



## Airflow Restorer's Guide

# Volume III: Airflow Club Historical Information



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## Introduction

This ACA Historical Information is provided to familiarize club members with some of the background and earlier operations of the club. The volume will require occasional updates of the presidents and national meet lists and to track the evolving history of the WPC and Carl Breer awards, as well as the election of new presidents. Club bylaws now provide for a 4-year gap in repeated WPC awards; that is, once a car wins the WPC award, it is ineligible for the next 3 national meets. It is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to ensure the eligibility of each WPC winner considering any preceding wins.

Past presidents of the Airflow club are listed below. Members of the club owe a debt of gratitude to these folks and all the others who have served as club officers, regional directors, national meet hosts, newsletter editors, and volunteers. These people deserve most of the credit for the continued survival and success of the Airflow Club of America.

For additional information about the club, a compilation of historical ACA newsletters is available from the club store, and it makes fascinating reading. Information presented here is derived from the newsletter archives, and the Airflow Club Technical Manual published on the Members page of [www.airflowclub.com](http://www.airflowclub.com) is compiled from those same newsletters. The Tech Manual is also available for purchase from the club store.

## Presidents

1962-1966	Louis Hamman, Toledo, Ohio
1966-1969	Edward Patterson, Beavercreek, Ohio
1969-1971	Charles Cochran, Greenwood, Indiana
1972-1974	Johnnie McLean, Downey, California
1974-1978	Hardy Trolander, Yellow Springs, Ohio
1978-1982	Bill Gordon, Las Vegas, Nevada
1982-1984	Harold Irwin, Rossville, Kansas
1984-1988	G. E, "Ed" Snell, Little Rock, Arkansas
1988-1990	Howard Williams, Springfield, Virginia
1990-1998	David Askey, Akron, Ohio
1998-2002	Jim Lightfoot, Simi Valley, California
2002-2006	Charles Cochran, Indianapolis, Indiana
2006-2010	John Librenjak, Riverside, California
2010-2018	Frank Daly, Sammamish, Washington
2018-2020	Tom Prince, Walnut, California
2020-	David Felderstein, Sacramento, California

## National ACA Meets

1.	1964	Detroit, Michigan	July 24, 25, 26	20 Airflows
2.	1965	Natural Bridge, Virginia	July 16, 17, 18	14 Airflows
3.	1966	Niagara Falls, New York	July 29, 30, 31	15 Airflows
4.	1967	Dayton, Ohio	August 25, 26, 27	19 Airflows
5.	1968	Manhattan, Kansas	August 16, 17 J	18 Airflows
6.	1969	Ann Arbor, Michigan	June 27, 28, 29	16 Airflows
7.	1970	Long Beach, California	July 31, August 1, 2	22 Airflows
8.	1971	Washington, D.C.	June 24, 25, 26, 27	18 Airflows
9.	1972	Boulder, Colorado	August 18, 19, 20	16 Airflows
10.	1973	San Diego, California	June 29, 30, July 1	27 Airflows
11.	1974	Stone Mountain, Georgia	June 29, 30, July 1	22 Airflows
12.	1975	Ardmore, Oklahoma	June 26, 27, 28	22 Airflows
13.	1976	Portland, Oregon	June 24, 25, 26	21 Airflows
14.	1977	Ligonier, Pennsylvania	July 14, 15, 16	39 + tanker
15.	1978	Petit Jean Mtn., Arkansas	July 11, 12, 13	15 Airflows
16.	1979	Claremont, California	June 28, 29, 30	26 Airflows
17.	1980	Champaign, Illinois	June 26, 27, 28	15 Airflows
18.	1981	Salina, Kansas	July 21, 22, 23	21 Airflows
19.	1982	McCall, Idaho	July 20, 21, 22	28 Airflows
20.	1983	Oglebay Park, West Virginia	July 12, 13, 14	31 Airflows
21.	1984	Laramie, Wyoming	July 17, 18, 19	9 Airflows
22.	1985	Monterey, California	September 10, 11, 12	25 Airflows
23.	1986	Corning, New York	June 24, 25, 26	18 Airflows
24.	1987	Branson, Missouri	June 23, 24, 25	20 Airflows
25.	1988	Portland, Oregon	July 18, 19, 20	19 Airflows
26.	1989	Strasburg, Pennsylvania	June 20, 21, 22	19 Airflows
27.	1990	St. Louis, Missouri	June 19, 20, 21	16 Airflows
28.	1991	Las Vegas, Nevada	June 25, 26, 27	17 Airflows
29.	1992	Akron, Ohio	July 16, 17, 18	26 Airflows
30.	1993	Wichita, Kansas	September 14, 15, 16	14 Airflows
31.	1994	Seattle, Washington	August 24, 25, 26	14 Airflows
32.	1995	Stratton Mtn., Vermont	June 22, 23, 24	20 Airflows
33.	1996	Fort Worth, Texas	June 26, 27, 28, 29	18 Airflows
34.	1997	Sacramento, California	June 25, 26, 27, 28	16 Airflows
35.	1998	Waterloo, Ontario	July 8, 9, 10, 11	22 Airflows
36.	1999	Golden, Colorado	August 4, 5, 6, 7	22 Airflows
37.	2000	Riverside, California	June 14, 15, 16, 17	19 Airflows
38.	2001	Keene, New Hampshire	June 13, 14, 15, 16	16 Airflows
39.	2002	Kansas City, Missouri	June 5, 6, 7, 8	17 Airflows
40.	2003	Oxnard/Ventura, California	May 28, 29, 30, 31	24 Airflows
41.	2004	Charleston, South Carolina	June 2, 3, 4, 5	21 Airflows
42.	2005	Eureka Springs, Arkansas	May 25, 26, 27, 28	17 Airflows
43.	2006	Carson Valley, Nevada	June 21, 22, 23, 24	22 Airflows
44.	2007	St. Joseph, Michigan	June 13, 14, 15, 16	24 Airflows
45.	2008	Bartlesville, Oklahoma	June 4, 5, 6, 7	19 Airflows
46.	2009	Tacoma, Washington	August 26, 27, 28, 29	21 Airflows
47.	2010	Lexington, Kentucky	June 16, 17, 18, 19	20 Airflows

48. 2011	Durango, Colorado	June 8, 9, 10, 11	10 Airflows
49. 2012	San Jose, California	September 5, 6, 7, 8	20 Airflows
50. 2013	Dayton, Ohio	July 23-27	52 Airflows
51. 2014	Springfield, Missouri	June 26, 27, 28	18 Airflows
52. 2015	Bend, Oregon	June 18, 19, 20	21 Airflows
53. 2016	Timonium, Maryland	July 6, 7, 8, 9	23 Airflows
54. 2017	St. Paul, Minnesota	June 21, 22, 23, 24	21 Airflows
55. 2018	Chico, California	June 20, 21, 22, 23	24 Airflows
56. 2019	Charlottesville, Virginia	June 4,5,6,7,8	17 Airflows

The 57<sup>th</sup> national meet was postponed owing to the COVID-19 restrictions. It is planned for 2021.

## Special Awards

### WPC Award

The Walter P. Chrysler award is presented to the highest-point judged car at each national meet after 1974. In the first year it was given as a personal award. The account of the institution of this award was published in the June 1974 Airflow Newsletter.

#### THE WALTER P. CHRYSLER TROPHY

This is one of the greatest and most noteworthy happenings in the history of the Airflow Club. Those of you who were not there missed a memorable occasion when John Bunnel, representing the Chrysler Corporation, unveiled the Walter P. Chrysler Trophy. A beautiful, large silver bowl mounted on a large, highly polished, solid wood base. Plus, a miniature. The large trophy to be an annual rotating award and the miniature to be permanently retained by the respective recipients. All has been furnished by the Chrysler Corporation in recognition of its founder. Pictures and details will be included in subsequent issues of the NEWSLETTER.

The October 1974 newsletter further explained the WPC award.

The cover picture is the beautiful and handsome trophy, the "Walter P. Chrysler Award". It was presented to the Airflow Club of America, Inc. by John Bunnel, Corporate Historian, on behalf of the Chrysler Corporation in honor of their founder, Walter P. Chrysler. Recognizing the dedication and sound organization of the Airflow Club of America, John Riccardo, Chrysler Corporation



President, and Tony Weiss, Public Relations, arranged for the creation of the trophy and its miniatures this year as a tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Chrysler automobile and the 40th Anniversary of the Airflow Chrysler and DeSoto. The responsibility for establishing the trophy's criteria and selecting the recipients has been delegated to the Airflow Club of America, Inc.

This year (the initial year) the Airflow Club of America selected Johnnie McLean as the first to be presented the "Walter P. Chrysler Award." Johnnie not only gets to display the trophy for the year, but he gets a miniature of the trophy to keep.

Johnnie has been a devoted supporter and leader of the Club. He has personally demonstrated the Club's objectives by his own restoration and preservation activities, the exhibition of his car from coast to coast, his active collection of material for the Club's historical file, his dissemination of information to the world as well as the Club members regarding the Airflow and finally his personal, active promotion of cooperation, good fellowship and assistance to any and all members of the Club. We are pleased to state that Johnnie is on the "plus" side looking ahead after his initial bout with cancer this year. Johnnie, there are nearly 400 members who say, "press on".



President Hardy Trolander has advised that a committee, composed of Past Presidents, has been selected to establish the criteria and method for selecting future recipients of the "Walter P. Chrysler Award." Hardy says, "The significance of this award and perhaps others to come, requires the best use of the English Language in delineating the criteria for which the award may have been established." "However, he went on to say, "there is nothing to preclude a donor from establishing his own personal criteria, our job is to administer 'the selection'".

As of this writing, the Walter P. Chrysler award is presented to the highest point judged car at each national meet, regardless of whether it is in Junior or Senior class, provided that the car has not won the award during the previous three national meets. In 2019, a radiator grill badge was created to honor WPC-winning cars and distributed to all past winners who still own their winning car. The badges will also be awarded to all future winners. Here is the history of winners through 2019.

1974	Johnny McLean	Personal Award
1975	Bill Gordon	1935 Chrysler C1 coupe
1976	Johnny Bean	1936 DeSoto S2 sedan
1977	Chuck and Char Cochran	1937 Chrysler C17 coupe
1978	Chuck and Char Cochran	1937 Chrysler C17 coupe
1979	Bill Gordon	1934 Chrysler CU sedan
1980	John Jamison	1936 DeSoto S2 coupe
1981	John Jamison	1936 DeSoto S2 coupe



1982	Sam Scoles	1935	Chrysler C1 sedan
1983	Frank and Robby Kleptz	1937	Chrysler Custom Imperial CW limousine
1984	Ruth and Don Seeley	1937	Chrysler C17 sedan
1985	Ruth and Don Seeley	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1986	Hardy Trolander	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1987	Hardy Trolander	1937	Chrysler C17 sedan
1988	Ruth and Don Seeley	1935	Chrysler Imperial C2 sedan
1989	Hardy Trolander	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1990	Don Mitchell	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1991	Sam Scoles	1935	Chrysler C1 sedan
1992	Don and Mary Mitchell	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1993	Mary Mitchell	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1994	Ruth and Don Seeley	1934	Chrysler Imperial CV sedan
1995	Dennis and Harry Thomas	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
1996	Chuck and Char Cochran	1935	Chrysler Imperial C2 coupe
1997	Bill and Greta Rothenbuhler	1934	Chrysler CU sedan
1998	George and Pauline Evoy	1934	Chrysler CU sedan
1999	Bill and Greta Rothenbuhler	1934	Chrysler CU sedan
2001	Bruce Wallin	1934	Chrysler Custom Imperial CX sedan
2002	Chuck and Char Cochran	1934	DeSoto SE coupe
2003	Stan and Grace Block	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 coupe
2004	Chuck and Char Cochran	1934	DeSoto SE coupe
2005	Stan and Grace Block	1934	Chrysler Imperial CV coupe
2006	Bruce Wallin	1934	Chrysler Custom Imperial CX sedan
2007	Chuck and Char Cochran	1934	DeSoto SE coupe
2008	Jon and Neila Clulow	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
2009	Jon and Neila Clulow	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
2010	Chuck and Char Cochran	1935	Chrysler Imperial C2 sedan
2011	Chandler Smith	1936	Chrysler Imperial C10 sedan
2012	Terry and Judy Brinson	1935	Chrysler Imperial C2 coupe
2013	Dennis and Nancy Lee Pitchford	1935	DeSoto SG business coupe
2014	Red and Marilyn McFadden	1936	DeSoto S2 coupe
2015	Phil and Barbara Putnam	1935	Chrysler Custom Imperial CW 8-pass. sedan
2016	John and Lynn Heimerl	1935	Chrysler Imperial C2 coupe
2017	Chuck and Char Cochran	1934	Chrysler CU coupe
2018	Ron and Karen Robbel	1936	DeSoto S2 sedan
2019	John and Debbie Wagner	1934	DeSoto SE coupe

### Carl Breer Award

The Carl Breer memorial award is given “in memory of the father of the Airflow and at the discretion of the President and Chief Judge to a car which may not otherwise have been the recipient of an award at the national meet of the Airflow Club of America but which nevertheless is of such unusual or outstanding quality, rarity, originality or historical significance as to merit special recognition.” (2018 ACA Bylaws) It was instituted and first awarded in 2012 with the intention of creating a way to

“recognize Airflows that have historical significance or unusual provenance (for example)”. Past winners are listed here.

2012 Bruce Wallin

2013 Bud & Dora Frazier

2015 Peter Landsbergen

2016 Dennis & Nancy Lee Pitchford

2017 No award

2018 Frank Daly

2019 Ed and Linda Patterson

1934 Chrysler Imperial CX sedan

1934 Chrysler CY sedan

1934 Chrysler CU Brougham

1935 DeSoto SG business coupe

1935 Chrysler Custom Imperial CW limousine

1935 Chrysler C1 sedan