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New England Motor Press Association Announces 2018 Winter Vehicle Awards and Ragtop Awards

Cambridge, MA (May 31, 2018) – The New England Motor Press Association recently honored excellence in the automotive industry during its annual awards dinner held at the MIT Media Lab.

"NEMPA members have a point of view that is shaped by the weather, road conditions and terrain unlike any other market in the country," said NEMPA President John Paul. "Our Winter Vehicle and Ragtop Awards are won by those vehicles that prove their ability and agility in some of the toughest driving conditions and in one of the most densely populated and geographically distinct regions in America."

2018 Winter Vehicle Awards

NEMPA Official Winter Vehicle of the Year: SUV Category: Dodge Durango / Sedan Category: Kia Stinger

NEMPA Best in Class Sub-Compact SUV: Honda HR-V

NEMPA Best in Class Compact SUV: Mazda CX-5

NEMPA Best in Class Mid-Size SUV: Hyundai Santa-Fe

NEMPA Best in Class Large SUV: Lincoln Navigator

NEMPA Yankee Value Award: Subaru Brand

NEMPA Best in Class Luxury Coupe/Sedan/Wagon: Audi A4 allroad

NEMPA Best in Class Mid-Size Luxury Sedan/Coupe: BMW 640i xDrive Gran Coupe

NEMPA Best in Class Full-Size Luxury Sedan (TIE): Volvo S90 and Genesis G90

NEMPA Best in Class Luxury Compact SUV: Jaguar F-PACE

NEMPA Best in Class Luxury Mid-Size SUV: Acura MDX

NEMPA Best in Class Full-Size SUV: Infiniti QX80

NEMPA Best in Class Pickup Truck: RAM 1500

NEMPA Best in Class Green Vehicle Hybrid or PHEV: Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV

NEMPA Green Car of the Year: Hyundai Kona

NEMPA Heritage Award: Jeep Wrangler

NEMPA Extreme Vehicle Award: Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk

2018 Ragtop Awards

NEMPA Best in Class Convertible (Priced Under \$30,000): Volkswagen Beetle

NEMPA Best in Class Convertible (Priced Over \$30,000): Mazda MX-5 Miata RF

NEMPA Best in Class Premium Convertible: Jaguar F-TYPE

More than 100 journalists and industry professionals gathered for the award presentation. Wayne Carini, host of *Chasing Classic Cars*, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The New England Motor Press Association was founded in 1987 to coordinate professional media coverage of the auto industry in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, whose 14.5 million citizens have unique demographics and automotive preferences. NEMPA's media members appear on network and cable TV, on the Internet and radio, and in regional and national newspapers and magazines. For more information visit www.nempa.org.

NEMPA members also participate in Press Day at the New England International Auto Show is the region's largest new vehicle automobile show, as well as one of the nation's oldest and longest-running automotive industry shows. The event is presented by the Massachusetts State Automobile Dealers Association and produced by Paragon Group. More information can be found at BostonAutoShow.com.

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