Historic Vehicle Association
THIS CAR MATTERS Award

Program and Selection Criteria

The THIS CAR MATTERS award program celebrates vehicles that are historically important in our past. The award is part of the Historic Vehicle Association's effort to develop a National Historic Vehicle Register to recognize and document vehicles important in automotive or American history.

The 14.25 inch tall crystal cup is provided to the event organization by the HVA. An HVA designated representative at the event will select the awardee.

Below is the suggested announcement for the award:

The **THIS CAR MATTERS** *award is presented by the Historic Vehicle Association in recognition of this vehicle's significance as a part of our National Automotive Heritage.*

The automobile selected for the award will be: (i) authentic; and (ii) fulfill significance in one or more of the following significance criteria:

Criterion A **Associative Value – Event**
A vehicle associated with an event or events that are important in automotive or American history.

Examples:
- 1903 Packard "Old Pacific" – early transcontinental traveler
- 1953 Ferrari 375 MM – President's Cup winner Andrews AFB race

Criterion B **Associative Value – Person**
A vehicle associated with the lives of significant persons in automotive or American history.

Examples:
- 1932 Duesenberg SJ – Fred Duesenberg's personal car
- 1909 White Steam Car – first US Presidential automobile

Criterion C **Design or Construction Value**
A vehicle distinctive based on design, engineering, craftsmanship or aesthetic value.

Examples:
- 1948 Tucker (design/engineering)
- 1925 Doble (engineering – steam)

Criterion D **Information Value**
A vehicle of particular type that was the first produced, last produced, has an element of rarity of its type, or is among the most well-preserved or authentically restored surviving examples

Examples:
- 1953 Corvette EX122 – prototype
- 1899 Packard – first Packard built

IMPORTANT: Vehicles are eligible based on local, state or national historic significance. The HVA may choose to recognize a vehicle with well-known national history or alternatively a vehicle with important state or local history that may not be broadly known or appreciated.

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