

Congratulations

to Jay Steel and the Crew at
Taylor Engine, Whittier, CA.

Winners of the 2003 Machine Shop of the Year Award



The new winners, Taylor Engine, Whittier, CA. Back row, from left: Barbara Steel, Norman Vargas, Shane Hill, Jay Steel, Andrew deGrasse, Ron Homstad, Claude Graham, Vanessa Johnson. Front row, from left, Belle, Katiz.

As the oldest automotive machine shop in Southern California, Taylor Engine knows what it takes to survive and thrive. With a focus on custom engine rebuilding, owner Jay Steel says his shop's motto is "Antiques to Hardcore Racing." Taylor does about 60 Model A/B Ford four-cylinder engines a year, along with Buchetts, Duesenbergs, Blacks, Lycomings, Bugattis and Crane-Simplex engines, among others. In addition, the shop does block preparation and engine balancing for racing engine builders

Racing is nothing new to Taylor Engine. The shop was founded in 1947 by Nellie Taylor and John Ryan, two Southern California car club members who were setting dry lake bed speed records in their 1932 Mercury Roadsters. Together, they built winning motors for legends such as Mickey Thompson, Ak Miller and Calvin Rice, the winner of the first-ever NHRA Nationals in 1955. Today, the shop is still building race-winning Flathead Fords and other uncommon engines.

Engine Builder magazine is proud to introduce Taylor Engine as the 2003 Machine Shop of the Year, and encourages all machine shops to enter the contest next year. More information about the contest as well as a detailed profile of Taylor Engine will appear in an upcoming issue of this magazine.

