

2015 Ault Park Concours d'Elegance Awards Ceremony Presentations

William K. Victor Best of Show Concours d'Elegance

Sponsored by CCI Design

Bill Victor had been one of the longest standing driving forces behind the Ault Park Concours d'Elegance. Since its earliest days as the Midwest Concours d'Elegance, he held numerous positions ranging from Concours Chairman, Car Selection Chairman, Chief Judge and on to his many years as Master of Ceremonies. No one involved with the show had a broader or deeper knowledge of all vintages and makes of automobiles than Bill. His advice and contributions to making this show what it is today have been invaluable and it is for this reason that since 2009 the Best of Show trophy has been named in his honor.

1931 Chrysler CG Imperial Roadster Brent Merrill Toronto, Ontario CAN

Best of Show Esprit de Sport

Sponsored by CCI Design

One trophy awarded to the sporting vehicle that best exemplifies the spirit of performance and sports motoring.

1928 Auburn 8-88 Boattail Speedster Richard Harding Beaver Creek Twp. OH

Will Sherman Automotive Art Show - First Place

Sponsored by Bill & Gayle Sherman

First place trophy, awarded in the loving memory of Will Sherman, as chosen by the Art Show Judges Committee.

Dan McCrary Charlotte NC

Ambassador Award - Hagerty Youth Judges' Choice

Sponsored by Hagerty Collector Car Insurance

One trophy, presented by the youth representative of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, judged by a panel of youth judges sponsored by Hagerty Collector Car Insurance.

1965 Volkswagen Beetle Peter Boettcher West Chester OH

Best of Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Concours judges and committee.

1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K Cabriolet A Joseph F. Cantore Oakbrook IL

Antique - through 1924

Sponsored by Miami Corporation

Best Of Class

1913 Renault Type DM/Touring Jerry & Nancy Huffman Churchville NY

Pre-War Vintage - Non-CCCA, 1925 -1942

Sponsored by Cigar Car & Gun Club

Best Of Class

1941 Lincoln Zephyr Convertible Ron Mihalek Richfield OH

Pre-War Classic, Early - CCCA, 1925 -1934

Sponsored by Leahy Consulting, Inc.

Best Of Class

1928 Auburn 8-88 Boattail Speedster Richard Harding Beaver Creek Twp. OH

Pre-War Classic, Late - CCCA, 1935 -1948

Sponsored by Michael Gehrig, Attorney at Law

Best Of Class

1947 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible Don & Mary Kay Poinsette Hilton Head Island SC

Collector - Foreign, 1946 -1975

Sponsored by Precision Motorcars, Inc.

Best Of Class

1957 Aston Martin DB MkIII Coupe Peter Conover Oak Park IL

Collector - American, 1946 -1968

Sponsored by Carl and Diane Iseman

Best Of Class

1950 Muntz Jet Convertible David K. Hans Barrington IL

Collector - Asian

Sponsored by Queen City Electric

Best Of Class

1992 Acura NSX David Grubbs Miamisburg OH

Sports - Classic through 1959

Sponsored by Dr. Steven J. Reubel, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Best Of Class

1954 S.I.A.T.A. 200 CS Coupe Walter Eisenstark Yorktown Heights NY

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Sports - Contemporary, 1960 -1975

Sponsored by Quality Automotive

Best Of Class

1963 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster

Otto Takacs

Amelia OH

Racing - All years

Sponsored by Eyink & Leahy Group, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

Best Of Class

1957 Kurtis 500SX "Caballo II"

Thomas Shaughnessy

Oceanside CA

Future Classic - 1995 -Present

Sponsored by NJB Automotive, LLC

Best Of Class

2013 Aston Martin V12 Zagato

Eddie Manelis

Chicago IL

American Performance, 1961-1971

Sponsored by Edgewater Sports Park

Best Of Class

1970 Ford Mustang Sportsroof Boss 302

Richard DeWeese

West Chester OH

Motorcycles - through 1975

Sponsored by Beverly Corsmeier / Coldwell Banker West Shell

Best Of Class

1938 Triumph Speed Twin

H. C. Morris

Winchester KY

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Pre-War: All Models

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K Cabriolet A

Joseph F. Cantore

Oakbrook IL

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Post-War Sports, Early: 1955 -1971

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

1954 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupe

Dr. Wellington C. Morton

St. Johns FL

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Post-War Sports, Late: 1972-1999

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

1985 Mercedes-Benz 380SL

Gary & Marianne Cunningham/Sarazin

Troy MI

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Contemporary Sports: 2000 - Present

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK55 AMG

John A Botsford, MD

Indian Hill OH

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Post-War Coupes & Sedans, Early: 1949 - 1976

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

1972 Mercedes-Benz 600 SWB Limousine

Guy Lewis

Pinecrest FL

Featured Marque – Mercedes-Benz, Post-War Coupes & Sedans, Late: 1977 – Present

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Cincinnati, Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell, Mercedes-Benz of West Chester

Best Of Class

1993 Mercedes-Benz 300CE Cabriolet

Michael F. Gehrig

Cincinnati OH

Special Display – 70th Anniversary of the VW Beetle

Sponsored by Cincinnati Volkswagen Club

Best Of Class

1952 Volkswagen Type I Beetle

Richard Reischman

St. Clairsville OH

Special Display – 60 Years of the Thunderbird

Sponsored by Roy & Jackie Sweeney

Best of Class

1957 Ford Thunderbird

Jim Wikel

Greenwood IN

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Special Display – Future Cars from the Past

Sponsored by Barrett Jackson Endorsed Insurance

Best of Class

1952 Muntz Jet Convertible

William Sipko

Windber PA

Cincinnati Mayor's Cup

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Mayor of the City of Cincinnati

1928 Hupmobile Century E-4 Sedan

Kim R. Little

Lexington OH

Chairman's Choice

A trophy awarded at the discretion of the Concours Chairman

1954 Chevrolet Corvair

Mike Terry

Greenwood IN

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Award

Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz Club of America

One trophy, awarded by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America

1908 Mercedes Grand Prix

Indianapolis Speedway Museum

Indianapolis IN

Drivers Award

Sponsored by Performance Alignment

This trophy is awarded to the vehicle that is found to be the most desirable car to be driven on the day of the show. To be eligible, the owner must be willing to take the presenter, Dave Sheehy, for a drive in the chosen vehicle.

2015 Porsche 918 Spyder

The Ingram Collection

Durham NC

Founder's Trophy

One trophy, awarded by Mrs. Helen Williams, to the vehicle best exemplifying the spirit of the original Concours d'Elegance, an event for car enthusiasts who love to drive their cars.

1962 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster

Tom Stegman

Cincinnati OH

Howard Rapp Award - Best Porsche

Sponsored by American Modern Insurance Group

1961 Porsche 356B Carrera Abarth GTL

The Ingram Collection

Durham NC

Jack O'Connor Trophy (Best Style & Elegance, Open Coachwork)

Sponsored by Nordstrom Kenwood Towne Center

As one of the founders of this event, Jack O'Connor orchestrated the "car" part of the first shows. His contacts in the old car hobby ran broad and deep. Jack loved open cars. He owned well over 100 different cars, almost all convertibles or roadsters. This award is given, in Jack O'Connor's name, to the open car that best represents his lifelong love of automobile style and elegance.

1931 Cadillac Model 370A V-12 Roadster

Michael Lebovic

Gormley ONT

E.P. Lunken Trophy (Best Ferrari)

One trophy, awarded to a Ferrari in memory of Ebby Lunken, noted Ferrari racer, enthusiast and long time supporter of the Concours.

1966 Ferrari Dino 206 SP

James L. Jaeger

Cincinnati OH

R.C. Fogle Trophy (Judges Choice)

Sponsored by The Fogle Family

R.C. Fogle was active with this event as head judge and committee member from 1988 until his passing. R.C. loved all types of automobiles. His vast collection remains today as proof of his passion. Able to find beauty in all, he could never limit himself to just one marque. His collection includes models from the 1920's to the 1960's and includes both American and European models. This award is given in R.C.'s name, as Judge's Choice, to the outstanding car that represents both superior craftsmanship and style.

1936 Auburn 852 Boattail Speedster

Charles and Diane Mistele

Bluffton SC

Samuel Adams Award (Most Elegant Closed Coachwork)

Sponsored by Boston Beer Company

Samuel Adams Boston Beer Company has been an active sponsor of the Ault Park Concours d'Elegance. Founders Jim Koch and father Charles Koch of Cincinnati, avid collectors of classic era automobiles, present the Samuel Adams Trophy to the most elegantly styled closed-car.

1948 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith

R.H. Grant, III

Dayton OH

Best British Sports Car

Sponsored by Dayton Wheel Concepts

Being a manufacturer of new and restored historic wire wheels, Dayton Wheel Concepts of Dayton, Ohio sponsors this trophy on behalf of the great British passion for the sports car.

1953 Aston Martin DB2 Drophead Coupe

James F. Causey

Philo IL

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Jim Ibold FIVA/Historic Vehicle Association Preservation Award

Sponsored by FIVA/Historic Vehicle Association

A. James Ibold, known to most of us as "Jimmie", preserved and showed pre-war Alfa Romeo racing cars. This award is sponsored by the Historic Vehicle Association, the North American affiliate of FIVA (Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens), and is presented in Jimmie's honor to the most well-preserved vehicle.

1929 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe Murphy Greg Ornazian Troy MI

William Niemeyer Trophy (Best Alfa Romeo)

Sponsored by The Niemeyer Family

One trophy, awarded by the family to their favorite Alfa Romeo in memory and in honor of William Niemeyer.

2015 Alfa Romeo 4C Launch Edition Ron Swift West Chester OH

Herb Krombholz Pre-War Sports Trophy

Sponsored by The Krombholz Family

Awarded annually to the best pre-war sports car, in honor of Herb Krombholz, longtime supporter and participant in the Ault Park Concours d'Elegance.

1923 Kissel Model 6-45 Gold Bug Speedster Ronald L. & Esther Hausmann Bloomfield MI

Award for Best Interior

Sponsored by Addison Auto Interiors

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of Jim Kowalczyk, president of Addison Auto Interiors.

1920 Paige 6-42 Sedan Jerry & Cathy Arthur Zionsville IN

Award for Outstanding Engineering

Sponsored by The Frantz Family

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Concours judges and committee

1933 Dymaxion . Lane Motor Museum Nashville TN

Bill Hess Award for Design Excellence

Bill Hess' legacy with Hess & Eisenhardt is characterized by a dedication to design and building of quality custom automobiles. One of the most advanced stylists in the business, his customers included Presidents, actors and kings who chose his vehicles for their beauty and quality. He believed that a company that produced a quality product would endure. It is for that accomplishment that this award is given for design excellence.

1937 Cord 812 Beverly Gregory Thomas Maineville OH

Best Packard

Sponsored by The Citizens Motor Car Co., America's Packard Museum

This award is presented by The Citizens Motor Car Co., America's Packard Museum to an outstanding example of this historic marque.

1930 Packard 745 Roadster Gene & Sally Perkins Greenwood IN

The Carl H. Lindner, Jr. Trophy (Best Rolls-Royce / Bentley)

Carl Lindner was a long time supporter and sponsor of the Ault Park Concours d'Elegance as well as a long time aficionado and collector of the legendary carmaker, Rolls-Royce which also encompasses Bentley vehicles. Carl's love for these fine automobiles was shown by the numerous models he had displayed at the Concours over the years. This ongoing trophy presented each year to the most outstanding example of a Rolls-Royce or Bentley in Carl's honor.

1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Tourer B. Scott Isquick Pepper Pike OH

Bill Rudd Memorial Corvette Trophy

Over thirty years ago a small group of people, including Bill Rudd, started the first Concours d'Elegance with a twofold purpose. First, it was an event to raise monies for the many worthwhile activities of the Arthritis Foundation. Secondly, it was an opportunity for local car collectors to socialize and share their interest in cars. Bill and his family have managed the entry gates of the Concours ever since. Bill's favorites were the Corvettes, particularly the earlier straight axle cars. Bill succumbed to the effects of his severe arthritis in 2007. We honor his 30-year participation by presenting the annual Bill Rudd best Corvette Award... an award that continues to be selected by the Rudd family.

1956 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Zachery Bomkamp Milford OH

Ron Halbauer Best Jaguar Trophy

Sponsored by Jaguar Club of Greater Cincinnati

One trophy, awarded annually to the best Jaguar at the Concours, in memory of Ron Halbauer, avid Jaguar collector and JCNA member.

1954 Jaguar XK-120 OTS Ron Schotland Skillman NJ

Cincinnati Art Museum Artistic Beauty Award

Sponsored by The Cincinnati Art Museum

One trophy, awarded to the vehicle which possesses the most artistic beauty in the judgment of the representative of The Cincinnati Art Museum, H.E. Akel Biltaji, Mayor of Amman, Jordan

1922 Haynes 75 Tourister Jeff & Mary Ellen Griffin Kokomo IN

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Cincinnati Magazine Automotive Style Award

Sponsored by Cincinnati Magazine

One trophy, awarded to the most stylish vehicle in the judgment of the representative of Cincinnati Magazine

1931 Duesenberg J Rollston Convertible Victoria

John C. Klein

Indianapolis IN

People's Choice

One trophy, awarded to the vehicle obtaining the most votes in public balloting.

1938 Packard 1608 Twelve Convertible Sedan

Edward W. Stifel, III

Triadelphia WV
