

"June is bustin' out all over," and despite a brief cool-down, summertime temps have dominated the forecast. The 9th Annual <u>PROMO TOUR</u> is history. We had a superb itinerary, amazing host cities, near perfect weather, a RECORD NUMBER of cars and participants, more than 300 beautiful vintage, classic, and collector vehicles, nearly 100 more than last year, more than 600 people, and plenty of fun on our journey to the "MIGHTY MAC & BACK."



From the kickoff breakfast at St. John's in Davison to our "End of the Road" Luncheon at the <u>Birch Run Speedway & Event Center</u>, it was an amazing experience.



Coordinating such a monumental effort is no easy task. Kudos to Rhonda Rau and the entire Committee for a job well done! We can't wait to find out what adventures they have in store for us next year. The dust has barely settled, and work has already begun on selecting the cities and making plans for 2019, so if you participated this year, and have not yet completed and returned your survey, please do so ASAP. Take time to check out the

website and Facebook for <u>photos</u> (scroll down to cities) and a brief summary of each day's activities, and join us next year on the Promo Tour. You won't be disappointed!

Mark your calendars now, and plan to participate in some or all of the <u>TUNE-</u><u>UP PARTIES</u> during the week of August 6-11 as we "cruise-in" first to Davison, then to Clio, Linden, Fenton, Flushing/ Swartz Creek, and Mount Morris/Beecher to generate excitement for the Main Event the following week. Once again, <u>ELGA Credit Union</u> will be giving away 250 Back to the Bricks® T-shirts, with new and different art work, in each of the six communities. For more information, <u>Click Here</u>!





Back to the Bricks® is gearing up for the biggest and best <u>Main Event Week</u> ever, August 14-18, beginning with the "<u>Bricks Flicks</u>" on Tuesday at the US-23 Drive-In Theater on Fenton Road, the <u>Rolling Cruises</u>, the <u>Cruise "N" Concert</u> with a Motown theme on Friday, the spectacular car show on Saturday, and TWO amazing CELEBRITY GUESTS!

We are pleased to announce that HOME-TOWN HERO, "Automotive King," <u>CARL CASPER</u>, will appear in person on the Flat Lot in Downtown Flint on Friday, August 17, 2018 from 5 - 9 PM, and Saturday, August 18th from 9 AM to 5 PM with his award-winning 1951 Chevrolet EMPRESS. For more information about Carl Casper and his visit to Flint, <u>Click Here</u>.





Actor <u>BUTCH PATRICK</u>, better known as "Eddie Munster", will be at the Rolling Cruise on Wednesday, August 15th, Factory One on Thursday afternoon, August 16th, the Hot Dog Lunch at the ELGA Credit Union on Center Road, Friday, August 17th, and on the Main Lot in downtown Flint on Saturday, August 18th with

his ghoulishly unique vehicles, the hearse-like Munster Koach and the Dragula, props, and memorabilia from the iconic television series. <u>Click Here</u> for more information.

CORDially,

Al Hatch.

Founder & Board Chair Back to the Bricks®



P.S. Last month, I wrote about tires. This month I share some observations from a recent "Roadside Seminar!" A raised hood is a universal request for assistance on the Tour, and Good Samaritans with varying degrees of mechanical expertise, came to the rescue when someone's car refused to start in Mackinaw City. A variety of suggestions were offered and tried, some reasonable and possibly helpful, like "Clean the battery cables" to "The battery is too small for a big-block en-

gine." Finally, we heard, "The starter doesn't have enough torque for the engine. Tap on the starter with a hammer!" Immediately, the engine began to purr, and car and driver were soon on their way. The moral of this story is two-fold. #1."Where there's a will, there's a way!" and #2 Not every fix is outlined in the auto mechanic's textbook. (Sometimes a not-so-gentle nudge works wonders!)



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