

Aligning the Elements

Three months of planning paid off for 56 members of the Element Owners Club that gathered in Columbus during their inaugural national meeting. Founder, Tom McAllister, began the Element Owners Club Web site to offer a forum for Element enthusiasts to talk and share information regarding their unique vehicles.

Owners from as far away as Texas, a 1,200 mile drive, make the trek to the East Liberty Auto Plant to see where it all came together. "Once I took a look at the Element, I had to have one," said Shawn Wright Element Owners club member from Houston, Texas.



McAllister, assisted by his wife Julie headed the requests of their online club members to arrange a national meeting of Element owners. Included in their agenda was a suggestion to "return to the mother ship," the East Liberty Auto Plant, the birthplace of their beloved vehicles.

Element owners spent an afternoon learning about the plant that produces these unique vehicles and touring the facility. The day's activities culminated in a tailgate party that featured some of the more unique vehicles on display for fellow owners and ELP associates to take a closer look.



"This has been an awesome first event," said Julie McAllister. "Honda marketed these vehicles to a younger demographic. As you can see from the members of our club, they missed the boat."

Many Elements on display were complete with vanity tags, custom paint jobs and decaling that made very "different" vehicles stand out even more.

"We are truly thankful to Honda for hosting us at the plant," said Tom. "I was amazed by the technology and precision of the manufacturing process."



ELP hosted Element Owners Club as part of their first national meeting.

8th Annual HAM Education Fair Coming in October!

Considering the possibility of earning a college degree or taking courses to learn new skills and increase your capabilities in your current or a future job at HAM?

Then attend the HAM Education Fair. Get informational materials and answers to your questions from college and university representatives.

This invitation is also extended to your spouse and dependents. So come and explore the opportunities that await you through higher and continuing education!

HAM Education Fair:

When:

Wednesday, October 5, 2005
HOO/Honda Hall 7:00 am – 4:30pm
Wednesday, October 12, 2005 ELP/
Cafeteria 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 19, 2005
AEP/Auditorium 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

Who:

HAM associate, spouse and dependents

What:

Representatives from colleges, and universities review their programs and educational opportunities with associates and family members.

HAM Educational Reimbursement information available.

WELLNESS Person of the Month



Darrin Banks

For more than 16 years, Darrin Banks has been an associate at Honda of America Mfg. and almost since his first day on the job he has also been a member of the associate wellness center.

"I lead an active lifestyle so when I was hired at Honda, it allowed me to continue my lifestyle through the use of the wellness center."

Blessed with a wife and three children, Banks has been inspired by them to remain active, and with the wellness center easily accessible, he has found that easy to do.

"I was impressed with the center, it's a top-notch facility," he said. "They offer different leagues and activities throughout the year. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of good people at the wellness center, the atmosphere is pleasant, people are friendly and the personal trainers are very helpful.

"Hopefully, as the years go on, I will continue to be active and stay fit."

**Popcorn
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door prizes!**