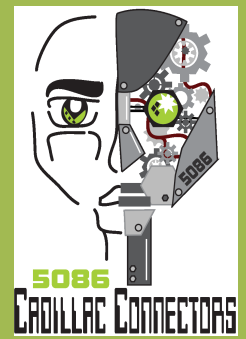


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Summer Is Here

By: Carly Prowdley

School is out for the summer, giving students a well deserved break and the opportunity to relax. The Connectors, however, take advantage of this extra time to continue working hard! The Cadillac Connectors are still meeting every week to do whatever needs to be done, whether that means taking apart our previous creations, or planning events to get involved with the community. We discuss other ideas as well, including future newsletters, having team bonding days, and other outreach activities such as demonstrating our thanks to the community by being involved in the Independence Day parade.

Summertime is also time for veteran members to show the fresh faces the ropes of Cadillac Connectors. New members are given equally as much opportunity to help out. Likewise, older members get to step up as leaders in our group.

Overall, Team 5086 is still at it, never taking a break. We will always be active, both as a group, and within the Cadillac community. With new ideas always on the brain, we may as well be a mini business working in the basement of Cadillac Junior High! After all, we could not achieve anything at all without putting in a lot of time and muscle!



Right, an earlier school-is-almost-out NEMO meeting in the Robot Room.

Giving New Members a FIRST Look at the Team

By: Jordan Healey

The Cadillac Connectors had a total of 25 members last season. So when 26 students interested in joining the team attended the first recruitment meeting, you can imagine the excitement our current members felt! Eager to make new members feel comfortable and knowledgeable with what the team is about, the 26 recruits were presented with a slideshow chock full of funny, heartwarming, and exciting photos from last season. This presentation was followed by mini-speeches from each team sub-captain about the individual work that goes into making the team a strong unit. From electrical to marketing, the new recruits got a taste of all the interesting

and important things the Cadillac Connectors do! They were even taken down to the Robot Room, where they got to meet and watch last year's robot, Sidewinder, in action! "I thought it was very inspirational to see what a bunch of teenagers working together could do as a team and I hope to contribute to that future soon." -said Jake Denny, an upcoming senior who will be joining the team next year. The veterans and new recruits are excited for what their new season has to bring!



Calendar: Showing Our Stars n' Stripes!

By Emilia Nelson

Be on the look out for the Cadillac Connectors showing their patriotism and community support in the Cadillac Independence Day Parade on July 1st. The team will be walking along side the float in their bright green T-shirts. Weather permitting, Sidewinder will be on the float!



Community Corner



Board Recognition

CADILLAC- The Cadillac Connectors have been honored to receive recognition from the Cadillac Board of Commissions for all their hard work and achievement during their last season. After receiving the award, connectors were allowed to stay and become educated on the process and proceedings that the Commission's Board goes through to approve community projects, issues, and events.

Pictured in front row: Victor Sawicki, Shannon Metzger, Tucker Bachman, Max Stange
Second: Elise Windover and McKinsey Crozier
Third: Kendra Jakubos and Josh Jacobson
Back: Mentors Andrew Whipple, Tom Jacobson, Jim Jakubos, and Eric Sawicki

Give it a Tri

CADILLAC AREA YMCA- While athletes of all ages and sizes competed in the pool and on the road, a few of our connectors worked behind the scenes during the Cadillac Area YMCA's Anyone Can Tri-Triathlon. Our volunteers Joshua Jacobson, Will Walker, Kyle Leesch, and Shannon Metzger spent their Saturday morning helping set up and take down the start/finish line, as well as assisting competitors in keeping track of their laps during the swimming portion of the event.



So many people and businesses have helped our team with our truly phenomenal season this year. The Cadillac Connectors would like to thank all of our generous sponsors who have helped us get through our build and off season.

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A Connector's Mind

We've all hear of how great robotics is, now we take a look into a student's view on the past season.

By: Darby Garland

Shannon Metzger mainly works on the NEMO side of our team as the Awards Captain this past season. This was her first season being a part of robotics. She researched available awards and turned in applications on First's website. Her tasks ranged from writing and planning events to giving presentations to multiple boards. She was also in charge of outreach, which involved volunteering and providing services to the community while simultaneously gaining positive recognition for the organization. One of Shannon's favorite memories from outreach was participating in the polar dip. Her and other robotics members decked themselves out in green and partook in the icy plunge for charity. Getting to know your teammates is just as important as building the robot. Her fond memories of the season include bonding at the state championship and at World's. Robotics has more than just friendship to offer, it has practical skills too. Shannon says her communication and writing skills blossomed. Speeches boosted her self confidence and made giving presentations far less stressful. Shannon hopes for the team to make it back to Worlds in the future, even well after she leaves the group. She also hopes that the team earns the Chairman's Award. Shannon has high hopes that Cadillac will claim the prize. All in all, Shannon loves robotics and hopes for more new members to join. She says "... this really is, it's a family."

