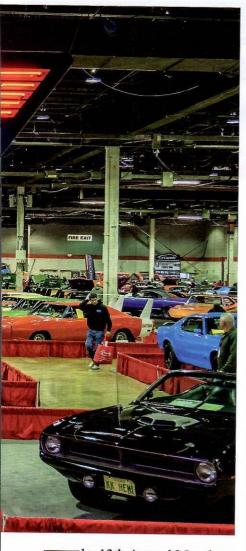




Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals Celebrating 13 Years

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he 13th Annual Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals (MCACN) event was back again this year and showcased an incredible display of Muscle Cars and Corvettes that dazzled and amazed classic car enthusiasts from around the country. Held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois, on November 18 & 19, 2022, the two-day show had a plethora of classic muscle cars, Corvettes, and dealer-prepped supercars in attendance, with over 500 vehicles.

A brief overview of MCACN and its history shows that it was founded in 2009, and since then, it has become one of the most popular, all-indoor specialty shows in the Chicagoland area. It is held on the third weekend of November each year, and in an effort to keep the event fresh and engaging, invitational displays are featured each year which honor and commemorate various milestone anniversaries in the muscle car era. This year's special displays

included Barn Finds and Hidden Gems, Wings Over America, Class of '72 Invitational, Buick GS Special Invitational, Maple Leafe Muscle Invitational, Wellborn Aero Warriors Invitational, Mr. Norm's Grand Spaulding Dodge Invitational, Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race Display, Malaise Era Invitational, and GMMG Legends Invitational.

Aside from these displays, the show also had celebrity appearances, seminars, unveilings, live music, auctions, children's activities, and featured artists. The popular seminar by John Kraman of









Mecum Auctions was also back again this year; we had the pleasure of interviewing John Kraman for our January 2023 issue. The Corvettes were also a

highlight of the event, with a wide variety of C1 through C8 models. Of them, the most prestigious of all awards given out at the event was the "Triple Diamond Award," for which the cars had to have received the NCRS Top Flight® or NCRS 4 or 5 Star Bowtie® and Bloomington Gold Certification® or Bloomington Survivor® recognition in order even to apply. The cars then had to be verified by the judges and scored for authenticity, originality, documentation, options, and condition; if the cumulative score was 950 or higher, the car would receive the Triple Diamond Award. A panel of expert judges, each with decades of Corvette experience, including current Bloomington Gold Show and National Corvette Restorers Society members, was selected to ensure

that the award was awarded to cars



with the highest standard of authenticity.

The Triple Diamond Winners receive a beautiful etched Triple Diamond Award and Triple Diamond Certificate with their judging score.

So mark your calendars for November 18-19, 2023, for another edition of the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals, and be sure to visit their website https://www.mcacn.com/ for more information.



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