



The Classic Auto Show

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LA'S CLASSIC AUTO SHOW debuted January 27-29 at the Los Angeles Convention Center and was attended by more than 20,000 consumers and motoring enthusiasts. Showcasing this event were some of automotive history's finest and rarest cars worth more than \$135,000,000 and spanning more than 100 years of automotive history! The show was organized by Urban Exhibitions, sponsored and presented by Autogeek.com and McKee's 37, and powered by Velocity. The show's official Grand Marshal was legendary iconic car collector, Bruce Meyer, who is Chairman of the Petersen Automotive Museum's CF200 Club, as well as a member of the Classic Car Club of America and our Southern California Region. >>>



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- 1. Bruce Meyer's 1929 Bentley 4 1/2 L
- 2. Ron & Sandy Hansen's 1921 Duesenberg Dual Cowl Phaeton
- 3. Bruce Meyer at the LA Classic Auto Show Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 4. Richard Stanley's 1928 La Salle Roadster Convertible
- 5. John Milliken being interviewed by CBS/KCAL9
- 6. Autogeek demonstrating their Car Wax System
- 7. Aaron Weiss & his 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost w/ Brewster Piccadilly Body
- 8. 1937 Cord 812 Custom Beverly S/C owned by Al Herbert

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Prior to the event opening, John Milliken, Southern California Region Director, did a live “on-air” interview with CBS/ KCAL9 at their Studio City newsroom location. During the interview, John did an excellent job advertising the event as well as promoting our CCCA/SoCal club while discussing two of our Classic cars we brought to the studio.

The massive South Hall of the Convention Center was filled to capacity with more than 600 antique, Classic and retro cars. Every car had an assigned space and despite the large number, the entry and exit process of all those cars went relatively smoothly. The crown jewel of the show was the Grand Boulevard, a spacious area down the center of the South Hall devoted to showcasing 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 the CCCA-Southern California Region and were outstanding examples of 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s era cars.

Beyond the Grand Boulevard, there were more than 50 car clubs displaying their finest automobiles, including the Cadillac & LaSalle Club of SoCal, Great Automobiles of Yesteryear, the Alfa Romeo Owners, Ford Thunderbirds and Jaguars Owners, just to name a few. Additionally, there were many vendors, a “swap meet”, and a plethora of family-friendly activities, including a professional remote control car racetrack. Velocity Channel automotive stars, >>>



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1. 1931 Marmon 16 Coupe owned by Gary Severns received the “Best Original Restored, Grand Boulevard” Award
2. Gary Marchetti and his 1932 Nash 970 Sedan Town Car
3. 1939 Buick Roadmaster Convertible Sedan owned by John & Leslie Milliken
4. 1934 Packard Super 8 Crown Victoria owned by Rick Zeiger.
5. Wayne Carini and his 1932 Ford “Moal” Speedway.
6. 1935 Delehaye 135 M owned by Charles & Debbie Bronson
7. Dana Graham and his 1929 Packard Sport Phaeton Dietrich
8. 1935 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton owned by Earl Rubenstein received the “Judges Choice, Grand Boulevard” Award
9. 1930 Cadillac V16 Roadster Convertible owned by Fred Lax


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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 star panel also acted as judges of the vehicles on display.

The event was a fun-filled weekend that had something for every car enthusiast. A special thanks to our members who exhibited a Classic car! And we congratulate those members and their cars who won special event awards.

Next year's **LA CLASSIC AUTO SHOW** is planned for March 2-4 at the LA Convention Center, where it will take up both levels of the South Hall, with more cars, clubs and automotive entertainment celebrities. Please mark your calendars, and if you are interested in exhibiting, please let us know—more information to follow later this year!



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- 1.** Mike Malamut receiving "The Car That Stole Our Hearts" Award for his 1941 Chrysler Woodie
- 2.** 1962 Shelby Cobra, owned by Bruce Meyer received the "Best of Show, Grand Boulevard" Award
- 3.** Mike Porto & Gary Carr receive the "Judges Choice Car Club" Award for their 1956 Chrysler New Yorker
- 4.** 1940 Lincoln Continental V12 Cabriolet owned by Elliott Jones
- 5.** 1941 Chrysler Town & Country Barrelback "Woodie" Wagon owned by Mike & Barbara Malamut



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