



# PERSPECTIVES

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## THINGS TO DO LIST

by: Gil Gilfix, *Executive Director*

**G**et out your calendar. It's time for you to update your schedule of "car stuff" for 2003, and let's make sure we're at the top of your list.

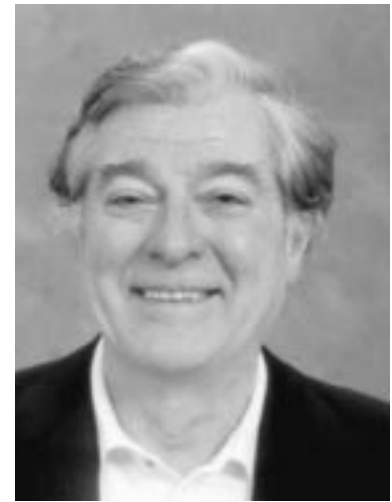
First, pencil in June 21 and 22. June 21st for "The Drive", that great tour on the day before the Concours. Organized by the Jaguar Club for the Concours, the event will be heavily influenced by Martin Swig (of the California Mille fame and party organizer par excellence) and will include some very special surprises. Next is the Concours Dinner on Saturday evening. It was a complete sellout last year and we expect we will have to limit attendance, so plan to be there! And then on Sunday, June 22nd, it's the Concours d'Elegance. A different design for the field and more room than ever. Stanford has added a grandstand for our use (and for the Rugby field) and we plan to take advantage of the wonderful seating for the awards ceremony. Special exhibits this year include Formula 1 racecars in THE GALLERY OF THE GREATS, a wonderful display of vintage trailers in Masters Grove, and THE BIVOUAC IS BACK in Masters Grove. We're working to get a SCUD Missile launcher and a M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, but nothing's definite as yet.

April 27, 2003, is another busy day for us car folk and we're calling it the beginning of the 2003 motoring season. It's the car show on the top of Nob Hill in San Francisco. We're celebrating the start of the 13th Annual California Mille and, if you're interested, all of the information and the registration form is in this newsletter. Check pages 6 & 7.

Working backward, the next date to remember is March 11, 2003. We're having the 6th Annual Candy Store lunch - at the Candy Store! For those of you who haven't been to the Candy Store, a short primer. It's a private club of car enthusiasts and rather amazing. We were fortunate to have the lunch there in years past and we are looking forward to going back in March. Invitations will be mailed in February. If you are interested in joining us for a great lunch, an interesting program and lots of cars that will take your breath away, let me know.

Our web site, thanks to our guru of webs, Chaz Nelson, is doing what it's supposed to do. That is, create interest! The latest call generated by the site came from Vermont. While we don't track that carefully, it's always news when we get out-of-state calls and we can turn those calls into a sponsorship at our Concours. Be sure to look for Hemmings Motor News as one of our newest sponsors on the 2003 field. [www.paconcours.com](http://www.paconcours.com). Let's call it information center!

And, finally, we wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of all the folks that help make the Concours that success that it is. So, instead of beating around the bush, here's the pitch. We always need volunteers. Individuals, clubs, charities, all are welcome. We work year-around to produce the Concours and would really appreciate the help. Think about it. Then call me at (650) 961-5444. ▼



**ED GILBERTSON**  
*Honorary Chairman*

**E**d Gilbertson, Chief judge for the Pebble Beach Concour d'Elegance, is a lifelong motor enthusiast who has owned a number of award-winning sports cars and motorcycles. He was born in North Dakota and acquired his first motorcycle at age 11 and his first car at age 13. They were both in very poor condition, but were affordable on paper route money at \$30 and \$50 respectively. Ed says that he was very busy just keeping them running and finding gas money during his teenage years. His garage currently houses a 1999 Ferrari Spyder Fiorano and an original 1934 Ford Roadster, as well as a number of motorcycles, including a 2003 Harley-Davidson V-Rod.

Ed's mantra: Ferraris are meant to be driven. ▼

# LE PUR-SANG DES AUTOMOBILES

*(THE THOROUGHBRED  
OF AUTOMOBILES)*

by Charlie Shavoy

Ettore Bugatti came from a remarkable and unique family with diverse talents including furniture design, silversmithing, sculpture, and automobile engineering. Between the years of 1910 and 1940 less than 8,000 Bugatti automobiles were built in a choice of twenty different models. Today there are approximately 2,000 Bugattis in existence and working order. In designing automobiles, Ettore Bugatti (Le Patron) chose speed and beauty. He was not concerned in the least with manufacturing costs, selling prices, and maintenance costs. Bugatti's innovative and highly prized cars include elegant touring cars, nimble and fast Grand Prix race cars, and the stately and regal Bugatti Royale (The Car of Kings).

Dormant for decades after WWII, the Bugatti name was revived in the 1990's when the Italian-made EB110 Supercar debuted. In fact, a EB110GT was shown at Palo Alto in 2002 in the Gallery of the Greats Super car exhibit. More recently, Volkswagen has purchased the rights to the Bugatti name and will introduce the new Veyron supercar (16 cylinders, 4 superchargers, 1001 HP, 4-wheel drive) in the 2nd half of 2003.

One of the more spectacular cars that is anticipated to be part of the Bugatti exhibit is John Mozart's 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Corsica Roadster, the 1998 Best of Show at Pebble Beach. Other Bugattis that will be shown include a 1926 Type 39A Torpedo, body by Figoni, owned by long-time patron of the Concours, Sid Colberg, and a 1926 Type 39A Grand Prix racer owned by Charlie Shalvoy.

Mr. Charlie Shalvoy, long-time Bugatti owner, member of the American Bugatti Club and President of the prestigious Candy Store will work with Tom Sutton, Associate Executive Director, to create a very special exhibit showcasing a cross section of rare Bugattis at the 2003 Palo Alto Concours. ▼



1909 Bugatti "Petit Pur-Sang" Type 10



1926 Bugatti Type 38 Torpedo  
owned by Sid Colberg



1926 Type 39A Grand Prix Racer  
owned by Charles Shavoy



1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Corsica Roadster Owner: John Mozart  
Photo: Ron Kimball



Bugatti Veyron 16-4

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# PALO ALTO CONCOURS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF CORVETTE

*By Roy Riccetti*



The year 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the building of the first Corvette, and the Palo Alto Concours will be honoring this event. Corvettes from all over the area will be gathering on the grounds of Stanford University to present an exhibit you will not want to miss. There is a football field set aside to fill with Corvettes, and if you are a Corvette owner, you will want to be there to join in the fun. If you just enjoy automobiles, and Corvettes in particular, this event is a must see.

The organizers of this year's Concours are working hard to bring together a wide variety of Corvettes. From its austere beginning in 1953, the Corvette has had a loyal following of owners and fans. Whether the Corvette is on the road or on the racetrack, there is a certain mystique that draws people to "America's Sports Car". The Corvette is asked to perform many different tasks from commuter to world-class racecar and everything in between.

Several members from the Northern California Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) are working closely with the Concours Committee, and they are planning to bring some Bloomington Gold and Duntov Award winning Corvettes. These Corvettes are examples of how Corvettes looked, and in most cases, better than when they left the factory. This NCRS Chapter also has within its ranks current racecars, historic racecars, show cars and a bevy of street driven Corvettes from the 50's to the latest models. Kent Muhlker, an NCRS Chapter member and long-time participant at the Concours said, "This exhibit will be world class. Better than anything done in recent years". Bob Ravano, also a member of the NCRS Chapter, said, "We are working hard to be able to display a Corvette from every year, 1953 to the 2003 50th anniversary model. We want to show the public the evolution of the Corvette".

Another club, The Corvette Leisure and Social Society (CLASS), is dedicated to driving and enjoying their Corvettes. They have joined with the Palo Alto Concours to help bring together as many Corvettes and Corvette people as possible to demonstrate all the activities that are part of the Corvette world. Sarah Parks offered "We want to show our Corvettes, but we also want the opportunity to show how much fun it is to be around Corvettes and Corvette people".

The Bowman Motors Collection includes some very significant historical Corvettes, special one-off Corvettes and beautiful award winning Corvettes including his 1967 L88 Corvette named the "Rebel" because of its racing history. We look forward to seeing the 1968 and 1969 Corvette racecars that gathered so many honors at racetracks around the world such as LeMans, Sebring and Daytona.

In addition to these rare Corvettes, we are anticipating a large showing from all of you out there who enjoy your Corvette and want to spend a fun day relaxing with other Corvette people and enjoying all the other automotive displays at one of the top Concours in Northern California. Each Corvette is special, whether it is a daily driver or a special one-off racecar. Roy Riccetti, a member of the Lions Club and Corvette owner has said "My wife, Barbara, and I plan to bring both of our Corvettes to this event. We look forward to gathering with so many other Corvette owners and fans to raise money for the many Lions charities".

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile event, send your name and address for our mailing list to The Palo Alto Concours, 897 Independence Avenue, Suite 1D, Mountain View, CA 94043. You can also phone (650) 961-5444 or Fax (650) 938-1273. If you would like additional information, we are on the web at [www.paconcours.com](http://www.paconcours.com).

Applications will be mailed in April, 2003. ▼

RON KIMBALL PHOTOGRAPHY

# IT'S PARTY TIME



*Larry Bowman and his 1968 Chevrolet Corvette L-88*

This was the fifth year for our PATRONS PAVILION and, by all accounts, a huge success. The Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel did a wonderful job of preparing for our guests, the mimosas hit the spot, and the buffet featuring italian specialties drew rave reviews.

The PATRONS PAVILION - as advertised - is proving to be the perfect place to watch the events of the day. About mid-morning, we saw the “Rolling Concours” featuring some of the interesting automobiles on our field. Larry Bowman brought his Scuderia Filipinetti LeMans Corvette to the ramp to talk about its six consecutive entries in the 24 Hours of LeMans. Ron Randell featured his 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biaritz convertible which won the Paddleford Trophy in 2001. Later in the afternoon, the awards were presented to the many winners. Many first-time attendees to the Concours commented to our staff that they had no idea the Palo Alto Concours had grown so and were amazed at the quality, style and presentation of our event. One honorary judge was heard to say, “How do I get an invitation for next year!”. A long-time attendee, judge, and patron of the Concours stated, “If we can hold this level of success in the future, we will attract winners from other major concours to Palo Alto”.

Our thanks to our staff and volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make the PATRONS PAVILION a great place to enjoy the day. ▼



*Greg Bosch, Tom Antal and  
Chrissie Cooper, of Creative i,  
with Chrissie's father  
Tom Cooper*

## THE BIVOUAC IS BACK!

Once again Masters Grove will be staffed with more than twenty-five examples of vintage WWII military vehicles ready for your inspection. Most of us have never seen a tank up close, or a half track, or a "deuce-and-a-half", and certainly never climbed on one - but now's your chance! Tanks, trucks, jeeps, all sorts of rolling stock you've only seen in movies will be ready for your review, and the proud owners will be there to tell the tales about their vehicles.



*Stuart Light Tank*

## THE MOTOR POOL



*British Scorpion Reconnaissance Vehicle*

One of the hobby's most prominent collector's, Jacques Littlefield of Portola Valley, will be showing some of the most interesting vehicles in his Military Vehicle Technical Foundation. The Military Vehicle Preservation Association, the Military Vehicle Collectors of California and the California National Guard will also show examples of their rolling stock. ▼

The United States, during the war years, built over 3 million transport vehicles, 88,410 tanks, 44,170 half-tracks, 82,000 tractors, and several thousand specialist vehicles. Names like "Duck", "Jimmy", "Seep", and others became part of the everyday vocabulary. Most have faded into the past or were converted into alternative uses. Some survived. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" was surely the case when it came to restoring the type of vehicle in this exhibit.



*M16 Half Track*



**PALO ALTO  
CONCOURS 2003  
PRESENTS**



**CALIFORNIA  
MILLE  
KICKOFF**

The 2003 motoring season gets a spectacular start when the Palo Alto Concours joins the California Mille atop San Francisco's Nob Hill for a day of non-stop entertainment. The date is April 27, 2003.

The thirteenth California Mille, sponsored by Chrysler, will host "A Century of San Francisco Style", an all-day event, that will include all of the cars that will participate in the running of the California Mille, a demonstration hill climb up California Street for Horseless Carriage (1915 and older) cars and an exhibit of historic and classic luxury automobiles that will grace the square and Huntington Park atop Nob Hill. The cars will be judged solely on the basis of design purity by a prominent group of automotive judges and awards will be presented. This wonderful display is open to the general public.

Participants will enjoy a buffet luncheon complements of the Fairmont Hotel, and are invited to the cocktail party being held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm to benefit the Nob Hill Association's charity of choice. As a memento of the occasion all participants will receive a fitting commemorative.

**DEMONSTRATION HILLCLIMB FOR  
HORSELESS CARRIAGE (1915 & Older) CARS**

This event will showcase these special cars starting at the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero, driving up California Street and ending at the Fairmont Hotel. We have scheduled this part of the day's activities to start at 9:00 am and end by 11:00 am. Cars participating in the hillclimb will be parked on Nob Hill and considered part of the day's exhibit. Trailer parking will be available. Mr. Jack Passey, noted collector of antique and classic automobiles, has agreed to chair the hill-climb for the Palo Alto Concours.

**A CENTURY OF SAN FRANCISCO STYLE**

A select group of historic and classic luxury automobiles will be invited to park along a red carpet and in Huntington Park and will compete for special awards. A prominent group of automotive and celebrity judges will do the honors. This is an all-day event and will include commemorative identification, a buffet lunch and a cocktail party. Mr. Gil Gilfix, Executive Director, Palo Alto Concours will chair this special event.

If you have a car that is appropriate for either, or both, of two events scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2003, we would like you to submit the attached application.

We look forward to creating a true "San Francisco Experience" and a media event that will be featured on television and in every automotive-related magazine. ▼



# A CENTURY OF SAN FRANCISCO STYLE REGISTRATION



If you would like to enter your car for consideration in either the **Hill Climb** or in the **Nob Hill Exhibit** to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2003, please fill out the appropriate section of this registration form and return it to the address listed below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

## **HILL CLIMB FOR HORSELESS CARRIAGE (1915 and older) CARS**

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

TRAILER PARKING REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTING FACTS, SPECIFICATIONS OR HISTORY:

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## **A CENTURY OF SAN FRANCISCO STYLE**

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

TRAILER PARKING REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTING FACTS, SPECIFICATIONS OR HISTORY:

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**PLEASE INCLUDE A CURRENT PHOTO OF THE CAR TO BE EXHIBITED.**

Information: Hill Climb/Jack Passey (831) 728-4738

Nob Hill Exhibit/Gil Gilfix (650) 961-5444  
www.paconcours.com

Please return completed for and picture to:

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c/o Palo Alto Concours  
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**REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2003**





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## SPREADING THE WORD

**T**he Palo Alto Concours information booth at the San Jose International Auto Show was a busy place during the 5 day run of the show. Since Corvette is the featured car at the Concours, we were fortunate to have the use of a beautifully restored 1962 model that created lots of interest. While most of the time was spent schmoozing about the Concours, those of us who worked at the show were able to do some great networking.

We handed out information flyers, to Corvette owners in particular, and hope that we generate lots of interest in the San Jose car community toward the 37th Annual Palo Alto Concours. [www.paconcours.com](http://www.paconcours.com) ▼



## FEATURED CHARITY

**W**e are pleased to announce that **Achievekids**, a private, nonprofit agency serving children and their families living in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties, has been named the featured charity for the 2003 Palo Alto Concours. Achievekids provides comprehensive mental health services for children and young adults. Achievekids, along with 24 other charities, has been a recipient of funds raised by the Concours for many years. This is the first time it has been named as the featured charity.

Linda Lyon, Deputy Development Director, stated “We are very pleased to be named as featured charity and look forward to working with the Palo Alto Concours to make the 2003 event the best ever”.

Achievekids has offices in Palo Alto and San Jose. They can be reached by calling (650) 494-1200. ▼