

# TRENDS & TOPICS

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## November 12 Automotive Innovation Awards Gala



**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2014

**Time:** 5:00 Exhibit of Cars and Parts  
6:30 Gourmet Dinner  
7:00 Awards Presentation  
9:00 Afterglow Reception

**Location:** Burton Manor, Livonia, MI

**Registration:** [SPEIAGregistration.com](http://SPEIAGregistration.com)

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**Description:** SPE's *Automotive Innovation Awards* program is the oldest and largest competition of its kind in the the automotive and plastics industries. Dozens of teams made up of OEMs, tier suppliers, and polymer producers submit nominations describing their part, system, or complete vehicle module and why it merits the claim as the *Year's Most Innovative Use of Plastics*. The competition's most coveted prize - *the Grand Award* - is chosen from winners in the other categories. Funds raised from the event are used to support SPE educational efforts and technical seminars, which help to secure the role of plastics in the advancement of the automobile.

## Upcoming Detroit Section SPE Events

- **Monday, November 24** Detroit Section Board Meeting at ACC, Troy, MI
- **Monday, February 2** Detroit Section Board Meeting at ACC, Troy, MI
- **Monday, February 23** Meeting and Plant Tour at Intellicosting, Troy, MI
- **Monday, March 16** Mid-Michigan Community College, Harrison, MI
- **Monday, April 6** Detroit Section Board Meeting at ACC, Troy, MI
- **Friday, April 10** Material Auction and Dinner – MGM Grand, Detroit, MI
- **Tuesday, May 5** AutoEPCON – Troy Marriott, Troy, MI

For information about any of the above upcoming events or other activities, visit the Detroit Section website [spedetroit.org](http://spedetroit.org), or contact Karen Rhodes-Parker at our SPE Detroit Section office, tel: 248-244-8993 ext3, fax: 248-244-8925, email: [Karen@SPEdetroit.com](mailto:Karen@SPEdetroit.com).

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