

MUSCLE NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON



DETROIT AUTORAMA: MIDDLE AGED, STILL CRAZY

On March 7-9 Detroit Cobo Center opened its doors to the 56th annual Autorama Hot Rod and Muscle Car Show. For three days over 200,000 car enthusiasts attended the event to cast their eyes on hundreds of vehicles that are the best of the best in their class. Along with top-notch musclecars and hot rods, several celebrities were spotted amongst the crowd. One of the most popular celebrities acknowledged was Chip Foose from the television series *Overhaulin'*. Foose was seen signing autographs and leaving his infamous signature on the dashboards



MUSCLECAR EVENTS

June 12-15, Steamboat Springs, CO. 2008 Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup. Road tour, autocross and car show. Brett Abbott, (303) 833-2739 or information and registration forms at www.rmmr.org

June 13-15, Atlanta, GA. Goodguys 2nd NAPA Southern Nationals. Atlanta Motor Speedway. Rods, customs, classics, musclecars and trucks through 1972. Swap meet, car corral. Goodguys, (925) 838-9876 or www.good-guys.com

June 14, Arvada, CO. 25th Annual Chevy Show and Shine. Gunther Toddy's,

7355 Ralston Rd. Hosted by the Colorado Camaro Club. Tom Flodquist, (303) 979-4305 or www.coloradocamaroclub.org

June 14-15, Columbus, OH. Inaugural LX & Beyond Nationals. Car show open to all 2005 and newer Dodge Chargers, Magnums, Challengers and Chrysler 300s Saturday at Quaker Steak & Lube-Polaris, 8500 Lyra Drive. Drag racing Sunday at National Trail Raceway. More info at www.chargerforums.com/forums/showthread.php?t=56094

June 20-21, St. Ignace, MI. 12th Annual Antiques on the Bay. All original

vehicles 1983 and older. Featured vehicle: convertibles. Ed Reavie, (906) 643-8087 or www.nostalgic-prod.com

June 20-21, Martin, MI. Year One F.A.S.T. Eaton Spring Nationals. Knoll Gas Motorsports Park on U.S. 131. Factory Appearing Stock Tires drag racing. Registration forms, rules and information at www.fastraces.org

June 20-22, Carlisle, PA. All-GM Nationals. Carlisle Fairgrounds. (717) 243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com

June 22, Mokence, IL. 19th Annual Mopars By the River Show and Swap Meet.



1 This 1970 Plymouth Superbird, owned by Mike and Theresa Woltermam of Brighton, Michigan, received a three-year restoration, completed just prior to the show. Mike has owned the Superbird since 1980. 2 The craftsmanship and attention to detail was evident in Dana Kind's numbers matching 1969 Mustang Shelby GT-500. 3 Douglas and Peggy Keller's Buick GNX, No. 449 out of 547 produced in 1987, took top honors in its class at the Autorama. With 19,800 original miles and un-restored it is truly one awesome survivor. 4 Dennis Koss of Farmington, Michigan, was showing off his 1962 Pontiac Royal Bobcat Catalina at the Autorama.

of handpicked vehicles.

Several awards were handed out as well, the most prestigious being the Ridler Award. The Ridler was first started in 1964 in honor of the early passing

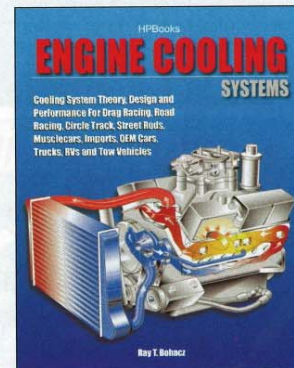
of Don Ridler, the first promoter of the Detroit Autorama. The award is given to the Best New Car shown for the first time, anywhere. The 2008 winner was a Ferri-engined Nash Rambler dubbed

"Ferrambo," a bold, outstanding car in its class. This is the largest Hot Rod Muscle Car show of the year in the Detroit area, a rush for hardcore fans year after year. — Report and photos by Al Rogers

BOOKSHELF: ENGINE COOLING SYSTEMS

Anyone who has watched the temp gauge needle rise and felt the heat floating through the firewall as his musclecar idled in traffic knows that cooling system maintenance and operation are crucial.

Author Ray Bohacz walks readers through the ins and outs of proper cooling system performance in his new book, *Engine Cooling Systems*. Naturally, since this subject is more relevant to older and custom cars, there is heavy emphasis on building and maintaining systems for classic rides. Chapters focus on the component parts, and more attention and explanation is given over to the physics involved



than you'll find in most automotive tech books. Included is an excellent glossary

with definitions of cooling system-related terms.

Engine Cooling Systems, by Ray Bohacz, 122 pages, softbound, 200-plus B&W photos. Published by HPBooks, \$19.95, ISBN: 1-55788-425-1.

BOOKSHELF: DYNO TESTING AND TUNING

Dyno-testing is a fundamental part of getting your musclecar to deliver every foot-pound of potential. If you're intimidated by the dyno cell, you might want to order a copy of *Dyno Testing and Tuning*, by Harold Bettes and Bill Hancock.

The book dives deep into dynamometer basics (and history,

Momence Island Park. Sponsored by the River Valley Mopar Club. Todd, (708) 258-6424 or Ron, (815) 429-3507 or www.rivervalleymparclub.com

June 26-29, St. Charles, IL. Bloomington Gold Corvette Show. Pheasant Run Golf Course. Car show, seminars, road tours. (309) 888-4477 or www.bloomingtongold.com

June 27-28, St. Ignace, MI. 33rd Annual St. Ignace Car Show and Swap Meet. Ed Reavie, (906) 643-8087 or www.nostalgic-prod.com

June 27-29, Nashville, TN. Goodguys 3rd Nashville Nationals. LP Field, Tennessee

Titan Stadium. Rods, customs, classics, musclecars and trucks through 1972. Swap meet, car corral. Goodguys, (925) 838-9876 or www.good-guys.com

June 29, St. Charles, IL. All Brands Survivor Show. Pheasant Run Gold Course. Held in conjunction with Bloomington Gold Corvette show. Open to all un-restored, original vehicles over 20 years old, regardless of make or model. (309) 888-2588 or www.bloomingtongold.com

July 2-6, 34th Annual Classic Chevy/Worldwide Camaro International Convention.

Hartford Marriott Hotel. Hosted by the Connecticut Classic Chevy Club. Sharon Stowe, (321) 385-9703, e-mail: sharon.stowe@ecklers.net or visit classicchevy.com or worldwidecamaro.com

July 4-6, Des Moines, IA. Goodguys 17th 3M Heartland Nationals. Iowa State Fairgrounds. Rods, customs, classics, musclecars and trucks through 1972. Swap meet, car corral. Goodguys, (925) 838-9876 or www.good-guys.com

July 4-6, Ypsilanti, MI. 17th Annual Camaro Superfest. Riverside Park. Hosted