

ENCOUNTER 2018 • RECAP



Photo by Mark Goodman

Showfield

Hard to believe, but our annual AHSTC family reunion, otherwise known as ENCOUNTER 2018, is already in the rearview mirror. The Harrisburg region worked hard to provide an enjoyable, interesting, and memorable ENCOUNTER. I believe we delivered on all three counts. The DoubleTree Resort by Hilton was an outstanding venue from start to finish. Almost everything we could want in an ENCOUNTER hotel.

Starting with our Wednesday evening tour of Wheatland, the presidential home of James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States, ENCOUNTER attendees were introduced to some of the rich history of Lancaster in a vivid way. This continued with a trip to downtown Lancaster and a walking tour of the historic areas plus time for Central Market and lunch. The unanticipated paving project around the hotel notwithstanding, the Rally went off on time and we actually got everyone back. Minus one exhaust system on Ben and Cyndi Nolan's 3000!

Our traditional Charity Auction raised \$3,000 for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Keystone Chapter and was definitely helped along by our guest "Amish" auctioneers, Shawn and Tammi Miller. Thanks to our good friend "Tiger" Tom Earhart, we had probably the best valve cover racing track we've ever had and 17 cars participated in a spirited competition. And our ENCOUNTER Golf Competition, led by Fred Sherk, added another fun dimension to the event. Gymkhana, Funkhana, Popular Car Show, Concours, our Healey Theater, and a popular English Tea led by Nigel Smart, all made for a great ENCOUNTER. And speaking of English, or perhaps I should say British, it was a true pleasure to welcome Mike and Mel Ward to ENCOUNTER again. We are so thankful they made ENCOUNTER part of their U.S. visit and we certainly hope to see them again soon.

I believe it was a great event for all who participated. But it would not have been possible without the super team of people in the Harrisburg Region who all stepped up to do their part. My sincere gratitude to them all for helping to make this a survivable experience!

Tim Plesz – Sponsorship
Fred Sherk -Golf Competition & Popular Car Show
Fred Bennett & Joe Spear – Funkhana
Del Border – Gymkhana
Mary Ann Waltz – Registration
Flora Schneider – Regalia
Pam Preston – Tours
Scott & Liz Brockman – Rally
Priscilla Hooper – Treasurer
Don Schneider- Concours
Jim & Linda Cox – Valve Cover Racing
Shawn and Tammi Miller – Charity Auctioneers

And to those Harrisburg Region and other club members who helped with ENCOUNTER in many ways, our thanks for your willing assistance and friendship. For those who want to see the real spirit of the club in action, I would direct you to the video of Ben & Cyndi Nolan's Funkhana run that is on NortheastWheelsEvents.com!

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the numerous sponsors who generously supported ENCOUNTER 2018 and helped to make it the successful event it was. It is not an understatement to say that their support was crucial. In turn, we ask that you support and patronize these companies who stepped up and allowed all of us to enjoy ENCOUNTER in a very material way. And a special shout out to Tim Plesz, who did a fantastic job with obtaining sponsors for ENCOUNTER this year. **Great work!**

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Finally, a huge thanks to those who came to ENCOUNTER 2018 in Lancaster. We sincerely hope you had a great time and, if you did, that you will tell your fellow club members so we can make the next ENCOUNTER bigger and better than ever!



VCR RACING RESULTS

Article by Jim Cox, Chair, Valve Cover Racing Competition

As in the past, the VCR event, held this year on Friday evening in the Stateman A & B Rooms right after the Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner. As usual, many fans, mechanics and competitors crowded into and beyond the venue. A festive atmosphere prevailed! This year's track was extra special. It was the portable "professional" track owned and loaned by Tiger Tom Earhart of Sunbeam Tiger fame.

We had a total of 16 drivers driving VCRs in all 4 categories: junior stock (under 12), junior modified, senior stock and senior modified. Men and women always race together in this event. We also conducted a vote for People's Choice based on VCR appearance and creativity.

The track was designed with guards on both sides of the lanes preventing cross-over issues. It had a fool proof finishing mechanism to declare the winner and a large foam bumper at the end for safe stops. Most races were extremely close, and extremely boisterous. We also had a young designated starter on a pogo stick for extra entertainment! The winners were as follows:

Stock Senior

1st – Peter Sturdivant

Stock Senior: 2nd- Steve Feld

Stock Senior: 3rd- Joe Spear

Modified Junior

1st – Ben Ehret

Modified Junior: - 2nd – Jackson Walker

Stock Junior

1st – Jaedis Walker

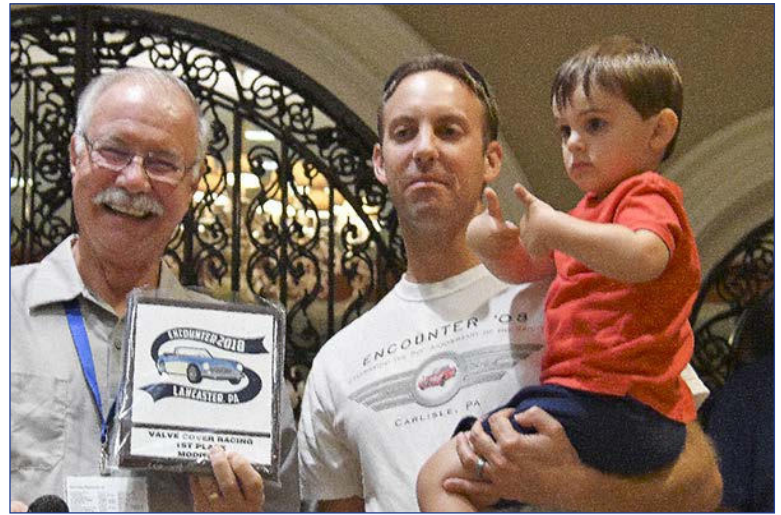
Stock Junior: 2nd –Brady Walker

Modified Senior

1st- Shawn Miller

Modified Senior: 2nd- Ian Kessen

Modified Senior: 3rd – Chuck Ott



Photos by Mark Goodman



The People's Choice Award went to the "Shark Encounter" owned and driven by Jackson Walker.



Annemarie Feld was a close second with her well decorated "Pinky".



As a final ultimate test, Tiger Tom challenged the two VCRs considered to be fastest this evening and beat them both with his "Sunbeam Special". Shame on us, eh?



Many thanks to our crack team of volunteers: Jim Cox, Chief Judge and VCR Safety Officer and Linda Cox, Recorder and Tech Inspection. Thanks also to our many helpers for starting and retrieving the VCRs. Finally, many thanks also to Tiger Tom Earhart for the loan and maintenance of his track for this event.



GYMKHANA AND TEAMKHANA RESULTS

Article by Del Border • Images by Mark Goodman

Encounter is known for it's gymkhanas. When Del gets involved (which he usually does) it is always FAST. However, when Allen Rosenberg teams up with him and Larry Gersten and "all the other RACERS" it becomes an episode of "Grand Tour".

Well this year's Encounter Gymkhana was no exception. Held at the Harley Davidson lot it was big, open and set up to be fast.

A lot of people ran it, and wow it was fun. Steve Jekogian, the guy who always says "I don't do the gymkhana because I have to drive home" even drove it. An in addition, Lynn Jekogian, who has not driven Steve's Healey for 20 years, donned a helmet and went out and won a trophy.

While there were a lot of FAST laps, burning rubber, burning clutches, burning brakes, there was one point that grabbed everyone's attention. There was no sounds, no smoking tires, only cheers and praise. What was it? Please read Steve Jekogian's "What's In the Flash" article in this Flash.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

TOM WALKER AND GRANDSON BRADY FOR BRINGING THE PYLONS AT 7:00AM FRIDAY
AND HELPING WITH THE COURSE LAYOUT

ALLEN ROSENBERG AND LARRY GERSTEN FOR BEING THERE AT 7:00AM TO HELP WITH THE COURSE LAYOUT
MY GRANDSON, ZANE SNOW FOR BEING THERE AT 6:00AM TO HELP WITH THE COURSE LAYOUT AND SERVING AS
PIT CREW TO SWITCH FROM STREET TO AUTOCROSS TIRES AND BACK
SPECTATORS AND ALL OF THE OTHERS WHO PARTICIPATED



Lynn Jekogian receiving her "first ever" Gymkhana award for 3rd place in Big Healey



Del Border and Don Schneider takes top Teamkhana trophy

STOCK SPRITE

Driver	Car	Region	Time
Larry Gersten	Bugeye	North Jersey	37.070

PREPARED SPRITE

No entries

MODIFIED SPRITE

Gary Thompson	Bugeye	None	34.947
Peter Sturtevant	Bugeye	Philadelphia	36.092
Nina Martinez	Bugeye	None	OC
			(Fun Run - 37.793)

STOCK BIG HEALEY

Steve Jekogian	3000 Mk III	North Jersey	36.928
Charlie Grove	Hundred	Harrisburg	39.238
Lynn Jekogian	3000 Mk III	North Jersey	49.465

PREPARED BIG HEALEY

Don Schneider	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	38.623
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MODIFIED BIG HEALEY

Del Border	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	30.805
Kirstin Border Snow	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	35.710

NASTY BOY

Tom Walker	Sprite/Ford	Philadelphia	32.306
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NOTE: No other regions qualified since they did not enter two stock Healeys in the gymkhana.

TEAMKHANA

THE TEAMKHANA CONSISTS OF THE TWO FASTEST HEALEYS FROM EACH REGION.

Region	Driver	Time	Total Time
Harrisburg	Del Border	30.805	
Harrisburg	Don Schneider	38.623	
			69.428
North Jersey	Steve Jekogian	36.928	
North Jersey	Larry Gersten	37.070	
			73.99



FUNKHANA RESULTS

There have been a lot of Funkhana's the past 41 Encounter's. Each one has its own vibe. Early ones had you put a bag over your head and take driving instructions from the copilot, some had you hold a string and drive in circles, some had a cannon, some had There are too many to remember. Actually, 41 Funkhana's in all.

This year's Funkhana was special. Usually the Funkhana is a minute or two long, but the Lancaster Funkhana times were 10 to 24 minutes.

Really, The winning time was like five minutes? I would need a bathroom and beer by that time!

Funny, very funny and something to remember for another 41 years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLUd8u18hhY>

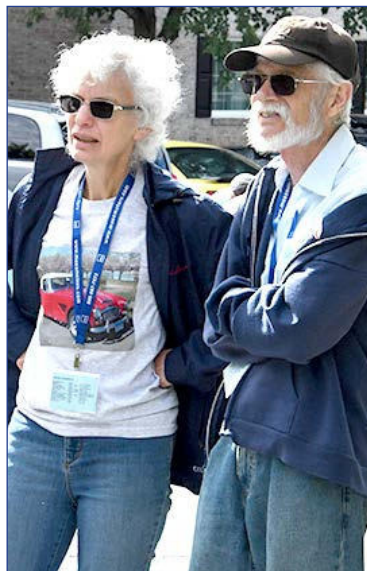
First Place • Bob and Pam Preston

Second Place • Fred and Sonya

Third Place • The Hooper's

<http://northeastwheelsevents.ning.com/video/gary-and-nyna-attack-the-funkhana-at-the-austin-healey-encounter-2>

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ENCOUNTER RALLY RESULTS

Article by Steve Jekogian

Encounter rallies are always frustrating, hot, long, and sometimes you finish. Well that was Not the Lancaster rally at all.

It was held on Thursday at 1:00 that's right 1:00 the middle of the day, the hottest time of the day. When traffic is the heaviest and you are hungry. A two and a half hour rally in the.... You get it, right?

Well Wrong. It was a great rally and it was cool because it was SEPTEMBER!

The roads were great, all through the farm land of Lancaster and over three covered bridges which were really nice but... more on that latter. One of the clues was in a state park which was at the top of a mountain overlooking a river, what a view.

While most finished everyone had a story about the "three hour tour". Especially, Ben and Cindy Nolan from South Jersey who at the second Covered bridge, had their exhaust system ripped off. (Editor's note: Lynn and I hit that bridge ramp hard as well)

First Place • Steve and Gerri Kirlin

Second Place • Steve and Lynn Jekogian

Third Place • Ray and Charlene

Fourth Place • John and Jennifer Payne

Fifth Place • Robert and Sue Ott

Special Place and "hard luck award" • Ben and Cyndi Nolan



Provided by Steve Jekogian

Ben and Cindy Nolan showing off their AH exhaust detached courtesy of the bridge shown above. . . . ouch!



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GEORGE NULL CLUB • PERSON OF THE YEAR • AWARD

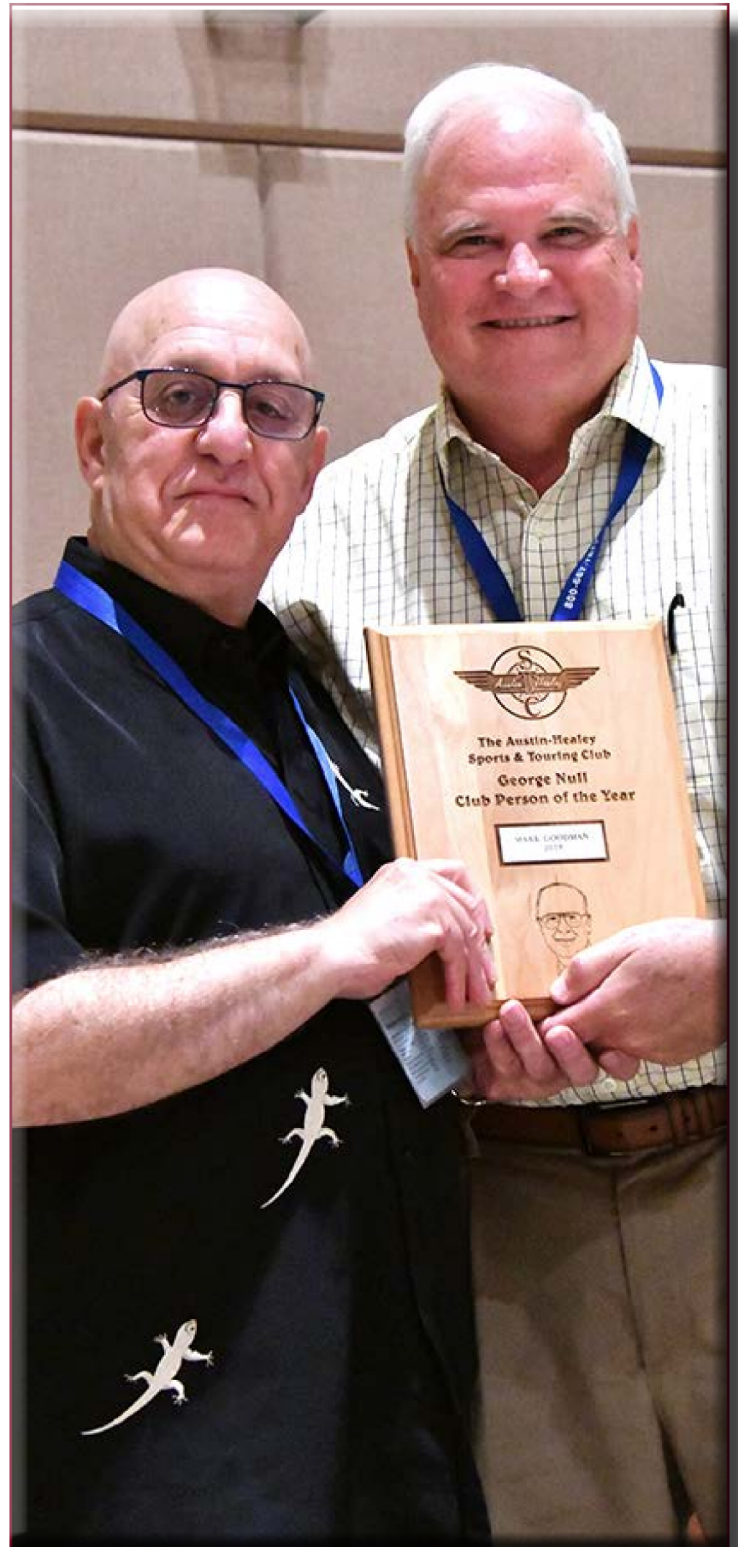
Congratulations and thanks to Mark Goodman from the North Jersey Region who received the 2018 George Null club person of the year award. Mark has been the “man behind the camera” at every Encounter for years. His pictures have been used at many Encounter awards banquets, the cocktail hour, and in the Flash Encounter issue. And this year is no different. Mark is active member of AHSTC and also races his Porsche 911 and is an “official” at Lime Rock race track for the Vintage race days. An all-around great guy, who has always promoted the club and marque this is a well-deserved award.

Mark thanks for “capturing the best” of the club and “preserving the memories, friendships, and fun that is Encounter.

Previous Honorees

Allen Rosenberg	1998
Del Border	1999
Steve Jekogian	2000
John Morrison	2001
Baird Foster	2002
Mike Haran	2003
Nigel Smart	2004
Don Schneider	2005
Don Hoffer	2006
Ken Beck	2007
Bob and Pam Preston	2008
Larry Gersten	2009
Trish Woglom	2010
Paul Parfrey	2011
Rick Brodeur	2012
Dave Ehret	2013
Leo Kob	2014
Paul Woglom	2015
John Heffron	2016
Joe Spears	2017
Mark Goodman	2018

Mark receives the award from AHSTC President Ray Donovan.



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ENCOUNTER CONCOURS REVIEW

Article by Don Schneider, Chief Concours Judg • Images by Mark Goodman



Photo by Mark Goodman

1960 3000 MK1

Lead Judge Gary Feldman
Judge Dave Ehret
Judge Jim Cox
Judge Randy Alkins
Scribe Ray Donovan, Tom Dix

1959 Sprite

Lead Judge Steve Jekogian
Judge Chuck Ott
Judge Mike Haran
Judge Peter Sturdevant
Scribe Jerry Kunkle, Larry Gersten

Tabulation John Hefron

We had two cars registered for Concours at Encounter, a 1959 Bugeye Sprite owned by Stephen Snyder of the Philadelphia Region and a 1960 3000 MK1 owned by Tim Plesz of the Harrisburg Region.

The following club members participated in the judging: This meet was both interesting and challenging as we had some new judges, Randy Alkins and Peter Sturdevant, and one owner, Stephen Snyder, who was just being exposed to Concours judging. Stephen was most gracious and just wanted to learn what Concours judging was all about and interested to see how his restoration would fare against these standards.

Tim Plesz has been a Concours judge but this was the first time he presented his own car for judging and this was done several years after he finished the restoration.

Steve Snyder did not achieve the necessary points to score an award level.

Unfortunately, I announced at the banquet that Tim **Plesz** also did not score enough to achieve an award level, but, after re-checking the numbers on Monday, I found a math error to **Tim's** benefit which brought him up to Bronze Level.

We all had a fun day and I was impressed to see how well the judges worked together. Every time I looked, Chuck Ott was sitting on the curb, guidelines in hand, giving valuable feedback to the other judges on his team.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all who participated and I want to apologize to Tim for not catching the scoring error sooner. I received several complimentary notes from some of the judges which made me feel better.

It should be noted both cars, the Bugeye Sprite and the 3000 MK1, won their class in the popular car show. This illustrates the point that a beautiful restoration may not achieve a Concours Award due to the detail and originality requirements of Concours.

One of the main reasons to attend Encounter is the Cars. We all want to see them, hear them and see what members have done to them.

The car show at Encounter in Lancaster was great. Cool, dry and well laid out. It was a great day and show.

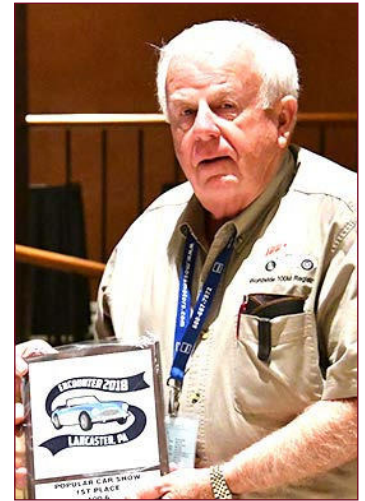
CAR SHOW RESULTS



100-6
1st Bob Jankowitz



3000 MKII
1st Dave Siwa



100-4
1st Don Schneider
2nd Gerry Kunkle
3rd Ray Donovan



Bugeye
1st Stephen Snyder
2nd Pete Sturdevant
3rd Dave & Prisella Hooper



3000 MKIII Single Light
1st Mike Jennings
2nd Flora Schneider
3rd Steve Jekogian



3000 MKIII Double Light
1st Jim Cox
2nd Susan Nalley
3rd Jim Vallmuth



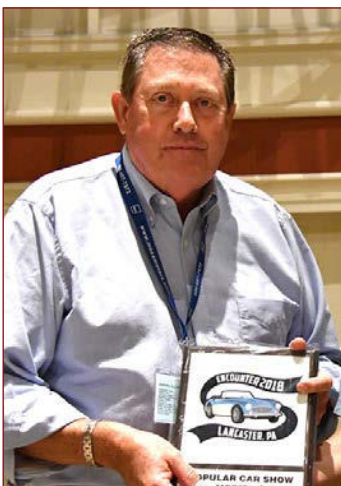
3000MKII
1st Tim Plese
2nd Fred Bennett
3rd Ben Nolan



Square Body Sprite
1st Pam Preston
2nd Chuck Ott
3rd Mike Haram



Diamond in Rough
Gary Thompson



Modify/Nasty boy
Fred Shere



ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF DAVE BURGDORF

Photo/Model
1st Dave Burgdorf
2nd Mark Goodman
3rd Joe Spear



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Special Interest
Larry Long



ENCOUNTER 2018 SCHEDULE PLANNER (Exact times and events subject to change)

Wednesday, September 19		
Registration Open	2:00 PM	Lower Lobby
Wheatland Tour	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Depart Hotel Lobby at 5:00
Thursday, September 20		
Registration Open	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Palm Court Ledge
Hospitality Room Open	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	William Penn
Regalia / Chinese Auction	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Franklin?
Tech Session	10:30 AM	Robert Fulton
Rally School	12:00 PM	Robert Fulton
Rally	1:00 PM	Parking Lot
Healey Theater	11:00 - 5:00 PM	Robert Fulton
Welcome Reception / Charity Auction	7:00 PM	Statesman A-B
Friday, September 21		
Registration Open	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Palm Court ledge
Hospitality Room Open	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	William Penn
Gymkhana	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lancaster Harley Davidson
Regalia / Chinese Auction	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Franklin?
Healey Theater	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Robert Fulton
Bus to downtown Lancaster Central Market, Walking Tour	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Leave from Hotel Lobby
ENCOUNTER Open Golf Tournament	2:00 PM	Willow Valley Golf Course
Concours Pre-Judging	3:30 - 5:00	TBD
PA Dutch Buffet / Valve Cover Racing	6:30 PM	Statesman A-B
Saturday, September 22		
Registration Open	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Palm Court Ledge
Hospitality Room Open	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	William Penn
Healey Theater	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Robert Fulton
Regalia / Chinese Auction	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Franklin?
Funkhana	9:30 AM	ENCOUNTER Lot
Concours Judging	9:00 AM	Rear Entrance
Popular Car Show Voting	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	ENCOUNTER Lot
AHSTC Board Meeting	3:00 PM	Hand Room
English Tea with Mel Ward	3:30 PM	Robert Fulton
Cocktails (Cash Bar)	6:00 PM	Palm Court
Awards Banquet	7:00 PM	Palm Court