

CROWNING GLORY



THE 3RD ANNUAL ARIZONA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

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Arizona Auction Week grows every year, now featuring six collector car auctions, an expanding variety of car shows, panels and seminars, various parties, receptions and other special events. The week was kicked off by the Arizona Concours d'Elegance for the third time, hosting Saturday panels on collecting, a Q&A with several Indy 500 champions and a design forum with Andrea Zagato and J Mays (see all three elsewhere in this issue), followed by the Concours itself on Sunday, January 24.

While much of the nation dealt with record snowstorms, Arizona was sunny and warm, as an exceptional field of vintage automobiles took to the manicured inner lawns of the historic Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. The winners of special classes, featured classes and a number of special awards were announced to thousands of spectators.

BEST IN CLASS

American Classic Closed

1933 Stutz DV-32 Monte Carlo
Allentown Classic Motor Car, Inc.

American Classic Open

1933 Chrysler Imperial CG LeBaron Dual-cowl Phaeton
Aaron and Valerie Weiss, San Marino, California

Antique Automobiles: Pre 1915

1910 Pope Hartford Model T
John and Anabel Konwiser, Scottsdale, Arizona

Avant Garde: Pre 1973

1958 Gaylord Gladiator
Ralph Carungi, Glendale, Arizona

Coachwork by Zagato

1956 Ferrari 250 GT Zagato
David Sydorick, Beverly Hills, California

Duesenberg

1935 Duesenberg SJ Special "Mormon Meteor"
Harry Yeaggy, Cincinnati

European Classic

1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K
Thomas Taffet, Chatsworth, California

Exceptional Cars of Great Britain

1932 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Pillarless Berline
Don Williams, Danville, California

Grand Touring: Pre 1973

1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4
Brandon and Dennis Pobiak, Scottsdale, Arizona



Iconic Postwar American: Pre 1966

1956 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible
Daniel Withers, Phoenix

Iconic Postwar British: Pre 1966

1962 Jaguar E-type FHC
David and Robin Levy, Akron, Ohio

Postwar American-Powered Sports: Pre 1966

1961 Chevrolet Corvette Gran Turismo
John and Sonia Breslow, Scottsdale, Arizona

Postwar European Sports: Pre 1966

1960 Porsche S90 Roadster
Randall and Julie Knuth, Tucson, Arizona

Postwar Racing: Pre 1966

1957 Bandini Sport International Saponetta
John and Sonia Breslow, Scottsdale, Arizona

Preservation: Pre 1966

1962 Ghia L 6.4 Coupe
John H. White, Sacramento, California

Prewar Sports & Racing

1935 Miller 2-Man Indy Car
Malloy Foundation Inc., Corona, California

BEST OF SHOW

Four Best in Class winners were narrowed down by Concours judges to Best of Show finalists: a 1935 Duesenberg SJ Special speed record car known as the Mormon Meteor; a 1956 Ferrari 250 GT Zagato; a 1931 Chrysler Imperial CG LeBaron dual-cowl phaeton; and a 1932 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Pillarless Berline with Figoni et Falaschi coachwork.

The Mormon Meteor was driven at the Bonneville Salt Flats by legendary racer and former Salt Lake City Mayor David Abbott "Ab" Jenkins (1883-1956), achiev-

ing a number of land speed record runs, including a 24-hour average speed of 154 mph and 48-hour average of 148 mph.

The mammoth vehicle had then been modified for use on public roads and is now owned by Harry Yeaggy of Cincinnati, who has restored it in recent years to its racing configuration.

The artfully streamlined butterscotch yellow Mormon Meteor (at left and upper right) rolled across the lawn and onto the red carpet, with a throaty roar from its supercharged Duesenberg straight-8, as it was proclaimed Best of Show.

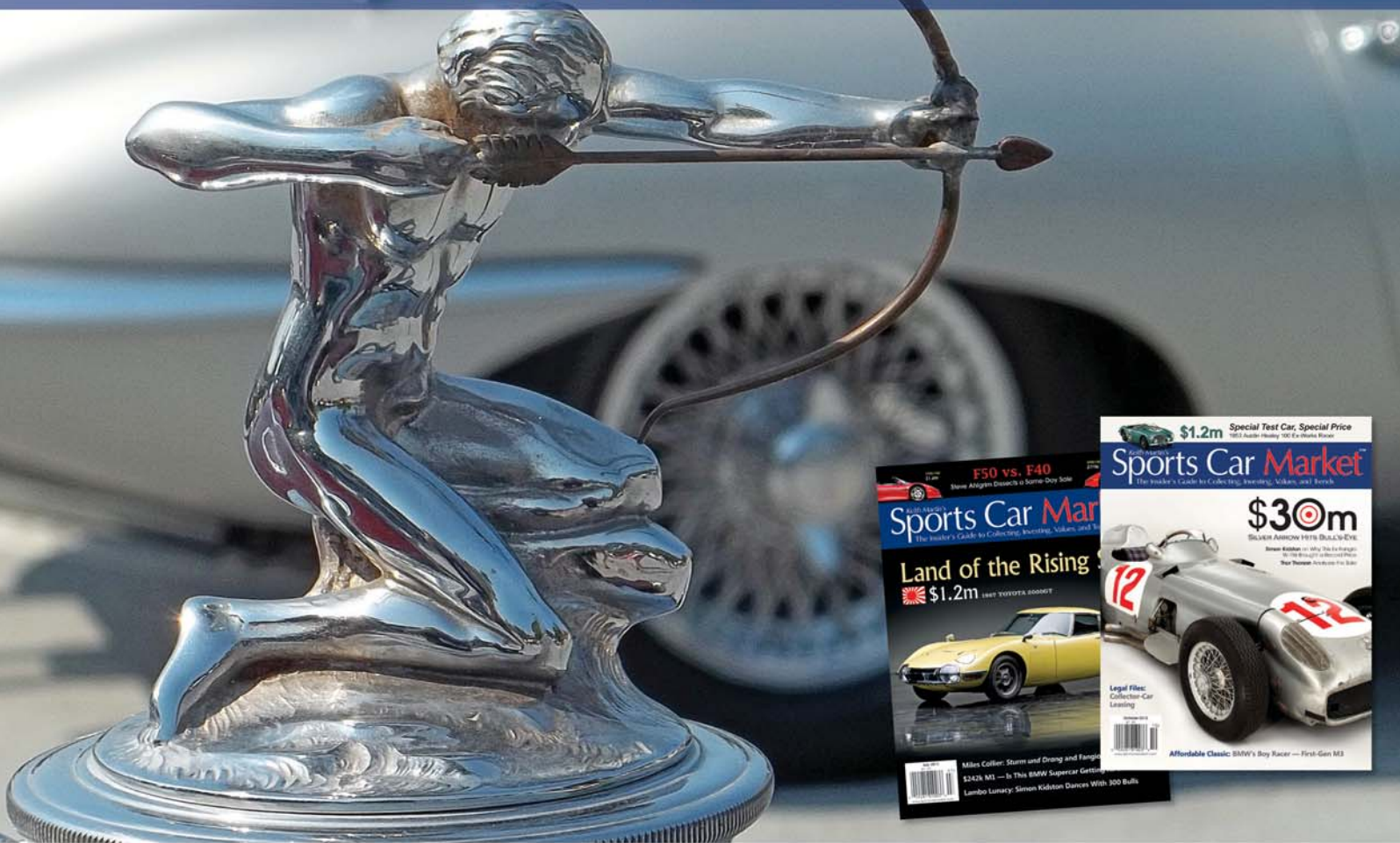
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A sampling of the goods (top to bottom): a 1933 Stutz DV-32 Monte Carlo; the new Rolls-Royce Dawn 563-hp V12 convertible; a 1948 Talbot-Lago Type 26 Gran Sport belonging to Clive and Janet Cussler of Paradise Valley; a 1953 Buick Skylark convertible belonging to Neil and Patricia DeAtley of Scottsdale; a 1949 Fiat Topolino Panoramica 750 MM with coachwork by Carrozzeria Zagato and a 1937 Siatra 750 Gran Sport with coachwork by Carrozzeria Zagato, both belonging to Scott Gauthier of Scottsdale; and a 1912 Packard Model 30 belonging to Howard and Gail Schaevitz of Edgewater Park NJ.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Brass Era

1898 JeanPerrin Voiturette 'Vis a Vis'
Alan Travis, Phoenix

Honorary Chief Judge's Award

1948 Talbot-Lago Type 26 Gran Sport
Clive and Janet Cussler, Paradise Valley, Arizona

Most Elegant: Prewar

1935 Miller 2-Man Indy Car
Malloy Foundation Inc., Corona, California

Most Elegant: Postwar

1949 Fiat Topolino Panoramica 750 MM
Scott Gauthier, Scottsdale, Arizona

Directors' Choice (three cars selected)

1948 Alfa Romeo Nardi Danese
Brent Berge, Mesa, Arizona
1936 Mercedes-Benz 290 Cabriolet A
Aaron and Valerie Weiss, San Marino, California
1953 Buick Skylark
Neil and Patricia Deatley, Scottsdale, Arizona

Historic Vehicle Association: Most significant

1962 Ghia L 6.4 Coupe
John H. White, Sacramento, California

Historic Vehicle Association: Car that matters

1957 Arnott-Climax GT
Gregory and Debra Johnson, Irvine, California

Mercedes-Benz Award of Excellence

1936 Mercedes-Benz 290 Cabriolet A
Aaron and Valerie Weiss, San Marino, California

Hagerty Youth Judges

1965 289 AC Shelby Cobra
Phillippe Reynolds, Chandler, Arizona

Phoenix Automotive Press Association: Best Story

1898 JeanPerrin Voiturette 'Vis a Vis'
Alan Travis, Phoenix

Make-A-Wish

1959 Hank Henry Super Modified
Arizona Open Wheel Racing Museum, Phoenix

Frank Lloyd Wright: Taliesin West

1948 Daimler DE36 Drop Head
Mark Hyman, St. Louis

Frank Lloyd Wright: School of Architecture

1933 Auburn 12 Boattail Speedster
Lou Ficco, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance benefits Make-A-Wish® Arizona, founding chapter of the national organization that grants wishes for children facing life-threatening medical conditions.

The fourth annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance will be held on January 15, 2017. For complete details, visit www.arizonaconcours.com.

