

# David & Francis Helms Presented The 2009 Robert A. Laedlein Memorial Award



**David & Francis Helms  
are presented the  
Laedlein Award by  
Mel Carson,  
Executive Director,  
during the Region  
Christmas Party on  
December 8, 2009.**

**David & Francis Helms**, the recipients of the Laedlein Award for 2009 have long supported the Hornets Nest Region and the Antique Automobile Club of America. They have contributed greatly to the antique car hobby through their participation and attendance at Regional and National Meets and activities.

They have diligently supported the Hornets Nest Region and its members for more than twenty-six years.

They have hosted Region activities at their home, allowing members to view their collection of historical memorabilia and creating a day of fun for everyone.

They have been hard-working and loyal supporters of the Region's work with Charlotte AutoFair and have put many hours into making it successful over the years.

The Hornets Nest Region is pleased to present the Robert A. Laedlein Memorial Award for 2009 to David & Francis Helms.

The 2009 Award Committee consists of President John Boles, Executive Vice President Barron Wright and Executive Director Mel Carson.

## History of the Robert A. Laedlein Memorial Award

On September 1, 1997, Robert A Laedlein, a long time member of AACA and the Hornets Nest Region, AACA, passed away suddenly. Bob joined the Hornets Nest Region in 1982 and he was past president of the Region, and served on the Board and with Charlotte AutoFair. Bob was also very active in AACA, having served as National AACA Judges Training Director for several years.

In 2000, the Region Board of Directors approved Jim & Sharon Raines' request to establish an Award in memory of Bob Laedlein that would be presented annually. Jim & Sharon donated a memorial cup, which is retained in the Hornets Nest Region Office, and is engraved each year with the Award recipient's names.

The Robert A. Laedlein Memorial Award is presented to an HNR Member couple who make significant contributions in some facet of the regional and/or national level in areas such as judging, activities, event attendance, meet participation or general contribution in all aspects of the Antique Automobile Club of America and preservation of our historic vehicles.

The Award was first presented in December 2000. The first Award recipients were Sonny & Norma Sain in 2000; those that followed are: Hollis & Marilyn Henderson in 2001; Layton & Margie Duncan in 2002; Mickey & Patt Moore in 2003; Dennis & Janis Carpenter in 2004; Bill & Roberta Garrett in 2005; Mel & Shirley Carson in 2006; Ken & Frances Rogers in 2007; John & Bonnie Vaughan in 2008.

*Reported by Mel Carson.*