

Al Robinson, a founding member and former Vice President of the region was presented a “Year of Manufacture” plaque for his service as an officer of the Gulf Coast Region. Al has also been a big help with our annual Car Show as the liaison with the church where we host the event.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Al!



GULF COAST REGION 6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Our 6th Annual Car Show, on February 24, 2024, was our largest one yet! We had near perfect weather and a great turnout of some really spectacular cars. The only mis step was that the church youth group, who provide the food for the event, ran out of hamburgers and buns and hot dog buns. Not many people wanted to eat a hot dog without a bun.

The cars in event went from a 1906 Cole to a 2023 Chevrolet Corvette and a great variety in between.

Finishing up on our Area 9 meet in October, we started on this show in December and got it done with the help of our members. We could not have done this without the help of the following people on the Day of Show - Bob and Jennie Bernstel, Hal Bruce and Pam Simone, Tom Burtch, Bob and Darlene DesForges, Pappy Papenfuhs, Al and Pat Robinson, Bob and Margaret Thacker, Debbie Kroeger and Guy Trent.

Two notable awards were the Member Vehicle that is voted on by the show participants which was awarded to Guy Trent's 1973 Chevrolet Malibu, and Best of Show and First Place Truck went to Mark Poniatowski and his 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne ½ ton pickup.

We also had the privilege of Honor Flight having an informational booth at our show. Karen Maex, the representative from Honor Flight, and Mr. O'Neil Ducharne, a 99-year-old WWII veteran. We all owe a huge debt to this wonderful man.

Following is a list of 2024 Trophy Winners:

BEST OF SHOW

Mark Poniatowski 1972 Chevy Cheyenne



Camaro

1st Place	John Roush	1967 Chevy Camaro
2nd Place	William Hamm	1980 Chevy Camaro

Chevy

1st Place	Ken Hornung	1957 Chevy Bel-Air
2nd Place	Steve Mogil	1957 Chevy Bel-Air

Corvette

1st Place	George Crane	1962 Chevy Corvette
2nd Place	Joseph Wheeler	2012 Chevy Corvette

Ford

1st Place	Ray Cutro	1957 Ford Thunderbird
2nd Place	Wayne Reynolds	1972 Ford LTD Convertible

Foreign

1st Place	Anthony Purazzo	2020 Porsche 911
2nd Place	Jeff Strout	1966 Volkswagon Sunroof Beatle

Mopar

1st Place	Robert Albertson	1970 Plymouth Roadrunner
2nd Place	Howard Raphan	1969 Plymouth Barracuda

Mustang

1st Place	Harold Akers	1966 Ford Mustang
2nd Place	Larry Reynolds	1989 Ford Mustang LX Modified

Other Domestic

1 st Place	Greg Spignesi	1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass
2 nd Place	Allan Heath	1949 Oldsmobile 88 Club Coupe

Pontiac

1 st Place	Bill Rickert	1968 Pontiac Firebird Convertible
2 nd Place	Ken McAvoy	1984 Pontiac TransAm

PreWar

1 st Place	Michael Marsilio	1930 Dodge DC8
2 nd Place	Richard Whissel	1934 Oldsmobile Rumbleseat Coupe

Street Rod

1 st Place	Jerry Bascio	1932 Ford Roadster
2 nd Place	Thomas O'Rourke	1932 Ford Roadster

Truck

1 st Place	Mark Poniatowski	1972 Chevy Cheyenne
2 nd Place	Rich & Gina Diorio	1958 Chevy Cameo Truck

MEMBER VEHICLE

Guy Trent 1971 Chevy Malibu



PICTURES FROM SHOW



THE TOYMAKERS OF EAST LAKE

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