



# 2024 Recap & Results

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**Auto Dynamics, Inc.:** Eric White, Owner; [SFAutoDynamics.com](http://SFAutoDynamics.com)

## Special Thanks To:

### Courtyard Chicago St. Charles (our host hotel):

Mark Schalla, General Manager and Molly Elsworth, Assistant General Manager; 700 Courtyard Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174;

630-377-6370; [Marriott.com/CHISC](http://Marriott.com/CHISC)

### Jersey Mike's of St. Charles, IL (our food vendor):

Travis Anderson, Director of Operations; 2540 East Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174; 630-443-1300; [JerseyMikes.com](http://JerseyMikes.com)

### The St. Charles Park District

For the use of Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles, IL

## Contributors:

Provided door prizes and donations: Rodney Dickman, Russ Wormuth of RW Upholstery, Jeg's High Performance, Griot's Garage, (NIFE Activity Director) Matt Meyer, the Crafty Butterfly Boutique (NIFE member Elaine Panfil), and Chris Walters of The Walter's Attic.

## Fierorama Chairpersons and Head Coordinators:

**Event Chairperson:** Jim Hallman

**Parking Lot Head Coordinator:** Nilmar Mendoza

**Car Classifier Head Coordinator:** Bill Klicker

**Club Display Head Coordinators:** Scott and Therese Campbell

**Registration Head Coordinator:** Paul Vargyas

**Ballot Counting Head Coordinator:** Therese Campbell & Nilmar Mendoza

**Publicity Chairperson:** Nilmar Mendoza

**Documents Chairperson:** Mike Kroyer

**Fierorama Treasurer & "Flash" Coordinator:** Mark Soeldner

**Event DJ/PA System Coordinator:** Mike Kroyer

**Pizza Party Hosts:** Nilmar and Sandra Mendoza, Mark and Debbie Soeldner,

Paul Vargyas and Lynne Kuderko, and Jenni Hallman

## Volunteers:

Thanks to all of those who helped the NIFE board to make Fierorama the success that it was: Ray Dyreson, Jim Stombres, Vince Amato, Ed Huculak, Mike Vizina, Don Castelli, Josh Wisong, Nick DiMonte, Lynn Kuderko, Ed Kletecka, Debbie Soeldner, Jenni Hallman

## 2024 Class Winners

### A: Stock Notchback Coupe 50K-100K Miles – four or less viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Ken Brown, '88 white Formula Class Winner(s) – Cole Miehlke, '86 gold Coupe; Lee Meyer, '88 red Formula; Doug Rose, '88 yellow Formula (original owner)

### B: Stock Notchback Coupe Over 100K Miles – four or less viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Shannon Fawley, '88 black Formula  
Class Winner(s) – Austin Stombres, '87 silver SE; Jon Revelle, '88 white Formula; Scott Manning, '85 red Coupe

### C: Stock Fastback GT 50K-100K Miles – four or less viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Greg and Maggie Dauterman, '88 yellow GT  
Class Winner(s) – Matt Dyreson, '88 white GT; John Parypinski, '88 white GT; Dan Caravos, '87 medium red metallic GT

### D: Stock Fastback GT Over 100K Miles – four or less viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Nick DiMonte, '88 red GT  
Class Winner(s) – Daniel Curth, '88 red GT; Akeen Williams, '87 back GT; Allen Zais, '86 silver GT

### E: Low Mileage Class – All Stock Fiero Models Under 50K Miles – four or less viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Sean Proctor, '87 blue GT  
Class Winner(s) – Wayne Dzien, '88 yellow Formula; Brad Carper, '88 red GT; Steve Miehlke, '84 red SE

### F: Custom Class – five or more viewable modifications:

Best In Class – Jeff Meyer, '88 GT metallic red with white stripes  
Class Winner(s) – Brian Welch, '88 black Formula with red pinstripes; Zach McDonald, '86 silver SE convertible; Eric Dyreson, '87 silver GT with black stripes



# 2024 Class Winners (cont.)

## G: Non-V8 Engine Swap Class:

Best In Class – Mike Schmidt, '87 white GT with 3800 V6 supercharged, side scoops, and custom interior  
Class Winner(s) – Mike Kaser, '85 red and white GT with 3800 V6; Adam Thompson, '87 gray GT, 3800 V6 supercharged with hatchback; Chris Lewis, '86 white widebody chop top with 3800 supercharged

## H: V8 Engine Swap Class:

Best In Class – Jason Fawley, '87 “green...very green” GT  
Class Winner(s) – Chris Walters, '87 Coupe with 383 stroker, scissor doors and rear decklid scoop

## I: Rebody Class - not recognizable as a Fiero:

Best In Class – Guy Sanalidro, '85 GT with Ferrari F40 kit, custom dash  
Class Winner(s) – Bill Papke, '86 atomic orange GT “Flash” body designed by Bill; Kenny Cavanaugh, '86 white Lamborghini kit with 4.9L Cadillac engine swap

## J: Project Class – Under Construction/Work In Progress:

Best In Class – Jesse Johanson, '86 red GT  
Class Winner(s) – none this year

## Judged Awards:

**Best Interior (Stock or Custom):** Wayne Dzien, '88 yellow Formula  
**Best Paint Or Wrap (Stock or Custom):** Greg and Maggie Dauterman, '88 yellow GT  
**Best Display:** Wayne Dzien, '88 yellow Formula  
**Best Craftsmanship:** Greg Henderson, '87 red SE with 3800 V6 supercharged

## Special Awards:

**NIFE Member of the Year Award:** The NIFE board members awarded our NIFE Enthusiasm Award to NIFE members Jason and Shannon Fawley. For many years they have been participating in and volunteering their time to help with Fierorama and many other Midwest Fiero Club events. Even if they are not planning on volunteering at an event they attend, if help is needed, they always are willing to jump in and assist.

**Hard Luck:** Brian Welch who helped change the starter on NIFE member Gary Allen's Fiero in the parking lot of the host hotel on Saturday morning.

**Highest Mileage At Show:** Brian Welch with his '88 black Formula with red pinstripes that has over 291,000 miles on the original engine.

**Longest Distance Award:** Fierorama Key Sponsor Eric White who drove over 530 miles to attend this year's Fierorama festivities.

**“Oldest” (lowest VIN#) Fiero At Show – 1984, VIN# E, then last 6 digits:** Steve Miehke, '84 red SE (219411)

**“Youngest” (highest VIN#) Fiero At Show – 1988, VIN# J, then last 6 digits:** Brad Carper, '88 red GT (225797)

**Ladies of NIFE's Favorite License Plate At Fierorama:** Mike Schmidt, '87 white GT with 3800 V6 supercharged, side scoops and custom interior; plate reads: “MSTRESS”; Mike's nickname for his Fiero is Marilyn (as is Marilyn Monroe)

**Jersey Mike's Favorite Fiero:** Cole Miehke, '86 gold Coupe

**Wounded Warrior Project's Favorite Fiero:** Sean Proctor, '87 blue GT

**NIFE Gold Certificate:** Steve Miehke, '84 red SE who crafted LED lighting into the “P O N T I A C” lettering in the rear bumper cover of his Fiero.

## Kids' Choice Winners:

Henry, age 4 selected Dan Martin's '86 red Coupe

Lillian, age 7 selected Johnny Parypinski's '88 white GT

Daisy, age 9 selected Chris Walters', '87 Coupe with 383 stroker, scissor doors and rear decklid scoop

**Fierorama Key Sponsor Eric White of Auto Dynamics, Inc. presented a special cash award to:** Connor Iaroli with a gun metal gray '85 SE. Connor showed the most enthusiasm and aspiration for bringing his Fiero to the next level!

## Fierorama Key Sponsor's Favorite Fiero:

Terry Larson of Bonter Solutions selected Zach McDonald, '86 silver SE convertible

Eric White of Auto Dynamics selected Kevin Holm, '87 blue GT

Mike Kroyer/Fastsigns of Elk Grove Village, IL selected

Cole Miehke for the vinyl hood graphics on his '86 Coupe

## Midwest Fiero Clubs Presentations:

### The Best '84 Fiero

The winners for the 2024 show season include:

- Wisconsin Fiero Fanatics' Dells Run – Tim Cebulla, '84 Indy Pace Car
- Minnesota Fieros Forever's Back to the '80's Show – Vicki Cornelius, '84 red SE
- Mid-Atlantic Fiero Owners Association's Fieros at Carlisle – Sam Marquardt, '84 Indy Pace Car
- Michigan Fiero Club – Pam and Mike Maier, '84 Indy Pace Car
- Heartland Fiero Show – Jason Jacobi, '84 SE with a GM 3800 supercharged V6 engine mated to a GM Getrag F23 5-speed manual transmission

### Fierorama's Best '84 Fiero:

Dan Thuerauf with his 19.1 mile '84 SE with interior still in the factory plastic wrap

### The Best '84 Fiero In The Midwest:

Dan Thuerauf with his 19.1 mile '84 SE with the interior still in the factory plastic wrap. This year's trophy was graciously sponsored by The Fiero Store

### Best Of Show Awards:

**Stock:** Lee Meyer, '88 red Formula

**Non-Stock:** Jason Fawley, “Green...Very Green” '87 V8 GT

### Club Participation Awards:

Fiero Fanatics of Wisconsin, Heartland Fieros of Iowa, Minnesota Fieros Forever, Michigan Fiero Club, Mid-Atlantic Fiero Owners Association, Mid-America Fieros, Kansas City Fiero Owners Group, and Midwest Fieros (of Omaha)

### States (and Countries) Represented

Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Louisiana, Tennessee, Nebraska, Missouri