

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends!

October 2019

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## IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

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## Record - Breaking Success !



Back to the Bricks® 2019 is in the books, and it was an amazing experience with record-breaking numbers of participants and spectators at all events, and great memories of the fun that has become synonymous with one of the nation's biggest and best FREE car shows! Special thanks to our great [sponsors](#), Board of Directors, Committee members, and a host of volunteers for all you did to make the 15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of BACK to the BRICKS® a tremendous success!

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**A Rave Review**

We are indeed proud of this event, and how much it has grown since its humble beginnings a little more than 15 years ago. Click the link below to read the article from the August 2019 [HOT ROD NETWORK](#) entitled "Back to the Bricks...Woodward Adjacent." Many people, especially those who have driven a considerable distance, have told us that Back to the Bricks® is a pleasant addition to, rather than competition for, the Woodward Dream Cruise, making it possible for them to participate in the festivities at two venues on the same trip to Michigan. Back to the Bricks® welcomes all of our friends in the classic car community, and it's awesome to receive a positive review from an independent observer!



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## Chrome & Ice™

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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 hiatus. Plug in your battery tenders, add stabilizer to the gas tank, clean out the trunk, and cover the car until spring, UNLESS, of course, you would like to showcase your prized vehicle at the 5th Annual [CHROME &](#)

[ICE™](#) indoor car show at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center in Flint. Every year, a portion of the proceeds from this event go to support Back to the Bricks® Youth Scholarship Fund. For more information or to register your car for Chrome & Ice™, click the link above. Save the date, Friday, February 7th - Sunday, February 9, 2020, and stay tuned!

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# Job Posting

Back to the Bricks® is searching for a PART-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. For specific information about the qualifications, job description, and application process, follow [this link](#). Salary and other compensation are negotiable. Please forward this notice with the link to friends and acquaintances that you feel might be qualified and interested.

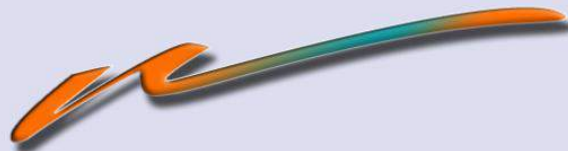


## A New Look

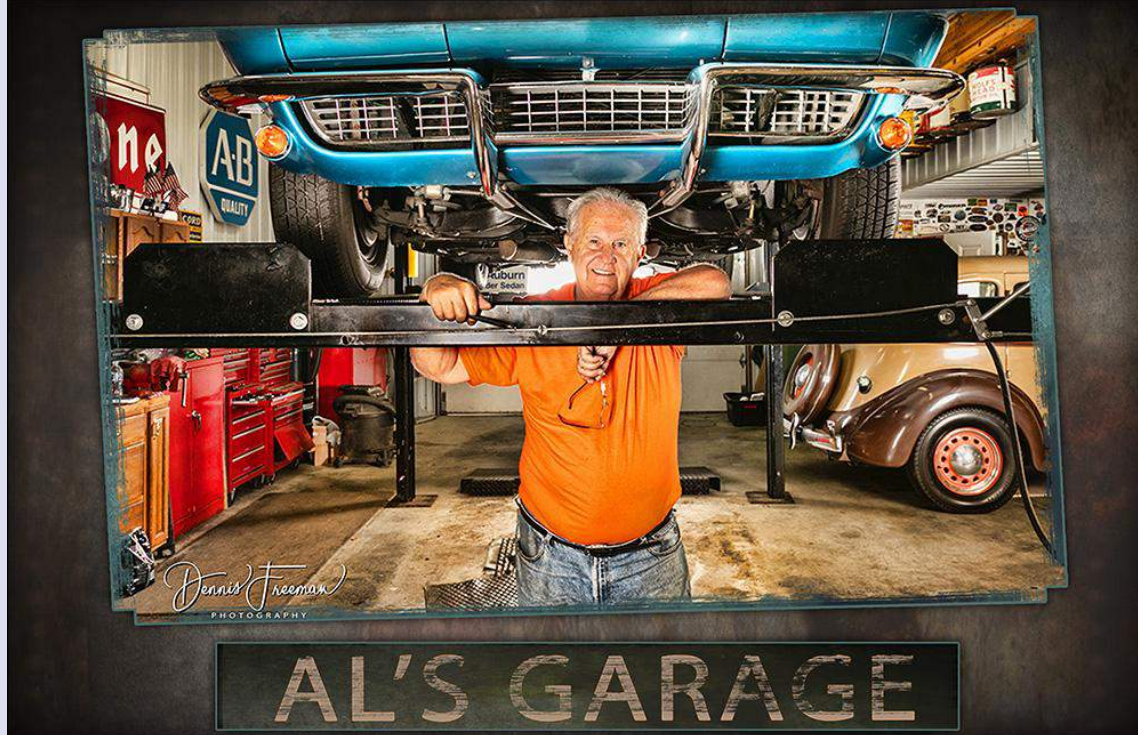
Beginning this month, the format of the NEWSLETTER is changing. I will be recapping past events "In the Rear View Mirror." Information about future events will be highlighted in a section entitled "Down the Road." Each month, our Chairman of the Board Emeritus, Al Hatch, will be writing an article we have christened, "AL'S GARAGE." We are looking forward to hearing from Al each month as he shares his automotive wisdom, humor, experience, and what he is doing in retirement.

*Steve Hobson*, Vice President  
Back to the Bricks®

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Welcome to the first edition of 'Al's Garage'. By now most of you are aware that I am stepping aside from my duties as the Board of Directors Chairman of the 'Back to the Bricks' and from most of my duties on the events committees. In coming Chair, Steve Hobson ask if I would stay on and continue writing the 'Monthly Updates' and came up with the suggestion that I write a monthly newsletter on any topic (automotive related) that I choose. I said, 'that sounds kind of fun'! It could be on car shows, cruise-ins, swap meets, car problems, automobilia, and even car related 'pet peeves'! So here I go!

There's been something that gets to me (and 'yes' it is a pet peeve) quick and that is the word 'born' when used in referring to cars. I believe the use of the word 'born' started with the large auto auctions, but the first use of the word 'born' probably started with the beer breweries. A car comes up on the auction block and the color commentator says, 'it was born with this and that and with a particular color'. Let's get one thing straight!

No car is 'born'! All cars are 'manufactured along with all of their components, options and original paint'! There are no mid-wives working on the assembly line and there is no 'delivery rooms' in an auto plant - period! Cars and trucks are manufactured!

WOW! I can believe I finally got that off from my chest and I am already breathing easier. Over Labor Day Weekend, my wife and I along with our adult children and granddaughter made our annual trip to Auburn, Indiana for the 64th Annual Reunion of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club. If you have not made it to Auburn, you might want to consider putting it on your bucket list. What started out as an annual club reunion has now evolved into two large collector cars auctions, classic car parade, a very large Friday night car show, a Saturday downtown car show featuring Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs only.

The annual parade of classics occurs early Saturday afternoon and the parade route is lined with thousands of people. At the completion of the parade, the

Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs are parked around the public square in downtown Auburn for the sole purpose of allowing those in attendance an opportunity to look at the cars up close and talk with the owners. Sitting across the street from where our car was parked, we witnessed a grandmother and her grandson looking at our car and a newly restored L-29 Cord that was just 'drop dead gorgeous'. No problem looking at the cars, but the grandson decided he wanted to look inside of both cars and commenced jumping up on the running boards of both cars. Being too short to see into the cars, he grabbed the top of the door edge as to appear as he was trying to do a 'chin up' to see into the cars. One would have thought the grandmother would have told him not to touch the cars as there were very expensive autos. Not in this case! She allowed the young lad to jump from one car to another. Fortunately, there was no damage other than some fingerprints. This boils down to show car etiquette plan and simple. When attending any event, a car show or whatever, public etiquette should take precedence over any desire to get one's way.

I promise that my next edition of 'Al's Garage' will be much more upbeat and fun. I just needed to get a couple of things off my chest and 'yes', I am breathing much easier.

'Keep on Rollin' KOR  
Al Hatch

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