

The MARC and MAFCA Judging Standards Committees (JSC) are continually reviewing the *Guidelines* to assure that they are correct and clearly written. The JUDGING CODE OF ETHICS on page 3 of the *Guidelines* contained a paragraph that was not as clear as it could be. The JSC has revised the paragraph which hopefully will make the meaning clearer. This clarification does not change any of the specific areas in the *Guidelines*. It was done to better inform judges on the correct procedure to judge a vehicle. The JSC encourages all MAFCA members to send any *Guidelines* corrections or questions to the JSC email jsc@mafca.com.

OLD TEXT

In the past, judges may have used their technical knowledge of specific items that were not included in the *Guidelines* available at the time a vehicle was judged. Individual judges must not use their own ideas, knowledge (except as noted below), interpretations and/or opinions as this puts the owner at a disadvantage when his vehicle is judged against information not in the *Guidelines*. This practice shall be discontinued.

NEW TEXT

Experienced judges know that when they are judging a vehicle, there are judging details that are not or cannot be fully covered in the *Guidelines*. Judges do not have the latitude to interpret what is correct or incorrect based on their experiences. If the *Guidelines* are missing information or are vague or lack clarity, the vehicle should be given the benefit of the doubt on points awarded in those areas. To do anything else would introduce a bias in that judging area, possibly penalizing a vehicle.

When judging original vehicles, judges have an opportunity to acquire knowledge that may serve to compliment what is in the *Guidelines*. Again, this information normally cannot be taken into consideration if it contradicts the information in the *Guidelines*. If there are differences amongst area judges on the validity of this information, the vehicle should be given the benefit of the doubt on points awarded. Any other ideas, knowledge, interpretations and/or opinions must not be used when judging a vehicle.