

Important Judging/Meet Information

Our goal in this tri-fold is to arm you with pertinent and basic information to make your experience in registering your car for a national meet much easier. We also hope to provide information to make your AACA National Meet experience enjoyable and stress free.

AACA Philosophy

The AACA philosophy is that there are 3 different types of vehicles: They were first original, then became drivers, and then restored back to original for class judging.

ORIGINAL — Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF). This is for un-restored, as delivered vehicles with factory approved accessories.

DRIVERS — Drivers Participation Class (DPC). This is for vehicles that may have had some restoration performed, been repainted and certain upgrades performed such as: seat belts, seat coverings, turn signals, stop lights, sealed beam/halogen headlamps, radial tires, alloy wheels of the same era and/or same vehicle manufacturer, radio upgrades, electrical upgrades, brake upgrades (bolt on), steering upgrades (bolt on), air conditioning, overdrive system and altered exhaust.

CLASS JUDGING — This is for restored vehicles that have been restored back to original with factory approved accessories and/or original vehicles that appear new.

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS — A Display only, non-judged class. Vehicles such as: Celebrity, in movies or on TV, of historical significance, of innovative design.

Included is a listing of the standard AACA Judging Classes. For a more thorough explanation you can go to www.aaca.org and review the latest edition of the AACA Judging Guidelines.

Registering

You have two ways to register, online at members.aaca.org or by using the card enclosed. If you register online you must print it out and mail your payment in along with the registration. Many seasoned show participants use the online process.

Please, write legibly on registration cards! It is very hard for those handling registrations to read some cards. Printing helps!

AACA vehicle number is only for vehicles that have previously been shown. If this is the first time you are showing this particular vehicle leave the line blank.

Class numbers are listed on the back. If you are showing in an evaluated class (HPOF or DPC) they will not have a class number. Original and un-restored type cars are entered in the Historical Preservation of Original Features class (HPOF) and touring or driver cars are eligible for the Drivers Participation Class (DPC).

VIN is the vehicle identification number or serial number. Horsepower is essential for Class 36.

If you are showing a car in class 24 (Race Car) the vehicle must be certified through the race car certification committee prior to the meet. Forms may be obtained through national headquarters.

Please let us know if you are the new owner of a car that has previously been shown in AACA. It will be necessary for you to call national headquarters at 717-534-1910 to make sure we have the car removed from the previous owner's records. The judging guidelines will outline your options of starting fresh with our award program or continuing to the next award for which the vehicle qualifies.

If you and your spouse own vehicles individually it is important that you check the spouse section if the vehicle belongs to the spouse. The primary member is the one who gets the registration card. Our system does not allow it to be done any other way. So please mark the card accordingly.

If you have decided that you want to change between categories such as class judging to DPC remember that you can only change categories once in 10 years. Make your choices carefully as you cannot move in and out of class judging, DPC and HPOF. Complete details are in our Judging Guidelines.

Prior to and at the Meet

Bring documentation for your vehicle! Especially if it is limited production, unusual or has rare options.

Did you bring your fire extinguisher? It is mandatory!

Make sure you have your confirmation number for your hotel or motel.

Please read the meet tri-fold which has been sent to you or available online for instructions on trailer parking

if needed. It may be easier for you to drop off your trailer prior to going to the hotel or registration area. Some hotels are not trailer friendly.

You can pick up your registration packet prior to show day at the place designated by the region. Usually at the host hotel or show site. If not, registration packets are available on the day of the show as you drive into the venue.

Complete the judging or evaluation sheet found in your registration packet, sign it and leave on driver's seat.

Place the windshield card beneath your wiper or on windshield on cars so equipped. Otherwise make it accessible and visible.

Remove items from trunk and interior such as coolers, literature, etc prior to judging (DPC cars are excluded). You may put them back in after judging if you wish.

Make sure fire extinguisher is visible.

Doors need to be unlocked, trunk open, windows up, convertible top up and hood open for judging. Please stay with your vehicle until it is judged/evaluated. Some cars it may be necessary to keep hoods closed etc. but the judges will need YOU to open them during their evaluation.

Helpful hint: If you have a car that is rare, limited production and/or unusual options you may want to mention to the team captain that you have your documentation if a question of authenticity arises. Remember: It must be FACTORY documentation.

If this is the first time you have shown a car plan on attending the Owner's Briefing which is usually around 9:30 AM in the morning of the show. If you have a problem there will be people at the host region and AACA national officials there to help you. You will also find out that fellow AACA members will be glad to show you the ropes.

Remember: You are not allowed to remove your car until 3:00 PM or when dismissed by the chief judge early due to inclement weather.

If you wish to know areas of point deduction after the meet you may send a self addressed stamped envelope to the Vice-President of Class Judging (info on web or in magazine). Actual scores are not given out.

Now, most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

