

Awards Banquet Report

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Our Awards Banquet was held at the Shadow Hills Country Club on Saturday the 9th of November. We started the night with a Happy Hour of snacks and various drinks with a video of cars at our race events throughout the 2024 season. David Mills provides us with action shots of nearly all our racers, and various venues. I always see people watching for their car. Thanks, David, for the video.

Dinner was a Western style BBQ which was very nice. And later a sumptuous dessert table was presented with so many to pick from it was hard to pick just one, so many folks opted for a couple. I would say that everyone seemed quite satisfied.

We had suggested that western was the theme, and costumes were encouraged and boy howdy you folks did not disappoint! There were prizes given for the best couple costumes and Bonnie and Jim won the honors. The apple did not fall far from the tree as the best man's costume went to Lorin Mueller. There was a tie in the best woman's costume and that was between Peggy Steck and Hope Shultz.

The sponsor's awards were made by John Schmidt. They were given a 11x 17 glossy photo of either their own car (if they race with us) or a picture from our grid of cars. Thanks, John, for the nicely done photos.

Next were the club awards. Bert and Nick did a great job keeping it all straight with the help of Tim's organization of each box before the banquet. Nice heavy duty canvas tool bags were the trophy this year. Great looking tool bags, thanks to Tim and Peggy Steck for getting that all together.

Then one of the most anticipated part of the evening the IROC Champion,(drumroll here), and the winner is.....Ron Aasted. Good Job! A big Thank you to Jeff Childers for putting together the IROC Video and David Mills for the video and headshots.

There were reports and games, raffles and door prizes throughout the evening. We finally finished up the evening with the Foundation's Grand Prize drawing for the Traeger table-top smoker that was donated by Mary Richardson (thank you), and Jeff Childers was the winner. Lucky guy!

A big **Thank you** to the banquet staff who worked with us, all evening long. We were all out of there before 11P.M. A pretty good time was had by all!