

ALTOONA REGIONAL 2023

We as a team accomplished a lot with the conclusion of our Altoona Regional Judging event at the Blair County Convention Center this past weekend. It all started in May of 2020 in the midst of the Covid Pandemic when our application to the National was approved to hold a Regional event in June 2023 in Altoona. At that time, we secured the Convention Center contract, and the contracts with two hotels for hosting the event. We also had to negotiate with the NCRS and other chapters to keep our regional alone in the northeast US for 2023. We wanted to be in a position to make our regional a stepping stone for the NCRS National in Indiana in 2023.

Fast forward to November 2023 when we published the registration form in the Driveline and opened registrations online for the event. We had a team of our members taking shape and over the next few months, built a group of 31 people to manage the event. Fundraising was an important ingredient of the early work, securing multiple sponsors for our event. I would like to recognize Mike Bucheit for securing the following sponsors:

- Mirrock Corvette in Saltsburg, PA sponsored the Reception.
- All Collector Autos in Bedford, PA sponsored the Judges shirts and a judges lunch.
- Zippo/Case knives in Bradford, PA sponsored the Banquet.
- Howard's Auto Body in Greensburg, PA sponsored a judges lunch.
- Bair's Corvettes in Linesville, PA sponsored our Registration.
- Apollo Resources in North Apollo, PA sponsored a judges breakfast.
- A group of chapter members from the Hubbard, Oh area sponsored a judges breakfast:
 - Steve Rotunno - Greenwood Hubbard Chevrolet - Hubbard, OH
 - Tom Bell - Bell Sanitation Services - Mercer, PA
 - Rick Hale - Winner Aviation - Vienna, OH
 - Dean Rice - Rice Pool Maintenance - Hermitage, PA
 - Dennis Webber - Webber's Handyman & Lawn Service - Greenville, PA

Please support these businesses if you have an opportunity because they supported us.

So now after 3 years of planning, the event takes place and it is the largest regional for the whole country in 2023 and here are the numbers:

- 175 Registrations with 251 attendees
- 55 Flight car registrations, with 44 Top Flight, 5 Second flight and 6 no shows
- 12 PV car registrations 10 Passed, 1 failed and 1 no show
- 1 Concours car registration and Blue Ribbon awarded
- 4 Sportsman cars
- 11 Bowtie Signoffs
- 1 Cross Flags signoff
- 49 Car Trailers for parking
- 193 Reception attendees signed up
- 114 Banquet attendees

It was a lot of hard work for all our chapter members involved and I want to thank each and every one of them for the extra effort they gave to make this event a success. It really takes a team of good individuals to make an event like this work. I will say that even after 7 regionals, we are still learning how to fine tune our efforts, but I consider this a great accomplishment for a group of volunteers. I have heard so many good comments from the NCRS leaders, judges and car owners and I am proud to be part of this group. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Don Geary