

Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Award Competitor of the Year

The first award the Indianapolis Region ever presented was the High Point Award, which went to the driver scoring the most points in all of the Indy Region's events. It was first presented in 1952 to Bob Magenheimer, driving a 1948 MG TC that is now owned by Indy Region member and National SCCA Club Historian Peter Hylton. Bob repeated the feat and won the award again in 1953. Then in 1954, Mrs. Joseph Daniels donated a large silver plate to the region as the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Award. It was named after her son, who had died in a car crash while attending Depauw University. As a matter of interest, Michael happened to be the grandson of Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States under Teddy Roosevelt from 1905 to 1909. The new Fairbanks Award replaced the High Point Award, and continued to be given to the top competitor across all forms of competition in the Indy Region. As the club evolved into having more and more events, this interpretation evolved such that the award was given to the top competitor who competed in all forms of competition. This is a subtle distinction, but an important one. Originally it did not matter what events you competed in, you scored points in any event you ran, and they counted toward the award. In the later interpretation, you HAD to compete in all forms of competition. This is the reason that in the seventies the Fairbanks Award was not always presented. Unless someone scored points in all three disciplines of Racing, Rally, and Solo, they were not eligible to win the award. In 1982, after the Fairbanks Award had sat in a closet for 4 of the 6 previous years, the Indy Region Board of Directors created a new Competitor of the Year Award, using essentially the rules we have today. However, a number of long time members objected to eliminating the Fairbanks Award, so the original plate was brought back, mounted on the base we have today, and the name of the award was officially changed to the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Competitor of the Year Award.

1954 Bob Magenheimer	Mike Robbins	1976 Not Awarded	1992 Pete Hylton
1955 Bob Magenheimer	1967 Harvey Hess	1977 Jud Jaqua	1993 Cindy Hylton
1956 Luke Stear	1968 Mike Robbins	1978 Not Awarded	1994 Mark Badgley
1957 Chuck Rickert	1969 Mike Robbins	1979 Chuck Hanson	1995 Not Awarded
1958 Bob Clifford	1970 Mike Robbins	1980 Not Awarded	1996 Sam Crites
1959 Mike Norris & Phil Vickery	1971 Mike Robbins	1981 Not Awarded	1997 Dave Hart
1960 Mert Jaguar	1972 Will Zobbe	1982 Pete Hylton	1998 Dave Daughtery
1961 A.J. Werner	1973 Vic Drummond	1983 Cindy Hylton	1998 Dave Hart
1962 Gerry Mason	1974 Keith Hess	1984 Cindy Hylton	1999 Matt Curry
1963 Mike Robbins	1975 Keith Hess	1985 John Scherer	2000 Dave Hart
1964 Dave Causey		1986 Glenn Davis Jr.	2001 Matt Curry
1965 Harvey Hess		1987 Roger Baker	2002 Shane Benson
1966 Jack Hirt and		1988 Frank Pope	2003 Chad Stringer
		1989 Pete Hylton	2004 Bill Partridge
		1990 Pete Hylton	2005 Steve Linn
		1991 Mark Badgley	

The John McGee Memorial Award Member of the Year

John McGee was one of the most respected members that Indianapolis Region and the Central Division of the Sports Car Club of America ever had. He served the Indy Region in nearly every capacity and he competed in all forms of club activities. But he was best known as one of the finest stewards that the SCCA race program ever saw. He served as Indy Region's senior steward for years, he was Chief Steward for the Indy National Race for as long as anyone could remember, he mentored numerous new stewards into the racing program, served Central

Division as it's Executive Steward, and in 1983 received the Dave Morrell Award at the SCCA National Convention. For years the region had given out a Member of the Year Award to someone who had shown long-term commitment and dedication to the region. When John died, the Indianapolis Region Board of Directors renamed the award as the John McGee Memorial Award.

1994 Peter Hylton
1994 Cindy Hylton
1995 Bob Burns
1996 Mark Badgley
1997 Terrence Garrett
1998 Myra Kulke
1999 Dave & Cathy Hart

2000 Chuck Hanson
2001 Jan Castelluccio
2002 Matt Curry
2003 Alyson Kunack
2004 Jeanne Spellman
2005 Steve Linn

The Jack Tovey Solo Cup Solo2 Series Championship

By Steve Linn and Warren LeVeque

A Solo Competitor of the Year Award 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, with 100 points for the fastest PAX time, and Ten points for the slowest PAX time. Individuals between those times get points proportional to their relative PAX scores. The points for each competitor's worst event during the season is dropped. In 2004, the Solo Competitor of the Year award was renamed in Honor of Jack Tovey.

Jack first got interested in fast cars when his neighbor got a new 55 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 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! Other things we remember 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.... 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?

When asked what he would do if he were absolute Czar of autocrossing, Jack responded: "I would make stock cars absolutely stock; tires, suspensions, everything. The current stock cars' preparedness and equipment level is not good for recruiting new people. If the money were somehow available, I would have permanent sites and permanently marked courses for comparing times for development."

Several years ago Jack had major heart surgery to replace a faulty valve. We missed him for a year but he came back strong. Jack intends to keep working and racing for a few more years. While you may see him in his current ride, you are more likely to hear him first with his baritone voice and infectious laughter all over the paddock.

We're all watching Jack. The longer he runs, the longer we think we can run.

2004 Matt Curry

2005 Joe Kniesly

**The Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy
A Perpetual Trophy Awarded Annually To The Outstanding Competition Driver of
Indianapolis Region, SCCA
Dedicated 1965**

In 1956, Jack Hergenroether, a long time Indianapolis Region member and one of the people who helped get the region started, died in a motorcycle accident near Greenfield, Indiana. Indy Region member John McGee was instrumental in inaugurating the Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy, represented by a large silver bowl. It was to be presented to the top race driver in the Region on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and the manner in which the driver represented the Indianapolis Region. After the first couple of years of presentation, the selection of each year's winner was turned over to the past recipients of the trophy. The award carried a great deal of respect and as time passed the winners became a rather elite group. They placed the selection criteria very high with an emphasis on racing success, such that one had to almost win a National Championship just to be eligible to win the trophy. At the 1979 Indy Region Awards Banquet, the selection committee of previous winners announced that they did not feel anyone had performed well enough to earn the award that year, so they were not going to present it that year. Frankly, the membership was rather taken aback by the decision. The same scenario repeated again in 1980, and the Indy Region Board of Directors took matters into their own hands, reclaiming the Trophy and choosing Greg Graham as the 1981 recipient. The Board of Directors selected the winners over the next several years, but then again decided to turn the winners selection over to the past recipients of the Trophy, with instructions to put equal emphasis on all of the original criteria, not just on the ultimate competition success part.

1965 Logan Blackburn	1979 Not Awarded	1993 David Daughtery
1966 Jack Hurt	1980 Not Awarded	1994 David Ham
1967 Harvey Hess	1981 Greg Graham	1995 Kerry Alexander
1968 Erwin Dollinger	1982 Horst Muehlbrunner	1996 Bruce May
1969 David Causey	1983 Chris Schultz	1997 Tim Selby
1970 Don Ramsey	1984 Gerry Mason Jr.	1998 Ralph Porter
1971 Logan Blackburn	1985 Gerry Mason Jr.	1999 David Daughtery
1972 Jim Lloyd	1986 Pete Hylton	2000 Aaron Ellis
1973 Sid Rust	1987 Chris Schultz	2001 Greg Buttrey
1974 Gerry Mason	1988 Bob Sweet	2002 Shane Benson
1975 Warren Mockler	1989 David Daughtery	2003 William Campbell
1976 Wayne Nelson	1990 Bruce May	2004 Bill Partridge
1977 Logan Blackburn	1991 Alan Knell	2005 John LaRue
1978 Dale J. Fazekas	1992 Chris Schultz	