

PEBBLE BEACH BEST OF SHOW

An Italian Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A Cabriolet that once turned heads and garnered top prizes in the classic era glided to victory at the 65th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, August 16. The competition drew 219 cars from 16 countries and 29 US states to the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links.

The event also raised over \$1.8 million to help people in need. Through the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, these charitable funds will benefit 100 local charities in the Monterey Peninsula.

The winning car is built on an extremely long 145-inch 1924 Tipo 8A chassis, acquired in the early 1930s by Swiss Carrosserie Worblaufen to be used as the basis for a new sport cabriolet. The finished car was displayed at the 1932 Geneva Auto Show and won the Grand-Prix d'Honneur at Cannes in 1933. The car then passed through the hands of just three owners prior to being purchased by current owner Jim Patterson of Louisville, Kentucky.

The car's win at Pebble Beach marked the second win for Patterson. His 1933 Delahaye D8S De Villars Roadster was named Best of Show in 2010.

"I won here in 2010 with an all-white car, and now I've won with an all-black car. I don't know if I've run out of colors or what," he joked.

There were many strong contenders for Best of Show this year, including a 1914 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Kellner Torpedo Phaeton owned by Doug Magee Jr. of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; a 1937 Delahaye 145 Franay Cabriolet owned by Sam & Emily Mann of Englewood, New Jersey; and a 1953 Abarth 1100 Sport Ghia Coupé owned by Grant Kinzel of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Concours Chairman Sandra Button said the win by the Isotta Fraschini wasn't a surprise, given its provenance: "From the moment that Cesare Isotta and the Fraschini brothers founded their company, they were known for building prestigious cars, and this particular car is very stylish and very powerful," she noted. "There is a lot of passion in this car."

Ferraris were featured in great numbers this year, along with classic era duPonts, antique Popes, British prewar sports cars and postwar Cunninghams. Special classes celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Shelby GT350 and the 75th anniversary of the Lincoln Continental, and Mercury Customs were displayed for the first time. ■

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DESERT CONCORSO 2015

November 15, 2015: Palm Springs CA

Desert Concorso's 2nd annual event will be held on Sunday, November 15, at Palm Springs Stadium in California. The event will feature beautiful Italian cars from Concorso Italiano in Monterey, along with other race, sport, and exotic cars from around the world. Panoz is the featured marque at this year's event and will bring its 560-hp supercharged Panoz Esperante Spyder GT. Desert Concorso also celebrates Italian food, fashion, art and music. The new Diamond Club provides an upgraded experience, premium stage views, gifts and a premier hospitality area. Memberships are limited. For tickets and information, visit www.desertconcorso.com. •



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ARIZONA CONCOURS 2016

January 24, 2016: Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix

The third annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance follows two highly praised prior events held in the art deco elegance of the Arizona Biltmore. The event spotlights Carrozzeria Zagato with its own featured class: Coachwork of Zagato. Anticipated are a couple of dozen examples of expressive automotive designs by the Milanese company. Chief executive Andrea Zagato will be an honored guest at the event, attending with his wife Marella. He is the third generation to lead Zagato since its founding in 1919. Two other featured classes are Duesenberg and Exceptional Cars of Great Britain. For tickets and information, visit www.azconcorso.com. •