



July 2016

Dear Friends,

The festivities begin in earnest this year on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10 AM with the UNVEILING of the eighth statue commemorating the automotive pioneers, the “movers and the shakers” in the history of Flint. Thanks to the combined efforts of Back to the Bricks, the Mott Community Foundation, the Mott Community College Alumni Association, the Bruin Club, the Dale and Mary McClellan family, the Tom and Winnie Brown Family, and a host of other donors, the latest in the series of life-size bronze statues will honor one of Flint’s most prominent citizens, philanthropist [Charles Stewart Mott](#). The statue created by area sculptor Joe Rundell will have a place of honor near the entrance to the library on the campus of Mott Community College. In conjunction with the unveiling, there will be a classic car show from 9 AM to 2 PM in the parking lot adjacent to the library. Coffee and donuts will be provided for those who arrive early. The first two hundred classic cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Registration is not required.



“[TUNE-UP WEEK](#)” begins Monday, August 8 in Flint Township, and continues each late afternoon with other parties in Linden on Tuesday, Fenton on Wednesday, Thursday in Clio, and Friday in Davison. On Saturday, there will be two parties, late afternoon in Beecher (Buc Town to locals) and that evening in Mt. Morris. A limited number of specially designed T-shirts will be given out at each location with the picture of a different car and the name of that site on the front of the shirt. Shout out to ELGA Credit Union, proud sponsor of “Tune-Up Week,” for their faithful support of these events.



The [MAIN EVENT WEEK](#) is August 16th thru August, 20, 2016. It begins on Tuesday with the traditional “Bricks’ Flick” at the US-23 Drive-In Theater on Fenton Road in Mundy Township. This year’s movie is the 1968 classic action thriller, “Bullet,” starring Steve McQueen, and featuring some of the best car chase scenes ever filmed.



On Wednesday, join us for the official opening ceremony in front of the Fisher One Administration Building on South Saginaw Street in Flint (between Atherton and Hemphill). Once the ribbon is cut, the 12-mile [Cruise](#) route from Grand Blanc to downtown Flint is open. Join the thousands who will cruise in vehicles of all descriptions, or bring your lawn chairs and stake out a location along the route to see and be seen!

Thursday and Friday, BttB’s will host the annual two-day SWAP MEET on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church on South Saginaw Street in Grand Blanc. Each year the swap meet gets bigger and better, and good buys are plentiful. In addition to the swap meet, there will be two more opportunities to cruise from Grand Blanc to downtown Flint on Thursday and Friday evening. Don’t miss this year’s FREE [Motown concert](#) on Friday night on the historic grounds of Fisher One located at the corner of Saginaw Street and Hemphill Road with paved parking. Lawn chairs will be permitted on pavement or grassy areas.



Saturday is the “MAIN EVENT” in downtown Flint with fifteen blocks of Saginaw Street barricaded to traffic, and reserved for the car show. Early bird arrivals will gather in the University of Michigan parking lot at Saginaw and Robert T. Longway Blvd. [Opening ceremonies](#) will take place at 10AM with a few new surprises. Special automotive displays will be featured along with assigned car club parking. Restaurants and food vendors will be open for business. This year, tours of historic Glenwood Cemetery and C.S. Mott’s Applewood estate will be run concurrently with the Main Event so that interested visitors can learn more about the history of Flint. Free shuttle service will be available to both sites.



For more information about any of these events, follow the links. Back to the Bricks is a monumental undertaking, and a labor of love for the many [volunteers](#) involved.. We wish to offer a big “THANK YOU” to our incredible [sponsors](#) for your continued generous support. We couldn’t do it without you! It will be here before you know it.

CORDially,
Al Hatch, Founder and Board Chair
Back to the Bricks, Inc.