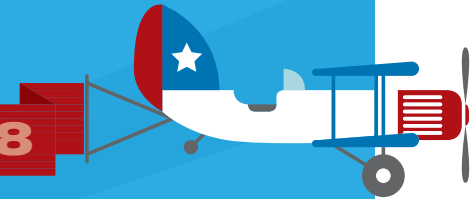


THE CLASSIC AUTO SHOW LA 2018

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NOW in its second year, the Classic Auto Show, organized by Urban Exhibitions, took place March 2 through 4, 2018, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This was the largest three-day indoor classic car show in the United States. Showcasing the event were some of the finest, museum-quality cars in automotive history spanning more than 100 years. The legendary “hot rodder” and customizer, Steve Moal, served as the official Grand Marshal. In this show, the “classic car” community came together for a celebration of all things on wheels. Whether you are a collector or just have a passion for all “classics” on wheels, this show gave you the opportunity to not only see the cars but talk to others who share your passion including owners, car clubs, and vendors. >>>





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Velocity Channel automotive stars including Mike Phillips, Chip Foose, Dave Kindig, Chris Jacobs, Mike Brewer and Wayne Carini were also on hand to provide special talks and interviews throughout the three-day event in the unique Celebrity Theater.

This year's Classic Auto Show was close to double the size of last year's show and featured more than 1,000 antique, Classic, and retro cars (up from 600 last year) displayed on not one, but two floors of the massive Los Angeles Convention Center. Likewise, 65 local car clubs (up from 50 last year) including the Cadillac & LaSalle Club of SoCal, the Great Autos of Yesteryear Club, Alfa Romeo Owners, Ford Thunderbirds, Jaguars Owners, just to name a few, brought their finest cars to be displayed. New exhibit areas for 2018 included: Hot Rods, Low Riders, Japanese classics, Vintage Off Roaders, Porsche, Women Builds and Motorcycles. Additionally there were restoration and auto detailing demonstrations, a vendor marketplace showcasing memorabilia, parts, products and services to restore and care for cars, a swap meet and a plethora of family-friendly activities. >>>

1. Jack Teberg's 1930 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe, Murphy. Grand Boulevard Award, Best of Show Domestic.
2. The Celebrity Theater featuring hosts of Velocity Channel programming.
3. Peter Mullin's 1938 Hispano-Suiza H6C Xenia, Saoutchik.
4. Donnie Crevier's 1936 Packard 120 Convertible Victoria, LeBaron.
5. Ron Verschoor's 1935 Packard 1207 Limousine, Brewster.
6. John Milliken's 1941 Cadillac 62 Convertible Sedan.
7. A 1973 Ford Thunderbird (nc) as a Michael Jackson tribute.

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1. Dana Graham's 1932 Chrysler Imperial CH Convertible Sedan
2. Bill Ahmanson's 1940 Cadillac 75 Town Car, Fleetwood.
3. Fred Lax's 1934 Auburn 1250 Phaeton Salon-Grand Boulevard Award, Most Outstanding Pre-War.
4. Arnold Schmidt, restorer (left) and Jack Teberg fight over Best of Show-Domestic Award.
5. Classics on Grand Boulevard.
6. Gary Carr's 1948 Packard Station Wagon. (nc)
7. Mike Porto's 1956 Dodge Custom Sierra Station Wagon. (nc)



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Down the center of the massive South Hall was the crown jewel of the show – the Grand Boulevard which showcased 50 special and unique vehicles. These cars were chosen to span the last 100 years of automotive history and were lined up chronologically down the Grand Boulevard. Fifteen of these 50 cars were owned by members of CCCA-Southern California Region, and three of these cars won special event awards! Our thanks to all of you who brought your cars or just came to enjoy a great day at the event!

The CCCA-Southern California Region also sponsored a “hospitality” tent at the car show where we promoted our club, talked with many spectators about their cars, answered a lot of questions about our Classic Cars, handed out over a 100 membership brochures to interested people, and last but not least, gained eight new car club members on the spot.

Next year’s Los Angeles Classic Auto Show is planned for March 3 to 5 at the Convention Center. Please mark your calendars, and if you are interested in contributing, let us know. More information to follow later this year!



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1. Mike Porto's 1947 Packard 2126 7 Passenger Sedan, Henney.
2. The Petersen Museum's 1964 Chevrolet Impala, Gypsy Rose. (nc)
3. Terry Kaplan's 1937 Packard 1507 Sport Phaeton, Kellner.
4. Aaron Weiss's 1936 Mercedes-Benz 290 Cabriolet A-Grand Boulevard Award, Best of Show-Foreign
5. Snap-on Tools anyone?
6. Gary Marchetti's 1931 Nash 887 Sedan. (nc)
7. Gary Severns' 1931 Marmon Sixteen 7-Passenger Sedan, LeBaron.



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