

**Plymouth Owners Club, Inc.**

**National Meet Planning Guide**

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This guide lays no claim to completeness on the subject--it is only a guide.

## **INTRODUCTION**

One of the most exciting fulfillments to a Region is to successfully execute a National Meet for the Plymouth Owners Club (POC) members. Careful event planning and commitment by your membership will help make your efforts fun and exciting. The secret to running this type of gathering is to put together events that you would enjoy and know at least a little something about. This guide was developed with this in mind and will help you to put together a judged National Meet sponsored by your Region for the benefit of all members of the POC. There are a great number of our members who really enjoy traveling with their Plymouths and attending a POC Meet each year. Some may not be members of a Region and so do not attend local car shows, but wait to go to a National Meet. It is also a great way to meet members from all over that share the same interests. Many members have become lifelong friends and look forward to seeing each other at the next Meet.

Building, collecting, and restoring cars is probably one of the most popular hobbies for people of all ages. This is one of the few activities that people start to get interested in at a reasonably young age and wind up continuing to participate late into their lives. It does not really matter what type of cars you are into, the process and the excitement is still all the same. We spend a lot of time and money to restore and preserve our Plymouths, so we enjoy driving and showing them off. There is an almost endless supply of Plymouth people across the country whose pride and joy sits on four wheels in a garage at home. So, how do we get them to your event?

## **WHAT IT TAKES**

The most important thing in carrying out a National Plymouth Meet is the willingness of the entire Region wanting to be involved in being the host to the rest of us. Make sure that everyone is on board. Without the readiness and knowledge to go about this, you will be constantly expending energy that will be needed to get all the requirements taken care of in your planning and execution. The next most important thing needed is to select a Meet Chairperson or event planner from your region that has a good deal of organizational skill to task, define roles, implement decisions, coordinate all activities, and delegate responsibilities to all of your members. The Meet Chairperson is the key to involving the National Club, where needed, and to keep everyone on task. You will need a plan and hopefully this guide will help you accomplish your goal. The POC has been hosting National Meets for more than fifty years. You will also get help and encouragement from other Regions and the Officers and Directors.

## **PART I - GETTING THE BID**

The bid to host a National Judging Meet or a Tour Meet has to be considered carefully by the Region before approaching the President and Board of Directors of the National POC. Usually, a number of members begin to explore the possibility of hosting either a Spring, Summer, or Fall Meet well in advance of the event, perhaps two or three years. Some POC Regions have organized an event sooner than that, but it is very difficult to do. Most Regions have hosted a National Meet at least once, some more than that, and some Regions have not yet conducted a Meet.

Your Region and its membership must request in writing, permission from the National Plymouth Club Officers and Directors to host a National Meet which will consider the matter and report its approval back to the President of the Region. The Officers & Directors consider

all requests to host and evaluate it based on the other Regions' desires so that there is no conflict in dates.

### **What is our mission?**

To conduct a Meet of Plymouth owners and their vehicles in accordance with specified Articles of the Constitution of the Plymouth Owners Club, Inc. The Region, by means of its committees, plans and executes the task by exchanging ideas, data, mutual support, and direct action. The overall effect you want to achieve is to promote goodwill among the participants for the Plymouth automobile and its historical significance. The concept of operation is to publicize and promote the Meet in regional, and local media; register owners and their vehicles at the meet hotel; schedule tours and/or events of local interest; offer a hospitality room at the Meet hotel; conduct a fair judging of all registered vehicles; hold an awards banquet for registrants and participants; document and maintain a formal record of all events taking place at the Meet; and finally, write a report for publication in the Plymouth Bulletin upon conclusion of the Meet. These responsibilities and tasks are outlined throughout this document.

### **Where does support come from?**

The bulk of support and services must be provided by individual members of the host Region all working together. Help can be expected from the National Club in matters such as funds to defray expenses for trophies and dash plaques; and, in judging, direction from the Technical Director and Judging Director as well as guidance requested from the Officers and Directors through the National President. Vendors contracted by the Club for specific services will be covered by the host Region's local budget for the event. Material requirements should be held to a minimum, and loans of certain materials needed may be required from the host hotel and vendors. Since Club resources are limited with regard to finances, it becomes apparent that the volunteer

nature of the members will be needed for success. The overall control of the planning process and the execution of all phases will rest with the Officers of the Region, National Officers and Directors, and the Meet Chairperson.

### **How do we start?**

Send a written request to the President of the POC who will discuss it with the Officers and Directors. Give details of time and place for your proposed Meet. After the bid review, the Officers and Directors will decide if the bid is to be granted so that planning can proceed.

### **“Home sweet home” or on the road?**

Decide if you are going to be holding the Meet in your locale or somewhere else nearby. It has been done both ways in the history of the Club. Either way, it will not be easy to do; but the rewards for your Region and its members will result in great satisfaction for the members.

### **Plan ..... plan ..... replan**

Start the planning effort with a small group then keep bringing in more of your members to work on the specific committees being set up. Have a written plan at first and adjust it as you go. Use the general guidelines, but build your own plan to work from. Revise and adjust constantly. Prepare to make changes throughout the execution of the plan.

The first thing you need to find is a location that is capable of handling such an event. The best types of locations for this event are large empty lots (parking lots of clear level grass lots will work), near or at the host hotel, or if your city will allow you to do so, using side roads around the city will work great as well. Once you have secured permission for the location, you will need to find participants.

Finding participants for your Meet is actually not as hard as you may think. You can advertise in the Plymouth Bulletin to let other Regions know about it. Plymouth members with cars needed for your car show are very proud of their cars and the work they have done to them. Car owners are all too anxious to show off their Plymouths any time they have the chance to. The registration fee should be based on the budget of the meet. Typically a \$20-25 registration fee is seen as a fair amount to charge per car at POC Meets. A region should not be expected to subsidize meet expenses.

Next, you will need to have something going on each day at the event for entertainment in addition to walking around looking at cars each night. Activities should include technical seminars, membership and judging meetings. POC meet activities normally cover a four day period. The first night people are arriving, the second night is when special activities can be scheduled. The third night is when the general membership and judging meeting is held and the fourth night is the meet banquet. Your event might have a local radio station that owns their own travel sound stage that will be broadcasting live from the event while playing their music at the event for the crowd to listen to. You will need to draw out a map of the location and preset all the spaces where people and cars are located. Then, when the big event comes, make sure it all sets up together the way it was planned out on paper and let the show begin.

Organizing any event can be challenging if you fail to implement the appropriate planning and scheduling procedures. For those who are planning a large event, there are some essential guidelines to be followed in your preparation process.

Once your event date and times are established, the first step to successful planning is rather simple. Take out a calendar and, working from the event date going backwards, begin to pencil in specific activities that must be done and establish a tentative working calendar.

In other words, write a plan. In doing so, you will lay the foundation for meeting your event deadlines.

Once the dates are tentatively scheduled, begin delegating those tasks to specific individuals who will become key players in your planning and execution. Be certain that all written contracts clearly outline the dates on which specific activities should be completed. Since you are using volunteers, be sure to elicit the assistance of those who are reliable as you want to be sure the volunteer does not fail to meet a required activity or expectation for your event.

Next, as part of your event planning process, make a list of all items that will require a monetary or budgetary consideration. Items such as invitations to the event, entertainment, and food are quite common, but be sure to think outside the box. What other items are commonly used at these types of events? Visualization is important to success. Once you've made a list of all items that require monetary consideration, begin contacting suppliers and dealers to work contracts and negotiations. The key to successful event planning, in terms of dollars spent, is to begin the planning process early and make deposits early to ensure you obtain the best price. Waiting until the last minute to secure specific items may result in higher costs.

As with any event planning process, organizing and executing the event will require time and preparation. When choosing to create the event in an effort to save costs, be sure to use your calendar to map out the path for the event, negotiate with dealers and suppliers early, and delegate responsibilities to vendors, suppliers and volunteers, clearly stating what is expected in terms of deadlines. In doing so, your event will be a success. It would not hurt to use a checklist.

## **PART II - PERFORMING AS A REGION**

Committee Work – A committee for every function is needed and

someone needs to head it up. Sometimes if you don't have enough volunteers you might have only a committee of one. Try to avoid this from happening and get everyone involved as much as possible. All committees report to the Meet Chairperson as required. There are no set numbers of committees that you should have working on your Meet. Whatever you need.

**This is a sample of the committees you might need:**

- a) A Meet Chairperson and, if you can swing it, a Meet co-chairperson.
- b) A finance committee to assist your Treasurer.
- c) A registration committee of several members to keep all incoming attendees accounted for and to devise a schedule of events in the welcoming package given to each attendee upon arrival – this is most important so that people don't have to scramble to find out what is happening when and where?
- d) A judging committee with several members involved working with the National Judging Director and Technical Director as well as group supervisors who will come to your Meet.
- e) A parking committee to plan and mark and marshal all arriving owners and their vehicles in a designated area.
- f) A hospitality committee and staff to plan the care and feeding of your guests during the Meet.
- g) An awards/dash plaque committee
- h) An events committee to organize what to showcase in your local area of significance.
- i) An advertising and public relations committee to work local issues and to publicize the event in the Plymouth Bulletin and elsewhere.
- j) A fundraising and door prize committee.
- k) A photography committee to document the event.
- l) An awards banquet committee, which will plan the banquet on Saturday night.
- m) A swap meet committee if you plan to hold one during the Meet.

The Meet Chairperson is responsible for developing a plan for each committee; the control and coordination of all Meet committees or subcommittees, determines that a certificate of insurance for liability coverage is in force from the insurance carrier provided by the National Club, obtains funds from the National POC Treasurer to defray award/dash plaques expenditures, advises the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Region on all issues, prepares banquet format and program agenda, makes contractual arrangements with the host hotel for meeting rooms, banquet rooms, and blocking of hotel room space. Additionally, this person approves committee members, agenda, expenditures, and makes final decisions during the planning phase and during the Meet.

The Registration Committee must develop an official registration form, preferably using a computer database, with the following information: registration number, name of attendees, city, state, and region of attendee, car judging class, car model year and body style, parking space assignment number, would volunteer to be a judge, would work near the hospitality room with attendees, would correspond by mail, email, and phone with attendees to resolve any problems; receive fees charged from attendees and mailed registration forms; work with advertising and promotion on event tickets and badges, send return registration acknowledgements. This committee must provide a packet of materials to all upon arriving who pre-register, which outlines the specific schedule with times (such as tour events, social gatherings, judging, and the awards banquet) of activities for the entire Meet; forward registration funds to the Region Treasurer after recording information; dispense event tickets and other items; help in the arranging of a swap meet (if held) in the vicinity of the hotel; assigns a registration number and class to each vehicle registered to be judged; distribute goodie bags; prepare tickets for special events and tours.

The Advertising/Publicity/Promotion/Public Relations Committee must develop art copy for flyers and registration materials; develop event

programs with the event coordinator to be included in packet materials; advise the National Club about publicity for the Meet; write articles for the Plymouth Bulletin; keep other Regional Plymouth Clubs informed about the Meet as well as local newspapers and other car publications; work to gather promotional and display items; work with the Club historian for display of Plymouth memorabilia; coordinate with other committees on event photo opportunities; develop and design a t-shirt with a logo for the Meet; work with the photo committee on still pictures and/or video of the Meet; obtain the Club store's assistance to offer Plymouth Owners Club items for sale at the Meet hotel.

The Judging Committee coordinates with the National Judging Director to obtain a master copy of the most recent Judging Guidelines and Judging Sheets for reproduction to be used at your Meet; acquires auditors, runners, tally persons; makes available the appropriate Judging Guide and Worksheets; secures the awards, trophies, and plaques to be presented at the awards banquet; prepares the final award report; coordinates with the National Technical Director to assemble a judging staff for each class and year group, and on pre-Meet issues affecting judging; is responsible for required judging supplies, such as clipboards, office supplies, and calculators; coordinates with the hospitality committee for the judges' luncheon after Saturday judging is complete; arranges facilities for judging due to inclement weather. We strongly discourage the use of computers to tally the judging scores. We have had better results doing it manually.

The Banquet Committee works with the hotel staff on physical layout of the banquet room; coordinates with the hotel staff and the photo committee for all A/V resources (lectern, microphone, viewing screens, sound system); works out seating arrangements for 150 or more people to include a head table; coordinates with hotel staff for special needs of attendees and with the Photo Committee for availability and placement of A/V equipment at the awards banquet; works out a plan for a pre-banquet cash bar; selects the table decorations. This is the capstone

event of the Meet and must be given special consideration as it must be conducted in a professional manner, recognizing all achievements fairly, be planned and scripted and adhered to established timelines. All Regions attending will be at this event. The Meet Chairperson or designee is usually the MC of the event. Also, it is customary to have an after-dinner guest speaker address the group. All National Officers & Directors in attendance should be recognized and the National President will preside over the awards presentations. You will need a program of the evening's events at each place at the table for reference.

The Hospitality Room Committee works with the Banquet Committee on selection of refreshments and food items for the hospitality room, which should be on the lobby level of the hotel; determines the hours that this room will be staffed; decorates and configures the space in the room to accommodate the flow of registrants and for display items. The idea here is to set a general atmosphere of good will for all participants. The hospitality room inside the hotel will be the first point of contact by arriving guests so it will have to be staffed adequately and inviting to all. It is recommended the room be open from morning through the evening.

The Photography Committee conducts official photo coverage of the Meet to include pre-event and formal judging day photos; takes formal photos of each registered Plymouth to be provided to the editor of the Plymouth Bulletin after the Meet; uses selected photos taken during the Meet throughout the banquet; designates photographers to specific photo tasks; plans the documentation using media of the entire Meet for future reference; photographs tours to the various sites; captures and documents low profile and "as things happen" events throughout the Meet; plans and carries out the evening awards banquet photo presentation.

The Finance/Budget Committee establishes guidelines for committee spending; receives Meet registration fees, national funds requested, fundraising monies, and gifts from local sponsors; prepares, manages,

and directs the Club's budget for the Meet; maintains contact with the National Treasurer for guidance and support funding; deposits all monies received and pay all bills approved by the Meet Chairperson; solicits sponsorship for hospitality room food, refreshments, door prizes, raffles, and other event costs; establishes and maintains accountable reporting of Meet expenses.

The Parking Committee reserves parking by assigned space for display of all Plymouths at the Meet; arranges the car show field with adequate spacing for each Plymouth; determines adequate overnight security needs for all parking areas; manages the flow of traffic for normal usage of the parking area with a minimum of obstruction; organizes all Plymouths by category and class; coordinates the formal photo session on Saturday morning prior to the car show; ensures that fire extinguishers are with each vehicle; maintains the integrity of the show field at all times. Provision must be made for a car wash/cleanup area with the host hotel; adequate space is needed for trailers/trucks aside from show cars and vendors if you plan a swap meet; visible signage and markers should be devised and prominently displayed; safety is paramount.

The Events Committee creates plans, organizes and manages tours and bus trips in the local area through area convention and tourist bureaus; secures bus transportation with a local vendor; publicizes events and coordinates any public transportation needs; sets the event schedule well in advance for publication.

The Awards Committee determines the number of trophies and dash plaques required for the Meet; procures and/or fabricates award trophies; arranges for procedures of awarding during the Saturday evening banquet.

The Fundraising/Door Prize Committee solicits contributions from local merchants, Chamber of Commerce, and vendors; solicits and procures

merchandise for goodie bags and banquet door prizes.

The Swap Meet Committee selects the area and arranges for swap meet vendor locations and times and coordinates this info with the Events Committee. It is also customary for members to sell items from the trunks of their car, so do not schedule the swap meet on the same day of judging.

All of the above committees are only a suggestion. Be sure to suit your own needs. All committees should prepare an operating budget for Meet expenditures. Some considerations for budgeting should be made, but not limited to the following: awards trophy, any Friday night entertainment planned, advertising, photography supplies, printing, program and flyers, banners, raffle and door prizes, table decorations, food/refreshment, judges luncheon, night security for parking lots, name tags and badges, A/V equipment rental costs, office supplies, publicity, apparel design, travel associated with pre-Meet activities, food, and entertainment.

In the final analysis, the Meet Coordinator pulls it all together and gets to see the National and Region shine for a short time while Plymouth people come to your location and enjoy each other and your hospitality.

Getting the most from your members - The care of your members who will do the brunt of the heavy lifting in this effort is foremost. You need a strong leader to keep everyone on task; but, in order to succeed, you have to delegate a lot more responsibility and trust your people to get it done the way you want it done. This will take all your organizational skills and then even more as deadlines arrive and the Meet is upon you. Only you can know what will motivate the group and each individual to get the most from the effort.

Care and feeding of your guests - Resolve early on that all of what you are doing is to make a good first impression on all arriving for your

Meet. Many have been to previous POC gatherings like yours and will make comparisons based on their experiences. You will have to anticipate that each member attending will want to be treated as they have been accustomed to in past Meets and will look to you to as a group to function smoothly and without rancor among your members. Tempers can fray in these events if attention is not given to the golden rule in all that you are doing. It is just common sense. Don't lose sight of the fact that all of your visitors are there with you to have fun. Don't make it any less than that.

These are the questions that most impact the Meet you want to hold, and the questions should be reviewed because every Plymouth person that travels to your meet will ask these same things after the fact:

1. How would you rate the registration process?
2. How informative was the web site?
3. How would you rate the check-in process?
4. Were you satisfied with the event location? Host hotel?
5. Did you like scheduled activities?
6. How would you rate the car show?
7. How would you rate the judging process?
8. Did you like having a raffle/door prizes/goodie bags?
9. How would you rate the banquet?
10. How would you rate the trophies awarded at the banquet?

## **APPENDIX 1**

Photographing Plymouths and their people - Photography at the Meet will be edited as a professional product, and this record will serve as the official coverage of the Meet. All of this material will be archived for continuity in the Club's official records. All camera-ready copy will be forwarded in a format acceptable to the editor of the Plymouth Bulletin. A multi-faceted digital system will be needed to cover the event completely. A professional quality of photography is required to ensure

the necessary coverage.

**Functions needing volunteers (in no particular order):**

Chairperson

Tour Coordinator and activities

Program books (for Awards Banquet/Schedule of Events)

T-shirt design

Banquet Coordinator/table decorations

MC for banquet

Slogan for Meet

Registration activities (at hotel check-in/pre-registration by mail)

Goodie bag/freebies

Trophies/dash plaques

Judging (request for judges on the registration forms)

Runners and people to tally judging sheets

Raffle/door prizes

Hospitality/refreshments

Club store

Still photos/official photos at car show/videos

Sound system

Sunday AM breakfast

Publicity for Meet

50/50 drawing

Name tags for registrants

National banner/Club banners

Traveling trophies (Mayflower Award)

Parking activities/security

**APPENDIX 2**

Odds and ends about judging - Plan for a judges meeting on Friday night in the host hotel at a reasonable time for attendance. DO NOT schedule conflicting events at this time. It usually follows the general

membership meeting, which should be kept separate. Judging is based on factory original condition as defined by the Technical Director and noted in the Bylaws. The maximum score for a judged Plymouth at a Meet is 400 points. The minimum score for First Place is 360 points. The minimum score for second place is 340 points. The minimum score for Third Place is 300 points.

All judging takes place in the designated area and strictly in accordance with National Judging Guidelines using officially sanctioned Judging Sheets for all cars registered by Group and Class. All vehicles to be judged must have a fire extinguisher on display in the Plymouth.

Awards will be in the form of a trophy/plaque provided by the host club. Additional awards will be made for Best of Group in Group One, Two, Three and Four. Minimum points for Best of Group are 368 points. Awards will be made for Senior Class for First, Second, and Third Place. Senior class is defined as a previous Meet winner in First Place in the past five years.

Awards will be made for each class in each group with a First, Second, and Third Place winner. Duplicate awards will be given in the event there is an actual tie. Decisions made by the judging team are final.

## **Technical Stuff**

### **JUDGING AT PLYMOUTH OWNERS CLUB MEETS BY EARL C. BUTON, JR. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

Given the fact that the Club exists for the primary purpose of accurately preserving the Plymouth automobile, it is important that the formal evaluation of the cars be an activity that is taken seriously with a consistent approach to the entire process, regardless of Group or Class. It is equally important for members to have a proper awareness of what is correct for the Year and Model of their Plymouth and that the information they have used or will use to restore their car is accurate and

validated--hence the reason for Technical Advisors and technical articles in the Bulletin.

Therefore, it has been suggested by many of the Officers & Directors that a series of articles on judging should be included in the Bulletin and this is the first of that series. We will get many of the Technical Advisors to discuss as simply as possible what they consider authentic when they judge or advise a member on their car.

It is unwise to assume that a car purported to be in 'original' condition, truly is an accurate representation after 40 or 60 years and two or three owners. Therefore, it makes sense to understand a good bit about the car even before you make the purchase so as not to pay a premium for a car that may not meet the standard in "original condition" as advertised. Validating technical information is what your Technical Advisor is for, and it is strongly suggested you make good use of that resource.

Another great resource is your Plymouth Bulletin with over 48 years worth of POC Bulletins. It is a sure bet that at least one technical article has been written about your Plymouth if it was built before 1960. A number of articles is beginning to appear about the cars of the sixties, particularly the Valiant, Barracuda, and Road Runner. There are normally a fair number of extra copies of these Bulletins available from the Plymouth Store at a nominal fee.

Knowing your car is a great benefit to you as it will save you time and money in the long run by being able to identify what requires correction and making that correction once and doing it right. Regardless of how beautiful a restoration might be, the key to winning at a Plymouth Meet lies beyond the shine of the paint and chrome; rather, it resides in the care in which the car was restored taking into consideration, first, and foremost, what is correct versus what is felt or believed to be correct? Often, building a car the way we want it to be is the cause for the loss of points because the focus is no longer on the technical aspect of

restoration, it is on the emotional aspect of restoration.

Members are not required to have their car judged; but if the member chooses to have their car formally evaluated by the Club, the first thing they must understand is that judging of their car will be accomplished by seven groups of fellow members (2) who will do their best to judge by the Judging Guide provided for the Senior Judge of each Group and their best knowledge of the Plymouth in question. While this is not a perfect system, it is the system we employ having made the best use of the resources we have available. We are always looking to improve the accuracy of the Guide and rely on members and the Tech Advisors to communicate what is learned as new datum is discovered which may alter what was previously believed to be true or to be only one way.

Additionally, members are required to prove their Plymouths are as delivered from the factory dealer. Notice I did not say factory assembly line. Many dealers used vintage accessories that may have had a larger profit, such as radios, etc. In any case, vintage is the operative word. Judging groups are made up of a Judging Supervisor, a Senior Judge, and a Junior Judge, each with a specific job to perform.

Judging Supervisors - As the Club expanded, it was beyond my library and knowledge to answer all technical questions concerning all Plymouths, so our Board set up Groups I, II, III and IV.

Senior and a Junior Judge - The Senior Judge has the ultimate responsibility to assure that a car is properly evaluated using a consistent formula for the application or deduction of points for each car judged. They are also responsible to assure the proper completion of the judging sheet, typically filled out by the Junior Judge at the direction of the Senior Judge, and to see to it that all judging sheets are turned in to the tally room on a timely basis.

The Junior Judge does not have to be knowledgeable in all aspects and

frequently is not. The purpose of the Junior Judge is to learn from the Senior Judge everything about that Group or Class to assure a proper and consistent evaluation of that group or class.

Remember, the judging group is made up of members of this Club because no one knows Plymouths better than our membership, thus no one is better qualified to assess their quality than our Club members.

As the Technical Director, it is my responsibility to assure there is a sufficient number of Senior Judges and Junior Judges for each Meet. The Judging Guides are many pages long and not all judges study them completely -- and yes, I get one or two members complaining they were judged improperly. In some cases, that was true; and sometimes it will reoccur at successive Meets. If that is the case for your car and if the point of authenticity is continually a problem, put a copy of proof in the car just before judging so judges can study that point as it serves no useful purpose to yell at the Judging Supervisors or at me because it does not get corrected.

To review how your Plymouth was evaluated requires you to secure your judging sheets. The actual judging sheets are not available to the members until two weeks after the Meet and only if requested by the member from the National President.

If you have a special request for a technical article, please drop a note to the editor or to me; and we will do what we can to see that it is written and published in a future bulletin.

**SOME OTHER FACTS ABOUT JUDGING  
BY JOE SUMINSKI  
DIRECTOR OF JUDGING**

The Plymouth Owners Club is over 50 years old and still has some of the same questions as it did from day one. Many of them center on

judging. Most of the phone calls received from members ask about restoration. The purpose of the Club is to encourage the use, preservation and AUTHENTIC restoration of our cars and trucks. The key word is AUTHENTIC. It is advised to restore your car to the condition it was when it was driven out of the dealer's showroom; but, it is your car, and we cannot tell you what to do with your car. If you choose not to restore your car to the original condition, you must be prepared to lose points under our judging criteria. If your early Plymouth did not come with overdrive and you decide to put it on anyway, be prepared to lose points. Contact the Technical Advisor for your particular year listed in the front of the Bulletin with your questions. Classes have been constructed for all Plymouths ever built. Some members are also confused about the way trophies are awarded. A First, Second, and Third Place trophy is given in each Class, plus a Senior Class. Plus, there is a Best of Group trophy for Group I, II, III, and IV, a Hard Luck and Longest Distance antique Plymouth that is driven to the Meet. Only true ties may also be awarded a trophy. There is also a Traveling Trophy called the Mayflower Award that is supplied by the National Club for the best four-door sedan. The Regions will be instructed that they must follow this practice. You must achieve more than 300 points to qualify for a trophy, but only the first three cars in each class will be awarded a trophy. It is not feasible to give all cars that score more than 300 points a trophy.

We also have the task of recruiting judges whenever there is a National Meet. Your help is needed if we want to continue to have judging at our Meets. It is not difficult to be a judge. It is a learning experience, and it is a lot of fun; plus, you get to meet new members. We always pair our newcomers with an experienced judge. Please step up because we are always in need of judges.

A master copy of the current Judging Guides and Judging Sheets are available on the Club's website. You can also obtain an electronic version from the Director of Judging. The Host region must provide all copies that is required for the judging field.