



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

3rd Place

Participant #: 108

Year, Make & Model: 1904 Ford AC

Owner: Rick Lindner

City, State: Columbus, OH

2nd Place

Participant #: 113

Year, Make & Model: 1905 Reo A

Owner: Denice Daniel

City, State: Tiffin, OH

1st Place

Participant #: 111

Year, Make & Model: 1904 Old Curve Dash Runabout

Owner: David Plassman

City, State: 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