

Goodguys Winners Circle: a few favorites



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Don't let the casual atmosphere of a Goodguys Rod & Custom Association show fool you—these are dead serious competitive events. Or maybe it's the other way around. There are some 88 different awards presented during the Goodguys 17th Southwest Nationals, held at WestWorld in north Scottsdale. But while some folks grab a prize and some don't, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who is not just flat out enjoying themselves here.

Some of our favorite awards at Goodguys are subjective and whimsical in nature, including the eight shown at right and listed below (photos correspond left/right, top to bottom):

HOTTEST HOT ROD

1932 Ford RoadsterDave Pierce, Tempe AZ

MEMORY LANE

1955 FordHarvey Belling, Salome AZ

WONDERFUL WOODY

1950 Mercury...Jim & Lynn Alveberg, Vernon BC

CHOPPED AND DROPPED

1951 MercuryHoward Blackburn, Peoria AZ

GOODGUYS AUTOCROSS SHOOTOUT 4TH PLACE

1972 Chevrolet Camaro...Mary Pozzi, Salinas CA

HOMEBUILT HEAVEN (SPONSORED BY SPEEDWAY MOTORS)

1941 Willys....William/Maryllyn Bailey, Datil NM

CHEVY MUSCLE PICK

1971 Chevelle....Alex Maldonado, Scottsdale AZ

MIGHTY MUSTANG

1969 Mach IRobertFlora, Laveen AZ

Other awards included such accolades as Best Wide Whites, Period Perfect, Suede & Chrome, Ya Gotta Drive 'em Pick, and perhaps the most subjective of all: Wildcard Just 'Cause It's Neat.

Of the 88 total awards at the event—including the above, as well as autocross competition and many other show categories—41 were won by Arizonans. Others went to proud owners from neighboring states—California, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado—as well as everywhere from Texas to New York, to British Columbia and Alberta. And yes, there is a Long Distance Award, which went to Rick and Cheryl Batchelor of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who brought their 1969 Dodge Dart some 3800 miles roundtrip for a few days of our sunshine and Goodguys' fun times.

A centerpiece of the Goodguys event is the Top 12 Winners row—the Champions Area. Shown here are eight of those twelve (photos again cor-

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2014 STREET ROD D'ELEGANCE
1935 Chevrolet Phaeton
.....Wes & Vivian Rydell, Grand Forks SD

2014 CUSTOM ROD OF THE YEAR
1954 PontiacBill Raper, Peoria AZ

2014 CUSTOM OF THE YEAR
1948 Coach Built
.....James Hetfield, San Raphael CA

2014 MUSCLE MACHINE OF THE YEAR
1965 Mustang ...Dominick Farbo, Williamsville NY

2014 STREET ROD OF THE YEAR
1932 Ford Sedan
.....Don & Cathy Smith, Mansfield TX

2014 STREET MACHINE OF THE YEAR
1967 Chevrolet Nova ...Steve Tornari, Palm City FL

2014 TRUCK OF THE YEAR (LATE)
1957 ChevroletGary Brown, Buford GA

2014 HOT ROD OF THE YEAR
1930 Ford CoupeTony Lombardi, Niles OH

The other four Top 12 Winners not shown here are America's Most Beautiful Street Rod, Muscle Car of the Year, Truck of the Year (Early) and Auto-crossover of the Year.

One highlight of this year's Goodguys fall event was a 1:20 scale replica of the battleship USS Arizona (BB-39)—lost at Pearl Harbor (where its sunken remains are a National War Memorial). The original fiberglass hull had been made for the 1970 movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, though not used. Cecil Gates, 17 years old at the time he witnessed the bombing, got his hands on it in 1984, building the rest with a wooden main deck and superstructure. Perry Sartain of New River, Arizona found it half-neglected at the Navy Reserve in 2006 and started tearing it down and refinishing it in 2007, finishing in 2010. The Kingfisher seaplanes were not on the original build, but one of the restorers knew this would be a great addition and researched them meticulously. They then took it to Hawaii in 2011 for the 70th anniversary of the attack. This scale ship used to be powered—operated from inside the superstructure, where the captain would look out over the number two turret. It could cruise at about 10.5 knots (12 mph), and has traveled some 7000 miles—from Miami to the Statue of Liberty twice, and on the Mississippi River and other places. The motors have since been removed for liability, durability and clean water reasons, and it now mostly visits schools and takes part in parades.

Goodguys opens and closes their busy annual event calendar here, returning to WestWorld in March for their 6th Spring Nationals—which will launch this year's 21-event season. For more information, visit www.good-guys.com. ■

