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Our 2024 Inductees have been announced!



Dr. Betsy Ancker-Johnson



Bill Ford



John A. James



Vivek Sehgal



Vic Edelbrock Sr. &
Vic Edelbrock Jr.



Wendell Oliver Scott

Award-winning exhibit

We are thrilled to announce that the Achievement exhibit, our premiere installment in the Black Leadership in Automobility initiative, has been honored with the prestigious Award of Excellence by the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

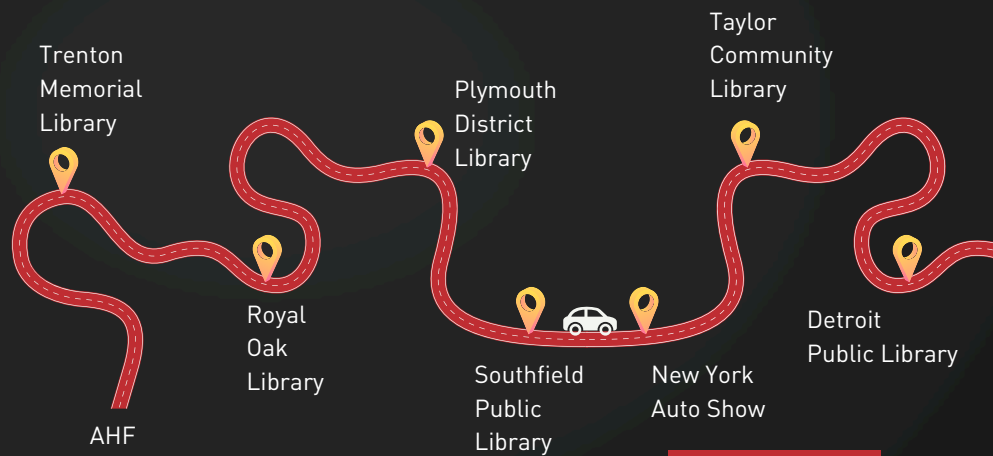


This recognition underscores our commitment to celebrating Black leaders in the automotive industry. The Achievement exhibit showcases the remarkable journeys and enduring legacies of pioneering Black figures in automobility.

Our Traveling Exhibit is at the New York Auto Show

Our Achievement exhibit is now available as a traveling exhibit for schools, libraries, and other organizations.

We recognize that these are important stories that need to be told. This exhibit is our first effort to join with the community in telling these stories.



Scan this QR Code to learn more about the exhibit and inquire about the availability



The Buick and the Bee have arrived at the Hall



1953 Buick Skylark

Harley J. Earl, a 1986 AHF Inductee, revolutionized GM's design department, introducing clay modeling, pioneering "Dynamic Obsolescence," and creating iconic concept cars like the Buick Y-Job. He legitimized the role of design and designers. In the 1950s, Buick stunned with concept cars like the XP-300 and LeSabre, inspiring the Skylark in 1953, a hand-built factory custom and pinnacle of the Roadmaster series.

In 2005, Ed Welburn, an AHF Inductee and head of Global Design for GM, led a groundbreaking era of design, crafting iconic vehicles like the revived Camaro and pioneering concepts such as the Cadillac Ciel and Buick Avista. In the "Transformers" movie series, Chevrolet and the modern Camaro, notably portrayed as "Bumblebee," captivated audiences with stunning visuals showcasing the evolution from a classic 1974 model to the latest fifth-generation version, blending heritage with innovation.



2016 Chevrolet Camaro BumbleBee

Your contribution fuels our mission to honor, preserve, and celebrate the remarkable achievements of industry pioneers. Together, with your support we can inspire passion for the industry and bring to you the stories waiting to be told from across the world.



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2024 Induction Ceremony will be held on September 19, 2024



Since our inception in 1939, the Automotive Hall of Fame has honored nearly 800 deserving men and women from around the world, and we look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in 2024. The 2024 Induction Ceremony will be held on September 19, 2024, at an Iconic Detroit Venue TBA

The upcoming ceremony promises to be a momentous occasion as we continue our tradition of honoring and celebrating the exceptional achievements of individuals in the international automotive industry.

[Learn more about the Induction Ceremony](#)

From Collector to Advocate Virtual exhibit is LIVE



In Celebration of Black History Month in February we launched our virtual exhibit, showcasing the life and legacy of Robert Tate. In our mission to tell these stories and make them accessible, this is a pioneering effort by the Hall to honor Black achievements in the automotive industry.

[Take a look!](#)

Legends in Automotive Lecture Series

Mary Joyce, Global V.P at U.L Solutions gave the inaugural lecture for 2024

Mary Joyce, our 2023 Industry Influencer awardee, is a global leader in automotive mobility and applied safety science. Her work in engineering, safety, and environmentally friendlier technologies has contributed to the development and growth of automotive mobility and safety around the globe.

As part of our Lecture Series, we strive to inspire future generations by bringing them icons of the automobile industry to share their experiences. Students from various schools and universities got the opportunity to learn and interact with Mary and get an insider's perspective on the global battery market.



UL Solutions is making significant strides in the development of advanced battery testing and engineering laboratories in Michigan. The company has broken ground on the North America Advanced Battery Laboratory in Auburn Hills, Michigan, which is expected to be one of the most extensive battery testing and engineering laboratories in North America.



John J. Murphy
Managing Director at
Bank of America

If you're passionate about the automotive industry and excited to get insights, our next lecture on April 11, 2024 is for you.

John J. Murphy is known for his significant contributions to the automotive financial industry, particularly in forecasting trends and providing guidance for both consumers and car manufacturers. Discover the expertise that goes behind Car Wars and much more!

Register for the lecture



Thank you for joining us on this journey
We hope you've enjoyed the first edition of the 2024 newsletter.

But hold onto your seats, because the excitement doesn't stop here! In the next edition, we're thrilled to bring you more exciting content. Get ready to delve into rare exhibits from our archives, the latest updates in the industry, and a spotlight on our alumni who continue to be the trailblazers of this Industry.

And that's not all! Here's your chance to ask experts your burning questions about the industry and its leaders. DM us on our social media handles and the best entries will be answered by our experts in the next Newsletter.



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The Lear logo, featuring a stylized 'L' inside a circle followed by the word 'LEAR' in a bold, sans-serif font.

The memco. logo, with 'memco.' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the text 'Celebrating 120 Years • 1904-2024' is written in a smaller font.

The P+ Productions Plus logo, featuring a purple circle with a white 'P+' inside, followed by the text 'PRODUCTIONS PLUS' in a bold, sans-serif font.



The National Endowment for the Arts logo, featuring the text 'NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS' and 'arts.gov' below it.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services logo, featuring a stylized starburst icon and the text 'INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES'.

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