

Rare and Unusual Cars Featured at GM Display By Jeffrey Brashares

As part of the 27th Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto & Cruise-In's planned celebration of the 100th Anniversary of General Motors, Rob and Katie Eberst of Image Design Studios traveled to the Motor City to provide us with photos of the GM collection's many rare concept cars, and their magnificent photography then became the cornerstone of our year-long advertising campaign.



GM was invited to display some of their concept cars at our show, unfortunately, with sales of late being slow for the domestic automobile manufacturers, GM was unable to accommodate our request. However, thanks to the generosity of many GM collectors, the Arthritis Foundation fielded a legendary 100th Anniversary of GM Display at its Annual Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In, which took place in Dublin, Ohio on July 11th and 12th.



to be a particularly interesting attraction because Debbie is the great-granddaughter of Ransom E. Olds.

The owners of the oldest Buick dealership in the Nation, Guy and Anita Bennett, stopped-off in Columbus while on their way to the Buick National in Flint, Michigan. Guy and Anita displayed their 1908 Buick Model 10; a museum quality car from their collection of many fabulous Buicks.

We were also pleased to have Roger and Marie Fields display a 1930 LaSalle and a 1931 Buick Convertible from their collection. Their 1931 Buick was first shown at the 2003





Buick National, which celebrated Buick's 100th Anniversary in Flint, where it was picked by GM for "Best of Show" honors out of more than 2,100 other cars on the field.

In attendance once again this year was Jim and Dorothy Bartish from Toledo, Ohio. Jim and Dorothy displayed their absolutely stunning 1948 Chevrolet station wagon. This car has won numerous awards at previous Arthritis Foundation shows.

Angie Ash displayed a 1953 Buick Skylark convertible that is one of 1,690 that were produced. The '53 Skylark was Buick's 50th anniversary sports car and Angie's particularly perfect Skylark was a Classic Auto Show poster car in 2003.



Winning "Best of Show" honors at our GM Display was Rick Schmidt, who was kind enough to bring his gold 1963 Chevrolet Impala all the way from Ocala, Florida. Rick's time capsule Impala was the 50 millionth car built by Chevrolet. It is a "one-of-one" model which has less than 200 miles on it since new, and it drew in big crowds all day long.



Rich Borowske displayed his perfectly restored 1966 Pontiac GTO. Rich is a previous winner of multiple awards at Arthritis Foundation shows. Rich's brother Jim is one of our most supportive Committee members and also serves as a Chief Judge at Friday's Cruise-In.

Robert Machin's rare 1968 Buick Gran Sport 400 Convertible was out on display, and what a display it was! It is almost impossible to find one of these limited edition cars for sale today, and Robert's is one of the best of the best. It was our privilege to have it as part of our GM Display.

Robert Garl brought his 1976 Cadillac Mirage from Masillon, Ohio. I heard someone describe Rob's car/truck as an El Camino on steroids; a real crowd pleaser! We are grateful to Rob for being a part of our GM display with such an interesting and most unusual Cadillac.

Bill Anderson, from Gambrills, Md., brought out his 100% original and example quality 1978 Buick LXXV Riviera. The judges at Friday night's Cruise-in were so impressed with Bill's car that they awarded him one of our coveted "Top 100" six foot tall trophies.



The GM Display was further rounded-out by two significant Pontiac Trans Ams. We are grateful to Barry Ware for bringing his perfect 1979 Special Anniversary T/A and 1983 T/A Daytona Pace Car.



The GM Display was situated at the entrance to the show where it proved to be a main attraction on both days. My very special thanks goes out to all the participants of this legendary display for sharing their magnificent vehicles with us. And I also want to send a big thank you to the Hilton Garden Inn of Dublin for hosting the display.