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THE CLASSIC AUTO SHOW 2019

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Now in its third year, The “Classic” Auto Show, organized by Left Field Media was held on March 16-17, 2019 at the Orange County Fairgrounds and Event Center, all under sunny skies and perfect temperatures. This was the largest two-day indoor/outdoor classic car show in the United States and featured more than 1,500 rare, antique, Classic and special interest cars and trucks in addition to hot rods, muscle cars, Japanese imports, low-riders, and more. Showcasing the event were some of the finest, museum-quality cars in automotive history spanning more than 100 years.



Dana Graham's 1929 Packard 645 Sport Phaeton, Dietrich



John Milliken's 1939 Buick 80 Convertible Sedan



Fred Lax's 1930 Cadillac at The Southern California Region's CCCA booth

AWARD WINNERS

WINNER OF THE BEST OF SHOW DOMESTIC AWARD

> 1915 Pierce-Arrow Model 48 7-Passenger Suburban
Ron & Sandy Hansen

WINNER OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING PRE-WAR AWARD

> 1930 Cadillac V-16 Roadster Convertible
Fred Lax

WINNER OF THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – GRAND BOULEVARD WALK OF HISTORY AWARD

> 1931 Duesenberg Model J All-Weather Phaeton
Aaron Weiss



The Hansen's 1915 Pierce-Arrow Model 48 Suburban

DOZENS OF LOCAL CAR CLUBS including the Cadillac & LaSalle Club of Southern California, Great Autos of Yesteryear, the Alfa Romeo Owners Club, the Ford Thunderbird and the Jaguars Owners Clubs, just to name a few, brought their finest cars for display. This was truly a celebration of all things on wheels. Whether you are a collector or just have a passion for anything on wheels, this show gives you the opportunity to not only see the cars but to talk to others who share your passion for automobiles including owners, car clubs and vendors.

The two-day event kicked off with a special appearance by Grand Marshal Adam Carolla, who displayed two vehicles from his private collection: Paul Newman's Championship Triumph TR6 and the Datsun 510 “Different Drummer” Trans Am. Other automotive celebrity stars including Dave Kindig, Mark Worman, Mike Finnegan, BogiLateiner, Andy Leach and Wayne Carini were also on hand to provide special talks and interviews throughout the two-day event in the dedicated space, the Celebrity Theater. The weekend also featured a Women 'n Wheels Exhibit including a panel discussion with BogiLateiner, Lyn St. James, Jessi Combs, Tegan Hammond, Tina Smith, and Karen Salvaggio.

Since the festivities occurred over St. Patrick's Day, a “Shades of Green” collection showed off a number of green wheels. Additionally, there were restoration and auto detailing demonstrations and a marketplace of 150 vendors showcasing memorabilia, parts, products and services to restore and care for cars, a swap meet and a plethora of music, food, and family-friendly activities.

The crown jewel of the show, the Grand Boulevard, showcased 30 special, historically significant and unique vehicles. Eight of these spots featured cars owned or exhibited by members of the Southern California Region of the CCCA. Twenty-five special awards were presented at the end of the show and three of these awards were won by our members! Our thanks to all of you who brought your cars or just came to enjoy a great day at the event!

Our Region 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 more than 100 membership brochures to interested people, and last but not least, gained seven new members to both the CCCA and our Region on the spot.



Eric Voigt's 1947 Cadillac 75 Limousine, Fleetwood-Derham



Richard Law's 1929 LaSalle 328 Dual-Cowl Phaeton



Mike Porto and Gary Carr's 1941 Cadillac 62 Coupe



The Automobile Driving Museum's 1932 Plymouth Town Car by Brewster



1931 Duesenberg J All-Weather Phaeton, LeBaron owned by Aaron Weiss