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SAE Session Topic
To Be Kaytech V4

The Mid-Michigan Section of SAE International will meet Monday, April 29, at the Lingenfelter Collection, 7819 Lochlin Drive, Brighton, starting with a 6 p.m. social hour and tour of the collection of more than 150 unique cars.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the main program beings promptly at 8 p.m.

This month's program is all about Katech V4 high-performance engines, presented by Fritz Kayle, Katech founder and CEO.

The Katech V4 is described by Kayle as an innovative, highly efficient, high-power-density and configurable engine to power owners' auto-sport, aviation, marine, ATV and industrial applications.

This light engine, which draws on the architecture of the Corvette LS series V8, offers a compact design that, according to Kayle, can be retrofitted into almost any application.

Reservations are required by noon on Thursday, April 25. Tickets can be purchased online at midmichigansae.org.

To Burn or Not to Burn Leaves: City Faces Question

The question of whether or not to allow leaf burning within the confines of Auburn Hills is still open for discussion.

City officials held a special town hall meeting on March 25 to get public input on what should or should not be allowed when it comes to leaf burning.

Stephanie Carroll, Auburn Hills Community Relations coordinator, said about 80 people attended the meeting and that no decision has been made by the city council on the matter.

"The state banned leaf burning in 2012," Carroll said. "But local communities have the option of opting out if they so choose."

And the question is something of a controversy within the city, Carroll said. There are some residents who strongly oppose leaf burning. They cite the EPA's warnings that leaf burning generates carbon monoxide and the smoke is bad for people with asthma and other lung problems.

Supporters of leaf burning pointed out that there are many lots in the city that are big. Some are as large as an acre. Raking and bagging those leaves presents unique health problems too.

"Raking can be hard on people's backs and hands," Carroll said. "Leaves often get wet and that means they can get moldy, so when someone with allergies rakes them and bags them they get exposed to the mold. That's a health hazard, too."

The city has been allowing leaf burning, Carroll said, and many who burn their leaves are what city officials call "considerate burners."

"They notify their neighbors when they're about to burn their leaves, they abide by the rules to a T," Carroll said. "But we also have leaf burners who don't follow the rules and this causes problems."

Carroll said the meeting was informative and she learned a lot of

interesting facts. For example, while many people compost, oak leaves are bad for composting. It takes about three or four years for oak leaves to break down in compost.

"I didn't know that," Carroll said. "That's very interesting."

Other residents expressed dismay at the cost of just buying bags to contain the leaves they would normally burn. It's also a lot easier and faster to burn

leaves than to rake them in piles and place them in bags.

"The city council is interested in hearing as many points of view as possible," Carroll said. "This is just the first meeting. I expect that we will have another one before the issue comes up for a vote in the city council. We're just in the exploratory stage. The council will continue to listen and take ideas. We've been asking for people's thoughts and solutions."

Balance Training Builds Strength

The Auburn Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering balance training sessions as one of its adult fitness programs.

Instructor Jo Schirtzinger leads participants in a 30-minute workout designed to build bone, and strengthen core, pelvic and leg muscles while improving posture and balance.

Participants rotate every 30 to 45 seconds, using equipment such

as stability balls, balance boards and stretch bands. Participants wear tennis shoes and loose, comfortable clothing for sessions.

Session I, Activity 252072A will run on Mondays April 8 to May 6, 7:10 to 7:40 p.m. Session II, Activity 252072B, is also scheduled for Mondays, May 13 to June 17, 7:10 to 7:40 p.m.

The fee is \$20 for residents and \$26 for non-residents.

MEMA: Suppliers Providing Muscle to Manufacturing and to Economy

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States like Alabama with 30,000 jobs and Texas with 29,000 jobs now surpass states like Pennsylvania – 21,000 jobs, and New York – 19,000 jobs.

"The intended audience of this report is the public policy sector," Andrea said, "at both the national and local levels. We want them to know just how important the auto supplier sector is in our economy."

The report, Andrea said, also demonstrates just how big the multiplier effect is on the economy. Those suppliers' employees eat at restaurants near where they work. The manufacturers buy steel and chemicals from companies. These companies hire drivers to haul the supplies

to the suppliers.

He went on to say that the suppliers pay property taxes that support communities. Workers need teachers for their children and stores to make purchases in. It's important that policymakers understand just how much the suppliers add to the economy, Andrea said.

"The classic image of the auto worker is someone working at an OEM's assembly level," Andrea said.

So, while GM is no longer the biggest employer in the country, GM and the other OEMs, through their supplier base, support millions of jobs throughout the entire country. The MEMA report states that the motor vehicle parts manufacturing industry accounts for 34.4 percent of all manufacturing

jobs; 24.3 percent of information & professional services jobs; 12.1 percent of wholesale and retail trade jobs; and 8.9 percent of finance, insurance, real estate and leasing employment.

"This is not just a Michigan is-

sue," Andrea said. "The creation of manufacturing jobs via the auto industry is a national issue and many state governments are supporting public/private partnerships to attract and create auto supplier jobs."

Karmanos Benefits from Auctions
In Unexpected Sum of Over \$2M

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In addition, for the second consecutive year, the GM Foundation has donated \$400,000 to cancer research, bringing GM and the GM Foundation's total support of Karmanos to nearly \$6.4 million over the last 16 years.

"The commitment of GM and the GM Foundation to further the Karmanos Cancer Institute's innovative cancer research and exceptional patient care is nothing short of magnificent," said Gerold Bepler, M.D., Ph.D., president and CEO of Karmanos.

"From the company's top leadership to its employees and partners, GM's investment to improve life for those in our community and significantly impact our global fight to end this disease is truly outstanding. We are extremely grateful to GM and the GM Foundation, and our many sponsors and supporters who continue to imagine and help us work toward a world without cancer."

The Karmanos Cancer Institute's 31st Annual Dinner is Saturday, April 20, at the General Motors Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center, 2500 East Grand Blvd., in Detroit. Reuss and his wife Kim are chairing this year's gala. Emcee for the event is Ruth Spencer, anchor and consumer reporter for WDIV Local 4.

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Tickets for the Annual Dinner are \$750 per person for benefactor level, which includes priority seating and recognition in the program book. Patron level tickets are \$525 per person and includes recognition in the program book.

To reserve tickets, please contact Lisa Koltunchik at 313-576-8106 or koltuncl@karmanos.org. To reserve tickets online, visit Karmanos 2013 Annual Dinner. Companies interested in sponsorship opportunities for the dinner should contact Maureen Bender at 313-576-8111 or by email at benderm@karmanos.org.

Visitors Can Look or Buy Classic Cars
At the Novi Expo Coming Up Soon

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There will be one auction lane and vehicles up for bid will be shown on large television screens that will display all the relevant information on the car.

"It's like a standard auto auction, but it will be indoors," Lichty said.

The auctioneer is Joseph Mast, who leads auctions for Barrett-Jackson.

In addition to vehicles for sale, rare automotive memorabilia will be for sale, including neon signs, toys, models and other collectibles.

The vehicles come from various sources, Lichty said, some from estates, others from people who for whatever reason wish to sell their vehicles.



1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster

Not all are classics are collector cars. Some are on consignment from car dealers looking for new venues for selling vehicles. Most of the cars are from around Ohio and Michigan.

But that's the beauty of the Novi auction, Lichty said – there will be many vehicles from numerous kinds of sellers in a variety of price ranges.

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