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# Connecticut Cruise News 2023 Ring Competition Grand Champion

By Lissa Seeberger

As you probably are aware, Don Clady, Publisher of Connecticut Cruise News, introduced an interesting competition in 2023 involving special Rings for stand out show cars. Certain car shows in late 2022 and 2023 were allowed to be Connecticut Cruise News Ring events whereby the cream of the crop show cars would win these special Rings. Not every car show qualified to be a Ring Event, in fact, you had to have an established and successful car show historically OR be an established car club that had an established car show over the years in order to participate in this exciting competition.

The way the competition worked is that the first person to win ten (10) Connecticut Cruise News Rings at various participating car shows in a given year, with the SAME show car, would win the overall competition, which would get the winner a 7-foot trophy, a championship belt similar to those the wrestlers win in the WWE, a large championship Ring, and of course the bragging rights!

I'm very pleased to announce that Bob Sabre, has won the Connecticut Cruise News 2023 Ring Competition! Bob, who has a collection of at least 18 show cars, and is a long time CT Seaport Car Club Member, made the commitment this year to exclusively show his beautiful green full custom 1946 Ford "VooDoo Idol" at Ring Events.

The "VooDoo Idol" was created by Voodoo Larry in 2008 as a tribute car to Gene Winfield, an American automotive



customizer and fabricator whose car designs caught the attention of the film community and were featured in several movies. The car is a compilation of car parts from many different types of vehicles. It is truly unique! The hand formed panels echo the craftsmanship of a bygone era. The rear window is the ONLY part that wasn't modified!

The custom car features the front bumper from a 1949 Cadillac, the front grill from a 1947 Studebaker, the steering wheel from a 1946 Lincoln Zephyr, the fender skirts from a 1941 Buick, the front sub frame/drive train from a 1981 Chevy Camaro, the frame from a 1946 Ford, tail lamps from a 1949 Plymouth, and the rear bumper from a 1949 Cadillac.

Bob won CT Cruise News Rings at car shows he attended from Manchester to Naugatuck, New Milford to Norwalk, Stratford to Danbury, and Ridgefield to Mahwah, NJ.

Daniel and Steve Gemmel (father and son) were the 2nd Place Connecticut Cruise News Ring Event Winner with their 2018 Dodge Durango SRT and Robert Vitetta was the 3rd Place



Connecticut Cruise News Ring Event Winner with his 1926 Ford Model T Huckster Produce Truck. All three of these winners should be congratulated for their outstanding show cars and bucking the temptation to take a different show car to shows all year, in order to instead turn up repeatedly with the same show car for this enviable competition.

Bob Sabre was presented with his MASSIVE 7-foot blue trophy and his WWE style belt and championship ring by Don Clady at the New Milford Pettibone Community Center Show on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023.

Don Clady will be running this unique Ring competition again in 2024 at select car shows. Car show organizers are already signing up to participate. The competition will start over again and will be open to an entirely different set of show cars! Come on out in 2024 to show your Ring worthy vehicle!

Congratulations again to Bob Sabre, Daniel and Steve Gemmel and Robert Vitetta and best of luck next year for the 2024 Connecticut Cruise News Ring Competition.

