



Announcing New SAE Award!

Ralph K. Hillquist Lifetime Achievement Award

SAE International and the SAE Noise and Vibration Conference General Committee are pleased to announce the creation of an award to honor Ralph K. Hillquist, the founder of the SAE Noise and Vibration Conference.

Mr. Hillquist, who passed away in late 2008, was the driving force behind the Noise and Vibration Conference for more than two decades. From its early beginnings with a few people in a single room, the Conference has grown to a major event in automotive NVH with nearly 1,500 attendees. Mr. Hillquist was involved with all aspects of the Conference and served as mentor for many who continue to carry on the tradition. He was intimately involved with all aspects of the conference by presenting papers, continually pushing for greater quality, and encouraging others to participate.

The Ralph K. Hillquist Lifetime Achievement Award will recognize those individuals who have shown a continued contribution to ground vehicle NVH over a period of 15 years or more. Examples of significant contributions would include participating as an organizer in the SAE Noise and Vibration Conference, mentoring younger NVH professionals, a history of ground vehicle NVH publications of note, teaching seminars and other classes related to this topic, and leadership in SAE, commercial organizations, or other areas where vehicle NVH is a primary topic of concern. The award is intended to recognize not only the professional, but the personal qualities of the individual. He or she should be someone who is supportive of others in the profession and who has played a key role in the development of others in the field.

The Noise and Vibration Conference General Committee's goal is to raise \$25,000 for this endowment. The Ralph K. Hillquist Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the SAE Noise and Vibration meeting held every odd year. It is the Committee's intention that the first award will be presented at the SAE 2009 Noise and Vibration Conference.

To learn more about this award or to make a donation to the endowment, contact SAE Foundation at 1-248-273-4087.