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### **Michigan Corn Growers...Start Your Engines**

LANSING, MICH. – Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) members, start your engines and race over to Dixie Motor Speedway in Birch Run for Ethanol Night at the Races on Friday, Sept. 11.

“Ethanol Night at the Races is a great way for MCGA members to celebrate what has been accomplished over the past year, especially in regards to ethanol,” said Tom Durand, MCGA president and a corn grower from Croswell. “We have come a long way in terms of infrastructure for producing and consuming ethanol in Michigan. We can’t think of a better place to celebrate Michigan’s ethanol accomplishments than at Ethanol Night at the Races.”

MCGA members must pre-register for the event and will receive:

- Free admission to Ethanol Night at the Races for themselves. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend at a reduced rate of \$15 per adult and \$5 per child under the age of 12. Children under the age of 6 are free.
- A free commemorative t-shirt.
- A great steak dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The opportunity to examine Kettering University’s ethanol-powered snowmobile and truck and meet the students who designed and built them.
- A full night of racing with the green flag dropping at 7:00 p.m.

The steak dinner will be followed by the “Eve of Destruction,” a full night of auto racing, highlighted by events such as the Figure-8 Trailer Race, School Bus Figure-8, Chain-Gang Race, Dixie Crash Cars, Flagpole Race and Spectator Drags.

“The MCGA would not be as successful without the power of our members, and this event is just one way we can give back to them for their support throughout the year,” added Durand.

Sponsors for the 2009 Ethanol Night at the Races include Don Morse, a Pioneer Seed Dealer from Birch Run; ADM; The Andersons Albion Ethanol, LLC; Great Lakes Hybrids; Michigan Farm Radio Network; and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

If the weather is threatening rain on Sept. 11, please contact Dixie Motor Speedway at (989) 624-9778 to confirm Ethanol Night at the Races is still on. The rain date for this year’s event will be Friday, Sept. 18.

For more information, questions, to become a member, or to register for Ethanol Night at the Races, contact the MCGA office at 1-888-323-6601 or visit [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association representing the state’s corn producers’ political interests. Since the 1970s, the MCGA has been looking out for the state’s corn producers and working to keep them on the cutting edge. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education and market development. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).

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