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## GREAT VIBES AT NEW FIELD

By: Gil Gilfix, Executive Director

**W**e inaugurated our new field location last year with great expectation, and judging from crowd reaction, it was a hit. It was a highly improved venue with lots of parking, and most importantly, NO DUST! By all accounts, our special exhibits were the best ever. The featured marques drew rave reviews, the crowds were huge and we raised lots of money for local charities. We couldn't ask for more.

On the sponsorship front, it is with great pleasure that the Concours welcomes **Union Bank of California** as the **Presenting Sponsor** of the Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance at Stanford. A three-year agreement was signed in February creating a relationship that will extend through our 2008 event.

Thanks to the efforts of our recently appointed Associate Executive Director, **Hal Schuette**, who had retired from the bank, we were able to meet with Senior Vice President, **Dee Tolles**, and make a corporate sponsorship presentation to the bank. Union Bank of California was also the Presenting Sponsor last year. As part of the benefits of sponsorship, they enjoyed a corporate hospitality suite on the field at the 2005 show. Wearing specially created VIP credentials, Union Bank executives, customers and clients were treated to a very special Concours experience.

And speaking of special, the 2006 Concours will have something for everyone. This is our **40th anniversary** and we've decided that a retrospective is in order. We are planning an exhibit of previous **Best of Show Winners** that should be a real highlight. Chasing some of the earlier cars might prove a challenge but we'll do our best. The Gallery of the Greats will once again feature **Supercars**. The organizers have lined up a group of exotic vehicles that are sure to dazzle attendees. They'll include the latest Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Mercedes-Benz SLR, McLarens, Porsches, the list goes on. The **Choppers** --- those outrageous motorcycles that we see on TV, but never in real-life--- will be with us. One of the bike builders has suggested building a Ferrari powered bike that will have its debut showing at Palo Alto. We'll all look forward to seeing it. Alternative energy vehicles are also scheduled to be exhibited. The **California Fuel Cell Partnership** is planning to bring a group of vehicles that will be available for test drives, and efforts are on-going to have Stanford University bring the remote-controlled vehicle that recently won the \$2 million dollar environmental innovation prize.

Another feature of our 40th anniversary Concours will be based on a previous experience at many of the Palo Alto Concours of the 1980's and 90's. In those years we featured the

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HONORARY CHAIRMAN



Raymond "Dee" Tolles

**D**ee Tolles has been named Honorary Chairman for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance. Mr. Tolles is no stranger to the Concours; he participated numerous times with his Bank associates in the earlier years, helping the Palo Alto Lions club raise funds for its various charities.

Mr. Tolles has a long history of community service, including terms as Menlo Park City Council Member and Mayor. He has served on the boards of the Peninsula Center for the Blind, the Menlo Circus Club and Avenidas. Currently he is a Trustee of the Notre Dame de Namur University, board member of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo, a Volunteer Deputy Sheriff, member of the Mounted Search and Rescue Team. Mr. Tolles has been with the Union Bank of California since 1968 and currently serves as Senior Vice President of the Palo Alto Private Bank. He lives with his wife Laura Lou in Menlo Park and enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren. Mr. Tolles is a self-described avid equestrian, wing shooter, fisherman, tennis player, diver and biker. \*



*Walter P. Chrysler stands beside the first car to bear his name, a 1924 sedan.*

## **CHRYSLER -- THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN FEATURED MARQUE**

**B**ack after a 13-year absence, Chrysler has again been selected as the American Featured Marque at our 2006 Concours. We hope to have some of the earliest examples, which date back to 1924. Outstanding representatives of more recent models also will be on display – as well as 300s and Imperials. We're assuming that we'll get some of the most impressive Chryslers from the famous Nethercutt Collection.

### **An Illustrious History**

Walter P. Chrysler began his career in wheeled transportation – but it was in the railroad, rather than the automotive, industry. It was while attending the 1905 Detroit Auto Show that Walter became enamored with cars. Mr. Chrysler could envision the massive growth of the auto industry, and knew he could build a better product. As his automotive career blossomed, Mr. Chrysler took over the failing Maxwell Motor Company. Soon the first Chrysler car rolled off the Maxwell Motors' assembly line. Within two years of its launch, Chrysler Motors was the #6 U.S. automobile manufacturer.

*Airflow*, *Fluid Drive* and *Hemi*, now technological icons of the auto industry, are synonymous with the evolution of Chrysler Corporation. The first wind tunnel testing for improved aerodynamics, the first use of safety glass and safety wheel rims, and the first electronic fuel injection – all are now industry standards introduced by Chrysler.

Clearly, Chrysler Corporation has been at the forefront of the automotive industry from its inception. Today the economic viability of some American car manufacturers is threatened. But with its place in automotive history secured, Chrysler continues to succeed with the introduction of advanced concepts in both styling and technology.

At our Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> event, the Chrysler exhibit will be organized into classes according to their year and model: 1924 to 1942, 1946 to 1956, 1957 to 1978, Imperials, and, finally, the 300's.

For more information about entering a car, please contact Larry Jett (650) 234-1313 for 300s and John Swensson (408) 590-4430 for Imperials & others. \*

# LOVABLE BRITISH CARS – THIS YEAR’S FEATURED EUROPEAN MARQUE



*by Gary Anderson*

**A**t the end of World War II, with England’s economy in ruins its automobile industry was asked to provide the engine for recovery. “Export or Die” was the watchword, and the leaders of industry took up the challenge.

Fortunately, the industry had been thriving in the period before the war, and American servicemen who had been stationed in England fondly remembered the dashing sports cars driven by many pilots, practical little family coupes that provided basic transportation, and big comfortable saloons (four-door sedans) that chauffeured senior officers and government leaders.

When these servicemen returned home, they helped spread the word and English auto companies like Morris, Austin, MG, and Rootes, as well as small independent companies like Healey, Morgan and others found a ready market in America for their products. Today those same cars are treasured by American car enthusiasts not only for the motoring fun they offer, but also for the physical link to Anglo-American historical ties that they represent. On the San Francisco peninsula, the British car hobby is alive and well, sustained by the Palo Alto British Car Day held each September, which is the longest continuously-running British car show in America

We will be celebrating these lovable British Cars and their owners on the Palo Alto Concours show field this June, with six classes of cars representing the diversity of the hobby. The classes are: prewar cars running during WWII, early sports cars with side curtains, later convertible sports cars, practical coupes and cabriolets, four-door saloons, and innovative limited-production cars. We’ll focus on the cars that were sold in large numbers and have been the mainstay of the hobby – affordable British cars originally imported for less than \$3500.

In addition, the concours corral this year will celebrate the thriving local British car hobby. Members of the many British car clubs will be gathering to enjoy the Concours, offering concours attendees an opportunity to see the variety of British cars still actively driven and enjoyed sixty years after the end of the war. \*



## CONCOURS DINNER AT STANFORD FACULTY CLUB

ner on Saturday evening, June 24th. The Faculty Club, a private membership organization comprised of active and retired Stanford faculty and senior staff, will be the perfect venue for the Concours Dinner. With free parking directly across the street from the Faculty Club, we have lots of room for our exhibit of featured automobiles all vying to win the coveted Patron's Choice Award. This is the only trophy that will be awarded twice! Once during the dinner and a second time during the awards ceremony at the Concours on Sunday. The specially designed menu will include pre-dinner cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, your choice of roast tenderloin of beef or chicken wellington prepared by executive chef, Jamie Galvez, complemented by wines donated by our wine sponsors.

Our short after-dinner program will feature honored guests, our Honorary Chair, The Patron's Choice winner and presentation of other awards and honors. Dress is "country club casual" and dinner invitations will be sent out in May, 2006. For more information about the event, please call Joan Peterson, Director, Special Events, art (650) 326-1013. \*

The beautiful Stanford Faculty Club, in the center of the Stanford University Campus, will be the site of this year's Concours Dinner on Saturday evening, June 24th.



## THE '06 DRIVE

The annual Palo Alto Concours drive is for those who like to both show and drive their cars. More than just another drive ... it's a memorable experience driving through twisty back roads with friends, new and old. The starting point is the Stanford Shopping Center with complementary

coffee and pastries followed by roar of the engines as we head west to the mountains. And on this drive, the California Highway Patrol actually helps us through red lights! Before we depart, the cars will be on display so everyone can check-out the cars and talk with the owners. Registrants will receive mementos and a route book before starting on the two-hour drive.

At the end of the drive, there is a visit at one of the most emulated private car clubs in the world with a catered lunch. If you've never heard of the "Candy Store," you're in a very special treat to dine in the midst of a prestigious collection of fine automobiles never available to the general public. Even if you have been there before, the cars are always changing, so you're bound to see something new. Be sure to reserve early as Space is limited to the first 50 cars.

The cost is \$65 per person and is open to all and auto exhibitors of the Concours the following day. To register, email Dave Buchanan at [buchananbc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buchananbc@sbcglobal.net) or 650-321-4691 and by return email you will get a registration form and instructions on where to send the check. The deadline to register is June 12<sup>th</sup> with no refunds after that date. Sign up early! \*

## *Weekend*

# 40TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT TO FEATURE "BEST IN SHOWS"



*Prior to 1975, the "El Palo Alto Concours" was held at the El Camino Ball Park on El Camino Real.*

Since its first edition in 1967, our concours has served as the primary fundraising activity for the Palo Alto Host Lions Club. However, that first event, featuring only a handful of cars, actually lost \$1400. Several Lions of that era suggested switching to another revenue-generating activity.

But 40 years later, while other Bay Area concours have faltered, our Palo Alto event flourishes – supporting our own club while contributing significantly to many worthy Peninsula charities.

To recognize our four successful decades, the June 25th concours will include a special exhibit of "Best In Show" winning cars from previous concours. You'll be able to admire some of the most significant and pristine vehicles that have ever graced our concours field. Although some of the early winners may be difficult to locate, there will be at least a half-dozen examples of the cars which judges chose as the best we've had in particular years. \*



## THE "CHOPPERS" ARE BACK

After last year's success with the **Gallery of the Greats** exhibit featuring those beautifully prepared, one-of-a-kind motorcycles, we decided to invite the group back to present more of their high-octane works of art. Each bike is different, usually prepared to the buyer's individual specifications. Everything from the chromed motor to the paint makes a statement – sometimes quietly and other times a bit over-the-top. With the help of Ron Kimball, one of the world's best photographers of automobiles (and choppers) and the folks at Wicked Bros. in Phoenix, who built the bike pictured above, attendees will be treated to viewing 20 to 30 bikes in this exhibit. \*

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**CONCOURS FIELD**

Sand Hill Road at Pastuer Drive, Stanford University

## A's, C's AND D's AT '06 EVENT

Once again, the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg club will present a group of these stately and beautifully prepared automobiles at the Palo Alto Concours. After their very successful regional meet at last year's Concours, the ACD club contacted the executive director asking to present a full class of these lovely cars. How could we refuse? The ACD club will work with the Concours to exhibit a class of 12 cars and will bring their own judges. The club's point of contact is Mr. Bob Pease at (925) 938-3788. \*



1937 Cord 810 Westchester Sedan



1935 Duesenberg Model J



1934 Auburn V12

## TAKE AN FCV FOR A SPIN



Hundai Tucson Fuel Cell Vehicle

With an eye toward our automotive future, our '06 concours will also feature alternative energy vehicles. The California Fuel Cell Partnership has agreed to bring a group of Fuel Cell Vehicles (FCVs) that will be available for test drives. FCVs run on electricity, but without using batteries to store it. Fuel cells onboard the vehicle create electricity through a chemical process using hydrogen fuel and oxygen from the air.

The **California Fuel Cell Partnership** was formed to encourage private companies and government agencies to work together to move these vehicles toward commercialization.

Since 2000, 55 light-duty FCVs have traveled over 145,000 miles on California roads and have been test driven in 120 outreach events like our concours.

We may not see FCVs on the market before 2010, but you'll have a chance to drive one at our June 25<sup>th</sup> event.

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venerable Sid Colberg, a walking encyclopedia of automobile history, doing his famous "Walk thru the Classics". Sid would put a small loudspeaker system on a golf cart and roam the field, looking for interesting cars, then tell the audience the story of that car. Needless to say, it was very popular. History will repeat at the 40th anniversary Concours when **Martin Swig**, another consummate "car guy", and his associate, **Ivan Zarimba**, will once again jump on a golf cart with mike in hand and scour the field for the most compelling car stories. It should be a real treat.

This will be our second year at our new field (Sand Hill at Pasteur Drive) and we look forward to the Concours with great anticipation. The few bugs we encountered last year have been addressed and eliminated. We are making changes that will improve access to the Concours field, to spectator parking, to trailer parking and to vendor/exhibitor display areas. We plan on posting a field map on the Concours web site as it becomes available.

And, as I write this every year, we always need extra help. So, if you'd like to get involved – either on a long-term basis, or for the weekend, give me a call. I'm at (650) 961-5444. We'd really appreciate it. \*

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