

Multi-million-dollar driving lessons

AUTOMOTIVE STUDENTS DRIVE MILLION DOLLAR CLASSIC CARS IN FIRST 2016 HAGERTY DRIVING EXPERIENCE
Classic car owners pass driving skills, knowledge and passion on to a new generation during the Arizona Concours d'Elegance

The Hagerty Driving Experience kicked off its 2016 tour with a very special driving event, pairing passionate automotive students with owners of award-winning classic cars. These students spent a half day driving an 1898 Jeanperrin Vis-à-Vis, 1931 Bugatti Type 40A, 1933 Stutz DV-32 Monte Carlo four-door

sedan, 1951 Allard K-2 and a 1983 Ferrari 308 GTS. Each car then went on to participate in subsequent Arizona Concours d'Elegance events.

Students came from Phoenix-area high school and college automotive programs and the McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program, chosen to participate as special recognition for their dedication to their automotive studies. Their day started with learning the history and provenance of each car, as well as unique mechanical features and best care practices from

the owners. The students then took turns driving each priceless car on a closed course.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime driving experience. Not only are these incredible show cars, but this event emphasizes that all vehicles are enjoyed most when they are driven," said McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty. "We owe huge thanks to the collectors who shared their cars and to the students who show such passion and excitement for collector vehicles. They are the future stewards of the collector car industry."

"The 1898 Jeanperrin was the most interesting vehicle to learn to drive," said Jorge Hernandez, 16 of Dysart High School in El Mirage, AZ. "The transmission was very different than anything I'm used to, and I had to



learn to double clutch for the first time."

To round out the program, students were invited to attend the Arizona Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, where each participating vehicle was recognized as one of the vehicles that had been used for this invaluable experience.

"Young people need to know the joy that old

cars bring when behind the wheel," said Alan Travis of North Phoenix, owner of the 1898 Jeanperrin Vis-à-vis. "This 1898 Jeanperrin is virtually the oldest driving automobile in the world, and I can have anyone—including a group of students—drive it with just a couple minutes of instruction." ■



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