

The Sprite Midget Race Series started 2 special awards after 2 special Spridget Racers that inspired us. The following awards are highly regarded and honor to be chosen from their peers for these awards.rop

Gary Kropf Spirit Award (started in 2015 in honor of Gary’s attitude that we all admire). This Huge piston award was donated by Paul Fitzsimmons and polished up with name tags by Charlie Hall’s vision of this spirit award.

- a. Criteria: Promotes the Vintage Spirit, Assists others within the paddock, with repairs, parts, advice and encourages racer in making next session. Quick to organize group activities with race and banquet. Volunteers with other VSCDA activities and committees.

Race Season	Honorees
2015	John Salisbury
2016	Jim Donato, John Salisbury
2017	Don Kelly, Ron Soave, Stan Mason
2018	Gary Kropf, John Salisbury, Charlie Hall
2019	Doug Bruce
2020	Covid 19 no award

Jim Donato Most Respected Driver (started in 2016 in honor of Jim’s contribution and example of a great respected driver)

- 2. Criteria: A driver that exemplifies the meaning of a Vintage Sports Car Most Respected Driver includes:

Predictable (Stays on racing line and points racers by when being passed or when passing. Makes sure that over taking driver knows they are about to be passed and allows room and good judgement),

Confident & Observant (Uses mirrors and is aware of others racing nearby)

Respectful (Confirms that their race car is mechanically sound and will not cause others to be injured from improper maintenance. Can sit down with other competitors and enjoy their company after any session)

Objective (open to other’s comments) Drives Defensively (adjusts for conditions safely regardless of other driver’s interaction).

Race Season	Honorees
2016	Jim Donato
2017	Mal Fay
2018	Ashley Burress
2019	Buzz Merchlewitz
2020	Covid 19 no award
2021	TBD