

MAIN STREET METAL: Fans refuel Port Huron car show

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Photo from the Port Huron car show nearly 20 years ago(Photo: submitted)

Huron Avenue glittered with chrome, flames and pinstripes in the 1980s and 90s. Somehow, the classic cars, customs and hot rods rolled elsewhere as community after community fired up their own auto shows.

Port Huron's automobile enthusiasts are working to bring the passion back to downtown Port Huron. They're hoping the public will share their enthusiasm this weekend.

"What really made it great 19 years ago was that it brought the community together," said Ron Steward, Mainstreet Memories Car Show chairman. Steward said the show is named Mainstreet because the main street of town is the road that people would cruise through with their classic cars.

The car show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, with car registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The show will take place on Huron Avenue in downtown Port Huron between Quay Street and Glenwood Avenue. The road will be shut down during the show. About 65 cars have already registered to participate. Steward expects to see about 200 show up the day of the show.



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“In St. Clair County we have dozens on dozens of vehicles hidden away in garages that haven’t been out in years or decades,” said Ed Weichsler, Mainstreet Memories committee member. “The idea is to allow someone to exhibit their car and not have to worry about having it show-ready to compete. It’s about community, not competition this year.”

This will be a non-judged show, unlike most car shows. “We really want to promote community, not competition,” Steward said. “We want to promote the local businesses and resurrect what we once had.”

The group hosting the car show spent the past year organizing and promoting it. Together they passed out about 8,000 fliers across the state and in Canada. They traveled to other car shows to spread the word.

“You will see everything here,” Steward said. “Right now we have cars registered that were made in 1924 through 2014, and you will see Fords, Chevys, Dodges, and pick-up trucks and cars, and everything.” Weichsler said from 1995 to 1997 Port Huron’s show was one of the largest in Michigan.

“We want to bring the product to Port Huron — and the product is all of the cars,” he said. “It’s about promoting the community, too, because we give each participant a map of downtown so they know where to eat and drink.”

The Model T Assembling Team will be on-site. The team assembles a de-constructed Model T within minutes to show how the vehicle is put together.

Preferred Towing will also be present doing a display of the move-over law [in memory of Jason Schultz](#).

All proceeds from the show go to the St. Clair County Council on Aging.



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