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FALL is in the air, but if you hurry, there's still time to squeeze in one more COLOR TOUR before you prepare your collector vehicle for the long winter hibernation.



Like well-oiled machines, Back to the Bricks® committee members are working hard behind the scenes on plans for 2019. Steve Hobson, Ralph Messer, and the entire committee are gearing up for the 4th Annual **CHROME & ICE™** which is expanding to three days this year, Friday, February 8th - Sunday, February 10, 2019. This year's show at the **Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center** in Flint promises to be larger and more spectacular than ever, featuring an amazing collection of Super Cars in the lobby, a Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, Corvette ZR1, and a few more surprises, capable of speeds exceeding 200 MPH.

There will be more than 125 vintage, classic, and custom vehicles, sports cars, muscle cars, hot rods, and trucks on display in the two arenas and on the mezzanine, more than 50 sponsor and automotive-related vendor displays, demonstrations, concessions, and live entertainment, so mark your calendars, and SHAKE off the WINTER DOLDRUMS at the area's only mid-winter family-friendly indoor car show! Click the link above for more information, or to [register](#) your car for Chrome & Ice™ 2019. A portion of the proceeds from this event go to support Back to the Bricks® [Youth Scholarship Fund](#).



In June, the 10th Anniversary [Promo Tour](#) will usher in a summer of cruising and car shows with an anticipated record number of participants, hundreds of vintage, classic, and collector vehicles, a superb itinerary, and amazing host cities. Appropriately christened the "Celebration" Tour to mark this milestone, Rhonda Rau and the Tour Committee begin work almost immediately after this year's event ended to make sure that 2019 is phenomenal! They have received no less than 14 requests

from around the state, vying for the honor of being chosen as one of the 5 host cities. Back to the Bricks® is grateful to all who have rolled out the red carpet for us, but it makes the task of selection extremely difficult. Online registration for the 2019 Celebration Promo Tour opens January 2, 2019. This year's itinerary, host cities, and hotel information will be shared as soon as we have the "green light" to do so via the website, future newsletters, Facebook, and our traditional press conference in December, so save the date, June 7-12, 2019, and stay tuned!



CORDially,

Founder & Board Chair

Back to the Bricks®



P.S. I was asked recently to give a presentation to a group of potential collectors. Although I am passionate about encouraging others to join our ranks, the task of producing a Power Point for the first time on my own was daunting. Thanks to a fellow Board and Committee member who wishes to remain anonymous, I created a presentation summarizing more than 100 years of automotive history from the Brass Era (early 1900's) and cars with highly polished brass trim to more modern vehicles.

The final section highlights AFFORDABLE "future" collectables. My suggestions go beyond the usual Mustangs, Camaros, Trans-Ams, and Chargers, to include from General Motors: the Chevrolet Super Sport Roadster (SSR) pick-up, Cadillac Allante and XLR, Pontiac Fiero and Solstice, Saturn Sky, Buick Reatta, Corvette C3 & C4; from Ford: early 2000 2-seater Thunderbird, F-150 Lightning Pick-up; and from Chrysler: the Crossfire, Prowler, and Viper. Most of these can be acquired with an initial investment ranging from the mid-teens to around \$30,000. The list is not exhaustive, and

deliberately contains only American cars, but clearly illustrates that novice collectors need not be millionaires. There are plenty of affordable, fun, great-looking rides available to get you started on a life-long hobby. Finally, what do all these rides have in common? The first person to comment with the correct answer on our [Facebook POST](#) will win 2 tickets to Chrome & Ice™ 2019.



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