

MONTEREY PENINSULA AUCTIONS



Gooding & Company Pebble Beach Equestrian Center Saturday-Sunday, August 14-15, 2010

Gooding & Company, the official auction house of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, has consigned three extraordinary collector cars—"from Hollywood to historic race cars"—for its annual Pebble Beach Auctions: a legendary Mercedes-Benz once owned jointly by two of the Marx Brothers, a winning 1956 Maserati 200 SI raced by Sir Stirling Moss and an award-winning 1951 Ferrari 340 America from the estate of devoted enthusiast Mr. Gil Nickel.

Today's Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance continues to attract the best automobiles in the world. In a recent interview, the Pebble Beach Concours Chairman Sandra Button said, "The Pebble Beach Auctions are now viewed as leading indicators for the worldwide collector car and luxury car markets." Gooding & Company's 2010 Pebble Beach Auctions will be held at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center, adjacent to the grounds of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Preview days begin Wednesday, August 11 and continue through Sunday, August 15. The auctions start at 5:00 pm Saturday and 6:00 pm Sunday. The auction catalog is \$100 and admits two to the viewing and the auction. An individual ticket is \$40. Additional auction information is available at www.goodingco.com, where the auction will also be broadcast live. You can also find information and up-to-the-minute results by following Gooding & Company on Facebook and on Twitter @GoodingCompany.

Mecum Auction Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course Friday-Saturday, August 13-14, 2010

Mecum Auction, headquartered in northern Illinois, stopped in Arizona early last year with Championship 1965 Daytona Cobra Coupe CSX 2601. The priceless car was carefully transported to the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving at Firebird International Raceway (see May/June 2009 Arizona Driver), where Bondurant drove it for the first time in 40 years. Next stop? Mecum's inaugural Monterey auction, where the priceless car would learn its price. And that price? \$7.25 million—a new record for an American car sold at auc-

tion. Not a bad start in their new venue.

The Mecum event, though the newest addition to the week, is very convenient to the rest of the events, at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course, close to downtown Monterey, just off Highway One, and en route to both the Concorso Italiano and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Mecum at Monterey Muscle Cars & More starts with a preview on the golf course grounds, Thursday from noon to 5:00 pm. The auction itself runs Friday and Saturday (August 13-14) starting at 10:00 am. The auction will broadcast live in HD Theater, a Discovery Network on Friday and Saturday, 1:00-5:00 pm. For complete details, visit www.mecum.com.

RM Auctions Portola Hotel & Spa and Monterey Conference Center Thursday-Saturday, August 12-14, 2010

RM Auctions, celebrating its 25th anniversary, says this will be their most significant auction offering in Monterey history. Extended to three days, the sale will showcase over 200 automobiles, with no fewer than 16 expected to surpass the magic million dollar mark.

RM Auctions at Monterey comprises the following blue-chip categories: Sports and Racing, American Classics, European Elegance and a Thursday evening kickoff dedicated to Fabulous Fords. Taking advantage of RM's global network of clients, investment-quality cars have been sourced from around the world. RM also continues to present important examples from the estate of the late John O'Quinn. Taking center stage in Sports and Racing is the 1958 Ferrari 250 "Pontoon Fender" Testa Rossa, 0738 TR, which they forecast as the most important and valuable car ever to be offered during Monterey's annual auctions. Joining a diverse roster of Ferraris is an authentic and original 1931 Bugatti Type 51, raced extensively in period.

American-built classics include a custom 1933 Packard Twelve Custom Dietrich Coupe, a 1931 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Sedan, a multiple-award-winning 1930 Stutz Model M Supercharged Coupe and a rare 1948 Tucker 48 Sedan, one of only 51 original examples built. European coachbuilt cars include a multiple-award-winning 1938 Delahaye 135

MS Sport Roadster, a supercharged 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540 K Special Cabriolet, an early 1913 Rolls-Royce 40/50-hp Silver Ghost "London to Edinburgh" Torpedo and a 1938 Talbot-Lago T150-C Lago Speciale Teardrop Coupe. Thursday night's Fabulous Fords include one of the earliest surviving Fords in existence, a 1903 Ford Model A Rear Entrance Tonneau.

The auction preview runs Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, with Thursday night's auction running 7:00-10:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday's auctions scheduled for 6:00 pm to midnight. For complete information, visit www.rmauctions.com/montereycarlist.

Russo and Steele Monterey Marriott Hotel Thursday-Saturday, August 12-14, 2010

Russo and Steele has added a third sale date to its 10th annual auction event in Monterey this August. (As in Scottsdale, they are officially calling this a 10th Anniversary, though the second year would be the first anniversary, and so on.) The Monterey auction event will present their trademark range of European sports, American muscle, hot rods and customs. The event is again located at the epicenter of historic downtown Monterey, the Monterey Marriott Hotel.

The auction kicks off Thursday, August 12 with a hosted cocktail reception, as usual, but it will start at 3:00 pm, leading into the start of the auction at 5:00 pm.

"(With) a 25% increase in bidder registration already, expanding the show into a three evening program was the natural evolution," explained Drew Alcazar, owner of Russo and Steele. "Our 10th Anniversary has received tremendous amounts of attention and limitless amounts of support from the entire collector automobile industry."

Significant vehicles offered at this event include triple-black 1965 Shelby Cobra CSX2461, restored to a very high standard and equipped with correct knock-off English-style wire wheels, a walnut steering wheel and racing-inspired Weber carburetion, and a 1933 Auburn Salon Boattail Speedster, inspected by the ACD with certification completed in April of 1997, and winner of Best in Show and the Prestigious AB Jenkins Award at the October 2009 West Coast Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg meet in Santa Maria, California.

Check out www.russoandsteele.com for updates and additional information. ■

CONCOURS AND CONCORSO



Photo: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance The 18th Fairway at Pebble Beach Sunday, August 15, 2010

Once each year, on the third Sunday in August, 175 of the most prized collector cars and motorcycles in the world roll onto what is often called the best finishing hole in golf—the famed eighteenth fairway at Pebble Beach. Tire meets turf and transformation occurs: the stage is set for one of the most competitive events in the automotive world. The occasion is the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The Concours is not a contest of speed, but of excellence. Automobiles and motorcycles are judged for their historical accuracy, their technical merit and their style. And the best garner reward and recognition.

Thousands of enthusiasts are on hand to celebrate these vehicles and enjoy the company of others who share their passion. The 2010 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, on Sunday, August 15, will feature Alfa Romeo, Pierce-Arrow and Jaguar and will celebrate the designs of Ghia. The event will also welcome Hot Rods back to the show field, particularly lakesters and Bonneville racers, as well as Indy Cars, and its second annual class of motorcycles will focus on classic American bikes built prior to 1960.

This year's event celebrates several anniversaries, starting with the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and for Jaguar, whose heritage is highly intertwined. The Pebble Beach Concours began in tandem with the first Pebble Beach Road Race in 1950, when new sports cars were the focus of a burgeoning community of car enthusiasts. And Jaguars, which first appeared in 1935, were all the rage. The marque sought to marry grace with pace, just as the twin events did. Almost immediately, Jaguar, Concours and the Road Race were linked.

Flash forward to 2010, when the 60th anniversary of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance will focus on the 75th anniversary of Jaguar. Among the cars expected on the famed eighteenth fairway are the 1935 SS90 that served as the prototype for the first car named Jaguar and early examples of both the SS1 and the SS100. Also on hand will be several remarkable race cars, including the first C-type sent to the US, a Le Mans-winning D-



type, and the prototype XJ13. Key show cars, like the actual E-type that debuted at the New York Auto Show, will also be on display.

In addition to Jaguar, the 60th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance will feature Alfa Romeo and Pierce-Arrow, showcase Italian designer Ghia.

As the anniversaries continue, one special class will focus on the 50th anniversary of the Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta, and another on the centennial of the Indianapolis 500. Hot Rod lakesters and Bonneville racers as well as Prewar American Motorcycles also will be featured in special classes at this year Concours.

Although the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance arguably anchors the entire week's existence, the main event itself ultimately takes place just one day, Sunday, August 15. The field opens to entrants at dawn, 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 on the Pebble Beach Concours, visit www.pebblebeachconcours.net.

Concorso Italiano Laguna Seca Golf Ranch Friday, August 13, 2010

On Friday, August 13, Concorso Italiano will feature 800-1000 or more vehicles of Italian origin, in an atmosphere that puts the emphasis upon the vehicles on display, conversations between people who love and appreciate them, and elements of Italian style such as fashion, food, music and art—all on the beautiful grounds of the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

The Ranch, crafted by Robert Trent Jones Senior and Junior, is nestled among oak-studded hillsides near Monterey, providing breathtaking views of the gorgeous Central Coast landscape.

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 vehicles, Italian motorcycles and, well, non-Italian vehicles. Ferrari Club of America Pacific Region judging returns to the Concorso Italiano this year.

Concorso Italiano runs on Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with plenty of well-organized parking on site. For more information, visit them at www.concorso.com. ■

RACES



Photo: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Friday-Sunday, August 13-15, 2010

The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion has developed a new logo for the renamed event, celebrating the pedigree, spirit and history of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca with the track's signature turn, The Corkscrew, the oak tree that drivers drove under before the turn (which is alive and well, but was moved a few feet during track modifications for the Red Bull US Grand Prix), and The Corkscrew's curbing. The oak tree and the curbing are the same landmarks that legends Jimmy Clark, Sir Jackie Stewart, Dan Gurney, Sir Stirling Moss, Phil Hill, Wayne Rainey and Kenny Roberts Sr. have used for racing at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Among the 19 race groups competing at the event, sublime green and red, white and blue American V8s will join Ferrari GTs, Bugatti Type 35s and Lotus 77s in the paddock. There will be a dedicated grid of 40 Bugatti race cars in the Bugatti Grand Prix, plus featured races for Stock Cars with drum brakes, Trans-Am, and Formula 1 race cars that competed between 1966 and 1983. 44 Trans-Am race cars from 1966-1972 include two of the three 1970 Plymouth Barracudas that All American Racers built for the 1970 Trans-Am season.

"The Trans-Am paddock and race is one that the fans gravitate to," explained Gill Campbell, CEO/general manager for Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. "The small-block Chevys and Dodges that Mark Donohue and Dan Gurney drove here are a treat to see powering though The Corkscrew once again."

The Trans-Am Series, created in 1966 by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), was best known for competition among American V8 sedans such as the Ford Mustang, Chevrolet Camaro, Plymouth Barracuda, Mercury Cougar, AMC Javelin, Pontiac Firebird and Dodge Challenger. Every "pony car" manufacturer was represented with a factory team and top driving talent.

The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is honoring one of the true legends of motorsports: Dan Gurney, the cars he raced and the cars he built.

For Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion tickets and information, and to learn about the Pre-Reunion scheduled August 7 and 8, visit www.MazdaRaceway.com. ■