

2017 Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance Awards Ceremony Presentations

William K. Victor Best of Show Concours d'Elegance

Sponsored by CCI Design

Bill Victor was one of the longest standing driving forces behind the Cincinnati 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.

1935 Delahaye 135 M Competition

Gene & Sally Perkins

Greenwood, IN

Roy O. Sweeney Best of Show Esprit de Sport

Sponsored by CCI Design

This award is a tribute to Roy Sweeney's life-long enthusiasm for sports cars and his generous support of the Concours for many years. One trophy awarded to the vehicle best representing the spirit of sports motoring or racing.

1938 Delahaye 135 MS Coupe Figoni et Falaschi

Greg Ornazian

Troy, MI

Will Sherman Automotive Art Show - First Place

Sponsored by Krombholz Jewelers

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

Gerald Freeman

South Lyon, MI

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.

1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z10 Pace Car

Ed Sauer

Springboro, OH

Best of Featured Theme – 40 Years of Automotive Excellence

Sponsored by Goettle Geotechnical Engineering & Construction

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Concours Chairman, Chief Judge and Concours Board to the vehicle that best exemplifies the spirit of the past 40 years of the Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance.

1928 Auburn 8-88 Boattail Speedster

Richard Harding

Beavercreek Twp., OH

Racing - All years

Sponsored by Eyink & Leahy Group, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

Best Of Class

1933 Miller "The Red Lion"

Robert B. & Diane McConnell

Urbana, OH

Antique - through 1924

Sponsored by The Miami Corporation

Best Of Class

1922 Pilot Sportster

Wayne County Historical Museum

Richmond, IN

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

Sponsored by Mike Martin

Best Of Class

1936 Auburn 6 Cylinder Cabriolet

Robert Scholz

Cincinnati, OH

Pre-War Classic, Early - CCCA, 1915 -1935

Sponsored by Leahy Consulting, Inc.

Best Of Class

1935 Delahaye 135 M Competition

Gene & Sally Perkins

Greenwood, IN

Pre-War Classic, Late - CCCA, 1936 -1948

Sponsored by Michael F. Gehrig

Best Of Class

1938 Delahaye 135 MS Coupe Figoni et Falaschi

Greg Ornazian

Troy, MI

Collector - American, 1946 -1968

Sponsored by Queen City Electric

Best Of Class

1948 Tucker Torpedo Sedan

John Schuler

Aurora, IN

Collector - Asian

Sponsored by Eastside Auto Spa

Best Of Class

1974 Toyota Celica GT Coupe

Eugene Turner

Cincinnati, OH

Collector - Foreign, 1946 -1975

Sponsored by Precision Motorcars, Inc

Best Of Class

1970 BMW 1600-2 Cabriolet

Elliott Schnackenberg

Milwaukee, WI

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Sports - Classic through 1959

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

Best Of Class

1954 Chevrolet Corvette

Gary Mortimer

Cincinnati, OH

Sports - Contemporary, 1960 -1975

Sponsored by Quality Automotive

Best Of Class

1966 Jaguar E Type OTS

Paul Campbell

Warsaw, IN

American Performance, 1961-1971

Sponsored by Edgewater Motorsports Park

Best Of Class

1969 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds Hardtop

Joe Sroka

Dearborn Heights, MI

Motorcycles - through 1975

Sponsored by Cadre Cycle

Best Of Class

1974 Kawasaki Z2-750-RS

Marcus Swan II

Baltimore, OH

Future Classic - 1995 -Present

Sponsored by NJB Automotive, LLC

Best Of Class

2012 Fisker Karma

Jessica Tye

Montgomery, OH

Feature Theme – 40 Years of Automotive Excellence - Pre-War

Sponsored by Goettle Geotechnical Engineering & Construction

Best Of Class

1928 Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8A SS Boat-tail Convertible Coupe

Peter T. Boyle

Oil City, PA

Feature Theme – 40 Years of Automotive Excellence - Post-War

Sponsored by Goettle Geotechnical Engineering & Construction

Best Of Class

1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500SS SWB Cabriolet

R.H. Grant, III

Dayton, OH

Feature Theme – 40 Years of Automotive Excellence - Sports/Racing

Sponsored by Goettle Geotechnical Engineering & Construction

Best Of Class

1950 Ferrari 166MM Barchetta

Tom Stegman

Cincinnati, OH

Special Display – Camaro - 50 Years

Sponsored by Jake Sweeney Chevrolet

Best Of Class

1970 Chevrolet Camaro SS 396 Coupe

Mike Steitz

O'Fallon, MO

Special Display – Firebird - 50 Years

Sponsored by Jake Sweeney Chevrolet

Best Of Class

1969 Pontiac Firebird Convertible

George Farley

Ferndale, MI

Special Display – Tuners - Custom

Sponsored by Killer Coatings

Best of Class

1997 BMW M3

Brian Cain

Cincinnati, OH

Special Display – Tuners - Factory-Backed

Best of Class

1966 Shelby King Cobra - CSX 3159

Irwin Kroiz

Ambler, PA

Cincinnati Mayor's Cup

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

1967 Ghia 450/ss Spyder

Wes Spryshak

Cincinnati, OH

Chairman's Choice

A trophy awarded at the discretion of the Concours Chairman

1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500SS SWB Cabriolet

R.H. Grant, III

Dayton, OH

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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.

1965 Iso Rivolta

Dr. Wellington C. Morton

St. Johns, FL

Founder's Trophy

One trophy, awarded in honor of 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.

1909 Buick Model 10

Dr. Theodore Bernstein

Dayton, OH

Howard Rapp Award - Best Porsche

Howard and Marian Rapp helped establish this event. Howard was the first car registration chairman and maintained that position for a number of years. He also solicited advertising and supported the event financially. Howard Rapp loved his 356 Porsches. He owned several during his life. Howard and his wife were very active members of the Porsche Club, traveling to many events over the years. This award is given in Howard's name, not to a car, but to an owner who best exemplifies Howard's rapture in the enjoyment of a Porsche. One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Concours judges and committee.

1959 Porsche 356A Carrera GT Speedster

Fred & Sue Leydorf

Birmingham, MI

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

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.

1929 Duesenberg J-111 LeBaron Dual Cowl Phaeton

Gilmore Car Museum

Hickory Corners, MI

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.

1950 Ferrari 166MM Barchetta

Tom Stegman

Cincinnati, OH

Judges Choice Trophy

One trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Concours Chief judge.

1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 S N.A.R.T. Spider

James L. Jaeger

Cincinnati, OH

Samuel Adams Award (Most Elegant Closed Coachwork)

Sponsored by Boston Beer Company

Samuel Adams Boston Beer Company has been an active sponsor of the Cincinnati 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.

1937 Packard 1508 Twelve LeBaron All-Weather Town Car

Larry Pumphrey

Greensburg, IN

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.

1933 MG J2 Roadster

Reed & Jan Tarwater

Greenfield, IN

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.

1969 Pontiac Grand Prix SJ

Scott Mancini

Cincinnati, OH

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.

1965 Alfa Romeo GTA - Trans Am Race Car

Tom Stegman

Cincinnati, 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 Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance.

1928 Auburn 8-88 Boattail Speedster

Richard Harding

Beavercreek Twp., OH

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Award for Best Interior

Sponsored by Addison Auto Interiors

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

1954 Hudson Italia Coupe

Jeff Wyler

Milford, OH

Award for Outstanding Engineering

Sponsored by The Frantz Family

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

1928 Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8A SS Boat-tail Convertible Coupe

Peter T. Boyle

Oil City, PA

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.

1969 Lamborghini Miura S

Bella Strada

Cincinnati, 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.

1931 Packard 840 Dietrich Convertible Sedan

Robert Katz

Waynesville, OH

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

Carl Lindner was a long time supporter and sponsor of the Cincinnati 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.

1932 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Saloon

Forrest McClain

Atlanta, GA

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.

1954 Chevrolet Corvette

Gary Mortimer

Cincinnati, OH

Ron Halbauer Best Jaguar Trophy

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

1966 Jaguar E Type OTS

Paul Campbell

Warsaw, IN

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

1938 Steyr 220 Glaser Cabriolet

Peter T. Boyle

Oil City, PA

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

1937 Cord 812 Supercharged Phaeton

Ronald Thomas

Zanesville, OH

People's Choice

Sponsored by TVR Car Club of North America/Andy Gear

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

1947 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible

Don & Mary Kay Poinsette

Hilton Head Island, SC
