

# *Carl Casper*

## **BACK TO THE BRICKS HOME COMING CELEBRATION!**

Flint's hometown legendary, iconic "Automotive King" will be appearing in person along with two of his historically famous vehicles Fri. August 17, 5:00 pm- 9:00pm and Sat., Aug. 18, 9:00am- 5:00pm. On exhibit with him will be his Flint Tech teenage high school cruiser which became America's all time historical award winning custom car. The awesome masterpiece will be on display along with his rare Durant/Dort restored historical carriage in Downtown Flint near the historical auto pioneer statues.

Carl was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. The national award-winning designer, builder, creator, movie & TV car builder, drag racer, antique carriage restorer and international auto show producer is considered the automotive world's complete package. A creative icon who does it all with a master's touch from concept, design, fabrication, engine, bodywork, paint and upholstery. His 55-year track record of producing, co-producing or partnering in over 1,000 of America's top Custom Auto Shows is another of his amazing talents and accomplishments. As a show producer his annual production participation included every major city in America including New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Boston, Atlanta, Cleveland, Memphis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Louisville and 25 more.

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### **The EMPRESS!**

**AMERICA'S ALL TIME HISTORICAL AWARD WINNING CUSTOM CAR**

Best of Show winner at dozens of top shows throughout America.

**1960- GOVERNOR'S CUP**, Best of Show- Lansing, MI, Autorama.

**1961- MHRA- 1<sup>st</sup> Detroit Cobo Hall Autorama- Best of Show Winner**  
(In 1964 this award became the Ridler Award)

**1961-Don Ridler "Best of Show Winner- Detroit Fairgrounds**

**1961 NHRA National Custom Car Champion- NHRA NATIONALS**  
Indianapolis, IN.

**1962- ACCA- American Competitive Car Association**  
World Custom Car Champion- Detroit, MI.

**1963-** Feb. Car Craft Magazine “10” BEST!

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**America’s Only “3” Time NHRA National Custom Car Champion!**

**All “3” NHRA Best of Show Divisions**

NHRA BEST CUSTOM- EMPRESS-1961

NHRA COMPETITION”-UNDERTAKER 1963

NHRA BEST ROD”-GHOST- 1964

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**AMERICA’S ONLY TRIPLE CROWN SHOW CHAMPION**

1964-NHRA Indianapolis, IN. NHRA Nationals- Ghost-Best Rod.

1965-NHRA Los Angeles, CA. Winternationals- Ghost-Best Rod.

1965 National Roadster Show, Oakland, Calif. –“America’s Most Beautiful Roadster” award – Ghost.

1965 – Car Craft Magazine “10” BEST!

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**AMERICA’S TOP OFFICIAL MOVIE & TV CAR BUILDER**

**1980- GENERAL LEE-**1969 Dodge Charger-Dukes of Hazzard- CBS-Warner Bros.

**1981- FALL GUY STUNT PICKUP-** 1980 GMC-20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, ABC

**1982- KNIGHT RIDER-** K.I.T.T.- 1982 Pontiac Trans-Am- NBC Universal.

**1983- A-TEAM VAN-** 1983 GMC Van- NBC/Universal Studios.

**1985- STREET HAWK-** 1984 Honda XR500 Stunt Motorcycle-ABC

**1985- STING RAY-** 1965 Corvette – NBC- Universal Studios.

**1989- BATMAN THE MOVIE-** Warner Bros.

**1992- BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE -** Warner Bros.

“**BATMOBILE**”! Carl’s Hollywood Productions built “3” of the actual official Batmobiles that were filmed in the Batman Returns Movie.

**2008- KNIGHT RIDER-** NBC/UNIVERSAL

KITT 3000- 2008 Shelby Mustang GT 500

All of Carl’s movie & TV cars listed above are the only official and legally contracted & licensed vehicles by Warner Bros., NBC/Universal, & 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox that toured the world. He built three of the Batmobiles that were actually used in the Batman Returns Movie. His #1 Batman Returns Batmobile & #1 Knight Rider were the # 1 cars that were actually used in the filming of the movie and TV series.

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## **DRAG RACING**

**“2” Time AHRA National Drag Racing Championship Dragsters Galloping Ghost-1969 AHRA NATIONAL CHAMPION-New York International Speedway**  
**Young American- 1971 AHRA WINTERNATIONAL CHAMPION-Phoenix, Arizona.**  
The Young American set track records at many NHRA national drag strip.

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## **ANTIQUE CARRIAGE RESTORATION CHAMPION**

**“4” Time Carriage Association of America- Antique Carriage Restoration National Champion.**

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## **MODEL CAR DESIGNER & CREATOR**

Designed Record Selling Model Cars for MPC & Aurora Plastics.  
MPC- The Turbo Shark, Paddy Wagon, Popcorn Wagon, Phone Booth, Shaker Trike, Galloping Ghost II Dragster, Young American Dragster, & Cosmic Charger Dragster  
Aurora Plastics- The Undertaker & Universal Studios Monster Movie Creations.

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## **CASPER FEATURE CAR CREATIONS**

Carl has designed and built a long line of sensational feature cars that have excited and captivated millions of auto show fans throughout the years. Here are a few of his most popular creations:

The Empress, Undertaker, Turbo Shark, Paddy Wagon, Popcorn Wagon, Peanut Trike, Beer Wagon, Shaker Trike, Fabulous Fantom, Vanturian, Pinball Wizard, Cosmic Invader, Knight Cruiser, Street Dreamer, Hybrid 32, Enchanting Escape, Islander, Renegade, Boss T, plus all of his movie cars.

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## **HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS**

1965-Oakland Roadster Show Hall of Fame Inductee

1980- ISCA Hall of Fame- First Inductee.

1995-National Rod & Custom Car Hall of Fame- CHARTER MEMBER

2011-Kustoms of America Hall of Fame Inductee

2014- Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame Inductee

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## **IASPA AWARD WINNING CUSTOM AUTO SHOW PRODUCER**

Produced, Co-Produced or Partnered in over 1,000 indoor custom auto shows in almost every major city in America on an annual basis during the 60's, 70's, 80's, & 90's.

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## **CAR BUILDER OF THE YEAR**

International Show Car Assn.- Car Builder of the Year-

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## **KRUSE HORSEPOWER AUTOMOTIVE & CARRIAGE MUSEUM**

Many of Carl's custom car creations and Antique Carriages are on a rotating basis at the Kruse Horsepower Automotive & Carriage Museum in Auburn, Indiana.

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## **MASTER DESIGNER & ESTATE DEVELOPER**

Award Winning designer:

Designer, builder & developer of commercial buildings, custom homes & major estates.

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## **SPORTS**

Flint Tech- High School – Starting Quarterback and all-around athlete.  
Studied- Engineering, mechanical drawing, pattern making, machine shop, tool & die, physics, math & science.

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## **A few “National Magazine & Book Quotes”**

**“Creative Icon, automotive genius & the complete package”  
(Paul Kenworthy- Editor/publisher Hot Rods & Harleys).**

**“A man of so many talents-Innovator, builder, pioneer”  
(David Fetherston, Co-Author- Show Car Dreams Book.**

**“Automotive King”- (Scotty Gosson Author-America’s Wildest Show Rods)**

**“King of the Carriages” (Hot Rod Deluxe Magazine)**

**“Custom Car Legend” ( Smart Money Magazine)**

**“Automotive Legend- A man with a vision, determination and talent, who is an inspiration to many”. (Chuck Belew Editor- Southern Rodder Magazine)**

**Customizing Legend & one of America’s famous sons”  
( John Shapiro Editor/publisher Cruisin Times Magazine).**

**“Customizing Prodigy” (Calvin Mauldin Rod & Custom Magazine.)**

**ISCA Car Builder of the Year” (Showstopper Magazine)**

**“Antique Restoration Master” (Carriage Journal)**

**“IASPA Auto Show Producer of the Year” ( Showstopper Magazine)**

**“Automotive Legend”- Roger Attaway British author- Custom Showtime.**

**“A true legend in the Automotive industry”- Bob Millard, President ISCA.**

**“One of the most interesting and amazing people I have ever met”  
Reed Yadon ABC, WHAS- TV.**

**“ A true motorsports legend”- Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame.**

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