

Indianapolis Region Solo Competitor of the Year Award The Jack Tovey Cup

The Solo Competitor of the Year Award was inaugurated in 2002, and renamed in honor of Jack Tovey in 2004. The Jack Tovey Solo Competitor of the Year Award (SCOTY) is presented each year to the Solo competitor earning the most points during the season via PAX scored finishes at each Indianapolis Region points-scoring event.

2002 Steve Linn	2010 Geoff Chambers	2018 Clint Greist
2003 Scott Dales	2011 Mark Lamm	2019 Alan Hamson
2004 Matt Curry	2012 Will Lahee	2020 Alan Hamson
2005 Joe Kniesly	2013 Will Lahee	2021 Darren Daubenspeck
2006 Phil Wehman	2014 Craig Hudson	2022 James Bishir
2007 Kevin Kent	2015 Will Lahee	2023 Kevin Keys
2008 Geoff Chambers	2016 Jason Proksch	
2009 Clemens Berger	2017 Kevin Kent	

A short biography of Jack Tovey

Jack Tovey was born in 1934. Jack has always lived around central Indiana, mostly in the Columbus and Indianapolis areas with his wife Sandy. When he was an active autocrosser, one was likely to first hear him by his baritone voice and infectious laughter all over the paddock, before seeing his huge smile.

Jack has autocrossed just about everything, such as:

1938 Plymouth, 1950 Chevy Bel Air coupe, Buick Roadmaster, Nash Rambler, Alfa Romero Giulia Spider Veloce, MGB, Triumph Spitfire, Peugeots, Saabs, Sunbeam Tiger, five VW Siroccos, Corvettes, a DeTomaso Pantera, an Olds Toronado, a Ford Station Wagon, four Ford Mustangs, a Porsche 911 Targa, a Toyota MR2, a Dodge Colt, an Olds Cutlass, Lincolns, Cadillacs, Volvos, Mazdas, Pontiacs, a Ford Splash Pickup, a Chevy Truck, open wheel race cars such as a silver Super Vee w/ a Drake engine, Lola Super Vee, a Suzuki powered FC, a BMW M3 Lightweight, Fiats, Lancias, a Ford van, a Renault, a Daewoo, a Honda S2000, a Dodge Viper, and even Telstar, Bart, and Chinook motorhomes! This eclectic group is surely the most diverse imaginable.

Jack was educated at Indiana University and at the John Heron Art Institute. For several years, Jack supported himself by being an artist. He also attended Wabash College.

Jack became a Pedorthist, which is a form of foot appliance specialist, in 1970. At one time Jack owned six of his own Tovey Shoe Stores. Jack also has an amazing deep baritone singing voice that has been showcased at SCCA events such as the Solo2 Nationals Talent Show. He studied voice at I.U. and sang at Carnegie Hall with excellent reviews. He also sang with a Religious "Masters Quartet" on WLW.

Jack was first interested in fast cars when his neighbor got a new 1955 Corvette. He was hooked by "performance envy" and has never looked back. He started attending Rallies and Gymkhanas (gimmick autocrosses) in the 1950s. He remembers CSCC (Columbus Sports Car Club) events in the Public Service Indiana (the electric power company) parking lot, and then at the Walesboro airport, which CSCC has since returned to. Some of these Gymkhanas even had "LeMans" Starts'. Ask a "Senior" what that is! Jack nearly took out both the timers and Warren LeVeque's motor home with his Pantera in 1972. But Jack remembers his 1970 Corvette as being a notably good autocross car and his V6 formula car as being especially bad.

Other events remembered is how Jack had his red formula car shortened by Jim McKamey after hitting a curb. In the era of 8 ft. gates and 35 ft slaloms, short cars were supposed to be the fastest, so....improvement?

Folks remember how Jack used to carry two formula cars in his fabric-covered trailer. One of the cars was shod with slick tires and the other with rain tires..... No tire changing required!

Jack won two National Solo I Championships in his motorcycle-powered car. The third year he didn't attend the Championships and they sent him the first place trophy and jacket anyway. How's that for scaring the competition away?