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**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA IN CLEVELAND OPENS TODAY.**

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*Registration is available online at [PistonPowerShow.com](http://PistonPowerShow.com)  
and at Summit Racing Equipment in Tallmadge, OH.*

**Cleveland, Ohio (July 13, 2018)** - The 2019 **Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama** will celebrate its 53rd year in Cleveland at the I-X Center, March 15 – 17, 2019 under a new theme. In 2019 Cleveland continues its reputation as an “All-Star” City. In March, Cleveland will play host to the Summit Racing Equipment Show I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama where the All Stars are the Cars. In July, the Cleveland Indians will host the 90th All-Star Game at Progressive Field. Two All-Star events in one All-Star City!

The application process for the show starts on Friday, July 13, 2018. The cost will be \$50/per vehicle. Applications are available online and at Summit Racing Equipment in Tallmadge. There are four application options for the 2019 show at the I-X Center:

**Main Hall:** A vehicle can be entered under the ISCA/Summit Racing Equipment Show Car Series (which consists of a full vehicle inspection by the ISCA judges including the undercarriage) or a vehicle can be entered under the I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama Driven Series (which is a “rockers-up” inspection by the ISCA judges).

**Motorcycles:** A motorcycle can be entered for under the any of the ISCA motorcycle classes and can compete for the 2019 Duck Award. This prestigious award will carry a cash award of \$2,500.00. The award will be given to the best first-time shown motorcycle that exhibits the most creative originality, design engineering and workmanship.

**Hot Rod Asylum:** The Hot Rod Asylum will feature vehicles OLDER THAN 1970 including cars, trucks and motorcycles that have a Nostalgic Appearance that includes Hot Rods, Kustoms, Nostalgic Race Cars and Van-A-Rama III. NEW FOR 2019: The Hot Rod Asylum will open the "Padded Cell" area for project cars. All vehicles will be screened by the Hot Rod Asylum Registration Committee. The Hot Rod Asylum hosted by the Slick Devils Car Club will feature "The Straight Jacket Award" as its Top Award and will also showcase the Devil's Row and the Dirty Dozen. All vehicles in the Hot Rod Asylum are judged by the Hot Rod Asylum judges and are eligible for the Hot Rod Asylum trophies only.

**NEW FOR 2019:** Fatman's Invasion of the South Hall featuring Euros, Imports, Sport Compacts and Low Riders!!!! All South Hall vehicles will be entered under the I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama Driven Series. These vehicles will be judged by the ISCA/Summit Racing Equipment judging team. Five (5) trophies will be awarded from all the entries in the South Hall as the Fatman's Fave Five.

Tickets will go on sale on Black Friday, November 23, 2018 – \$20 for adults with kids 12 and under free in 2019. Discounted tickets will be available at select locations for only \$18 and once again, we'll have our deepest discount for the Military at the box office only. Group rates are available, too.

### **2019 TROPHIES AND AWARDS:**

The 2019 Summit Racing Equipment Piston Powered Auto-Rama will distribute more than 600 customized and themed trophies and awards including \$20,267 in cash to the vehicles registered under the ISCA/Summit Racing Equipment Show Car Series and I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama Driven Series, plus an additional \$4,000 in cash to the ISCA motorcycle winners. Cash awards are also won by the Model Car participants and the Pin-Up Models. Customized and one-of-a-kind awards will also be earned as part of the Hot Rod Asylum.

#### **The Summit Cleveland Gold Cup:**

The Summit Cleveland Gold Cup Award was established to recognize an outstanding entry being shown for the first time in the Cleveland metropolitan area, or Greater Cleveland as it is more commonly known. The five-county Cleveland (MSA) consists of Cuyahoga County, Geauga County, Lake County, Lorain County, and Medina County. The rules to qualify for this prestigious award are as follows. All qualified entries must be shown for the first time in the Cleveland MSA. All qualified entries must be current registered ISCA members. The Gold Cup Award will be decided by the ISCA judging staff. The Gold Cup Award carries with it a \$10,017.00 cash award.

#### **The Duck Award:**

Roy E. Schabel was not a celebrity, but a person who loved motorcycles and people. He had the ability to bring a spark of life to those around him, just as he did to a freshly built motor. Known only as "Duck", the Litchfield Township businessman never used his real name with any lending institution. There were only a handful of people who knew him by his real name. Duck was a Vietnam veteran who acquired his nickname doing Donald Duck impressions for friends and operated Duck's Putter Parts. The duck paraphernalia that adorned his motorcycle repair shop was a testimony to the name recognition that it gave him both personally and professionally. People came from across the country to have him repair their motorcycle engines and transmissions. Over a period of twelve years Duck judged motorcycle entries at the Cleveland Auto-Rama. As a judge, he was impartial and fair. When Duck became a judge, the problems associated with awarding motorcycle trophies disappeared. Most of the entrants were entertained by Duck's impersonations after the show closed, although very few people knew he was doing them. Roy's life was snuffed out on October 2, 1988 when a drunk driver swerved left of center and collided with his motorcycle head on. We at the I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama will continue to honor Roy E. "Duck" Schabel with an ongoing award in his name beginning in 2005. The Duck Award will be decided by the ISCA judging staff. This prestigious award will carry a cash award of \$2500.00. The award will be given to the best first-time shown motorcycle that exhibits the most creative originality, design engineering, and workmanship.

### Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award:

Tony Hill's dedication to the hot rod community inspired the Slick Devils Car Club to create this annual award and name it after him. Tony passed away in January of 2014. His promotion of the car collecting culture will forever be felt and this award was not only named after him, but will be presented annually to other members of the hot rod community that reflect Tony's love for hot rods.

- Tony Hill: 2014 Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award
- Dick Faroni & Frank Faroni: 2015 Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award
- Warren Bookman & Ron Heitman: 2016 Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award
- Gerald R. "Jerry" Koenigsmark Sr.: 2017 Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award
- Gene Schwartz: 2018 Tony Hill Lifetime Achievement Award

### ABOUT SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT:

Summit Racing Equipment has been the World's Speed Shop® for over 50 years! Summit Racing is the world's largest e-commerce, mail order, and retailer of performance automotive parts and accessories. Summit Racing offers a huge selection of parts in stock from over 1,500 manufacturers for all forms of racing, street performance, off-roading, restoration, tools, and yes, diesel. It also offers no-hassle special ordering, fast ground service shipping to most areas of the country, and same-day shipping on in-stock items. Summit Racing has the industry's top-rated customer service and a full-time technical department to answer your questions. With headquarters in Tallmadge, Ohio, Summit operates distribution and retail stores in Tallmadge, Sparks, NV, McDonough, GA, and Arlington, TX.

### ABOUT THE FATMAN'S INVASION:

Fatman's Invasion started in 2009 as a gathering of car friends twice a year and has grown to one of the largest non-segmented events in Northeast Ohio with a similar philosophy as the Piston Powered Auto-Rama, if it has wheels bring it. So it was a no brainer to team up for 2019 to bring Euro, Import, Sport Compacts and Low Riders to the South Hall under the Fatman's Invasion of South Hall. Fatman's Invasion will host the best of the best in the respective fields and crown the Fatman's Fave Five under the Driven Series, judged by the ISCA/Summit Racing Equipment Judging Team. Fatman's Invasion prides themselves as a relaxed, family friendly and open to everything car community.

### ABOUT THE I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA:

The I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama is the largest indoor showcase of custom cars, trucks, antique construction equipment, motorcycles, tractors, planes, military equipment and more of its kind in the world. Each year the weekend-long event hosts more than 1,200 vehicles at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information please call 216-265-7223 (RACE) or visit [www.pistonpowershow.com](http://www.pistonpowershow.com).

2018:	50,015 (March 16 – 18, 2018): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama: 9.1% Increase
2017:	46,102 (March 17 – 19, 2017): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama: 3% Increase
2016:	44,760 (March 18 - 20, 2016): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama: 8% Increase
2015:	41,445 (March 20 -22, 2015): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama: 12% Increase
2014:	37,000 (March 14 – 16, 2014): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama
2013:	35,000 (March 15 – 17, 2013): I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama
2011:	17,000 (September 30 – October 2, 2011): I-X Piston Power Show

**ABOUT THE I-X CENTER:**

The International Exposition (I-X) Center in Cleveland, Ohio is one of the nation's premier exhibition facilities. It is the largest single building convention center in the United States, comprised of 2.2 million sq. ft., including more than one million sq. ft. of flexible presentation space. I-X Center is conveniently located adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, just 15 minutes southwest of downtown Cleveland, with nearby hotels and secure on-site parking for more than 7,000 vehicles. The I-X Center has hosted more than 1,500 events attracting 50 million visitors during the past 30 years. For more information, visit [www.ixcenter.com](http://www.ixcenter.com). Follow us on Facebook at International Exposition Center and on Twitter @IXCenter.



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