



July, 2017

Dear Friends,

Excitement is building for the annual "Back to the Bricks®" auto extravaganza. Ed and Carol McDonough have been working with eight Genesee County communities in preparation for the "Tune-Up" Parties which will rev up on Monday, August 7th. John's Pizzeria and VG's Super Market in [Davison](#) will host the official start of "Tune-Up" week. Tuesday's Party will be at the [Clio](#) Mall. The "Tune-Up" Parties continue on Wednesday in [Linden](#), and Thursday, August 10th in [Fenton](#). Friday's festivities will begin at the A-1 Treat Barn on the corner of Miller and Seymour (formerly the DQ) just west of downtown Swartz Creek. Later, that same afternoon, we will take the Party to the Flushing "A" where we will wrap up the evening. Saturday's Tune-Up Parties will begin at the old K-Mart site just north of Beecher High School, and travel to Mt. Morris for the evening. A mini-cruise from [Beecher to Mt. Morris](#) on Saturday might be an excellent way to celebrate the finale of "Tune-Up" Week.



[ELGA Credit Union](#), one of our most faithful and longtime supporters, will again sponsor the Free T-shirt give away with 250 shirts available at each of the "Tune-Up" Party sites from Monday through Thursday. The daily total of 250 shirts will be split between Swartz Creek and Flushing on Friday, and the final 250 shirts between Beecher and Mt. Morris on Saturday. To celebrate twelve consecutive years with Back to the Bricks®, ELGA Credit Union will also present T-shirts to the first 200 Veterans or active duty military personnel in front of the Flat Lot

in downtown Flint on Saturday, August 19th at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies. We salute our men and women in uniform and thank them for their service. Kudos to ELGA Credit Union for all they do to support Back to the Bricks®.

Your BttB® committee has been working hard on plans for the [Main Event Week](#) which kicks into high gear on Tuesday, August 15th with "Bricks Flicks" at the [US 23 Drive-In](#) theater on Fenton Road where we will proudly present the 1981 edition of "Cannonball Run." Gates open at 4PM with special displays by Buick, our Presenting Sponsor, ELGA Credit Union, and others. Music provided by [DJ Bob Steel](#) begins at 5PM, and Back to the Bricks® T-shirts, hats, posters, and other memorabilia will be available for purchase.



Wednesday, August 16, a special opening ceremony will be held at the picturesque ["Applewood" Estate](#). For the first time, owners of collector cars will be allowed to "cruise" up the driveway past the Mott Mansion. If you would like to participate in this unprecedented opportunity, be there, ready to line up at 3:30 pm. The ribbon cutting ceremony on the grounds follows promptly at 4 pm, ushering in the traditional ["Rolling Cruises"](#) from 5 to 9 PM on successive nights, Wednesday, August 16th and Thursday, August 17th. The "Cruise" route begins each night on the historic "red bricks" of Saginaw Street in downtown Flint, and travels through Burton and Grand Blanc Township to the City of Grand Blanc as thousands of people line the parade route to see the classic cars. Several businesses along the way will showcase their products and services by hosting private parties for their customers.



For the first time, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department will host "Micki's Motor Muster" in honor of Micki Hoffman, who recently retired after serving many years as Grand Blanc Township Supervisor, and who has been an ardent supporter of Back to the Bricks®. If you need a break from "cruising," there will be a grassy area just south of the Township offices for you to park, watch the cars cruise by, and get a free hot dog. Having outgrown the Duke's Car Stereo property on S. Dort Hwy, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department and "Micki's Motor Muster" has graciously agreed to host the former "Duke's Car Stereo Free Hot Dog Lunch." The new site is located conveniently on the cruise route, and can easily accommodate 200 cars at a time, so stop by, have a free hot dog on BttB®, and watch the action from your lawn chair for a while. More information later about the Mega Sites along the cruise route.



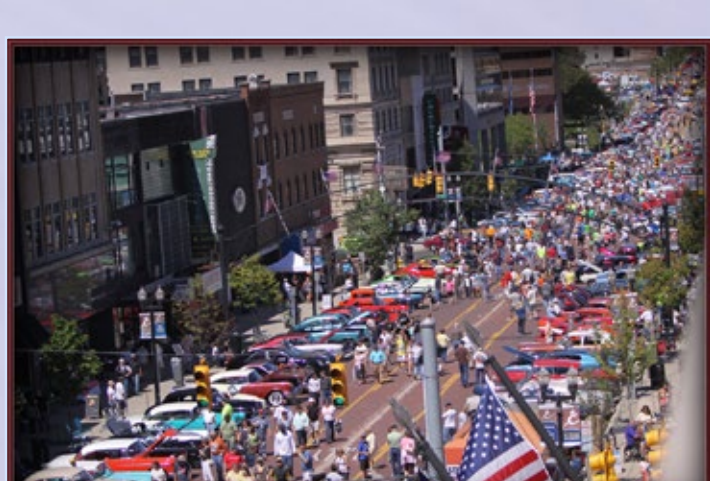
The annual [Swap Meet](#) will take place on Thursday and Friday, August 17-18 from 8AM to 4PM at the Kirkridge Presbyterian Church on S. Saginaw, just south of the Grand Blanc Mall, the same location, but bigger and better each year. Don Dumler, Swap Meet Chair, promises some great deals. Here's your chance to find a new owner for the spare parts in your garage, or snag something you need to restore or enhance your vehicle.



On Friday, August 18th, the FREE [Cruise "N" Concert](#) moves to a new venue this year at I-69 and Center Roads. The [Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center](#) offers paved parking, gated entry and egress, excellent lighting, and the opportunity to move indoors if inclement weather threatens. Thanks to the joint efforts of Steve Hobson, BttB® Board member, and Rodney Lontine, Executive Director for the FSO Orchestra and the Flint Institute of Music, the [Flint Symphony Orchestra](#) with special guests, ["Beachfront Property"](#) from California will present the best concert to date.



Back to the Bricks® is a mammoth undertaking, and we are always in need of volunteers. Click [here](#) if you can help. Watch for updates on Facebook, and check the [website](#) for more information about these events, and complete details about the ["Main Event"](#) Show in downtown Flint on Saturday, August 19th, 2017. In closing, don't forget to [LIKE](#) our Facebook page if you have not already done so!



CORDially,

*Al Hatch*, Founder and Board Chair

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