



# The Judge



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## Meet Your New VP of Judging

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It's hard to believe that we have successfully completed five events already this year. The National Activities Committee has worked hard to provide a schedule of events that gives you the opportunity to hit the show fields and judge some fantastic automobiles. The opportunity to judge in Puerto Rico was phenomenal and they brought some beautiful cars to the show field for us to judge. We still have our Grand Nationals in Virginia Beach with the Zenith competition, Beckley, East Moline and finally Hershey to practice our craft this year.

such as Herb Oakes. As I gained experience, I eventually worked my way up to being Chief Judge at Hershey and then for several other shows as needed. That led to the opportunity to teach the Chief Judges' class at the Annual Convention and then onto the Judging School program with Dain and John.

The AACA judging system is the standard within the car community for measuring restorations to factory specifications. It is our job as judges to maintain the highest level of fair and consistent evaluation to our guidelines. See you on the field!

Many of you know me from Judging Schools for the past several years. Dain King, John Harvey and I will continue to share the duties of teaching Judging School at all of the events. I do want to take a minute to introduce myself to those who don't know the rest of my judging history. I started judging in 2005 and had the privilege of learning from some very decorated judges in AACA

*Thank you all for your continued dedication as AACA judges!*

## Judging Issues Through the First Five Shows of 2022

By Stan Kulikowski, Chairman Judges Training, stan.kulikowski9@gmail.com



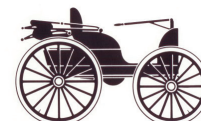
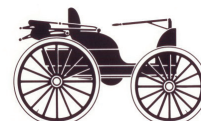
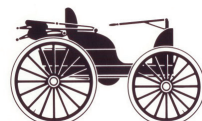
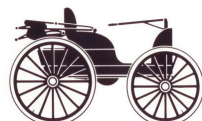
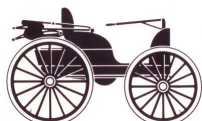
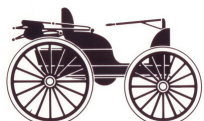
One advantage to being both VP of Judging and Chairman of Judges Training is that I can think deeply about what we are teaching our judges AND see if that material is being absorbed by the judges by reviewing the judging forms. I'd like to bring to your attention some of the items that we teach in both the basic Judging School and the Team Captain School that were frequently missed through the first five events of this year.

high performance classes and production vehicle class 27. Some examples are later model Camaro Z/28s and Buick Regal Grand Nationals being placed in Class 34 or 27 respectively instead of Class 36. Our judging system is one of our key values to our members and these two issues lead to a devaluing of that value.

First, we ask team captains to review the cars in their classes prior to the start of judging to make sure that they are in the correct class. Having a car incorrectly classified can create several issues. First, judges often ask for classes that they know well. If a car is classed incorrectly, the entire judging team may not know specifics about that vehicle to make appropriate deductions, giving the misclassified car a distinct advantage in the class. Second, after the event the staff and I need to review the records and move the cars to the appropriate class after the show. This can cause confusion with the owners who see that their class changed when they register for the next event. This issue is mainly affecting our factory

Second, there are certain categories that require maximum deductions. Those categories are noted on the judging forms by a circled number. If the point number is circled on the judging form, you MUST take the maximum deduction. The most frequently misused maximum deduction is the upholstery. If the interior judge needs to take a deduction for a defect on the seat, that deduction should be taken under seat cushion or seat back. The upholstery deduction is a MAXIMUM deduction of 10 points for incorrect material. This was misused at least six times at the Charlotte Nationals alone.

As we move through the rest of our showing season, please keep these issues in mind. We do still have the best judging system in the car hobby and attention to these details allows us to maintain that leadership position.



**Eastern Spring Nationals – Beckley, WV****June 16-18, 2022****DEADLINE: May 16, 2022**

Name (Last, First, M.I.): \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to judge class: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time judging (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_ / I plan to take a CJE course (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Neither I nor anyone in my family will have a vehicle registered in \_\_\_\_\_ Honor Society Accepted (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_  
any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class \_\_\_\_\_

My total AACA judging credits are \_\_\_\_\_ / Do you wish to take part in judges administration? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST** at WVU Tech in Downtown Beckley – Saturday, June 18, 7:30 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judges School at WVU Tech in Downtown Beckley – Friday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ (have not) \_\_\_\_\_ previously served as a Team Captain. Do You wish to serve as a Team Captain? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Host Hotel: Country Inn &amp; Suites, 2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV 25801, 304-252-5100 (ask for AACA 2022 Spring National rate)

Please enclose the \$8.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: AACA WV Whitewater Region

Mail to: David Bowman, 1400 Carolyn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205, 704-650-4632, bowman\_d@bellsouth.net

**Central Fall Nationals – East Moline, IL****August 11-13, 2022****DEADLINE: July 20, 2022**

Name (Last, First, M.I.): \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to judge class: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time judging (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_ / I plan to take a CJE course (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Neither I nor anyone in my family will have a vehicle registered in \_\_\_\_\_ Honor Society Accepted (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_  
any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class \_\_\_\_\_

My total AACA judging credits are \_\_\_\_\_ / Do you wish to take part in judges administration? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST** at the Bend XPO Center – Saturday, August 13, 8:00 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judges School at the Bend XPO Center – Friday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.

I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ (have not) \_\_\_\_\_ previously served as a Team Captain. Do You wish to serve as a Team Captain? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Host Hotel: Hyatt Place, 111 Bend Blvd., East Moline, IL 61244, 309-755-6000 (Group Code: G-MRCC)

Please enclose the \$8.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: MVR AACA

Mail to: Fred Bartemeyer, Jr., 2210 Hickory Grove Rd., Davenport, IA 52804, 563-340-5897, fbartemeyerjr@q.com

**Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA****October 4-7, 2022****DEADLINE: September 16, 2022**

Name (Last, First, M.I.): \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to judge class: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time judging (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_ / I plan to take a CJE course (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Neither I nor anyone in my family will have a vehicle registered in \_\_\_\_\_ Honor Society Accepted (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_  
any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class \_\_\_\_\_

My total AACA judging credits are \_\_\_\_\_ / Do you wish to take part in judges administration? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST** at the Giant Center – Friday, October 7, 7:00 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judges School at the Giant Center – Thursday, October 6, 2:00 p.m.

I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ (have not) \_\_\_\_\_ previously served as a Team Captain. Do You wish to serve as a Team Captain? (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

Host Hotel: No host hotel. Hotel options can be found here: [www.visithersheyharrisburg.org](http://www.visithersheyharrisburg.org), 877-727-8573

Please enclose the \$8.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: Hershey Region AACA

Parking: Send SASE to Ron Rubinstein for parking passes for \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday Judging School and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Judges Breakfast.

Mail to: Ron Rubinstein, 256 E. Kercher Ave., Lebanon, PA 17046, 717-383-1337, superbird1@comcast.net

**Judges can register online by visiting <https://members.aaca.org>**

# Bend XPO Center Provides Great Indoor Show Space

By Fred Bartemeyer Jr, Chief Judge East Moline, [fbartemeyerjr@q.com](mailto:fbartemeyerjr@q.com)



The Mississippi Valley Region is excited to host the 2022 Central Fall Nationals in East Moline, IL. Our region has secured a brand new facility called the Bend XPO Center. This new venue is just a short walk from the Hyatt Place host hotel and features 70,000 square feet of indoor floor space with easy access restrooms and a wide variety of eats at the concession stand.

All of the judging activities including Judging School, Team Captain School, Judges Breakfast and the show field will all be housed under one roof. The Field Marshall for the show estimates that we can exhibit 175 cars indoors under an impressive array of bright LED lighting.

I am looking forward to serving the AACA and our region as Chief Judge. Our region has planned several unique activities including a tour of a very large car collection amassed by one of our local Ford dealers.

Please consider bringing your judging expertise to the Quad Cities for a great event and join me to judge a great car show in the dry and air-conditioned comfort of an indoor venue. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding judging or our event.



# Hershey: What's Old is New in 2022

By Ron Rubinstein, Chief Judge Hershey, [Superbird1@comcast.net](mailto:Superbird1@comcast.net)



I once again have the honor and privilege of being your Chief Judge for this year's fall show. "What's Old is New in 2022" is a very fitting theme for this year's AACA Eastern Fall Nationals as there are a number of "new" and different aspects to this year's show.

**First and foremost, judging will take place on a FRIDAY! Friday, October 7, to be exact!** Judging School, the Race Car Condition Run, and the High-Wheeler exhibition will therefore take place on Thursday, October 6, 2022. The show will formally begin on Tuesday, October 4, which means that we will all get to enjoy the show for the same number of days as always! If you're still working as I am, you get to take an additional day off!

Something else that's "new" this year is that I don't yet have an official Assistant Chief Judge. Since my wife Lois essentially does all of the Chief Judge tasks leading up to the show (I only show up for breakfast ☺), I am making her my interim Assistant Chief Judge. I am hoping she doesn't read this article until after the show!

For this year, I have hired a phenomenal weather committee. This year's committee promises sunny skies and light winds with a

hint of chocolate. If you sign up to judge at this year's show, you will have the unique opportunity to judge the finest antique cars, trucks, race cars, motorcycles, fire apparatus and military vehicles in the world!

This year, the registration deadline for judging is September 16, 2022. PLEASE register early as this gives you the best chance to get your preferred class. Judging School is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Giant Center with CJE classes to follow.

For parking passes, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Ron Rubinstein, 256 East Kercher Ave., Lebanon, PA 17046. Please note that even if you register online, you will still need to send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your parking passes!

Throughout the week of the show, we will be available in the Folder Distribution Tent on the Chocolate Field to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to stop by and say hello!

Finally, **THANK YOU** in advance for signing up to judge at Hershey in 2022! Without you, we do not have a show! Have a great summer and stay safe!

## 2022 HERSHEY REMINDERS

**Show will run Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 7**

**Judging School will be Thursday, October 6, at 2 p.m.**

**Judges Breakfast will be Friday, October 7, at 7 a.m.**

**Car show will be Friday, October 7**

**AACA Judges protect the heritage of the past & preserve the standards for the future.**



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**800 W Hersheypark Dr**  
**Hershey, PA 17033**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Nationals</b>	<b>Eastern Spring Nationals</b> Beckley, WV June 16-18	<b>Central Fall Nationals</b> East Moline, IL August 11-13	<b>Eastern Fall Nationals</b> Hershey, PA October 4-7 <b>(Tuesday-Friday)</b>
<b>Judging School</b>	<b>WVU Tech</b> 410 Neville Street Beckley, WV 25801 (Downtown)  <b>Friday, June 17</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bend XPO Center</b> 910 Bend Blvd East Moline, IL 61244  <b>Friday, August 12</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Giant Center</b> 550 Hersheypark Drive Hershey, PA 17033  <b>THURSDAY, October 6</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Judges Breakfast</b>	<b>WVU Tech</b> 410 Neville Street Beckley, WV 25801 (Downtown)  <b>Saturday, June 18</b> <b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bend XPO Center</b> 910 Bend Blvd East Moline, IL 61244  <b>Saturday, August 13</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Giant Center</b> 550 Hersheypark Drive Hershey, PA 17033  <b>FRIDAY, October 7</b> <b>7:00 a.m.</b>
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