

8th straight year of record charity fundraising by Concours in the Hills

Over \$430,000 raised for Phoenix Children's Hospital

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The eighth annual Concours in the Hills car show on Saturday, February 12, continued its unbroken tradition of record setting. Almost 1,200 vehicles and some 40-50,000 spectators completely filled 35-acre Fountain Park in Fountain Hills, to raise over \$430,000 for Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Mother Nature again cooperated with clear, sunny skies and temperatures in the low 80s. The show was declared open by former race drivers Arie Luyendyk, Harley Cluxton, Derek Daly and Lyn St James announcing, "Drivers, Start Your Engines."

The show is arranged by sections for Domestic, European, Asian, Race Cars, Motorcycles, Military and Off-Road vehicles. A new section for this year, Limited Edition Exotics, included such exceptionally rare cars as a \$20 million McLaren F1, Hennessey Venom F5, LaFerrari, McLaren Elva, Aston Martin One-77 and a vintage Ferrari 500 Superfast.

The Race Car Section featured about forty cars from Indy, Le Mans, Can-Am and other race series, including Mario Andretti's Lotus 38, which revolutionized Indy by moving its engine to the rear, as well as a Ford GT Mk IV, McLaren Mk 8E, Toyota GTP, Lola T70 and T160, Genie Mk 10, Surtees TS-8, Maserati Birdcage, and Mirage M1 and M12.

Six helicopters flew in and joined the displays, including a USMC AH-1Z Cobra, around which cars from the local Cobra club were displayed.

A special interactive feature was the Discount

Tire Pit Stop Competition, where the public were able to test their skill at a timed wheel change, as in NASCAR.

Awards were given for:

- BEST DOMESTIC**Terry Rials
1959 Chevrolet Impala
- BEST IMPORT (tie)**John Breslow
1955 Jaguar D-Type and 1957 Jaguar XKSS
- BEST RACE CAR**Bill Pope
1960 Maserati Birdcage
- BEST 4X4 / OFF ROAD**Ruben Reyes
1948 Chevrolet B300
- BEST CAR CLUB DISPLAY**Fountain Hills Auto Club
- BEST OF SHOW**James Kramer
2011 Aston Martin One-77
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE**Michael Odierna
2021 IsoRivolta Zagato GT

Peter Volny, show founder and lead organizer, stated, "I'm amazed every year at how this show just grows and grows. I'm so appreciative of the many volunteers from both the car community and PCH who help make it all happen."

The show had over 100 sponsors, including title sponsor Gila River Resorts & Casinos, and encompassing most facets of the car business. Private car owners pay just \$60 to participate, and spectators are admitted for free. The magnitude of this show is a testament to the enormity and diversity of the car scene in Arizona. ■

