False

Thanks to our host, the

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# 2014 C7 Chevy Corvette Will Get Seven-Speed Manual



Chevrolet Corvette Picture

The next-generation Corvette will offer a seven-speed manual transmission. | September 23, 2011 | Mark Takahashi for Edmunds

## Just the Facts:

- The next-generation Corvette will offer a seven-speed manual transmission.
- Power will come from a pushrod V8; direct injection and a variable valve lift system are likely.

**SANTA MONICA, California** — *Inside Line* has learned that the 2014 C7 Chevrolet Corvette will be available with a seven-speed manual transmission.

Although not confirmed officially by Chevrolet, a source with knowledge of the C7 project confirmed that the upcoming Corvette will offer a seven-speed manual transmission. This comes on the heels of Porsche's announcement that the [2012 911](#) would offer a seven-speed manual along with its seven-speed PDK dual-clutch automated manual gearbox.

The next-generation Corvette is expected to use a revised version of its 16-valve pushrod V8 engine architecture. Headlining the changes are direct injection and a variable valve lift system to further enhance its already formidable performance while bolstering efficiency.

The addition of a seven-speed manual might be viewed solely as a fuel efficiency play, but we suspect that Chevrolet will continue to use two overdrive gears like the current six-speed manual. This would allow the engineers freedom to tighten up the spacing of the lower gears for improved low-speed performance.

Another benefit to the seven-speed manual gearbox is product rationalization — Chevy can use the same ratios for all versions of the car. Today, the [ZR1](#) currently runs a close-ratio Tremec TR6060, while lesser Corvettes employ a different gearset.

***Inside Line* says:** The extra gear can't hurt, but we wouldn't mind a seven-speed dual-clutch like the one in the 911 as an option, too.

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# 2011



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Yom Kippur
9	10 Columus Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Our Car Show Herberts Candies	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Happy Halloween					



# Upcoming Events



## Windle Field

33 Canal Street (Route 122A South), Millbury  
Rt. 122A South/Millbury Center exit from Rt. 146.  
(Left at lights (MCU) onto Canal Street) or  
(Left at lights at Town Center, Elm Street)  
Field is on your left after lights at Elm St./Canal St.

## Millbury Improvement Initiative

### Auto Fest 2011

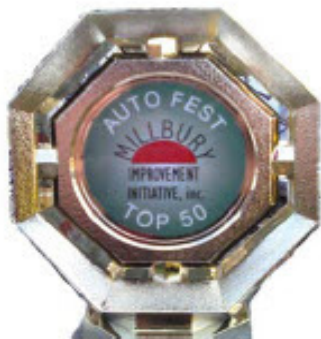
**Sunday October 16, 2011**

**9 am to 3 pm**

*Raindate: Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011*

**50/50 Raffle**  
**Drawing @ 2:45 p.m.**

**Trophies awarded  
throughout the day  
to top 50  
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Walk-in	
Spectator Donation:	\$3
Kids under 12:	free

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- Best of Show judged for quality of workmanship.
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