

The 70th PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

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BEST OF SHOW 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540k Autobahn Kurier
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After a one-year intermission, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance resumed to celebrate its 70th anniversary during the traditional mid-August dates. The featured highlight was Class E, the "Best of Show Reunion," dedicated to past Best of Show winners. Forty-one former winners were expected (there were a few non arrivals due to travel restrictions) and of those, Full Classics® dominated, filling 40 of those spots. By marque, past winners expected included Mercedes-Benz (7), Duesenberg (4), Alfa Romeo, Bugatti, Delage and Isotta Fraschini with three entries each, two each from Daimler, Hispano-Suiza, Packard and Pierce-Arrow, and singular examples of Bentley, Cunningham, Delahaye, duPont, Horch, Minerva, Rolls-Royce, Talbot-Lago and Voisin. >

An impressive field of former Best of Show winners.





BEST OF SHOW IN 1969
1934 Duesenberg J Dual-Cowl Phaeton,
The Nethercutt Collection



BEST OF SHOW IN 1958
1930 duPont Town Car,
The Nethercutt Collection



Ed Minnie and Jonathan Sierakowski next to the
1929 Duesenberg J LeBaron Dual-Cowl Phaeton
from the Sam Lehrman collection, Best of show in 1978



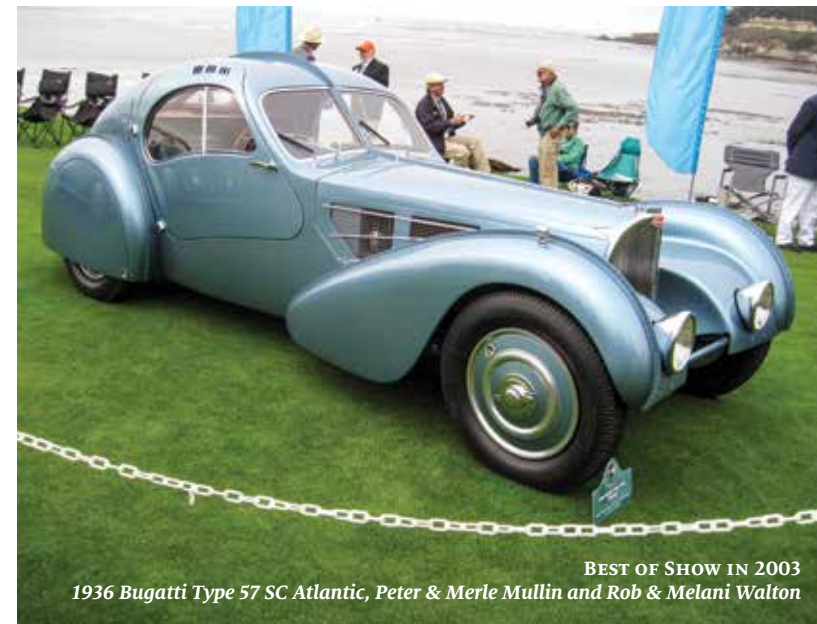
The Weiss's 1933 Packard
Twelve 1005 Coupe Roadster



BEST OF SHOW IN 2000
1937 Delahaye 135 Fignon & Falaschi Cabriolet, Mark Hyman



The Hilarides' 1933 Duesenberg J
Murphy Convertible Berline



BEST OF SHOW IN 2003
1936 Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic, Peter & Merle Mullin and Rob & Melani Walton



Restored by
Randy Ema is this
1933 Auburn 12-161A Speedster owned by Steven Moore



BEST OF SHOW IN 1992
1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Brewster
Town Car, The Nethercutt Collection

An additional 69 Full Classics® filled out the field for a total of 109 CCA-recognized cars entered of the total 260 car expected, with Classic representation in 14 of the 29 classes.

Beyond the Best of Show reunion were featured classes dedicated to early electric cars, the centennial of the 1921 French Grand Prix, the Italian-American hybrid Iso, four classes celebrating 90 years of Pinin Farina, Porsche 917, cars that raced in the La Carrera Panamericana (1950-1954), Lamborghini Countach 50th anniversary, Pebble Beach Road Race winners and Miller. Marque-specific Classic classes included Duesenberg, Mercedes-Benz, Packard and Rolls-Royce.

Past Best of Show entries from our region included five Classics from the Nethercutt Collection (the 1930 duPont, 1933 and 1934 Duesenbergs, 1931 Daimler and 1929 Rolls-Royce), two from the Mullin Automotive Museum (1936 Bugatti and 1935 Voisin) and the Sam Lehrman Collection's 1929 Duesenberg J LeBaron Dual-Cowl Phaeton.

Southern California Classic entries in other classes included Aaron & Valerie Weiss's 1933 Packard 1005 Twelve Coupe Roadster, Ralph & Adeline Marano's 1932 Packard 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster, Gary Carr's 1939 Packard 1708 Twelve Brunner Touring Cabriolet, Rob & Jeannie Hilarides' 1933 Duesenberg J Murphy Convertible Berline and CCA President Steve Babinsky's 1928 Lincoln L Locke Sports Phaeton. Also of note was the appearance of Randy Ema's final restoration, a 1933 Auburn 12-161A Speedster owned by Steven Moore which won first place in the American Classic class. >



BEST OF SHOW IN 1980
1933 Duesenberg J Rollston Arlington Torpedo,
The Nethercutt Collection



From 1955, the car that changed the Concours, 1931 Pierce-Arrow 41 LeBaron town car owned by the Hill family, the first Classic car to win Best of Show honors



BEST OF SHOW IN 2011
1935 Voisin C25 Aerodyne, Peter & Merle Mullin



The Marano's
1932 Packard 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster



Representing pre-war Pinin Farina design is this 1931 Cadillac 452A Boattail Roadster



Gary Carr's 1939 Packard Twelve 1708 Brunn Touring Cabriolet



A personal favorite, Best of Show in 1963 as part of the Harrah Automobile Collection, 1931 Pierce-Arrow 41 LeBaron Club Sedan



BEST OF SHOW 1970
1931 Daimler Double Six 50 Royal Limousine,
The Nethercutt Collection

Judges from our region include Head Judge Chris Bock, Chief Class Judge Steve Morton, Carl Bomstead, Ken Gross, Peter Hageman, Bob Joynt, Leslie Kendall, Allan McCrary, Bruce Meyer, Larry Seidell, Jonathan Sierakowski and Steve Snyder,

The Cantore CCCA Award was fittingly presented to the Nethercutt Collection's 1933 Duesenberg J Arlington Sedan known as the Twenty Grand Duesenberg. This highly recognizable Classic earned Best of Show honors in 1980. Best of Show honors this year went to the 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn Kurier of the Keller Collection.

The 71st iteration of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is scheduled from Sunday, August, 21, 2022. ●