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Dear Friends!

April 2020

COVID-19, a *novel* Coronavirus according to the Centers for Disease Control because it is different than anything we have faced in the past, has impacted our lives in ways no one could have predicted a few months ago.



Like most of you, our new normal means staying at home, in my sweats unless there is a video conference scheduled, watching TV several times a day for the latest local, state, national, and world news, more home cooking, a hike or bike ride, but generally venturing out only when absolutely necessary.

Staying Connected

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The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for Back To The Bricks® are conducting regular meetings and special meetings as needed from our home offices via Zoom Video Conferencing in an effort to stay ahead of the rapidly evolving situation, make responsible decisions, and keep you

informed about any changes in our summer schedule. We are definitely thankful for modern technology and the Internet!

DOWN THE ROAD

Promo Tour 2020

For the record, at the present time, none of our events has been cancelled, and we remain cautiously optimistic that "the show will go on." Our 2020 Visionary [Promo Tour](#) Chairman, Rhonda Rau, is on top of everything, and ready to roll if we appear to be on the road to recovery by April 30, 2020.



A final decision regarding the Promo Tour will most likely be made at the beginning of May, so stay tuned.

Back to the Bricks Updates

For your convenience, we have added a new feature to the Home Page of our Website. Click on [BACK TO THE BRICKS® UPDATES](#) for the latest news about the Promo Tour, Tune-Up Parties, and the Main Event in August, 2020. We will update this page regularly with information regarding changes or cancellations should they become necessary.

Scholarship Program



If you or someone you know needs money for school, it's not too late to apply! The Back to the Bricks® 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 MAY 1, 2020!! For more information, CLICK the [link](#).

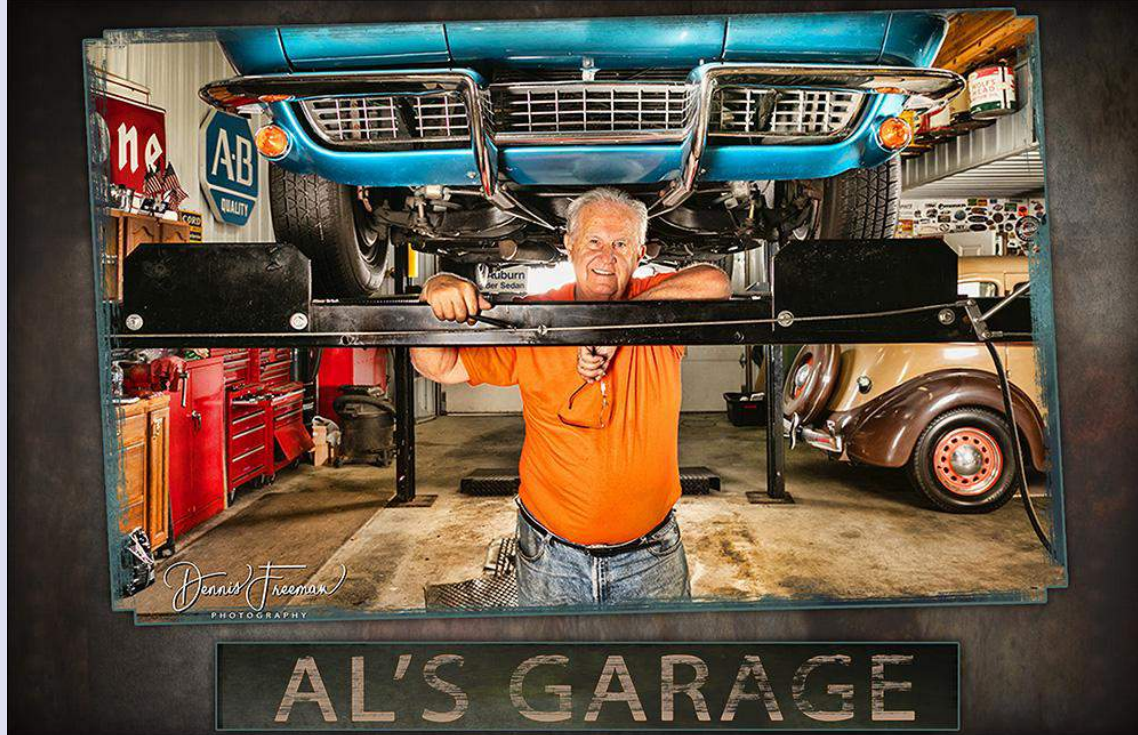
Final Thoughts

Stay home, stay safe, and keep our leaders, our first-responders, and especially, our health care providers, and the scientific community searching for a cure and a vaccine in your thoughts and prayers!

Steve Hobson,
Chairman of the Board
Back to the Bricks®, Inc.

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Al's Garage

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Last month I wrote about the five-year purge of my garage not realizing the 'purge' was going to continue into our house. Now that my wife and I have returned from Florida, and the strong recommendation to limit social gatherings, the time has arrived to 'attack' the closets and the storage area of the basement.

What both of us have discovered is that we had accumulated a large amount of paperwork that had virtually no value. Why did we save it for all these years is anybody's guess, but the time has come to dispose of it. Attacking the desk and organizing the drawers sounds relatively easy but it turned into a major task. But at the end of the day, we freed up one entire file drawer and this gave way to a small celebration by having a cold beer!

The next challenge was the two-door closet in the same room that the desk is located. We found a lot of old computer manuals, floppy disks, cables, manuals, etc. The oldest of these items was a manual for a Commodore 64 computer! This was followed by manuals for Microsoft XP operating system and much more. Why did we save this stuff, who only knows? The good thing about clearing out this 'stuff' is that it is making room for more newer stuff, and that should put a smile on our faces.

I recognize this has little to do with our car hobby but more to do with social distancing. It has provided me time to organize a lot of the car club memorabilia that I have collected over the past fifty years. This has proven to be a daunting task in as much as I am also cataloging all the items. (I have not completed this endeavor as of this writing.) Once I have completed the inventory process and cataloging, I will begin entering the data into our computer. Obviously, this process can be extended to the items in the garage,

by inventorying all spare parts that I have collected over the years (those that survived the 'five-year purge'). The benefit of having our treasures catalogued, inventoried and entered in a data base will surely prove to be invaluable to ourselves, as well as to our family members when something happens to us. Obviously much of this is common sense which unfortunately is a rare commodity and in short supply.

I did not want to mention the Corvid-19 pandemic, as I think we need to limit our discussions on this topic as it can prove to be demoralizing. I am not suggesting that we ignore the pandemic but suggest that all us find something that is productive with all this unexpected time. We will get through this together so why not use this time and organize one small sector of our lives. Stay well, stay safe and God Bless.

Keep on Rollin'

Al Hatch

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