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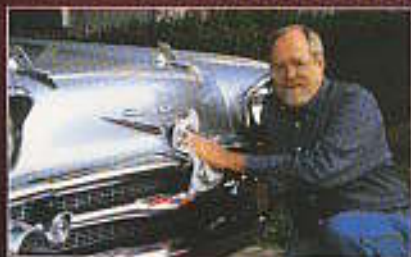
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CASTROL® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INSPIRES & RECOGNIZES YOUNG CAR LOVERS

Americans have a lasting-love affair with the automobile, yet there remains a growing need for qualified men and women to service the vehicles we love.

Responding to this need, Castrol® SYNTEC® recently announced the launch of the 2005 Castrol SYNTEC Outperformers Scholarship Program, a nationwide search that encourages young car enthusiasts to take interest and pursue careers in the automotive service and repair industry, while rewarding them for their passion, hard work and ambition.

This year, Castrol has partnered with Funkmaster Flex, the most-listened-to DJ in the New York area and host of "Ride with Funkmaster Flex" and "Funkmaster Flex Super Series," both auto-performance-inspiring shows airing on Spike TV. The selected national Castrol SYNTEC Outperformer will earn a career-igniting apprenticeship at Flex's Team Baurtwell Body Shop.

The 2005 Castrol SYNTEC Outperformer Scholarship program began March 1, 2005, and continues until June 15, 2005. During that time, young men and women ages 16 to 25 can log on to www.syntecoutperformers.com, complete a special educational curriculum about synthetic oils and answer a series of short-answer questions surrounding the topic of automotive service and passion for cars.

The one regional winner who "outperforms" the others will receive the apprenticeship with Funkmaster Flex, as well as a \$7,500 scholarship to attend a racing, high-performance or automotive education program to build upon their passion for vehicle performance and automotive service knowledge. There are several prizes for regional Outperformers as well.

This year's program also involves teachers and school guidance counselors. The automotive instructor or school guidance counselor who encourages the most students to enter the 2005 program will receive a similar prize package as the regional winners, as well as a Castrol SYNTEC racing jacket and 50 cases of Castrol SYNTEC motor oil for school use.

The national and regional winners, and winning instructor or guidance counselor will be announced in August 2005 in conjunction with the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals.

To find out more about Castrol products and programs, please call 1-888-CASTROL or log on to www.castrol.com/us.

RAMPBOSS: An Attitude Adjustment For Vehicle Presentation

Pty. Ltd., an Australian-based firm awards an exclusive intellectual property license agreement to Michigan-based Kayleigh Corporation to arrange for manufacture, marketing and sales of its patented display ramp technology throughout America. Kayleigh Corporation has agreed to do business as RAMPBOSS-USA and debuted its first product, the "V1", at the 53rd Annual Detroit Auto Rama Custom Auto Show at Cobo Convention Center March 4, 5, and 6, 2005.

The V1 is not simply another drive-on car ramp. It is an innovative modular display assembly combining unsurpassed mechanical functionality with a unique ability to be easily deployed to support a wide-variety of promotional situations. The V1 has no restrictions presently found among all other existing vehicle ramp products on the market today. Comparatively, the V1 can be maneuvered after a vehicle is mounted to exhibit a multitude of tilts, twists, and viewing angles unachieved by a wide assortment of similar and rustic angle iron ramps presenting a single stance.

RAMPBOSS-USA Senior Partner G. Todd Stoney, who is partly responsible for elevating the new display said, "We believe the V-1 to be a viable product with retail auto dealers for the abundance of presentation choices available in a single piece of equipment. The twin ramp beams operate independently, and can adjust each wheel to different heights to present a vehicle in very interesting ways."



THE CAR AS ART

For years, a lucky few have been given glimpses of the billionaire designer Ralph Lauren's famous stable of exotic and extremely rare cars. Among the highlights are the astonishingly gorgeous 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe, arguably the most impressive car in the collection, and the Art Nouveau, somewhat predatory, 1930 Mercedes-Benz "Count Trossi" SSK, with its distinctive aerodynamic pontoon fenders, long and low bonnet and tapered tail.

These cars, and other masterpieces from Lauren's collection, will be on display at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts from March 6 to July 3, 2005, in an exhibit entitled *Speed, Style and Beauty: Cars from the Ralph Lauren Collection*. Some of them may be familiar to sharp-eyed viewers from some of Lauren's past ad campaigns, but nothing compares to seeing these brilliant machines up close.