

CCCA JUDGING UPDATE

By John Milliken

I was going to call this article “Judging for Dummies,” but didn’t want to offend anyone. I have served as Area Head Judge for our Region for about the past seven years and have overseen the judging of three Grand Classics, plus the National Annual Meeting at the Langham Hotel in San Marino in 2013. Over that time, I have welcomed about 35 of our members to my list of dedicated, knowledgeable judges whom I can always count on to volunteer when a Grand Classic comes around. Such will be the case on June 11th when our Grand Classic will take place again in conjunction with Aaron Weiss’s San Marino Motor Classic at gorgeous Lacy Park in San Marino.

I will not delve into the actual step-by-step judging procedures here, partly because our National Head Judge, Steve Babinsky, has made recent changes, which have not yet been published, to the score sheets which we will use at this event. Instead, this is a brief overview of the various judged divisions and how we determine First-, Second- and Third-place awards. Nearly all of what I am writing can be found on pages 11 to 15 of the green 2016 Handbook and Members Roster. My judges are familiar with these pages but the rest of you may not be. (By the way, due to attrition I am always looking for new judges.)

It is not an intimidating process, nor do you have to be an experienced Classic car expert. I recently welcomed a young female judge, Karalyn Ahmanson, daughter of well-known collector Bill Ahmanson, into our judging fold. She will participate as an apprentice judge at the upcoming June Grand Classic and will accompany a team of four experienced judges, though her score will not count. Then, when she and I feel she is ready, she will become an official judge. I only have three female judges at this time, and one of them is my very capable Head Tabulator, Belva Baltzar, whom I definitely cannot do without! I believe that CCCA

judging is the best in the hobby. It is the one way to establish a true pedigree for your Classic. It is fair, in that, for the most part (exceptions noted below) you are not necessarily competing with other cars in your class. In fact, every car in a class can be a winner and every car in a Class can even be a first-place winner.

There are eight Divisions for Classic entry, five of which are judged. It is those five judged classes for which I now give a brief overview:

TOURING: For original or partially restored cars. If you score over 93 points in this division you are deemed overqualified and do not get a trophy, but rather a ribbon. Your next judging event will have to be in the Primary division.

PRIMARY: This is the first of the three divisions in which oval badges (which attached to the car itself) are awarded for first-place winners. It is the first stop for freshly restored or excellent original cars. A first place here grants you a trophy and oval badge, and your car is then known as a “SENIOR” Classic. It will then be listed in the Club Directory with its sequential badge number.

SENIOR: This is the next step after receiving your Primary award. First-place winners are now called “SENIOR WINNER” and receive a larger Senior Winner ring that attaches behind the primary oval badge, usually positioned on the cowl. Senior winner cars are listed in the Directory with the letter “S” following the previously assigned senior number.

PREMIER: As the title proclaims, this is the ultimate prestige award in the CCCA and includes far fewer cars than Primary or Senior cars. Full Classics® awarded a First place in this Division are known as “PREMIER WINNERS” and designated with letters “SP” in the Directory; They also receive a Premier ring to accompany the previously awarded Primary and Senior badge and ring.

SENIOR EMERITUS JUDGED: Open to all Senior winner and Premier winner Classics that have won first-place awards not less than three years prior to present competition. Winning cars must score at least 93 points to win. There are no second- or third-place winners in this class.

To the right is an overview of minimum scoring requirements for awards. Note the point spread between the highest score in a Division and multiple First-Place winners. For Primary and Senior awards, to receive a First place award you must score within two points of high point car, while for the Premier Division you must score within one point of the high point car in the Division. I hope this simplifies your understanding of the Grand Classic judging process.



CCCA JUDGING MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS

Touring Division: (Cars scoring over 93 points are overqualified, and do not receive an award, however they will be presented a certificate of their accomplishment.)

First Place minimum: 85 points

Second Place minimum: 77 points

Third place minimum: 66 points

Single winner for each place (except exact ties).

Primary and Senior Divisions

First Place minimum: 95 points

Second Place minimum: 90 points

Third place minimum: 85 points

Multiple Firsts: All cars scoring within 95 or more and within two points of the highest scoring car in the Class receive First Place Awards.

Single Second and Third Place winners (except exact ties).

Premier Division

First Place minimum: 97 points

Multiple Firsts: All cars scoring 97 or more points and within one point of the highest scoring car in the Class receive First Place Awards.

No Second or Third Place.

Senior Emeritus Judged Division

Minimum: 93 points

Multiple Winners: All cars scoring 93 points or more are Senior Emeritus Winners.

There are no First, Second or Third Place Awards.

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