



# *Snake Bites*

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, here we are again in that time of the year when driving our Vipers is a challenge. I hope you got your baby tucked away with all the maintenance and service you wanted to before the cold winds blew. But I have to remind you that MCVO will continue to have a full calendar of events throughout the winter months. Your Board of Directors has been busy filling the calendar with lots of activity.



Speaking of the Board, we are fortunate to have most of our previous cast continuing to work hard for you. I want to welcome our new officers: Gary Rappaport, Vice President; Mike Kelly, Treasurer; Rose Klutz, Secretary; and Jeff Morton, Motorsports Director. I also want to recognize the three former members who are stepping down: Sam Milana, Vice President; Tim Sutherland, Treasurer; and Richard Winkles, Motorsports Director. They all made significant contributions while on the Board and we can count on all of them to continue to be actively involved in our club's agenda.

As always, we want to invite any of you who have suggestions about our events to contact the Board members with your ideas. The list of events is being finalized for the year, including hopefully an always popular Wine Tour and maybe even a MCVO Driving School. Check the Club **Calendar** at [mcvo.net](http://mcvo.net) for long range planning and watch for event e-mails and/or check **Upcoming Events** on the website to register to attend. Don't forget our new feature on the website that lets you check to see which other members are attending an event in which you might be interested. If you missed an event or if you want to reminisce, you can also check out the **Gallery**. All of these items are located under the **Events** tab at the top of website.

Our monthly General Membership and Board meetings are open to all members and we encourage you to attend. We always want to be open and transparent (and to recruit new candidates for future Board roles). Among other things on the agenda this year will be a fine-tuning of our By-Laws. If you're interested in attending, we meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm on the second floor of the Golling Dealership at Square Lake and Telegraph Roads in Bloomfield Hills.

*Bruce Heckman*



## Editors Message

Look at the back cover photo credits. More members and attendees are sending photos for Snake Bites. Send me your submissions! Pictures, antidotes, 'how to' or where you modified something on your car. Have you changed the interior, done a performance upgrade, improved the exterior paint or finish? Is there something unusual about your car's past?

I know many of you answered yes, please send it in for the next issue.

The content here is only as varied as you make it.

*Ann Rappaport*

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## **February**

- 7 - MCVO Club Meeting
- 13 - Cruise Night
- 23 - Winter Party

## **March**

- 7 - MCVO Club Meeting
- 20 -Cruise Night

## **April**

- 4 - MCVO Club Meeting
- 17 - Cruise Night
- 20 - Indoor Karting

## **May**

- 2 - MCVO Club Meeting
- 11 - Spring Tech Day
- 15 - Cruise Night
- 17 - Ohio/MCVO Casino Night
- 19 - Spring Brunch

## **June**

- 6 - MCVO Club Meeting
- 15 - Milan/Ubly Dragway
- 19 - Cruise Night
- 28 thru 30 - Mid Ohio Driving School

**Please reference our club's calendar at  
[www.MCVO.net](http://www.MCVO.net)**



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During the driving season we often have more events than shown here, please check the website calendar for the latest information. Please note: details for club events are emailed to members.

Club Board Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month. Please check the website for time and locations. Everyone is welcome.

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*MCVO extends a warm welcome to these new members:*



**Carl Dukatz – Berkley**

**Tony Smith – Berkley**

**Matt Feher – Port Huron**

**Brian Willey – Fairfax VA**

**Dan Fons II – Sterling Heights**



**I'd like to introduce our new Executive Board Members!**

**Rose Klutz - Recording Secretary**

Many of you may already know me, as Joe and I are Charter Members of MCVO, as well as, I am a former MCVO Secretary. My professional background is with the US Govt. Logistics Specialist @ TACOM. Additionally I am Secretary for Detroit Yacht Club Membership Comm. We have a red 93 RT/10 and a blue with white stripes 96 GTS. We have attended the monthly Board meeting for years and I am pleased to make use all that the knowledge!



**Mike Kelly Treasurer**



I am delighted to be coming full circle again after previously being club treasurer for 6 years ending 2015. I am able to put to good use my 40 year plus accounting degree and MBA finance skills as I retired from PNC Bank after a long banking career. I've been a MCVO member for 13 years and presently have a 2014 red viper after previously owning a 2003 black convertible. It's exciting to once again get more actively involved with the club, I've missed the social aspect of participation and assuring that MCVO is not only a great club now, but would be in the future.

**Gary Rappaport was elected VP and Bruce Heckman was re-elected President**

**Cruise Night at Red Ox Tavern**

**Ann Rappaport**

It was a chilly October evening but we had a great turnout. There were 9 diehard Viper owners who brought their cars and approximately 30 attendees. MCVO has gone to Red Ox for past cruise nights and each time the group has had an enjoyable time. Unlike past cruises though, we were inside due to the temps outside.

Appetizers and dinner were about the only things that quieted the group down!



## Lapeer Dragway

### Dick Winkles

We had a blast at Lapeer Dragway on September 15th! Next year's can't come soon enough.

Five MCVO members met at the Studio 81 parking lot across from the Palace of Auburn Hills and headed north on M-24. Three additional members showed up at the track at about the same time. In all there were 7 Vipers and a Hellcat Challenger (me!) running Time Trials.

The Vipers were:

Gen V - Zach Thompson, Jason Howell and Jim Hawrys

Gen IV - Jeff Morton (convertible)

Gen II - Terrance Henry and Mike Sutton

Gen I - Bob Swartz

The fastest time of the day was Jeff's G4 (Prefix 9.0L Extreme) at 11.63@136mph in spite of serious traction limitations. Zack turned a 12.1@121mph, Jason scored a 12.1@122 and I managed a 12.2@120mph. There was no pressure and the track staff was very helpful. It would be a great way to experience Drag Racing in a safe environment for members who haven't tried it.

We all had enough runs by 2:00 p.m. and everyone left pretty happy with their day. There was never more than a minute or two wait between runs and we could have almost run continuously if our tires and clutch legs had been up to it! The only issue had was Jeff's Gen IV was too fast! Convertibles without Roll Bars are not allowed to run faster than 13 flat 1/4 Miles by rule (they would be allowed to run timed 1/8 Mile however).

The track, although still under construction is nothing like the Lapeer Dragway of years past. It has been completely rebuilt with the first 1/8 mile in concrete and the back half in fresh asphalt. There are now new concrete barriers on both sides of the two lanes. New overhead displays for timing and scoring are in process. The entire paddock parking area has fresh asphalt where before it was gravel. New bathrooms, tower and spectator stands are in the plan along with a Motocross track on the property! When completed this will be a very nice track conveniently located just an hour to the north.

This has been an underutilized event by members in the past, please make a note to attend next year! With more participation we can look at having a lunch time cookout or find a local place to eat.

*LADIES- One of the best times I've had driving the Viper was at zMax Drag Strip during the 2012 invitational. After reading Dick's article I plan on attending MCVO's fall drag strip event. Please sign up, it's a **gus**! Very little danger to you or the car providing you pay attention to driving skills. Did I mention it was way too much fun? Ann/Editor*




VOA members did you know....

**You have access to the top eleven Viper Techs in the Country?**

Seriously it's true!

Use the "question and answer" section on the VOA web site.





# Great Lakes, Lighthouses and Vipers

## Mike Sutton

During the last weekend in September, 51 members enjoyed a memorable tour of Michigan's Lighthouses along the coast of Lake Huron. Early on Friday morning, 28 Vipers met at a local restaurant to get trip handouts and goodie bags containing a MCVO-logo sugar cookie, a stainless drink container with event logo, and a "special edition" can of Vernor's ginger ale that featured images of Michigan's lighthouses. It is no easy feat to find enough of these limited-edition lighthouse cans! Susan and I started the hunt driving all over Metro Detroit well in advance of the event.



Members also found the now famous "lighthouse tour" baseball cap, which is a story for another time. In typical MCVO fashion we had a raffle for a Viper watch which went to Dave Buchesky and Diane Cipponeri found that her bag had the only Lighthouse cookie which won her a Viper banner!



After reviewing the necessary trip information, we set off for Port Huron to visit the oldest lighthouse in Michigan, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse. This lighthouse was originally built in 1825 and has been in continuous operation since then. Several tour guides provided a fantastic history of the lighthouse over the years. The weather was sunny and cool, which was welcomed, as we had been experiencing several weeks of 90-degree temps.

The group continued north along the "sunrise" side of the state, five lighthouses were toured. Our next stop was at the Tawas Point lighthouse and some great photo ops of the cars and the lighthouse, as shown on the issue's front cover.

We stayed overnight in Alpena and attended a private dinner event. In the parking lot on Saturday morning we reviewed the day's schedule and watched Garry Tripp skillfully pack the less than spacious Gen 1 trunk. Mark Andring's co-pilot was often the center of attention. Mark also carries Viper Hot Wheels in his car, the surprise on this 4 year old's face when he got his very own Viper was priceless. Gavin and his Dad happen to be in the parking lot looking at the cars. He got to sit in the Rappaport's Gen 2, Gavin is now a huge fan and future owner.





Saturday morning proved to be the start of another glorious day. The beautiful sunny sky with the warmth of the sun on our faces was perfect. Our Vipers definitely loved this weather too! First stop of the day, the New Presque Isle Lighthouse. The route north on US-23 then onto East Grand Lake Road allowed us to once again release the reins on our Vipers. The 10-plus miles of smooth and curving road would be used again on our trip leaving the lighthouse.

A fellow Viper owner, Tim Wiczorkowski, heard of this event and was waiting for us at the Presque Isle State Harbor in his Yellow Gen 2 and then followed us up to the lighthouse. After conversations with some members and posting on our Facebook page, he signed up! Welcome to the VOA and MCVO family, Tim!



To avoid driving or parking in gravel, we parked all the Vipers in the grass along the entrance to the lighthouse. Susan also staged us for photos with each of our Vipers in the grass with the New Presque Isle Lighthouse in the background. The white tower with a clear blue sky gave her the perfect background for photos.

New Presque Isle lighthouse holds a personal connection for Mike and is reason for planning this club event. From 1943 to 1948, Mike's grandfather was a lighthouse keeper at New Presque Isle. His mom spent several years of her childhood at this lighthouse, as did his family when on vacationed in the area. It was very touching for Mike to share his family's history and how much the area means.

Traveling further north, the Vipers had a police escort into downtown Rogers City, where we were directed to Superior Street - blocked off specifically for our Viper-only car show. Several area newspapers had advertised the event and many locals came to see an amazing display of colorful Vipers and talk to the owners. Members enjoyed a tour of the Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum and then enjoyed a great buffet lunch at the Lighthouse Restaurant, which included local fresh fish. Club member, Frank Berle, just couldn't stay out of trouble and was jokingly handcuffed by local police. Luckily, he was only issued a warning.



Leaving Rogers City, club members enjoyed eighteen miles of US-23N that were "not patrolled". With virtually no traffic, the snakes were allowed to take a deep breath and slightly abuse the asphalt, before our next tour at the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse, another amazing structure on the banks of Lake Huron.

The next stop was the Cheboygan Crib Light, which was the inspiration for a beautiful stained-glass lamp, created and donated by club member, Sam Milana. This item was raffled during dinner the night before, and the lucky winner was Lori Emerling! Cheboygan also offered a nice photo op with the US Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw, as background for each passing Viper.



After dinner in Mackinac City, the line of Vipers crossed the "Mighty Mack" bridge leading to the Upper Peninsula and our final night of the tour. What a great image with the bridge in the background! The group spent the night at the Breaker's Resort overlooking Mackinaw Island.



Sunday's trip home included some twisty roads leading to the Indian River Marina Park where the group stopped for lunch, coordinated by "Father Viper" Roy Sjoberg, his wife Peg and Ken Nowak. After some introductions, Roy and the many Team Viper members shared stories of the vehicle's creation, engineering and pitfalls they endured. Without these people and their spouses, our beloved Vipers would not exist. The round trip logged just over 700 fantastic miles.



What a touching personal thank you from Sam

A Presque Isle stained glass piece





**Past Tense Cider Mill and  
Frankenmuth fall cruise**

**Bob Swartz**



What a day it was! COLD seemed to be the consensus as 38 folks in 20 Vipers and a Challenger shivered (not really slithered) out of Great Lakes Crossing for a lovely casual cruise of some favorite old and some newer SE Michigan roads.

We arrived to enjoy the delicacy of Past Tense Cider Mill's fresh donuts, cider, and fun prizes provided by MCVO and arranged by Diane Cipponeri. On top of that, Dave Dziekan and Kathy Bieniewicz were standing guard at the gate to usher us to prime parking in the front paved area!



Not only were the goods delicious but the store, really storeS, go on forever. Accessories for the home, garden, Christmas galore, a dedicated Halloween room (really the 2nd floor), and crafts that rival other stores. All this is mingled with antiques of all types. It all made for a splendid time at the Mill. Thank you, Diane, Dave and Kathy!



Next, we were off on more back-roads for the run to the Bavarian Inn Lodge and "Schnitzel Bank" for a delicious dinner in our own private lounge. Frankenmuth is famous for its food, beverage, and festive atmosphere for good reason. We had generous samplings of each. Members enjoyed more shopping and strolling in Frankenmuth before a scenic drive home.



Fast cars (driven at a leisurely pace for this scenic tour), good food, fantastic friends - - - this is what our Viper Club is all about. What a great group to be part of and work with. Everybody pitched in if help was needed and played well together like the well-oiled machines we drive.

MCVO, the "Fun Machine"! Love it!



Thanks to Diane and Mike as well as Dave and Kathy for their efforts and to everyone for letting me be your

"Cruise Miester"





## High Octane Cars and Coffee

Gary Rappaport



Throughout the summer our members will attend various Cars and Coffee's, but on this particular Saturday, MCVO was invited to a unique experience.



High Octane, in Bloomfield Hills, is an auto-themed bakery, owned by Tom and Janice. They are both auto enthusiasts and Janice is an automotive engineer. During the summer, each Saturday, they highlight a different model of vehicle. The first 40 attendees, each receive a free coffee and a donut.

On the morning of September 1<sup>st</sup>, it was Viper Day Cars and Coffee and MCVO members have never backed down from a challenge. The parking lot was filled with 29 Vipers of every generation. It was an impressive sight.

I spoke to Tom later and he stated that we were the largest group or club to have participated, out of all the previous invitations. He is so enthused he put MCVO on the 2019 calendar for another High Octane Cars and Coffee on Saturday July 20th!

Good job MCVO, and thanks for making this one of the most memorable Cars and Coffee of 2018.



## Snakes in the Grass

Bruce Heckman

This event was a joint effort of the Shelby American Club, Great Lakes Cobra Club and MCVO. The mid-October weather was perfect for our inaugural fall gathering of Carroll Shelby inspired cars at Canterbury Village. For the first year we limited it to a morning Cars and Coffee to test the compatibility between the clubs.

Canterbury Village gave us an especially reserved "historic" street for parking. Thirty-eight cars turned out, seventeen of them were Vipers. It was an interesting collection that intrigued both car club members and a crowd of the general public. Attendees enjoyed cider and donuts from the local cider mill while they met new friends from the other clubs.

We hope to expand the event this year with a fall cruise and hopefully a lunch. Stay tuned for details on the evolution of the agenda. The owner of Canterbury Village has a Cobra and is eager to host us.



**November Cruise Night**

**WaterMark**

**Bar/Grille**

**Gary Rappaport**



The beginning of November has suddenly turned cold and most have placed their snakes in hibernation. Two of our members “braved the elements” to come in their cars. It was very gratifying to see them in the parking lot. We want to thank Al and Mike Prudhomme for letting us gaze at their cars and remember a fun-filled summer.

We had 23 in attendance for a night of good food and friends.



**Harper Charity Cruise**

**Gary Rappaport**



For over 20 years, the Harper Charity Cruise, has been attracting a loyal following. The cruise runs from Old Eight Mile Road to Bayside Street, in St. Clair Shores.



One of our newest members, John Huszti Jr., graciously offered to host MCVO for this great event. John’s friend, who owns the Powerhouse Gym, offered us exclusive parking alongside his building, with shaded seating out front. The gym is located near 10 Mile Road which is in the center of the action.

Right up until the event started at 5pm, the weatherman was predicting rain. But the Cruise Gods were smiling on us and we had a beautiful summer’s evening, with clear sunny skies and moderate temperatures. We had approximately 16-18 people attend with 11 Vipers, including a potential new member as well as a couple of ex-members stopping by to say hello.

A big thank you to John Sr. for providing pizza and refreshments to our members, along with John Jr. for hosting our group. Everyone had a great evening and John tells me he has bigger plans for next year. This is one of my favorite cruises and I can’t wait.





## Cruise Night at the Golling's Garage

Diane Cipponeri

I can only say if you missed this particular event, I hope you had a great excuse for not attending. Fellow MCVO member, Bill Golling, owner of the Golling Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram dealership in Bloomfield Hills offered to host our September cruise night at his M1 Concours garage in Pontiac.

Lots of "ewws and aahs" were heard as members wandered around the Golling's beautiful car collection inside their gorgeous garage overlooking the M1 concourse race track. In attendance were over 80 of our MCVOers who had a great evening surrounded by all generations of Vipers!

We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner with beverages and desserts. Popcorn, candy etc. were served as the evening took on a private car show ambience, made up of just vipers of course. Not to go home empty handed, numerous bottles of wine were raffled off as door prizes.

Our members were treated to the spectacle of cars speeding around the race track in front of us as we enjoyed great weather, a unique location and wonderful conversations with our MCVO family.

A big thanks goes out to Bruce Heckman and Rick Jacacki for putting on this event for us. I don't know how you will top this one for next year guys but good luck! Great job!!

A sincere thank you for your generosity  
and hospitality Mr. Golling!





## CPG AutoCross

### Sam Milana

On Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our annual Chelsea Proving Grounds Auto-cross/BBQ and for yet another year, we were blessed with a warm sunny dry day.

This year I was unavailable for Saturday set-up day, but veteran MCVO members Zach Thompson and Jim Bielenda stepped in to lead a group of 8 others in designing this year's course. Thank you all who came out on Saturday and early on Sunday.

Getting the "Black Lake" ready for our event involves transforming a huge empty lot into safely laid out spaces for parking cars, tents, tables, cooking and spectator seating. The trailer restroom, which has been graciously provided by CPG, is on the other side of the track. Drivers used the track's Gem electric cars to chauffeur members there safely.



*Thank you Rick for manning the BBQ!*



We had 55 members attend on Sunday with 46 drivers, the most we've ever had. This includes 19 first time drivers: Kurt Darga, Jeff Doolin, Roaul & Bryan Eisman, Bill Golling, Jason Howell, John Huszti Sr, Paul & Chris McClorey, Angelika Milana, Enio Parete, Mike Prudhomme, Scott Sicinski, Dave & Kristi Sidlar, Donna Sutherland, and Marco & Tonino Zaccagnini.

After going through the necessary information about the facility, safety, "do's and don't" everyone is accounted for, lined up then we enter as a group. Conversely we return together as well. It's a short but pleasant drive to our location. CPG is private property, being able to have our autocross there is an unprecedented privilege which MCVO has enjoyed for years. When one of us disregards CPG rules they put this event at risk of being canceled. We can not impress on members how important this point is.





I want to congratulate all the first time drivers for coming out and having fun. Unfortunately due to the length of the course and large number of drivers, we had to cut back on the number of runs this year. We hope to see you all again for the 2019 event!



Congratulations to this year's winners:

Gen 1 – Bryan Aitken 122.5 sec

Gen 2 – Wil Thorne 118.5 sec

Gen 2 w/ABS – John Hayes 113.8 sec

Gen 3 – Mike Menuk 114.2 sec

Gen 4 – Jason Hallberg 120.5 sec

Gen 5 – Zach Thompson 113.2 sec

Fastest Time of the Day – Jeff Lambert 112.4 sec

Fastest Female – Ann Rappaport 135.7 sec

Most Cones Killed – Bob Swartz



This is a very large event to run, if attending please be willing to volunteer where needed to assist the event coordinators.

Cruise to Put-in-Bay for the Historic Road Race Reunion

Bob White

The Road Races were moved to September in order to avoid conflicts with other SCCA events. The result was reflected in the increased number of cars and the quality of racing. The determination of racers was clearly seen on the track. I've never seen so many hay bales flying!

Day 1: After a pleasant cruise to Ohio and a scenic ferry ride to the island, we settled in at the Bayshore Resort, then went to the first event on our itinerary. Race participants had gathered for a car show on the grounds of Ohio's oldest winery, Heineman's. There were many beautiful historic cars to see and interesting owners to talk to.



Then we walked across the street to visit Skip Duggan's Antique Barn. It's an eclectic collection of transportation and memorabilia, including a 1915 Model T Speedster, the oldest car on the island, a 1924 Model T based snow-mobile that was used to deliver mail, and a 1930 Chrysler Coupe that has never left the island.

Then we gathered in front of The Goat, where we had dinner, and watched as the racers took two laps around the old race course. When racing was still allowed through the village it was at this



point that cars were airborne for 50 feet or so as they crested the hill. No one was airborne during the parade laps, but they were still very fast "parade" laps and the cars could be seen riding high on their suspensions.



Later that evening we had a private gathering at the Red Moon for a night-cap. It's a speakeasy themed bar tucked away behind buildings on the main street, accessible through a door that can easily be mistaken as a nondescript office door.



Day 2: After breakfast at Pasquale's, which is noted for their breakfast fare, we headed for the track to view qualifying. Shortly after our arrival an older

Mini got bumped, spinning out and taking hay bales with him off the course. One of the rear tires was flat and after replacing the flat tire, it was obvious that something was broken in the steering linkage since the front wheels were pointing in different directions. We thought he was done racing.

The racing was very competitive and at one point the ground crew gave up on two of the hay bales that were regularly being destroyed, replacing them with more permanent orange plastic barriers. The course began to be lined with piles of straw where hay bales had been.



After lunch we went to the top of Perry's Monument and viewed the bay and nearby islands. The scenery is beautiful from that vantage point!



Then back to see the Exhibition Class racing followed by dinner in town.





Day 3: We started the day with breakfast at The Old Forge. It actually was the village blacksmith shop at one time and some of the tools used there over 100 years ago can be seen hanging on the walls in the restaurant.

Racing on the final day of the event was exciting. Fewer hay bales were destroyed as drivers focused all their attention on speed and were more similarly matched. The cars and their sounds made us want to stay longer, but soon racing was done and it was time to go.

After the event I heard more about that old Mini with the broken steering link. One of the other racers told the owner that he knew of a guy in southern Ohio that had an old Mini like that in his back yard. He called the guy and after some work on his back in the yard, the generous donor was able to remove the part that was needed. Because there was little time, and his wife was away with car, he jumped on his motorcycle and drove several hours in order to catch the last ferry leaving the mainland for Put In Bay. That night the part was installed and the little Mini was able to complete racing.

I think that story exemplifies the heart of the historic road race reunion at Put In Bay, people who compete for the pure joy of it, who are more concerned about racing than winning.



## Dyno Day at Prefix

### Dick Winkles

Prefix Performance Division of Auburn Hills hosted an MCVO Dyno Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A total of eight MCVO Snakes (7 Vipers and 1 SRT-10 Truck) put their reputations on the line to see who really had the biggest...well, made the most power on the DynoJet chassis dyno.



Even though the day was dreary and cool, the event came off without a hitch and at the end of the day Rick Sheeran drove away with bragging rights with his slightly modified 2013 Gen V Snake laying down 593HP and 562lb-ft to the rear wheels.

John Huszti Sr. followed closely with his 2017 Gen V throwing down 586HP and 558lb-ft. Everyone was very pleased with the format and the results, look for a possible Round II next year!



**Bocce Ball**  
**Diane Cipponeri**

Forty five MCVO members signed up for this year's Bocce Ball night at Penna's which made this a huge success. Penna's once again was our gracious host and kept their servers busy keeping the food and refreshments flowing all night.



The dinner is pretty much the same as in past years. It is our tribute to carbs, carbs and more carbs with various dishes of pizza, two types of pasta, bread and antipasto salad. This is surely not a diet dinner but prepares us for the marathon bocce ball competition of the evening!

We all look forward to coming and enjoying the popular "Italian Night"!







Mike made a very functional and efficient holder for the tape measurer. It wasn't long before the guys were double and triple checking distances. No one was fooled, give an engineer a tool , they'll measure anything not nailed down!



The Mighty Roadsters team, made up of Angelika Milana, Barb Maccani, Rose Klutz and Mike Cipponeri, came from behind to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat to win the 2018 MCVO Bocce Ball championship and go home with the coveted solid white gold (plastic) trophies.

You may have seen our tournament results reported on ESPN (sure!!). The champs also received a container of assorted nuts. There may be a joke in there somewhere. I'm going to get hassled about that line in this write up!

Come on out to our off season events and socialize with your MCVO friends. See you there !!!







# HOLIDAY PARTY

Diane Cipponeri



This year's MCVO Holiday Party saw a return to the very prestigious Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit. The membership overwhelmingly voted to return to this venue at the Spring Brunch in May. What a great decision this turned out to be. It was truly a pleasure to see all the women dressed in their 'After Five' dresses and all the men looking so debonair in their tuxedos and suits. Wow, we sure didn't look like our usual selves in our usual jeans and Viper apparel.



Our hosts for the evening were Joe and Rose Klutz who are members of the Yacht Club. Thank You Joe and Rose for sponsoring the MCVO for the evening and also to Tony Spampinato for donating the table centerpieces.

Volunteers getting the beautiful space ready for members



The DYC was decorated to the hilt with their very festive holiday decorations. Our DJ added a nice mix of holiday music along with some easy dancing music colored with some added mood lighting.

The dinner was excellent consisting of pan roasted salmon, chicken Marsala and carved top round of beef with au jus. All the trimmings were added too.







What a beautiful venue with the beautiful DYC holiday decor and 75 of our MCVO club members attending and partying together. One of our best Holiday Party turn outs ever!



All went home with a nice gift from your MCVO car club.

I, for one, truly enjoyed the evening. What a way to start off the holiday season with memories of such a fantastic event!



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