

## 2016 MUSCLE CAR AND CORVETTE NATIONALS (continued)

The 2017 show promises to be just as good, if not better, but we depend on you, the owners of these great cars to help make it happen. The main emphasis this year will be on 1956-1958 Golden Hawks, 1958 Packard Hawk, and 1963-'64 Jet Thrust engined G.T. Hawks, along with a couple of 1955 Speedsters thrown in for good measure, which would be considered Studebaker's first postwar 'high-performance' model as it came equipped with four barrel carburetor, dual exhaust, and tachometer as standard. Of main interest to readers of Jet Thrust News are the R-powered 1963 & 1964 G.T. Hawks, and we hope to see excellent support at this year's Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals. If any readers have a 1963 or 1964 G.T. Hawk that is a factory equipped R1 or R2 engined example, restored or nice original, please contact Ed George directly at 708-250-2213, or your Editor via e-mail as soon as possible as we want to reserve a spot for your special Studebaker this November. As of this writing, Nelson Bove has registered his Super Red 1963 G.T. Hawk and Gary Wood his Bordeaux Red 1964 G.T. Hawk for this year's show, and we sure hope to see more register their Studebaker and make this show the 'best ever' in 2017!

This year's MCACN show will be held on November 18th & 19th at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Rosemont is a suburb of Chicago, and is minutes from O'Hare Airport, which means having to rent a vehicle is not necessary if one stays at many of the excellent hotels situated around the convention center, and all offer free shuttle service to and from O'Hare.



Nels' 'Hot Rod Magazine' 1964 R3 Daytona earned this award at MCACN. Last year, he won a similar award for his 1963 R2 Standard.



A perennial favorite at MCACN, Eric DeRosa's Rose Mist 1963 R2 Custom. The 'JT' prefix on the 1963 Illinois licence plates are a great and very fitting touch!



The driving forces behind it all, Bob Ashton, organizer of the annual Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals who provides the excellent locations on the show floor, and Ed George, for expertly arranging the Studebaker display every year.



Ed George has every reason to jump for joy on the Sunday afternoon after the show. It was the best turnout ever as far as Studebaker participation went with 7 Avantis, 3 Lark/Lark-types and one modified 2R5 truck, and a good 60 or more Studebaker Jet Thrust enthusiasts showing their full support over the two days the show was on.