



# The Judge

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## Judging: Awards & Encouragement

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**One of the most important things that you can do as a member of AACA is to become a judge.** As a judge, you become one of the very first people to make an impression on a new member. You should consider yourself an ambassador for the Club. You must always remember to treat the car owners with courtesy and respect. For most members, the car you are looking at on the show field is one of their most prized possessions. To criticize the car's appearance is tantamount to criticizing the appearance of a child.

When judging a car, you must realize that the owner knows more about his car than you will ever know. Only take an authenticity deduction if you know that it is incorrect. **The owner always receives the benefit of the doubt.**

Condition deductions should be limited to what the car could reasonably be expected to look like when it left the dealership. Over-restoration never receives bonus points. Most of the cars on display today were mass-produced and not the hand-built classics of the 1930s. Don't expect a 1960s Plymouth to match the quality of a 1930s Duesenberg.

**Finally, remember to judge each car as if it were your own.**

Owners of cars that deserve awards should receive awards. Owners of cars that fail to receive awards deserve encouragement.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE regarding the Special Eastern Fall Nationals being held August 22-24 in Hampton, VA:**

*On Saturday, August 24, the Judges Breakfast will be from 7:30 - 10 a.m. and will be the buffet served by the Embassy Suites. Judges team meetings and awards will happen at 9 a.m.*

## Quest for Authenticity & Consistency

By Dain King, Judging School Instructor, [dainkingv8@gmail.com](mailto:dainkingv8@gmail.com)



In Bob Stubenrauch's book *The Fun of Old Cars* written in 1967, he references the AACA. He mentions, at that time, that there were only 22 classes. The following is his quote on authenticity...

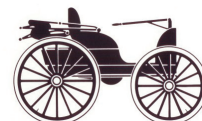
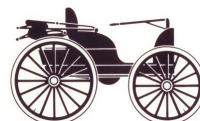
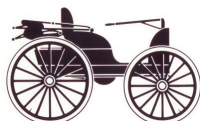
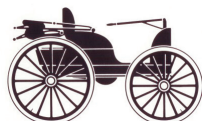
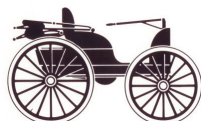
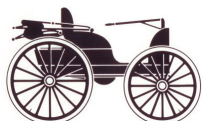
*"During your restoration work, hew to the straight and narrow line of authenticity. It will be frustrating at times to be held up for the lack of some minor part or accessory. When you are tempted to put those parking lights from a Studebaker President on your Packard because they look 'pretty close,' go out for a round of golf instead..... Authenticity is vital to selling your car, should the time come, and a restored automobile is really only a worthy addition to our genuine Americana when it is entirely authentic."*

A copy of the vehicle judging sheet from 1966 has the same four categories as today – Exterior, Interior, Engine and Chassis. Deductions were also based on a 400-point system. During the past 58 years many changes have been made, only to make scoring consistent, improving the system, and staying abreast of

technology. **But some things never change, such as authenticity and the quest to determine what is...authentically authentic.** There I am, being redundant, again.

**The quest for consistency has maintained the value and desirability of earning a First Junior Award and being able to display it on a vehicle.** You see this when perusing automotive magazines such as *Crankshaft*, *Classic Car*, *Hemmings* or *Vintage Truck*. When viewing the photos, one of the first things I look at is the grille to see if it includes an AACA award. When I see an award on the vehicle, it becomes a stamp of approval, and I get a good feeling inside when I realize that I am fortunate enough to be a small part of the AACA judging program.

It is up to us to hone our judging skills so that those in the general automotive hobby will continue to hold an AACA award, when displayed on a vehicle – whether in a magazine or on the show field or at your local cruise night – to be a sign of genuine achievement. Because it is. **Because of you.**



**Western Fall Nationals – Loveland, CO****September 12-14, 2024****DEADLINE: August 31**

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  
any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class \_\_\_\_\_ Honor Society Accepted (YES) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Embassy Suites – Saturday, September 14, 8:00 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judging School at the Embassy Suites – Friday, September 13, 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: Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO 80538, 970-593-6200, Code: 91Z rate

Please enclose the \$10.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: PVR AACA

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

**Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA****October 8-11, 2024****DEADLINE: September 15**

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST** at the Giant Center – Friday, October 11, 7:00 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judges School at the Giant Center – Thursday, October 10, 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 \$10.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: Hershey Region AACA

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

Mail to: Stan Kulikowski, 636 Lincoln Road, Lititz, PA 17543, 717-715-9744, stan.kulikowski9@gmail.com

## Notes From Your Judging Administration

*By Vicki Bolton, Chairman Judging Administration, [vickibolton@bellsouth.net](mailto:vickibolton@bellsouth.net)*

I have the honor of serving as the Chairman of Judging Administration this year. Many of you know me from when I served as the Chairman of Judges Records. It is a humbling experience to serve in this position as I follow in the footsteps of such people of Dollie Flechler and Micky Bohne. Both set such a great example of leadership, teamwork and accuracy. I will

strive to achieve that same level of dedication.

But, of course, Judging Administration is not just one person but a team of dedicated people that aim to help and serve the judging teams as they come off the field. You can help us achieve our goal of processing the scores correctly in a timely and efficient manner by following just a few simple guidelines:

1. Please make sure that the forms are filled out completely and legibly.
2. Double check to make sure the fire extinguisher circle is checked.
3. The team captain's name and number should be printed on the first sheet of every class.
4. The team captain should have the paperwork arranged with the no show sheet on the top of each class and the judging sheets behind it in order of how they are listed on the sheet.
5. Remember the cars on the no show sheet are to be checked only if they are not present.

We have already had some really great Nationals this year, and I know the future Nationals will not disappoint. Please let me know if I can help you in any way or answer any questions.



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

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**YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST** at the Holiday Inn – Saturday, October 26, 8:00 a.m.

I (will) \_\_\_\_\_ (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ attend Judging School at the Holiday Inn – Friday, October 25, 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: Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806, 256-830-0600

Please enclose the \$10.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: NAR

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



## Looking for a Few Good CJE Instructors



*By Anthony Scarpelli, Chairman Continuing Judges  
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Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes increase our judging knowledge with the ultimate goal of creating consistent judging, regardless of who is evaluating a vehicle.

If you have at least 25 credits and feel comfortable judging one or more of the four main judging areas (Interior, Exterior, Chassis or Engine), please consider sharing your knowledge by teaching a CJE class. Besides being a rewarding experience, “an instructor will receive a maximum of one (1) credit per each CJE judging school taught.” (2024 Judging Guidelines, section 2-8 C.2)

Books and/or computer lesson plans can be provided for your use. If you have specialized knowledge in other areas (i.e., specific vehicles, engines, etc.), consider making a lesson plan and sharing your knowledge with your fellow AACA judges.

Please contact me if you are interested in any of the above.

## Who's Judging at the Western Fall Nationals?



*By Fred Bartemeyer Jr, Chief Judge Loveland,  
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It has already been 3 years since we were last in Loveland, Colorado, for their 2021 show. For a second time, I have been asked to help out the Poudre Valley Region serving as Chief Judge for their Western Fall Nationals.

Joe and his team have worked very hard to host this meet with limited personnel and resources.

I call upon our pool of AACA judges to bring their expertise to Loveland to assist in making the show a huge success for our Western Region. There is plenty to do and see in the general area of the host hotel including a trip Thursday to the Cussler Automotive Museum to view some very special automobiles. I will look forward to spending time with our judging teams in September.

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



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





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nationals	Western Fall Nationals Loveland, CO September 12-14	Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA October 8-11	Southeastern Fall Nationals Huntsville, AL October 24-26
Judging School	<b>Embassy Suites</b> 4705 Clydesdale Parkway Loveland, CO 80538  <b>Friday, September 13</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Giant Center</b> 550 Hersheypark Dr Hershey, PA 17033  <b>Thursday, October 10</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Research Park</b> 5903 University Drive Huntsville, AL 35806  <b>Friday, October 25</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>
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