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The 4th Annual CHROME & ICE™ Winter Indoor Car Show, February 8-10, 2019 at the [Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center](#) in Flint was indeed larger and more spectacular than ever with every available space in the main lobby, the mezzanine, the hallway between the arenas, and both arenas occupied by awesome vehicles and more than 50 sponsor and automotive-related vendor displays. Sponsored by [General Motors](#) and brought to you by the [Dort Federal Credit Union](#) with special thanks to [ABC-12](#), Chrome & Ice™ 2019 offered everyone a much-needed antidote for cabin fever at a family-friendly price.



Visitors to this year's show were treated to an amazing collection of "Super Cars" in the lobby capable of speeds exceeding 200 MPH, including a 2019 ZR-1, the fastest production Corvette ever built, a 1985 Porsche 930 Turbo slant-nose, a 1989 Ferrari

Testarossa, a 2011 Lamborghini Gallardo, a 2015 Lamborghini Huracan, a 1965 Shelby Cobra Essex, a 1996 Dodge Viper GTS, a 1969 Camaro SS with a 959ci Pat Musi Racing Engine, and a surprise addition, the Greenwood Racing Team's 1968 L-88 Corvette, the B.F. Goodrich Lifesaver Radial Press Car. Sharing the lobby with the "Super Cars" was a 1914 Stutz Bearcat Model 4-E, not quite as quick, but definitely a performance machine in its heyday. Beyond the lobby, there

were more than 135 "Super Rides," vintage, classic, factory, custom, and collector vehicles of every description, sports cars, muscle cars, hot rods, pick-up trucks, dragsters, and our featured cars this year, the "Tri-Five" Classic Chevy's from 1955, '56, and '57.



There were plenty of "oohs" and "ahs," and with so many amazing vehicles, it was difficult, but lots of fun to help pick the winners. [CLICK HERE](#) for winners. Live musical entertainment was provided by country crooner Dave Lagness, and Miss Chrome & Ice™ 2019 was on hand to present commemorative jackets valued at \$250 to the owners of the TOP 25 vehicles at the close of the show on Sunday. From beginning to end, [Chrome & Ice™ 2019](#) ran like a well-oiled machine. Kudos to Steve Hobson, Ralph Messer, sponsors, vendors, participants, guests, fans, and the entire team of hard-working volunteers for making the vision a reality, an event to be remembered.

Nearly 250 people attended the Chrome & Ice™ [VIP EXPERIENCE](#) on Friday evening, February 8th, 2019. Those in attendance enjoyed gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary adult beverage, and luscious desserts, courtesy of the Dort Federal Credit Union. Proceeds from Chrome & Ice™ and the VIP Experience help support the Back to the Bricks® [YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND](#) which last year awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to a

diverse group of area students.

Do you know a student who needs money for school? The Back to the Bricks® YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP Program provides assistance to high school seniors in Flint and Genesee County who plan to pursue post-secondary study/training at a college or technical school in auto-body repair/painting, automotive design, auto mechanics, electrical/manufacturing/mechanical engineering, robotics, sales and marketing, software development for automotive applications, welding, or a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) related program. The application DEADLINE is MARCH 15, 2019. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and the application form. Guidance counselors in the local area high schools can also provide assistance with the application process.



The 10th Anniversary "Celebration" [PROMO TOUR](#), June 7-12, 2019 is next on the docket, ushering in a summer of cruising and car shows. Registrations are coming in fast and furious, and this year promises to be another record breaker. At last count, co-chairs Rhonda Rau and Pete Cimbala reported that there are nearly 225 cars already registered. This year's tour begins on Friday, June 7th with the kick-off breakfast buffet at St. John's Parish Hall in Davison, and includes overnight stops in Clare, 2 nights in Sault Saint Marie giving tour participants more time to explore the oldest city in Michigan and the surrounding area, Gaylord, and West Branch with an "End of the Road" Luncheon at the brand new Waterfront in Uptown Bay City on June 12th. For more information, check the website, and [register NOW](#), on-line or through the mail. Registrations will CLOSE on MAY 1, 2019, so don't delay. Absolutely NO LATE registrations! Reserve your spot TODAY!

If the suggested hotels for the various cities are booked for that date, don't despair. A Google search will uncover plenty of additional options with a variety of amenities in all price ranges. Don't forget the small "Mom and Pop" motels that dot the landscape across the state, and frequently offer a quaint and inexpensive way to get that "Up North" feeling, and experience "Americana."



Winter may have us in its grip, but with Chrome & Ice™ behind us, our minds and bodies are longing for warmer temperatures. In closing, here's hoping that Punxsutawney Phil, the legendary prognosticator, was correct, and spring is on the way.

One Final Reminder: THANKS to you, we now have nearly 31,000 LIKES on our Back to the Bricks® FACEBOOK page. If you haven't done so, you can help put us over the top! To make sure that the word LIKED appears under the cover photo on our Facebook page, [CLICK HERE](#).

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