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Star Power

Canadian recyclers take home two of the ARA's highest honours.

Up until this year's ARA general convention in Indianapolis, no Canadian recycler had ever taken home any of the ARA's prestigious Star awards for auto recycling excellence, handed out every year at their convention. However, that all changed this year, as two of the five awards were won by Canadian recyclers.

David Gold of Standard Auto Wreckers in Scarborough, ON was named ARA member of the year for his tireless work and dedication toward the promotion of many of the ARA's core causes. Some of those causes included his work as head of the ARA e-commerce committee, where he was instrumental in helping to facilitate the development of their parts grading system. David says being selected as the 2006 ARA member of the year was a great honour.

"It's nice to be recognized by the industry for the volunteer work I have done," he says.

Not to be outdone, Logel's Auto Parts of Kitchener, ON was named the ARA's Certified Automotive Recycler (CAR) of the year. Logel's is both a Gold Star and CAR member.

Gold Seal and CAR members are automotive recycling facilities who have undergone inspections and, if necessary, renovations to their facilities and/or operations in order to meet strict standards of general business practices, environmental care and stewardship and a strong code of ethics on warranties, parts quality and customer satisfaction.

"Just knowing the quality of all the CAR members in this program it's truly a moment to reflect on, and to be the first Canadian Facility to receive this prestigious award means the world to us," said John Logel Jr. Co-owner of Logel's Auto Parts.