



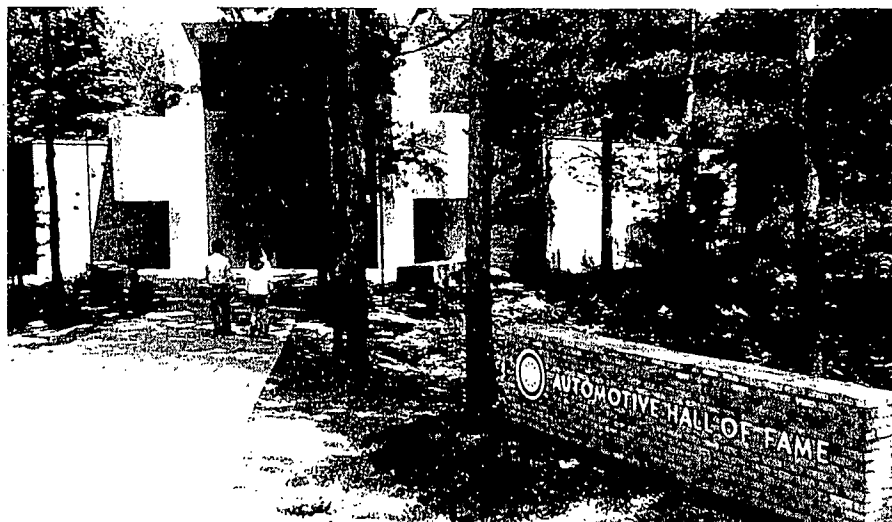
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AOT BECOMES AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME, INC.



To more fully recognize the purposes of the organization, directors of the Automotive Organization Team (AOT) have voted to restructure the organization and change its name to Automotive Hall of Fame, Incorporated.

The AOT was founded in 1939 as "Automotive Old Timers." A non-profit association, it was founded for the purpose of honoring people who have made significant contributions to the automotive industry. One of its goals was to erect an automotive industry Hall of Fame where memorabilia of industry leaders could be displayed to keep their history alive.

The AOT Hall of fame was constructed in Midland, Michigan in 1976

on the campus of Northwood Institute. The modern facility now houses exhibits memorializing 57 Hall of Fame electees and contains award plaques recognizing the contributions to the industry of over 249 recipients of Distinguished Service Awards. A new program introduced in 1980 — the Young Leadership and Excellence Awards — honors newcomers to the industry for their outstanding efforts.

In addition, the facility houses an industry library containing a wide range of early trade periodicals. Historians, writers, researchers, automotive students and others find the library of significant importance, especially for the history of the industry and its people.

A truly unique organization, the Automotive Hall of Fame plans to expand the current building to more than double its present size. This will allow more recipients to be honored from all segments of the industry, including car and truck manufacturing, parts and service, marketing, inventors, designers and many other categories. In addition, a climate-controlled library for rare collections will be part of the expanded facilities.

Future plans also include increasing the number of local AOT councils as well as the establishment of a 25-Year Club and a Golden Old Timers Association for those who have been in the industry for 50 years or more. "We plan to provide a forum in several major cities around the country where . . . people can gather once or twice a year to renew friendships and honor those who have served and are serving," said Drex Minshall, chairman of the Hall of Fame. Currently, councils exist in New Jersey, Florida and Michigan.

(For additional information on the Automotive Hall of Fame, write to: Dorothy Ross, president, AOT, P.O. Box 1742, Midland, MI 48640.)

NEW NAPA DISTRIBUTION CENTER OPENS IN PENNSYLVANIA

To better serve NAPA Jobbers, the Quaker City Motor Parts Company of Middletown, Delaware has opened a new NAPA Distribution Center.

The new NAPA Carlisle Distribution Center, located in New Kingstown, Pennsylvania, was officially opened for business on November 30, 1981.

Gabe Hildebrand, former general manager at the NAPA Wind Gap Distribution Center, has been named general manager for the new operation.

With the addition of the new NAPA Carlisle facility, NAPA now offers 72 distribution centers throughout the country to service NAPA Jobbers.

STARTING YOUNG

7½ month old Waylon Wayne Shell sure looks excited about NAPA's 1982 programs! Waylon is the son of Mike and Caren Shell and the grandson of Wayne "Pee Wee" Shell, who has operated S&K Auto Parts of Athens, Tennessee for 20 years.

