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Grand Champion Awards

GRAND CHAMPION CUSTOM BUILT —
L. L. "Jim" Butler, Norwalk, Ohio for his Butler Midget Mustang — N-14LB

GRAND CHAMPION ANTIQUE —
Reagan Ormond and Jack Brouse, Arlington, Texas for their Alexander Eaglerock — NC-6601

GRAND CHAMPION CLASSIC —
Doug Moore, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada for his Aerocna Champion — CF-JU6

GRAND CHAMPION WARBIRD —
Dr. Gerald A. Swayne, Mesquite, Texas for his North American AT-6 — N-6628C

GRAND CHAMPION ROTORCRAFT —
Charles Murphy, Grosse Point Farms, Michigan for his Scorpion II helicopter — N-7GM

FORMER GRAND CHAMPION —
Sam Pawlowski, North Canton, Ohio for his Pzamany PL-1 — N-605P

EAA Special Awards

DR. AUGUST RASPET AWARD —
Bob Bushby, Glenwood, Illinois for outstanding contributions to the advancement of light aircraft.

STAN DZIK MEMORIAL AWARD —
Bert Sisler, Burnsville, Minnesota for outstanding design contribution. Sponsor: Mrs. Stan Dzik and son, Daryl.

SKIP VOLK MEMORIAL AWARD —

EAA/TELEDYNE CONTINENTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD —
Mark Wroma, New Brighton, Minnesota.

GEORGE KRUSENBERGER MEMORIAL AWARD —
Tony Bingelis, Austin, Texas for Outstanding Literary Contributions to Sport Aviation. Sponsor: EAA Chapter 18, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Don Conrad, Dearborn, Michigan for his act "The Great Jew-Dormie". Sponsor: Harold Best-Devereux

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EAA AWARD —
"Presented to the Trustees and Staff of the Shuttleworth Collection for their hospitality and help — EAA European Convention 1973 — May 19-20.”

BEST WORLD WAR I REPLICA OR RESTORATION —
Don Stewart of Salem, Ohio for his Midget Mustang — N-3W. Sponsor: Russ Bayse Memorial Award — R. M. Tweedie.

EAA Custom Built Aircraft Awards

OUTSTANDING NEW DESIGN —

OUTSTANDING WORKMANSHIP —
Gene Darst of Beaumont, Texas for his Turner T-40A — N-585N. Sponsor: Mechanix Illustrated

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LOW COST FLYING —
Ken Rand, Huntington Beach, California for his KR-1 design. Sponsor: John Livingston EAA Chapter 227 of Waterloo, Iowa.

1ST OF CLASS — ALL WOOD —
Fred Sinding of Tacoma, Washington for his Hawker Hurricane — N-33000. Sponsor: Aircraft Spruce and Specialty

1ST OF CLASS — ALL METAL —
Wally Glass of Boise, Idaho for his Midget Mustang — N-3W. Sponsor: Russ Bayse Memorial Award — R. M. Tweedie.

Val Bernhardt, right, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida receives the "Best Bede Aircraft" award for his BD-4. John Hall of Bede Aircraft is at the left.

Harold Best-Devereux, left, receives the "Service to EAA" award sponsored by Ray Hegy, right.

John Benjamin, right, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania is presented the Steve Wittman award for the "Best Tailwind" from Awards Chairman Bob Ladd.
1ST OF CLASS — MIXED CONSTRUCTION —
Norman Taylor of Ontario, Oregon for his Piel Beryl — N-7NT. Sponsor: EAA.

OUTSTANDING SAFETY FEATURES —
Wally Glass of Boise, Idaho for his Midget Mustang — N-3W. Sponsor: National Aviation Underwriters.

BEST AUTO POWERED HOMEBUILT —

BEST INSTRUMENT PANEL/INTERIOR LAYOUT —

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Doug Cline of Walnut Creek, California for his Stephens Aero, "The Dude" — N-310C. Sponsor: Stits Aircraft Coatings.

OUTSTANDING UPHOLSTERY —
B. J. Shinn of Demond Beach, Florida for his Thorp T-18 — N-4784G. Sponsor: EAA.

BEST CHAPTER PROJECT —

OUTSTANDING AMPHIBIAN —
W. T. Carter and J. Jones of Lancaster, Pennsylvania for their Volmer Sportsman — N-70HR. Sponsor: EAA.

BEST CANADIAN HOMEBUILT IN ATTENDANCE —
Terry Algeo of Winnipeg, Manitoba for his Emeraude — CF-TWA. Sponsor: EAA Chapter 305 of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Special Sponsored Awards

BEST CONTINENTAL ENGINE INSTALLATION —

BEST EAA BIPLANE —
Al White of Ft. Wayne, Indiana for his EAA Biplane — N-4590. Sponsor: EAA.

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BEST PL-1 OR PL-2 —
Sam Pawlowski of North Canton, Ohio for his Pzmany PL-1 — N-605P. Sponsor: Ladin-ko Pzmany.

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BEST RAZORBACK COVERING —

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Russ Goad of Evansville, Indiana for his Pitts Special — N-223RG. Sponsor: Aviation Supply Company.

BEST ALL-AROUND DOPE FINISH ON PITTS AIRPLANE —
Walt Tubb of Phoenix, Arizona for his Pitts Special — N-9WT. Sponsor: Randolph Products.

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Jim Miller of Kansas City, Missouri for his Taylor Titch — N-14J. Sponsor: George and Jim Rattray Aircraft Parts.

BEST IN CLASS —

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Norm Taylor of Ontario, Oregon for his Piel Beryl — N-7NT. Sponsor: B & F Aircraft and Supply.

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BEST DAVID DA-2A —
Steve Fenton of Odessa, Texas for his Davis DA-2A — N-808F. Sponsor: Harmon Lange — Davis Newsletter.

OUTSTANDING DYKE DELTA —
D. T. Williams of Irvine, California for his Dyke Delta — N-18BW. Sponsor: John Dyke.

BEST T-18 AT THE CONVENTION —

BEST METAL WORK ON A T-18 —
B. C. Roemer of Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin for his Thorp T-18 — N-18TT. Sponsor: John Thorp.

OUTSTANDING MIDGET MUSTANG —
Wally Glass of Boise, Idaho for his Midget Mustang — N-3W. Sponsor: Bob Bushby.

OUTSTANDING MUSTANG II —
Ed Nilson of Vista, California for his Mustang II — N-2EN. Sponsor: Bob Bushby.

CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE — SENIOR AERO SPORT — D-260 —

BEST TAILWIND —
John Benjamin of Lancaster, Pennsylvania for his Tailwind — N-4JB. Sponsor: Steve Wittman.

OUTSTANDING WORKMANSHIP USING GERDES PRODUCTS —
Lloyd Toll of Hazen, Arkansas for his Thorp T-18 — N-12LT. Sponsor: Gerdes Products Company.

SAFE AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION AND SYSTEMS —
Burt Rusin of Valley Center, Kansas for his original design Vari-Viggen — N-27VW. Sponsor: OMNI Aviation Managers.

BEST BDE AIRCRAFT —
Val Bernhardt of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for his BD-4 — N-464VB. Sponsor: Bede Aircraft Corporation.

EAA Antique Airplane Awards

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION —
George Stubs of Indianapolis, Indiana for his Stinson SR-10 — NC-21135.

JUDGES CHOICE —
Gar Williams of Naperville, Illinois for his Cessna C-165 Airmaster — NC-25485.

AWARD OF MERIT —
Buck Hilbert of Union, Illinois for his Fleet II — N-431K.

GOLDEN AGE BIPLANE —
Hank Palmer of St. Petersburg, Florida for his Curtiss Red Devil — N-3646B.

GOLDEN AGE MONOPLANE —
Don Fairchilds, left, of Teledyne Continental presents Mark Wrona of New Brighton, Minnesota with the EAA/Teledyne Continental Scholarship Award for 1973.
BEECHCRAFT TWIN —
Joseph Ciabattoni of Elmwood Park, Illinois for Beech D-18-S — N-4477

BELLANCA —
John White of Albert Lea, Minnesota for Bellanca 14-13 — N-8693

CESSNA 120-140 —
Lester Zehr of Ft. Wayne, Indiana for Cessna 140 — N-2486V

CESSNA 190-195 —
Donald Heath of Troys Lake, Illinois for Cessna 195 — N-177W

COMMONWEALTH —
Glen Baynes of Chariton, Ohio for Commonwealth 185 — N-73801

ERCOUPE —
Kelly Viets of Stillwell, Kansas for Ercoupe 415C — N-29969H

FUNK —
Orlo Maxfield of Dearborn, Michigan for Funk B-85C — N-1654N

JOHNSON ROCKET —
O. R. Fairbairn of Huntsville, Alabama for Johnston Rocket 185 — N-92024

MOONEY MITE —
Frank Poplawski of Ennis, Texas for Mooney Mite — N-4160

MEYERS —
E. R. Broyles of Tullahoma, Tennessee for Meyers MAC-145 — N-34360

NAVION —
Richard Matt, McHenry, Illinois for Navion Model F — N-427M

Piper CUB —
David Hamilton of Anderson, Indiana for Piper J-3 — N-42621

Piper — ALL OTHER —
Bill Schmidt of Wichita, Kansas for Piper PA-16 Clipper — N-5843H

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1973 judging Committee for Custom Built Aircraft. Back row, left to right: Fred Blom, Hugh Beckham, Larry Weisshaar, Lee Williams, Neal VanDenHeuvel, Ken Fryling and Chairman Bob Ladd. Kneeling, left to right: Wayne Carstens, Roger Davenport, Wayne Fredline, John Burris, Dan Ashley, Herb Combs and Marvin VanDenHeuvel. Don Carter was absent when the picture was taken.

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BEST STINSON —  
Elliott H. Clark of Caton Rapids, Michigan for ruinman 108-2 — N-9562K

BEST SWIFT —  
Charlie Hoover of St. Paul, Minnesota for Swift GC-1A — N-80905

BEST TAYLORCRAFT —  
Gene Townsend of Decatur, Illinois for Taylorcraft BC-12D — N-44204

BEST AERONCA SEDAN —  
Arthur Hill of Cincinnati, Ohio for Aerocna 15AC — N-1482H

BEST BEECHCRAFT BONANZA —  
Burry Sanders of Knoxville, Tennessee for Beech 35 — N-3150V

BEST LUSCOMBE SERIES 8 —  
Norm Beachum of St. Louis, Missouri for Luscombe 8A — N-1280B

BEST LUSCOMBE SERIES II —  
Joe Johnson of Bedford, Texas for Luscombe 11A — N-16869B

SPECIAL CLASSIC AWARD —  
Howard Ebersole, Raspet Flight Research Lab, State College, Mississippi for Anderson Greenwood — N-3903K

EAA Rotorcraft Awards

BEST OVERALL MAN AND MACHINE —  
Sponsor: Rotorway, Inc.
1st Place — Charles Murphy of Hastings, Michigan for Scorpion Too — N-7GM
2nd Place — Dick Wunderlich of Lockport, Illinois for Bensen BM — N-6661
3rd Place — Bob Fitzpatrick of Custer Park, Illinois for Bensen BM — N-2596

SAFE FLOWN MACHINE IN ATTENDANCE —  
Sponsor: Rotorway, Inc.
1st Place — George Spade of Louisville, Kentucky for Scorpion — N-3273
2nd Place — Ed Gulley of Grose Ile, Michigan for Bensen BM — N-17GK
3rd Place — Jack Gordon of Westerly, Rhode Island for Bensen BM — N-8212

BEST WORKMANSHIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION —  
Sponsor: Rotorway, Inc.
1st Place — Mel Wotring of Goodrich, Michigan for Gyro Falcon 201 — (Not yet registered)
2nd Place — Adam Smolar of Cherry Hill, New Jersey for Scorpion Too — N-208
3rd Place — Gerald Clay, Rockford, Illinois for Bensen BM — N-374F
4th Place — Larry Fitzgerald of Sussex, Wisconsin for Scorpion — N-222LF

LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED IN A ROTORCRAFT —  
Louis Darvassy of Oil City, Pennsylvania in a FH1100 Helicopter

BENSEN TROPHY —  
Carl Schneider of St. Madison, Iowa for Bensen BM — N-374F
Jack Hasselfeldt of Royal Oak, Michigan for Bensen BM — N-3623

EAA Warbirds Of America Awards

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION —  
Gunther Balz of Kalamazoo, Michigan for Grumman F8F-1 Bearcat — N-9G

MOST OUTSTANDING AT-6/SNJ/HARVARD —  
John T. Johnson of Rexburg, Idaho for North American AT-6G — N-444RB

BEST CLASSIC WARBIRD —  
Dr. William R. Rousseau of Salem, Ohio for Stearman PT-17 — N-9839

MOST OUTSTANDING P-51 MUSTANG —  
Leroy Penhall of Balboa, California for North American P-51D — N-6519D

RARE WARBIRDS — 1973

Don Plumb of Windsor, Ontario for Supermarine Spitfire Mk. IX — CF-RAF

Burt Rutan, right, of Valley Center, Kansas receives OMNI Aviation Manager’s “Safe Aircraft Construction and Systems” award for his fantastic VariViggen. Bob Ladd does the honors.

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1973 Antique Judges. Back row, left to right: Doug Rounds of Zebulon, Georgia; Ed Sanders of Ft. Worth, Texas; Evanter Britt, Chairman of Lumberton, N. C. and Kelly Viets of Stillwell, Kansas. Kneeling at the left, Pete Covington of Spencer, Virginia and at the right, Dusty Rhodes of Denver, Colorado.

Dennis J. Brady of Mississauga, Ontario for Fairless Firefly — CF-BDH

Dudley Johnson of Rolling Field, Mississippi for Bell P-63 King Cobra — N-191H

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION FROM THE WARBIRDS OF AMERICA —  
Jean Husmann of Pewaukee, Wisconsin — “Warbird Mother”

SPECIAL WARBIRD AWARDS —  
Connie Edwards of Big Spring, Texas for Grumman TBM Avenger — N-33BM
John W. Church of Monterey, California for Chance Vought F4U-4 Corsair — N-6667
Jack Flaherty of Monterey, California for Lockheed P-38 — N-3800L
Bob Guilford of Beverly Hills, California for Chance Vought F4U-7 Corsair — N33693
Don Phillipps of Long Beach, California for North American AT-6 — N-8185B
Ken Burnstine of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for North American P-51D — N-690F
Frank G. Tallman of Santa Ana, California for Curtiss P-40 — N-223
Weldon E. Ropp of Delray Beach, Florida for North American AT-6 — N-7471C
Glen W. Wilson of Santa Ana, California for Vultee BT-13 — N-7003S
Jim Maloney of Buena Park, California for Grumman F6F-5 Hellcat — N-4994V
Bob Wilkinson of Calgary, Alberta for North American AT-6 Harvad — CF-WW
Bruce Payne of Van Nuys, California for North American AT-6 — N-777AP

EAA Individual Awards

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Hercy Lord, Hartford, Connecticut
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Bill Ricketts, Finksburg, Maryland
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Ralph Borden, Ramona, California
Vitalis Kapler, Spring Valley, Minnesota

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Carl Unr, Oak Lawn, Illinois

SERVICE TO EAA AWARDS —  
Ron Bauman, Moore, Montana
Dudley Johnson of Rolling Field, Mississippi
Charles Conatser, Moore, Montana
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Wendell Haines, Snowy Creek, Ontario
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William Asher, Cedar Falls, Iowa