

## THE WAY WE WERE

This Esquesing Historical Society photo shows the Georgetown Fire Department pouring water into the warehouse fire at the rear of Eagle Signal Company on Guelph Street (Hwy. 7) on May 31, 1966.

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## OPINION

# GET OUT THE CAR WAX AND DUST OFF THE LAWN CHAIRS

## CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK, WRITES TED BROWN



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Column

days.

The only fashionable thing everyone could do is complain about the weather.

For members of the car aficionado groups - you know, those beloved gearheads who worship their precious high performance "babies" tucked away in storage until the sun is out and the mud is gone - well, it's been particularly stressful for them.

They haven't been able to park their cars in the driveway and wash, wax or polish their babies, for fear of a flash storm. And going over to the car wash to hang out with other gearheads was simply out of the question.

The weather would not co-operate at all!

Until now.

The past holiday weekend in May actually produced a couple of sunny days that dried up some muddy spots, and gave us weather that made wearing a jacket optional.

The gardening crowd advanced upon the garden centres, and the gearheads hit the car washes, and were able to pull out their babies to apply yet another layer of wax.

With the warmth of the spring weather, all is well in Halton Hills!

Hopefully this weather will continue, because May 31 marks the beginning of another fair weather weekly car event.

Yup, Georgetown Cruise Night is back May 31, every Friday night until Aug. 30.

Last year, the fate of the weekly gathering was in jeopardy, as longtime orga-

nizers Mike and Lynne Boyd were stepping down after 17 years.

Fortunately, Mike and Allison Farrugia picked up the torch and gathered some friends together to volunteer, saving cruise night.

They were also able to move the event from its longtime location in Norval to the front parking lot of Moldmasters Sportsplex, a far superior venue.

The new location not only gives the cruise night much better visibility, but is in close proximity to various restaurants and fast food outlets.

The arena is also open, giving access to the arena canteen (french fries and gravy - a staple food at any cruise night!) and use of the washrooms.

And building the atmo-

sphere, there's lots of good old rock 'n' roll tunes pumping out over the parking lot.

I tell ya, just typing these words makes me forget all about the crummy weather we've had the past six months. I have a warm fuzzy feeling going through my body.

I checked with Mike and Allison to see what's in store for this season.

They said the concept will not change, and all proceeds from the 50-50 draw will again be donated to Georgetown Hospital Foundation. They will also have weekly draws and they will hold theme nights, all of which will be posted in advance on their Facebook page, "Georgetown Cruise Night."

Mike said last year's event was so successful that they will do the same, adopting the old "if it ain't

broke, don't fix it" adage.

I do have to admit I'm a bit disappointed. I have a previous commitment that same night, so I'm unable to attend the kickoff of the 19th year of Georgetown Cruise Night - The Sidekick and I do however intend to be there the following weeks, for sure.

So it's time to get out the car wax and dust off the lawn chairs - Cruise Night is back May 31!

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