



# Old Car Festival Award Winners 2017

These award winners were selected during Old Car Festival and represent some of the best restored and unrestored vehicles showcased in 2017 during America's longest-running antique car show in Greenfield Village.

## Vehicle Class Judging & Grand Champion

Judging during Old Car Festival uses modified AACA rules. The winners in the judging competitions are almost always restored vehicles. Professional museums that collect vehicles, however, prefer to collect unrestored vehicles. The ultimate standard for museum collecting would be a vehicle with all of its original, unrestored surfaces and components in as-new condition. Although the standard is seldom obtainable, vehicles that approach it are the best expression of the standard against which cars are judged — the way they appeared and functioned when sold new from the dealer to the original owner. They are also an expression of the material culture of the time in which they were created and, hence, provide the best permanent documentation of that period. Therefore, such vehicles are much sought after by museum curators. Judges examine the authenticity of the vehicle, the workmanship of all the restoration work and the quality of maintenance performed by the owner. Then, using a 400-point judging system, they determine a first-, second-, and third-place winner in each of the 11 judging classes. From these winners, one grand champion is chosen on each day of the festival.

### Automobile Award - through 1908

<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>Participant #:</b> 108 <b>Year, Make &amp; Model:</b> 1904 Ford AC <b>Owner:</b> Rick Lindner <b>City, State:</b> Columbus, OH
<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>Participant #:</b> 113 <b>Year, Make &amp; Model:</b> 1905 Reo A <b>Owner:</b> Denice Daniel <b>City, State:</b> Tiffin, OH
<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Participant #:</b> 111 <b>Year, Make &amp; Model:</b> 1904 Old Curve Dash Runabout <b>Owner:</b> David Plassman <b>City, State:</b> Napoleon, OH

## Automobile Award - 1909 through 1912

- 3rd Place**                      *Participant #:* 173  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1912 DeTamble Torpedo  
*Owner:* Emery Prior  
*City, State:* Hudson, OH
- 2nd Place**                      *Participant #:* 136  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1909 Austin 60  
*Owner:* Chris Deneau/Mary & Ted Stahl  
*City, State:* Chesterfield, MI
- 1st Place**                      *Participant #:* 156  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1910 Stanley 60  
*Owner:* Gilbert Hall  
*City, State:* Mesick, MI

## Automobile Award - 1913 through 1918

- 3rd Place**                      Not awarded in 2017
- 2nd Place**                      *Participant #:* 221  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1916 Buick Touring  
*Owner:* James Galvin  
*City, State:* North Tonawanda, NY
- 1st Place**                      *Participant #:* 208  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1915 Dodge Bros. Touring  
*Owner:* Daniel Kerr  
*City, State:* Russellton, PA

## Automobile Award - 1919 through 1924

- 3rd Place**                      Not awarded in 2017
- 2nd Place**                      *Participant #:* 286  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1923 Model T Ford Touring  
*Owner:* Raymond Gravelin  
*City, State:* Woodstock, CT
- 1st Place**                      *Participant #:* 303  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1923 Studebaker Light Six  
*Owner:* Scott Mrdeza  
*City, State:* Oakley, MI

## Automobile Award - 1925 through 1927

- 3rd Place**                    *Participant #:* 337  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1926 Chevrolet Superior  
*Owner:* Bruce Finch  
*City, State:* Hilliard, OH
- 2nd Place**                    *Participant #:* 376  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1927 Studebaker E.U.  
*Owner:* Robert Walby  
*City, State:* Brooklyn, MI
- 1st Place**                    *Participant #:* 561  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1925 Model T Ford Touring  
*Owner:* Jim Matoy  
*City, State:* Saginaw, MI

## Automobile Award - 1928 through 1929

- 3rd Place**                    *Participant #:* 550  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1929 Cadillac 341B Town Sedan  
*Owner:* Larry Florke  
*City, State:* Defiance, OH
- 2nd Place**                    *Participant #:* 426  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1929 Model A Ford Leatherback  
*Owner:* Robert Ritsema  
*City, State:* Hamilton, MI
- 1st Place**                    *Participant #:* 433  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1929 Model A Ford Cabriolet  
*Owner:* Joseph Ellsasser  
*City, State:* Clarkston, MI

## Automobile Award - 1930 through 1932

- 3rd Place**                    *Participant #:* 446  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1930 Chevrolet Universal  
*Owner:* George Steel  
*City, State:* Houghton Lake, MI
- 2nd Place**                    *Participant #:* 494  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1930 MG M Type  
*Owner:* Roger Melton  
*City, State:* Bloomfield Village, MI
- 1st Place**                    *Participant #:* 532  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1931 Ford Model A Convertible Sedan  
*Owner:* Timothy Wiggins  
*City, State:* Aurora, IL

## Commercial Award

**3rd Place** Not awarded in 2017

**2nd Place** *Participant #:* 741  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1929 Model A Pickup  
*Owner:* Mark Walny  
*City, State:* Clinton Township, MI

**1st Place** *Participant #:* 740  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1929 Ford 82A Closed Cab Pickup  
*Owner:* Carl Ruby  
*City, State:* Lake Orion, MI

## Curators Choice

In the spirit of this museum-oriented approach to collecting and preserving our automotive culture, The Henry Ford presents the Curators Choice Award. This award is presented to the car, truck or motorcycle that, in the opinion of The Henry Ford's transportation conservation and curatorial staff, is the most original (unrestored) and in the finest state of preservation considering the age of the vehicle. Two Curators Choice Awards presented.

## Curator's Choice

*Participant #:* 380  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1928 Dodge Bros. Coupe  
*Owner:* Jeffrey Cook  
*City, State:* Auburn, IN

## Curator's Choice

*Participant #:* 528  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1931 Ford Model A Town Sedan  
*Owner:* Darrell Behmer  
*City, State:* Novi, MI

## Henry Austin Clark, Jr. Grand Champion Award

*Participant #:* 303  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1923 Studebaker Light Six  
*Owner:* Scott Mrdeza  
*City, State:* Oakley, MI

## Henry Austin Clark, Jr. Grand Champion Award

*Participant #:* 111  
*Year, Make & Model:* 1904 Olds Curved Dash Runabout  
*Owner:* David Plassman  
*City, State:* Napoleon, OH

## Popular Choice

Guests and vehicle owners cast their vote for their favorite vehicle by filling in the ballot using the participant number shown on the Dashcard displayed on the vehicle. One overall first-, second-, and third-place award presented.

### Popular Choice Award

**3rd Place**

**Participant #:** 446

**Year, Make & Model:** 1930 Chevrolet Universal

**Owner:** George Steele

**City, State:** Houghton Lake, MI

**2nd Place**

**Participant #:** 733

**Year, Make & Model:** 1926 Ford Model TT

**Owner:** Daniel Allen

**City, State:** Fayetteville, OH

**1st Place**

**Participant #:** 807

**Year, Make & Model:** 1929 Ford Speedster

**Owner:** Chris Wiggins

**City, State:** Midland, MI