

# The future looks bright

## UNDERSTATED 1998 TOYOTA SUPRA MOD WINS "BEST IN SHOW" HONORS

Event recap and snapshots courtesy ClassicCars.com

In a competitive field of 163 domestics and imports, a 1998 Toyota Supra was named "Best in Show" at the 3rd Annual Future Classic Car Show presented by ClassicCars.com and Gateway Classic Cars. Kicking off Arizona Collector Car Week, the event employs concours-level judges offering their expert verdict on meticulously conditioned vehicles in six categories, along with an overall "Best of Show" top honor. By popular demand, a new Best Modified award was introduced this year.

Held on the rooftop of the Scottsdale Quarter shopping district, the Future Classic Car Show featured vehicles from model years 1975 through 2018. Guests were offered an up-close look at both stock and tuned BMWs, Chevs, Fords, Hondas, Lamborghinis, Mazdas, Mopars, Toyotas and more.

Occupying the top three levels of the parking structure, the event generated proceeds for "Wheels For Love," a program established by Shriners Hospital For Children, which provides custom-fitted wheelchairs and bicycles for children at Shriners Hospitals across the country.

From a crowded field of entrants, the '98 Supra was selected "because it was the most understated, heavily customized car I have ever seen," explained ClassicCars.com's East Coast Editor and Analyst Andy Reid. "It exemplified all a future classic is supposed to be. Though it is modified, it's been done at a level of expertise that we'd normally see through a dealer. This attention to detail exemplifies the passion of its owner, who loved the car so much, he actually bought it back from an

enthusiast that he'd sold it to previously."

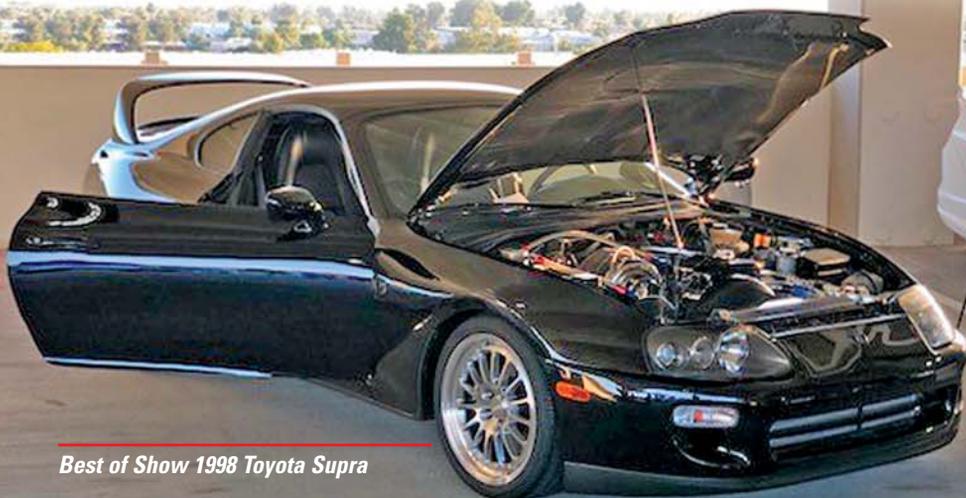
In addition to the Supra winning "Best in Show" honors, category winners included:

- Best of Decade 1975-1986: 1981 Toyota Starlet
- Best of Decade 1986-1996: 1991 GMC Syclone
- Best of Decade 1996-2006: 2003 Mitsubishi Evo
- Best of Decade 2006-2018: 2015 Corvette Grand Sport
- Best Original Vehicle: 1978 Corvette
- Best Modified Vehicle: 2008 Acura RSX Type S
- Fan Favorite: 1977 Toyota Celica

"Historically, Arizona Auction Week has catered to a more mature audience that is focused on traditional, pre-'72 classic cars," said Roger Falcione, CEO of ClassicCars.com. "The point of our event is to make enough people in the collector hobby feel that they have ownership, and expose traditional collectors to the passion and enthusiasm that a younger audience feels for these newer models. This year's show exemplified how diverse this new sector of the hobby truly is, from a period-correct Toyota Starlet to a first-generation Corvette ZR-1 to an entire row of R35 Skylines and BMW M cars."

The event is sponsored by Gateway Classic Cars, Hagerty classic vehicle insurance, Classic Auto Logistics and the Universal Technical Institute, which is training tomorrow's automotive technicians and restorers.

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