



Flint's Bishop International Airport
Hosted the Back to the Bricks Statue Committee
As They Unveiled Statue of Walter P. Chrysler

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(FLINT, MICHIGAN) The Back to the Bricks Statue Committee unveiled the 4th in a series of bronze statues this morning at Bishop International Airport. The life size likeness of Walter P. Chrysler was created by sculptor Joseph Rundell and is located on Baggage Carousel #1 at Bishop International Airport.

Al Hatch, founder of Back to the Bricks and Chairman of the Board indicated that in addition to Chrysler, a statue of Charles Nash is planned for Carousel #2 and will be installed sometime next year. Hatch said "Chrysler and Nash were a very important part of the development of motor vehicles in Flint and were presidents of General Motors divisions. Placing them at Bishop Airport, where more than a million travelers a year will see them and learn about their contribution to the automobile industry, will continue to solidify Flint's position as the place where the American automobile was born."

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A feature of the display is a 46" monitor that depicts Chrysler's involvement as president of Buick and his accomplishments in cost cutting and production increases. He later became a vice president of General Motors. In 1925 he founded Chrysler Corporation.

Airport Director, Jim Rice is pleased that the airport was asked to participate in this project, "Thousands of passengers use this facility as a gateway to our region every day. It is an honor to have been chosen as a location where we can show them some of our automotive history."

Leven Weiss, senior manager, civic & community relations, Chrysler Group LLC, was a guest at the unveiling and spoke about the significance of the statue of Chrysler in Flint.

Statues of Louis Chevrolet, David Buick and Billy Durant are located in a Statue Plaza located on the East side of the 400 block of South Saginaw Street in Downtown Flint. The Back to the Bricks Statue Committee is the charitable arm of Back to the Bricks, Inc. which has produced one of the top 30 car shows nationwide. Some 50,000 cars and nearly 500,000 people attend the 9th Back to the Bricks event August 13-17, 2013.

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