

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE AND CONCORSO

Photo: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance



Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
The 18th Fairway at Pebble Beach
Sunday, August 21, 2011

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance takes place on the third Sunday of August (and the rest of the Monterey events build around that). With August 1 on a Monday, this year's events run as late in the month as they ever do, with the Concours on Sunday, August 21.

Featured marques and classes for the 2011 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance have been determined, and the process of selecting 200 exquisite cars and motorcycles to compete on the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links should be complete as we go to press, following vetting of applications by the Selection Committee and a round of formal invitations.

"The success of everything we do really hinges on this one thing—selecting the best cars and motorcycles to compete," says Concours Chairman Sandra Button.

A major focus for the 61st annual Concours is the 125th anniversary of the automobile. In 1886, Karl Benz received the first patent for a gas-propelled car (the three-wheeled Benz Patent Motorwagen). Later that year, Gottlieb Daimler mounted an engine on a four-wheeled vehicle, and the automotive era had begun.

"It amazes me to realize that enthusiasts have gathered at Pebble Beach to celebrate automobiles for nearly half of the automobile's life," said Button.

The 2011 Pebble Beach Concours features: The creations of Benz and Daimler and their successors—notably, Mercedes and Mercedes-Benz. There are classes emphasizing style and technology, and one preservation class is devoted solely to these marques.

Early Rolls-Royce Silver Ghosts (1907–1919). Created in the Edwardian era and considered by many historians to be the most famous luxury cars ever made. These smooth, exceptionally reliable cars — often noted for their ghostlike, quiet ride — are among the most desirable collector vehicles in the world.

Stutz Centennial. Often called America's first sports car, a Stutz was entered in the 1911 Indy 500 and finished 11th, becoming known as "the car that made good in a day." The company's high performance Bearcats featured one of the first multivalve engines.

The Birth of the Ferrari 250 GTO. This Enzo Ferrari



Photo: Joe Sage

creation, engineered by Giotto Bizzarrini and designed by Sergio Scaglietti, dominated Grand Touring races in the early 1960s. A total of 39 Ferrari 250 GTOs were produced between 1962 and 1964, and they are often said to be Ferrari's crowning achievement.

Italian Motorcycles. The Concours will feature motorcycles for the third consecutive year, with the creations of Italian manufacturers like Ducati, MV Agusta, Moto Guzzi and others taking center stage in 2011.

The field opens to entrants at dawn on Sunday, August 21, and judging commences at 9:00 am. The event opens to spectators at 10:30 am, and awards are presented from 1:30-5:30 pm. For more information, visit www.pebblebeachconcours.net.

Concorso Italiano Laguna Seca Golf Ranch
Friday, August 19, 2011

On Friday, August 19, the beautiful grounds of the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey (on the Monterey-Salinas Highway, between the Monterey Airport and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca) will once again be home to Concorso Italiano. The event features as many as a thousand vehicles of Italian origin, in an atmosphere of easy browsing and enthusiast conversations, as well as food, music and art. Take everything ever made in Italy, from fashion to Ferraris, sprinkle it with some red wine, slather it in sunshine, and top it with elegance and fun, and you have Concorso Italiano.

The event includes categories for Italian cars and motorcycles, as well as non-Italian vehicles. This year's Centerpiece Display is a Celebration of Originals and Barn Finds, each of which will knock your socks off, both visually and with its story of survival and/or rediscovery. Ferrari, Maserati and Lamborghini are joined by Fiat, Lancia, Alfa Romeo and more. Of particular note are a Ferrari F50 supercar reunion and an homage to almost a decade of the Lamborghini Murciélago. Milestone celebrations abound: 40 years of DeTomaso Pantera, 45 years of Maserati Ghibli and 40 years of Maserati Bora.

Concorso Italiano runs on Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with plenty of well-organized parking on site. Those displaying cars will now be able to extend their departure time into the evening and even Saturday, which means smoother traffic flow for spectators on Friday. For more information, visit www.concorso.com. ■

HISTORIC RACES



Photo: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca
Friday-Sunday, August 19-21, 2011

Some 550 of the finest examples of automotive history, style, design and technology will fill the race paddock for 17 race groups at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, August 19-21. Now in its 37th year at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, the historic racing event is a cornerstone of the Monterey Classic Car Week.

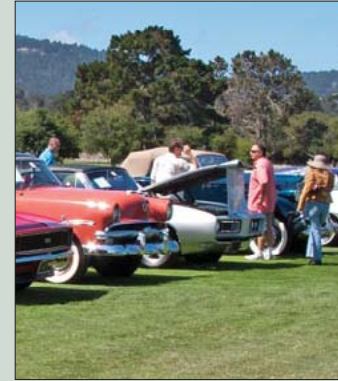
From pre-war machines like the 180-hp 1911 Fiat S74, which finished fourth in the 1911 American Grand Prix, to a mighty 1969 Lola T163 Can-Am car that boasts more than 800 hp, there will be a variety for fans to see and hear. Historical significance is a hallmark of the event and is exemplified by such cars as the 1954 Jaguar D-Type. One of the D-Types entered is a works (factory) car that Sir Stirling Moss and Peter Walker co-drove in the 1954 24 Hours of Le Mans and Reims. Another race car with significant provenance is a 1963 Ferrari 250/275P that was driven by John Surtees and Willy Mairesse, finishing first overall at the 1963 Nürburgring 1000 Kilometer endurance race.

Each car accepted has its own interesting history, which owners enthusiastically share with fans, who can tour the open race paddock. A strict set of criteria guides the Governing Committee in selecting from over 800 entry requests, based on period correctness of each car, authenticity and proven provenance. Equally important is that the car has not been mechanically altered from its original race condition.

Jaguar is the featured marque, as 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of one of the best-known automobiles of all time, the Jaguar E-Type. A number of special activities are planned to celebrate the E-Type's place in history, as well as honoring Jaguar's many motor racing accomplishments and famous drivers. Jaguar's American racing roots are firmly planted on the Monterey Peninsula—a 1950 win at the inaugural Pebble Beach Road Races was their first on American soil. 23-year-old American Phil Hill took the checkered flag.

Tickets, hospitality packages and reservations for general camping for the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion are available by calling 800-327-7322 or online at www.MazdaRaceway.com. ■

MONTEREY AND PEBBLE BEACH AUCTIONS



Photos: Joe Sage

Gooding & Company Pebble Beach Equestrian Center
Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21, 2011

Gooding & Company, the official auction house of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, holds its 2011 event on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center, at the corner of Portola Road and Stevenson Drive. Preview days run Wednesday through Sunday. The auctions start at 5:00 pm Saturday and 6:00 pm Sunday.

Gooding will be presenting "the most elegant American Classic ever created"—offered at public sale for the first time. A bespoke Duesenberg Long Wheelbase Model J, the Whittell Coupe was designed by Murphy Coach Builders under the direction of one of America's outlandish Roaring Twenties bad boys, Captain George Whittell Jr. Beautifully restored and boasting just 12,000 original miles, the automotive masterpiece captivates with its striking black, red and chrome livery. Purchased in 1931 for \$17,000, the Whittell Coupe is now considered to be one of the most extraordinary and valuable Duesenbergs in existence.

Gooding & Company's Pebble Beach catalogue is available for \$100 and admits two to the viewing and the auctions. General admission tickets to the viewing and auctions may be purchased on site for \$40. Auctions are broadcast live on www.goodingco.com/auction. More information is available at www.goodingco.com or by calling 310-899-1960. For more vehicle information and up-to-the-minute results, follow Gooding & Company on Facebook, or on Twitter @GoodingCompany.

Mecum Auction Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course
Thursday-Saturday, August 18-20, 2011

Mecum Auction, headquartered in Illinois and known for events every couple of weeks in the Midwest, presents their third year in the rarified atmosphere of Monterey. In their first year, they offered the famous Championship 1965 Daytona Cobra Coupe CSX 2601, which Bob Bondurant had recently driven for the first time since his races in it 40 years earlier, at the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving track at Firebird International Raceway. Its next stop was at Mecum's inaugural

Monterey auction, where it bid to \$7.25 million—a new record for an American car at auction.

Mecum is very convenient to the rest of the events, at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course, close to downtown and en route to both the Concorso Italiano and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion. It's a daytime event, easy to add to your rounds. What's more, the preview area, on the beautiful Del Monte Golf Course, is free to spectators. (Auction seating is reserved for registered bidders.)

Mecum at Monterey Muscle Cars & More is expanding from two to three days this year. Gates open for the preview at 8:00 am, and the auction starts at 10:00 am. HD Theater has live coverage from 1:00-5:00 pm each day. For complete details, visit www.mecum.com.

RM Auctions Portola Hotel & Spa and Monterey Conference Center
Friday-Saturday, August 19-20, 2011

RM Auctions—host of high-end auctions worldwide, including Phoenix in January, which kicks off their year—was the first and original auction held during the famous Monterey Classic Car Week. Over two decades, the event has carved a solid reputation for connecting top-tier automobiles with collectors from all over the globe. The 2011 event will feature some 175 investment-quality cars. RM Auctions boasts a 95 percent sell-through rate at Monterey in 2010. This year's sale runs on Friday and Saturday nights, with previews on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

One highlight at this year's RM Auctions in Monterey will be the 1970 Porsche 911S driven through the French countryside by the legendary Steve McQueen in the opening sequence of the epic film *Le Mans* (1971), as his character contemplates life, death and racing. The car was displayed at Amelia Island this spring and has generated much interest. Built to the highest 1970 specification, complete with air conditioning and a full complement of factory options, the Slate Grey 911S was McQueen's personal transportation during film production, later joining his personal collection in California—which included everything from a Jaguar XK-SS to multiple Ferraris, Porsches, airplanes and motorcycles. The 911S is in exceptionally original condition.

A \$40 event pass admits one person to the RM pre-

views. The official auction catalog is an additional \$120 (though it does not include admission to the auctions). Bidder registration for \$200 admits two to the previews, auctions and reception and includes a catalog. RM Auctions is held at the Portola Hotel & Spa and Monterey Conference Center in downtown Monterey. For complete information, visit www.rmauctions.com.

Russo and Steele Monterey Marriott Hotel
Thursday-Saturday, August 18-20, 2011

Russo and Steele will present over 250 European sports, American muscle, hot rod and custom cars as they mark their 11th year in Monterey, held once again at the Monterey Marriott Hotel in the heart of downtown.

The auction runs for three evenings, Thursday-Saturday from 5:00-10:00 pm, with preview opportunities for four days, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Thursday-Saturday.

One notable highlight is a 1967 Pickett Racing 427 Corvette historic racer, converted when brand new from a 427/435-hp tri-power coupe to an SCCA A/Production racer by its owner, Dr. Bill Green, who partnered with Greg Pickett to form the Pickett Racing Team. They raced in both SCCA National events including Trans Am and IMSA events thru 1976. Pickett went on to racing fame with a number of championships in a variety of cars.

The LS6 Chevelle, with a factory advertised 450 hp and 500 lb-ft of torque, was the highest horsepower Chevelle offered from Chevrolet. Another auction highlight will be the "Pilot Car," a 1970 Chevelle LS6 that is documented as the first of 4,475 RPO LS6 cars ever produced. Built for a GM executive, this LS6 has "Pilot job" and "if it had wings it would fly" handwritten on the build sheet. Documentation is thorough, and the LS6 has been driven just one mile since concours-level restoration.

Everyone is welcome to preview the vehicles for free during preview hours, as well as in front of the Marriott during staging, where the streets come alive with auction energy. A \$100 bidder's pass includes admission for one to the previews, all three nights of auction and an official auction pocket guide. Guest passes are available for an additional \$50, although only bidders are permitted to buy guest passes. (The auction arena is not open to the general public.) Visit www.russoandsteele.com for updates and additional information. ■