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VTCI Concours Rules Changes effective 20 August 2011

1. The Seyfarth Award 5 year rule (3.5.6.1 of volume 1) is rescinded.
2. The requirement for a first place score in senior or primary to receive a Seyfarth award (3.5.6.1 of volume 1) will be strictly enforced (we awarded a Seyfarth to a Thunderbird with a second place score in Lincolnshire in 2010).
3. The senior car 5 year rule (3.1.1 of volume 1) is rescinded. We are returning to “once a senior, always a senior.”

Why?

The international convention in Portland (16-21 August 2011) presented some unique award challenges. Our rules painted us into a corner that we don't want to be in. Had we followed the rules as they existed, we would have passed over a 300 point Thunderbird – never a good idea.

At an international, we are supposed to award 4 Seyfarth's:

55-57 Trailered

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58-79 Trailered

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At Portland, we awarded only 2:

55-57 Driven

58-79 Trailered

In Portland, only 3 of 11 Thunderbirds in senior and primary achieved first place scores and 2 of those were trailered, senior Thunderbirds. The next highest scoring Thunderbirds got 280 points, a long way from the minimum of 288 needed for first place.

There were no eligible (first place in senior or primary) 55-57 on trailers or 58-79 having been driven to the convention.

So, we are going to simplify things and, to some degree, return to our roots.

And a few more first place scoring Thunderbirds in senior and primary wouldn't hurt.