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Trio of SCRS Charter Members Inducted into Nebraska Autobody Association Hall of Fame

Prosser, Washington, June 8, 2005 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is pleased to announce the induction of three of its charter members into the Nebraska Autobody Association (NABA) Hall of Fame—Bob and Patricia Hancock and Don Peers.

NABA, a SCRS Affiliate Association, created the Hall of Fame in 2001 to honor individuals from the state who have made significant contributions to the collision repair industry. Each of the three inductees has a long and distinguished record of service, in many cases blazing the trail for the industry's growth as a profession.

Bob Hancock is a charter member of both NABA and SCRS. He and his wife, Patricia, established Bob's Body Shop in Grand Island in 1969. Bob has been an active presence in the local and national trade ever since, including terms as NABA President and on the SCRS Board of Directors (1985-87).

Bob's other achievements include his role as NABA historian, his term as SCRS Membership Chairman and his co-reception of the Gold Class Recognition Award from NABA. In 1992, he traveled to the USSR as a delegate of SCRS. "NABA is proud to recognize Bob for his contributions," says NABA Executive Director Norbert Zaenglein. "The industry and its members have benefited immensely from his enthusiastic spirit, and will most certainly continue to benefit as we move forward together."

Pat Hancock gave up a career as a math teacher 36 years ago to help her husband Bob build his collision repair business. She hasn't looked back since. During the course of her nearly four decades of industry involvement, Pat has been a driving force in the area of industry education, authoring and co-authoring various management seminars in the industry's formative years. Additionally, she has served as a contributing editor for *Autobody News*, held the office of NABA Secretary (1981-83) and was actively involved in organizing and co-chairing several successful NABA conventions. She traveled to Russia with her husband Bob on behalf of SCRS and the industry, and like him, received a Gold Class Recognition Award from her peers in the state. Bob and Pat have also received an NABA Certificate of appreciation for their involvement in shaping the association's legislative efforts.

“When I first became involved in the collision repair industry, I admit I had to make quite an adjustment,” she says, “but in no time at all my fondness for the industry grew to where I considered it my second family. To be recognized as making a significant contribution by those so close to me is a very nice honor indeed.”

Don Peers’ love for cars began at the age of ten when he began building models in his parents’ basement. Twenty years later in 1975, with the help of his wife Jeanne and a \$1000 checkbook balance, he started AAA Automotive Collision Repair. Frustrated over the lack of available education in the trade, Don contacted the newly-formed Nebraska Autobody Association and before long found himself immersed in a successful effort to start an Omaha chapter.

Don has served as NABA President and Vice President. In 2001, with the help of Ivan Gilbert, he created the NABA Hall of Fame. As a SCRS member, he is an I-Car Hall of Fame inductee and the recipient of the National Autobody Council’s “Pride” award.

“When an honor comes from your fellow professionals, it’s especially gratifying,” states Peers. “The fact that it is an accomplished group like NABA makes the recognition doubly sweet.”

SCRS would like to take this opportunity to extend its congratulations to the honorees. “The Nebraska Autobody Association exemplifies the strength that SCRS draws from its affiliates,” says Tom Moreland, SCRS Chairman. “By bringing forward individuals of distinction like Bob, Pat and Don who make SCRS and the collision repair industry a better place, NABA proves on a daily basis that ‘Working Together Is the Most Important Work We Do.’”

The Nebraska Autobody Association is a statewide organization comprised of collision repair specialists—including body shops, auto body suppliers and auto body educational institutions—whose objectives are to promote professionalism in the art of collision repair and to establish goodwill in the motoring public. The association publishes a code of ethics to which it encourages all autobody repair professionals to adhere.

Through its direct members and 30 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 5,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including news releases is available at the SCRS web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address: info@scrs.com.

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