

May 2018

Spring has finally arrived. The grass is green. Flowers are blooming, and "cruise" season is here! Time to get those collector cars out of storage, and ready for a summer of fun.

The 9th Annual <u>PROMO TOUR</u> is less than 3 weeks away. We are expecting a RECORD NUMBER of vehicles and participants this year, including more than 90 who will be joining us for the first time.





A reminder from Rhonda Rau and the Tour Committee: There will be an 80's theme on June 9th in Gaylord with prizes for the best costumes, and a Poodle Skirt contest in East Tawas on June 12th, so pack accordingly! Hotels, downtown parking, and local restaurants in each of the host cities will be stretched to capacity, so bring your BEST AT-TITUDE. EXPECT a few LINES, and PLENTY of FUN as we journey to the "Mighty Mac & Back." Tour packets can be picked up at the BttB® office, 4400 S. Saginaw St. in Flint on Thursday, May 31st from 9AM to 2PM, Tuesday, June 5th from 5 to 8 PM, and at St. John's Catholic Church in Davison from 8 to 9 AM on Friday, June 8th prior to departure.

Between the Promo Tour and the <u>Tune-Up Parties</u> leading to the Main Event in August, Back to the Bricks® encourages you to support the following <u>Community Car Events</u>, "80's in the Hole" on June 22nd in Downtown Flint, followed by the <u>Sloan Auto Fair</u> on Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th at <u>Crossroads Village</u>."





The <u>Main Event</u> on August 14-18, 2018 promises to be more spectacular than ever. Space on the Flat Lot in downtown Flint, reserved for automotive sponsors and vendors, is filling up fast. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor, <u>Click</u> <u>Here</u> for more information and specific instructions.

The <u>Cruise "N" Concert</u> returns to Downtown Flint on Friday night, August 17th, 2018 for the biggest and best FREE concert anywhere. Our special guest performers, Back to the Bricks® by popular demand, will be none other then the Motortown All-Stars, LIVE and on stage in front of the ice skating pavilion on Saginaw St. SO, grab your dancing shoes, invite a few dozen friends to join you, and get ready for a unforgettable evening featuring Motown's Greatest Hits.



CORDially,

Al Hatch.

Founder & Board Chair

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P.S. Make sure that your vehicle is "road ready" for the Promo Tour and summer "cruising." I share my experience as a reminder to check your tires. When the diagnostics panel on your prized "Vette" indicates a faulty air pressure sensor on one of the front tires, you check it out. A trip to the repair facility revealed these facts. Although tread wear was minimal, my name brand, high performance, "Z" rated tires were 11 years old. The tire must be removed from the rim to replace the sensor, and

federal law prohibits a repair facility from working on the "old" tires. The identical tires were no longer available for purchase. A matched set is a must for performance, ride, and aesthetics, making it necessary to replace both front tires. More than \$500 later, I left with two new tires, and working air pressure sensors. Today's question, "How old are your tires?" The older the tire, the more likely they are to fail at the most inopportune time. Don't let aging tires leave you by the side of the road, or worse!



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