Ed Gilbertson "Ferraris are meant to be driven" Award

In recognition of over 25 years as Chief Concours Judge of the Ferrari Club of America, the Pacific Region has established the **Ed Gilbertson "Ferrari's are Meant To Be Driven" Award** to recognize those active club members who regularly drive their cars. This is an FCA Annual Experience Concours Award. The Award honors Ed and his philosophy that "Ferraris are Meant to be driven".

Each regional director of the Ferrari Club can nominate up to two members who will be attending an upcoming FCA Annual Experience that they feel meet the criteria. Or a board member may nominate their regional director.



Ed Gilbertson Award Criteria (Revised Feb 3 2015)

- 8.1. Ferraris are Meant to be Driven Award
- 8.1.1. In recognition of over 20 years as Chief Judge of the Ferrari Club of America, the Pacific Region has established the "Ed Gilbertson Ferrari's are Meant To Be Driven Award" as a perpetual award to recognize those active club members who regularly drive their Ferraris. The Award honors Ed and his philosophy that "Ferraris are meant to be driven."
- 8.1.2. Reasons why a car and owner might be nominated may include:
 - A racecar that was campaigned for years and is still driven in vintage racing
 - A car driven a great distance to the FCA Annual Meet
 - A car that is regularly and well driven at club events
 - A daily driver
- 8.1.3. The winning candidate will be selected, and the award presented, during the current year's FCA Annual Experience.
- 8.1.4. The award recipient will receive an award to keep. Also, their name, car model, and car serial number will be engraved onto a plaque which will be attached to the "Ferraris are Meant to be Driven" perpetual award.
- 8.1.5. Criteria for a candidate:
 - 1. The candidate must be an active FCA member who regularly demonstrates the spirit of the Club and the car.
 - 2. The candidate's Ferrari must be well and regularly driven, and used at club, track, Concours, and/or "Ride and Drive" type events.
 - 3. The car and nominee must participate and earn at least 85 points in the FCA Annual Meet Concours for the current year or one of the three previous years.
 - 4. Nominees must be sponsored by their Regional Director; the idea being that the Director will know which members are truly active, how they drive their cars, and therefore which of their members are worthy of this major award.
 - 5. A member may present themselves to their Regional Director.
 - 6. This award may only be received once per member
 - 7. The process for selection is as follows:
 - 8. Each region's Director may nominate up to two members, by sending a written nomination letter to the current FCA Chief Concours Judge, FCA-PR
 - Regional Director, and/or Pacific Region Director of Concours.
 - 9. The deadline for nominations is the same as that of the FCA Annual Experience Concours.
 - 10. A committee will select the most eligible candidates and rate them in order. That committee shall consist of the FCA Chief Concours Judge, the Pacific Region Director of Concours, the FCA-PR Regional Director, and others as recruited by the committee.
 - 11. A member of Pacific Region, and/or the FCA Chief Concours Judge, will present the award to the winner during the FCA Annual Experience.
 - 12. If the committee is unable to select a suitable candidate, the award will not be presented.

A letter from Ed Gilbertson to Gil Lucero (then Regional Director of Pacific Region) upon Ed's return from the 2006 Annual Meet. Ed comments on presenting the bronze perpetual trophy and smaller "keeper" award to 2006 winner David North (Southeast Region). Ed talks about the deserving recipients, as well as the importance of the award and the special place it maintains in his heart.

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Gil Lucero President/Regional Director FCA Pacific Region

Dear Gil,

Sherry and I have just returned from the Ferrari Club of America Annual Meet. We were pleased to see you and Aprille as well as several other members of the Pacific Region actively participating in the concours, rally, and track events. We were happy to see that Pacific Region members garnered a number of awards.

One of the new awards presented at the annual meet is the Ed Gilbertson "Ferraris Are Meant To Be Driven" Award sponsored by the Pacific Region. I was pleased to be asked to present this special award to yet another winner who drives their Ferrari many thousands of miles each year, although there are few who can match Kevin Enderby, the intrepid first winner of the award.

I wish to sincerely thank the Pacific Region for instituting this important award in my name. We have been overwhelmed by the tributes showered on us since my retirement as longtime Chief Judge of the FCA. Those who were present at the awards banquet at Monterey in 2004 will recall my stunned reaction when the bronze bust was unveiled. To have that followed by the "Ferraris Are Meant To Be Driven" Award is truly humbling, for without the help and support of my wife and countless others along the way, I could not have accomplished near as much.

Sherry and I have been members of the FCA Pacific Region since the beginning and the region has long been one of the most active Ferrari groups in the country. We met our best friends through the club; and our greatest experiences and most cherished memories are a result of our participation in the Ferrari world.

Again our heartfelt thanks. Now that we have retired from at least a couple of our volunteer responsibilities, we hope to get back to participating in more of the local events. We were able to run the Delta Dash in January for the first time in many years and it was a real blast from the past.

Forza Ferrani!

Ed Gilbertson

A letter from Tish Thinesen (then Chief Judge for Pacific Region) describing to FCA regional directors the origin, intent, and original criteria of the Ed Gilbertson "Ferraris are Meant to be Driven" Award.



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To: All Regional Directors:

In recognition of over 25 years as Chief Concours Judge of the Ferrari Club of America the Pacific Region has established the "Ed Gilbertson Ferrari's are Meant To Be Driven Award" to recognize those active club members who regularly drive their cars. The Pacific Region is sponsoring this as a National Meet Award. The Award honors Ed and his philosophy that "Ferraris are meant to be driven". To avoid those who might be tempted to roll forward their odometers or tell unsubstantiated stories about how they use their Ferraris, the candidates will have to be nominated by their Regional Director. The idea being, that the Director will know which members are really active, how they drive their cars and therefore know which of their members would be truly worthy of this major award.

The criteria for a candidate:

- 1. The car must be driven regularly and used at Club, Track, Concours and (or) Ride and Drive Events
- 2. The Candidate must be an active Club member showing the Spirit of the Club and the car
- 3. The car must enter the National Meet Concours and receive a minimum of 85 Points
- 4. This award may only be received once per serial number & owner combination. Possible reasons why a car and owner might be nominated include:
- 1. A racecar that was campaigned for years and is still driven in vintage racing
- 2. A car driven a great distance to the National Meet
- 3. A daily driver

For a candidate and car to be considered for selection, the process is as follows:

- A member may present themselves to their Regional Director with a written explanation of why they qualify.
- Each region's Director may nominate up to two members, by sending a written explanation to Chris Current (FCA Chief Judge) and to the Pacific Region's Director.
- 3. The deadline date for nominations is the same as that of the National Meet Concours.
- 4. A committee including a representative from the Pacific Region who is attending the National Meet (typically the Regional Director) and the FCA Chief Judge will select the most eligible candidates and rate them in order.
- 5. The winner will be the highest rated candidate who also obtained a Concours score of 85 or better.

The winning candidate will receive an award to keep, plus their name, car model and serial number will be engraved on a plaque, which will be placed on the bottom of the "Ferraris are Meant to be Driven Award", which will reside in the FCA National Museum and Foundation.

The Pacific Region encourages you to start searching for the "Ultimate Ferrari Club Enthusiast" in your Region and submit them for this prestigious award. The award will be presented at the 2007 National Meet.