

Pebble Beach Concours Honors One Man Amidst Many Cars

John Clinard Receives the Lorin Tryon Trophy



Concours Chairman Sandra Button (right) congratulates John Clinard on being awarded the Lorin Tryon Trophy.

Each Concours Sunday, in addition to celebrating many of the world's greatest cars, we also honor one person. This year we honored John Clinard—and we hope you join us in celebrating him. If you have a wonderful memory or story about John, or simply want to offer your own words of thanks to John, we invite you to share them on [our Facebook page](#).

“There are a lot of stars in the automotive world—people who shine brightly, who are always out front—but today we are honoring a quiet man,” said Sandra Button when presenting John with the Lorin Tryon Trophy. “John is a guy who makes other people shine, and he’s done that for over 40 years.”

The Lorin Tryon Trophy, named for a former Concours Co-Chairman,

recognizes an automotive enthusiast who “has contributed significantly to the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and to the collector car world.”

Button noted that John has been a car guy “forever.” As a freshman in high school, he wrote an essay saying the place he most wanted to visit was “the giant Ford Motor Company rotunda” to see Henry Ford’s first automobile and the cars of the future. He went on to work for Ford for decades, and still represents them at events such as the Concours.

In addition to all that he does for Ford, John has quietly connected a multitude of enthusiasts to each other. He and Ford designer Freeman Thomas created Cars & Coffee back in 2006—Freeman was the dreamer and John was the doer—and that has now grown into an international phenomenon.

“John is the resource that backs us all,” said Button. “He is really our glue. He’s the one that makes us all family.”

John: You have helped us celebrate a multitude of cars and people—and now we celebrate you!





The Lorin Tryon Trophy was officially presented to John amidst the 2016 Concours Awards Ceremony.



John Clinard is congratulated by family and friends, including his colleagues at Ford Motor Company.



Thank you John!

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