

# THE REV Auto Concours d'Elegance

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THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THIS WESTLAKE VILLAGE CONCOURS CAME ABOUT IN SPRING OF 2013. LOCAL RESIDENT DAVID MURDOCK, CEO AND OWNER OF DOLE FOODS, GAVE APPROVAL TO HOST THE EVENT AT HIS 2,200-ACRE PRIVATE ESTATE, VENTURA FARMS, JUST ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE RITZY LAKE SHERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, WHICH HE FOUNDED. THAT FIRST YEAR SAW ABOUT TWO DOZEN HIGH-QUALITY CARS FROM LARGELY LOCAL COLLECTORS DISPLAYED, WITH PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WESTLAKE PARK AND THE SOON-TO-BE-BUILT YMCA. THIS EVENT WAS COVERED IN THE *SIDE MOUNT MIRROR* 2013 ISSUE #2.

Westlake Village is a quiet town of barely 9,000 inhabitants. It is nestled between the much larger Thousand Oaks and the Santa Monica Mountains. Yet for its small size, it has a surprisingly large number of well-known car collectors. Perhaps best known is the Ray Scherr Collection, which he has kindly opened up to us over the years including this past May. Mike Malamut has also hosted the Region at his huge collection, as has Rick Principe (who collects more exotic automobiles) and cigar king Hugh Kassar has a nice collection of custom 1960s American cars. Charles

and Debbie Bronson have also hosted our Region to their collection and restoration facility. And, of course in adjacent Thousand Oaks there is the Richard Carpenter Collection, which we have not seen since 2007.

The Ventura Farms Concours has evolved and grown each year with changes in venue, moving to the local Four Seasons Hotel grounds and, for the past three years at the Lake Sherwood Country Club clubhouse. The event had a name change last year to Rev Auto, after the famous annual Paris Expo and Auto show.

On Sunday, June 3, the non-judged event took place, highlighting exotic sports cars, of which there were many. But among the estimated 55 or so cars were about a dozen Classics. Ray Scherr showed several cars, including his prominently displayed 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900B Touring Spyder, surely the star of his collection. He also showed his 1913 Mercer Raceabout (the supercar of its day), a 1930 Packard 734 Boattail Speedster, and a 1937 Cord 812 S/C Cabriolet. There were a few out of town members of our Region who also brought cars. From Beverly Hills came

Dr. Greg Vanley with his 1924 Duesenberg Model A, and the Cousineau's 1940 Packard 1807 Rollson Sport Sedan. Bruce Meyer brought "modern" car--a 1973 Porsche 911 RS and from Marina del Ray, driving their famous 1932 Packard 903 Sport Phaeton (the Jean Harlow car), came Cliff and Joyce Gooding. I think the Goodings have attended most every event your Board has put on these past couple of years.

As I mentioned, this is a non-judged show and the entry fees include an excellent buffet lunch in the clubhouse, complete with champagne and open bar, with music

*Tiny, the giraffe.*

entertainment provided by the Russell Ferrante Trio. And if that is not enough, this year had a safari theme, prompting many to wear safari attire. To add realism, a genuine live giraffe, named Tiny, a trio of monkeys and an entertaining show of trained hawks and owls took place.

Nick Lemieux, chief organizer for the event dating back to its 2013 origins, provided another well-organized, classy show. Even the event magazine was of lavish quality, highlighting some of the cars displayed. Beautiful weather, location and cars made for a great day.

## THE CARS

1. Greg Vanley's 1924 Duesenberg A
2. Ray Scherr's 1913 Mercer Raceabout
3. Goodings' 1932 Packard 903 Sport Phaeton
4. The Cousineau's 1940 Packard 1807 Rollson Sport Sedan
5. Ray Scherr's 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900B Touring Spyder
6. Ray Scherr's 1937 Cord 812 SC Cabriolet
7. Ray Scherr's 1930 Packard 734 Speedster
8. Nick Lemieux's Bentley Mark V VanVooren Saloon

