



Skyliner

Welcome to your first IFRC Convention.

We hope this will be your first of many conventions to come.

As a new attendee, you may be confused about what everything is and how everything works. I will explain all the ins and outs of the convention.

CONVENTION HISTORY

- The IFRC was founded in 1971 by John Bobo from Dayton, Ohio. The very first convention was in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. It was more like a car show of friends gathering.
- The next year it was in Columbus, Ohio. This is when it started traveling to different areas. The 3rd year was in Detroit, Michigan.
- Throughout the years it grew larger, adding events and more people, thus becoming the convention you see today.

WHITEBOARD

- As you enter the hotel, the first thing you will see is a whiteboard. This is where you will find all the important information for the day. It will list any changes made to the schedule, room locations, or times. Check this board often throughout the week

REGISTRATION ROOM

- This is where you will pick up your registration packet and maps. Inside your packet you will find many useful things, such as your voting ballots, schedule, and tickets for different events.
- There are other things you can do in the Registration Room. It varies per year. Such as registering to become an IFRC member, and purchasing items such as stickers and booklets. (This is not where you purchase/pick up t-shirts)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- This is a list of events planned for the convention, the times, and the places of each event. It is tentative because, as everyone knows, unexpected things can happen to require a change. This is where the whiteboard comes in handy.

MAP PACKETS

- In the Registration Room is a file stand where you will find the map packets. These are not in your registration packet, so make sure you stop by the map area and pick up your map(s) for every place you plan on going.
- The map packets are not just maps. They have other information about the place(s) we are going, menus (if applicable), and coupons.

VOTING INFORMATION

- There are three ballots you will be filling out. Meaning, you will be voting 7 times in total. 3 Showcase Display, 3 Display, and 1 Brenton-Gorny Award.
- Make sure you put the correct number on the correct year.
- If a 57 car is placed on the 58 spot, it will not be counted. If you put a Showcase number on the Display ballot, or vice versa, that vote will not be counted.

Showcase Display

These are Skyliners that were past Showcase Winners. On the card, it will say the words 'Showcase Display' and match the color of the ballot. Only put Showcase Display cars on the Showcase Display ballot.

Display

These are cars that have never been a Showcase Car winner. These are cars that are on display. On the windshield card, it will say 'Display'. The color on the card will match the window card. Only put Display cars on the Display ballot.

Brenton-Gorny Award

This one is your favorite car in the whole convention. It could be any Skyliner, even one you have already voted for.
(This is named after Ron Brenton and Toby Gorny, two members who were at the very first convention in 1972. They have served in various IFRC positions throughout the years.)

Some Skyliners do not have a Showcase Display or Display card. These cars are being judged and are trying to win an award. They cannot be voted for on these ballots. However, you can vote for them in the Brenton-Gorny Award as your favorite overall.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

- After you fill out your ballot, you need to turn them in. There is a small box at one of the vendor booths. It will be sitting on the table. Place your ballot in there. If you can't find it, ask someone. They will help you.
- All ballots must be received by Friday morning. The box will be removed at 10 am and no more ballots will be accepted.

HISTORIAN DISPLAY

- This is all about the history of the IFRC. Pull up a chair and enjoy. It varies per year on what is displayed.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

- This is where you can cool off, socialize, work on a puzzle, or enjoy a snack provided by the hosting chapter.
- This is run by the host chapter. All the snacks and treats were made by or donated by them. Sometimes other IFRC members make or donate items.
- This is most likely where you will pick up your pre-ordered t-shirts. The host chapter is the designer of the shirt and the ones selling them. (They also decorate for the party night)

IFRC BOARD MEETING

- On Monday morning, the IFRC Board members will meet and discuss the different issues involving the IFRC. Although you may see it listed on the whiteboard, this is a closed meeting for the IFRC Board only.

WELCOME RECEPTION

- This is a gathering before the Business Meeting where you can socialize with people. There are some appetizers that you can snack on.

IFRC BUSINESS MEETING

- This is where all the IFRC Board Members discuss their area of the IFRC. All the board members are on a stage and one by one they step up to the microphone and discuss things. (Treasurer will discuss the funds, Web Master will discuss the website, etc.) After each person discusses their area, they will ask if there are any questions. Feel free to ask questions.

WHERE IS THE NEXT CONVENTION?

- At the IFRC Business Meeting, the Convention Coordinator will be the last speaker and will announce the location for the convention 2 years out. This is kept secret until now. This is always an exciting reveal because we get to find out where we are going next.
- There is a flier that is handed out about this upcoming convention. On one side is the next year's convention, and on the other is the convention that was just announced. It has all the information you need for those two conventions.

TECH SESSION

- After the Business Meeting is over, there is a small break then the Tech Session will start. Several experts will get on the stage and discuss anything and everything related to the Skyliner. Your questions are encouraged. Bring a notepad to take notes.

JUDGING

JUDGING DAYS

- Judging will start on Wednesday and continue on Thursday. This is judging for several different categories, such as Showcase, Non-Stock, and Driver Class.

GENERAL RULES

- If you have entered your Skyliner in one of these judged categories, there are special rules to follow.
- An envelope will have all the judging sheets in it. There is a sheet for each area of the car. The judging team will take the sheet for the area they are judging and they will only see that sheet. They follow the rules explained to them during the Judges Meeting. There are usually 3 judges per area. Once they are done judging their area, the sheet goes back into the envelope and the next judging team comes in to do their area. This continues until all the sheets are completed.
- The only person allowed to see these completed sheets is the Head Judge. Even if you see the sheets left on the car, you cannot read them.
- When a car is being judged, the owner is not permitted to watch or interfere with them. There is one exception, Start & Idle

START & IDLE

- This is where the owner will do different tasks in front of the judges: Start the car, idle the car, and make the top work. Anyone is welcome to watch.

PREPARE YOUR SKYLINER

- When a car is being judged there are certain things that must be done, such as having all the windows rolled up. If you are not sure of these requirements or the different judging categories, feel free to ask the Head Judge.

WANT TO BE A JUDGE?

- On the whiteboard there will be a notice of the time and place of the Judges Meeting. Show up at the time and you will get assigned a task and directions on how to fulfill the duties. This is open to everyone. It is also a good learning experience.
- As a thank you to all the judges, there will be a special judges luncheon. This may or may not be on the whiteboard, but the Head Judge will have all the details.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

- The IFRC Vice President runs this meeting. Being discussed are the issues/concerns/etc that the chapters are having. (The good, the bad, and the ugly ha ha ha) This is open to all the chapter members. The goal is to have one member from each chapter. It doesn't have to be the chapter president, it can be anyone in the chapter who can represent their chapter.
- If you are not in a chapter and want to be, talk to the people in the registration room. They can direct you to the chapter in your area.

TOURS & EVENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- There are several different cruises and events planned for the week. Everyone is welcome. If you didn't sign up for something and now you want to do it, talk to the people in the registration room. See if there are still openings in that event.

NEED A RIDE?

- If you want to attend something but you need a ride, there are plenty of people who will open up their backseat to you. When the line is forming outside, walk down the line and ask someone. If there is room, they will give you a ride.
- Approach an IFRC Board Member. Tell them you are new and need a ride. They can help you find one.

LADIES CLASS (MEN ARE WELCOME TOO)

- This is a class that is in the hotel. You don't have to drive anywhere. Someone will come to the hotel, bring all the supplies needed, and teach us a class. Not only will you have fun, but you get to take home your very own souvenir made by you.

TOURS/EVENTS

- There are several different tours/events that are offered. These vary from year to year. Make sure you sign up for these and don't forget to bring your map packet. Remember, if you need a ride, just ask.

CRUISES

- On Tuesday there is an earlier arrival ice cream cruise. We will cruise to a local ice cream place for ice cream.
- On Thursday is the official IFRC cruise night. It varies per year where we go and what we do. Sometimes this cruise is policed, sometimes it is not. It all depends on the city.
- Don't forget your map packets. Remember, if you need a ride, just ask.

BULLETIN BOARD

- Near/In the Hospitality Room you will find a bulletin board loaded with different things to do/see in the area. These are not IFRC-sponsored events and the convention coordinators may or may not have visited them. These are things that they gathered for you. They may be things that were suggested by the CVB that were too small or too large to do as a group. They could be from brochures or Google searches, or some interesting restaurants. Check it out, there may be someplace you are interested in going on your own or with a friend.

AUCTION & SILENT AUCTION

- The goal of the convention is to break even. The only profit we make is with the auctions and the 50/50 drawing during the party. This profit is used to keep the IFRC running.
- All the board members are volunteers and receive no pay (so be nice to them ha ha ha).
- The auction items are donated by convention attendees. Anyone can donate anything. Some items go in silent action and some are in live auction.
- To bid on an item, you use your IFRC registration number (it is hanging around your neck on the nametag). After the auction, go to the tables on the side and pay for your purchases

PARTY NIGHT & 50-50

- We have a party night where we, well, party. We have music and a dance floor.
- Sometimes there is a theme and people dress up. Sometimes it is just for fun and sometimes there are prizes from the host chapter. Join the fun and dress up.
- The theme is picked by the host chapter. The t-shirt design usually matches the party night theme.
- At the party night, a light snack is served, this is not a meal, just a snack.
- There is a 50-50 drawing where half the money goes to the winner and the other half goes to the IFRC.

BANQUET

- The last day of the convention is the awards banquet. This is where all the winning cars get awards.
- If they win Showcase, they get a medal for their car, a decal, and a pin to wear on their name tag or hat.
- There is 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards given to the winners of the display and showcase display.
- Winners of the Benton-Gorny Award (Peoples Choice) and the John Bobo Award (Best of Show).
- The kids get a little surprise for coloring.
- Sometimes there are other awards such as the Ambassador Award (the highest award an IFRC member can achieve) or a special thank you for someone. This varies per year.

IFRC PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOS

- Throughout the convention you will see the IFRC photographer taking photos.
- There is a sign up sheet in the Registration Room for everyone to have their photo taken with their Skyliner.
- Along with the posed Skyliner photos, the photographer takes candid shots of different things throughout the convention.
- So make sure you sign up for a photo with your Skyliner, and when you see the photographer coming your way, smile.

IFRC CONVENTION EVALUATION FORM

- You will be receiving an IFRC Convention Evaluation Form to fill out. Please take the time to fill this out.
- On Friday at the Banquet, these will be placed at the tables. There will be a box by the door to place the completed forms.
- We do read them and do our best to make the IFRC Convention fun for everyone.
- This New Attendee Flier resulted from a suggestion from the IFRC Convention Evaluation form.

So you read over and over references to a Showcase Car, but what is it?



- A Showcase car is a car that received over 900 points out of a possible 1000 points in judging. Every Skyliner starts with 1000 points and points are deducted during judging.
- Think of a new car you just bought. A showcase car should meet the same standards, how it works, how it looks, all the trim lining up, and everything functioning as if it were new.
- Some people say that a Showcase car is better than they were when they were purchased new in the 50s.

We hope this helped you understand the IFRC Convention more and we hope to see you at many more conventions.

Ron & Ann Edward
IFRC Convention Coordinators