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Detroit's Autorama Ridler Award Winner to Compete at San Antonio Autorama Dan Kruse Classics Auction as Well as Exhibits and a Student Career Day Headline Three Days Of Car Heaven!

SAN ANTONIO, TX (March 13, 2017) San Antonio Autorama is pleased to announce that the 2017 and 2016 Ridler Award winners from the Detroit Autorama will compete this year in the local competition March 24, 25 and 26 at Freeman Coliseum Exhibit Halls. The Ridler Award is one of the highest honors bestowed on a car at the annual final national competition of the season. Both Ridler's are from Texas. A 1939 Oldsmobile Model 60 Convertible "Olds Cool," owned by Billy and Debbie Thomas of Robstown, Texas, was last year's winner. This year's winner: the 1933 Ford "Renaissance Roadster," owned by San Antonio's own, Buddy and Nancy Jordan.

According to Kurt Ernst with *Hemmings Muscle Machines*, "To qualify for the Ridler Award, which honors long-time Detroit Autorama promoter Don Ridler, a car must be making its public debut at the show, though limited media exposure showing the vehicle under construction (but not completed) is allowed. The car must also be 'minimally operable,' defined as able to 'start, stop, move forward and backward under its own power, turn left and right and stop using the brake pedal.' Judges look at an entrant's functionality, too, meaning that pure show cars don't necessarily score as high as those meant to be driven, even occasionally."

San Antonio's Autorama is one of the first competitions of the 2017-2018 season. Vehicles compete in a myriad of classes and are judged by a regional jury of peers, and awards, points as well as cash gifts are bestowed on each class. This year, World Car Dealerships of San Antonio along with Red McCombs Automotive Group, have upped the ante with the addition of the "Golden Halo" awards, contributing seven finalists toward the ultimate Best of Show award, the "World Car Wings" award which brings with it a generous \$5,000 cash award.

According to Tony Perez, show coordinator, "Emphasis for this year's Autorama our goal was to up our selection of competition cars as well as emphasize the youth in our city." Friday's start of the Student Career Day includes a Pedal Car Challenge. "Summit Racing Equipment Show Car Series in conjunction with Autorama have provided and worked with the following schools to present each a re-designed pedal car to be judged by the same judges reviewing the Autorama competition. Schools competing include: Holmes High School, John Jay High School, Judson High School, and South San High School, Southwest High School. Ron Acosta, owner of Las Palapas restaurants, has generously provided a student meal and the students are welcome to view the Show at their leisure. "We hope to continue to build-out our Student Career experience in the future," explained Perez.

Winners will be announced Friday evening with the pedal cars being auctioned off on Saturday evening during the annual Dan Kruse Classics auction. Any monies provided by the auction will be given to the local schools. Over 8,000 additional complimentary admission tickets were provided to various schools city wide.

Dan Kruse Classics auction will be the headliner for Saturday's Autorama events, held in Hall C of the Exposition Halls. The Auction Company has over 175 vehicles consigned to their auction. "Our selection of cars for the 2017 San Antonio auction is exciting!" noted Daniel J. Kruse, CAI, founder of Dan Kruse Classics. Included in the inventory



are two collections: the Chip Calcari Collection, featuring 12 cars including a 1964 Chevrolet 427 Corvette Coupe and a 1956 Chevrolet Nomad Wagon. The second collection of nine cars - all at No Reserve, selling to the highest bidder regardless of price - from the Doctor Don Ellis Collection, including a 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible and a 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. Other notable vehicles include a 1934 Ford Street Rod Roadster, 1937 GMC Custom Truck, 2014 Ford GT40 Coupe, and a 1974 custom Chevrolet Corvette Coupe built by HBO's Entourage, Kevin Dillion.

Other consignments include a 1968 Plymouth Barracuda Fastback, 1970 Ford Ranchero Squire N-Code Pickup, 1983 Toyota Land Cruiser FJ43 Utility Vehicle, and a 1948 Mercury Street Rod Convertible. The following will all be sold at No Reserve: 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Convertible, 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II Two Door Hardtop, 1960 Chevrolet El Camino "Caramba," 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Two Door Hardtop, 2012 Royal Enfield Motorcycle, 1967 Plymouth Barracuda Convertible, and a 1969 AMC AMX Two Door Hardtop. Full inventory as well as updates may be found at DanKruseClassics.com.

Be sure to come out and see all the activities during the three-day event. The world-famous BigFoot 4x4 monster truck will be on hand to crush cars. Meggan Bailey and Jeff Allen from CNBC's *The Car Chasers*, will be available to meet guests as well as record their live podcast "Skidmarks," with co-host, Ethan Demetrius. Exhibits throughout the Halls include the Great American Race Car presented by Dick's Classics Garage Museum as well as a LowRider Showcase with a "Dancers" and "Hoppers" exhibition.

Autorama begins Friday, March 24 at 4pm at the Freeman Exhibit Halls. Enter through the West gate. Hours vary per day so please see schedule at saautorama.com. Dan Kruse Classics' auction begins at 10am on Saturday, March 25. Daily General Admission is \$15 per person with a Three-Day Weekend Pass available for \$25. Daily Student, Military (with ID) and Seniors (65+) is \$10. Children (6-12) \$5, children five and under are free. Advance ticket sales online through March 17, 2017 at TicketLeap.com. Daily parking is \$8.

For auction bidder requirement information and full inventory of vehicles, go to DanKruseClassics.com or contact Tiffany Kruse at 866-495-8111. Bidders may register online. Telephone and online bidding are also available.

ABOUT THE AUCTION COMPANY: Dan Kruse Classics is a San Antonio-based auction house specializing in classic and vintage car auctions. It is the only locally owned auction house in Texas with auctions in Austin, Houston, Midland-Odessa, and San Antonio as well as San Antonio's Autorama. All run by Daniel J. Kruse, CAI, a third-generation auctioneer with over 45 years of experience, has participated in converting billions of dollars in assets through live auction and is recognized internationally for liquidating collector cars, homes, energy, construction, transportation equipment and entertainment memorabilia.

For more information, call 866-495-8111 or see our website at DanKruseClassics.com, or San Antonio Autorama at 830-303-4776 or our website at saautorama.com.

