



# UP TO SPEED

NAVIGATING A COURSE  
THROUGH CAR WEEK EVENTS

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IT'S DRIVE TIME IN MONTEREY COUNTY, AS AUGUST AUCTIONS, EXHIBITS, RACES, RALLIES AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE ACTIVITIES PROMISE AN UNFORGETTABLE 10 DAYS OF CELEBRATION. HERE'S HOW TO NAVIGATE THIS YEAR'S HEADLINERS.

## PEBBLE BEACH MOTORING CLASSIC



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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5-14

### Pebble Beach Motoring Classic

[www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net) or 831/622-1700

Thirty gleaming vintage cars will climb mountain passes and follow the coast from greater Seattle to Pebble Beach during this 10-day, 1,500-mile auto event. Upon arrival, select participants will cap the adventure by competing in this year's Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

### Ferrari Through the Eyes of Gunther Raupp

[www.photography.org](http://www.photography.org)

A rare solo exhibition featuring the work of Gunther Raupp, the renowned photographer behind Ferrari's official annual calendar since 1985, will occupy Carmel's Center for Photographic Art from August 10 to 25. Members of the public are invited to an opening reception on August 10, from 5-7pm.

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## MONTEREY PRE-REUNION



Photo: Bob Heathcote

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 10-11

### Monterey Pre-Reunion

[www.weathertechraceway.com](http://www.weathertechraceway.com) or  
831/242-8200

The precursor to the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion unfolds on WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca's famed 2.238-mile road course. As more than 300 historic cars compete on the track, spectators are welcome to watch the action and chat with fellow enthusiasts on the paddock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

### Carmel-by-the-Sea Concours on the Avenue

[www.carmelconcours.com](http://www.carmelconcours.com) or 404/237-2633

Expect 18 blocks of excitement at this signature downtown Carmel event, an affair that spotlights Porsche and Ferrari models through 1989 plus multi-marque releases from 1940 to 1973. The gathering, free to the public from 10am-5pm, benefits the Carmel Foundation.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

### Classic Motorsports Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In

[montereykickoff.com](http://montereykickoff.com)

Collectors and enthusiasts display their classic, rare and exotic cars along Lighthouse Avenue during this free afternoon event in downtown Pacific Grove. The festivities also include live music, booths by top vendors and special prizes.

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CARMEL MISSION CLASSIC



Photo: Doug Oldfield

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12-14

**Automobilia Monterey**

[www.automobiliamonterey.com](http://www.automobiliamonterey.com) or 831/659-1551

Expanding to three full days for its 17th year, this popular showcase brings scale models, books, badges, signed memorabilia, original art, vintage posters and other collectibles to Seaside's Embassy Suites Monterey Bay. Proceeds support the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

**Carmel Mission Classic**

[www.carmelmissionclassic.org](http://www.carmelmissionclassic.org)

A 1936 Mercedes-Benz 500K Special Roadster is one of the featured vehicles that will be on exhibit from 10am-4pm, when this annual event brings cars, music, auto blessings and awards to the picturesque Carmel Mission courtyard.



## GORDON MCCALL'S MOTORWORKS REVIVAL



Photo: Tip Weiss

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

### The Little Car Show

[www.marinamotorsports.org](http://www.marinamotorsports.org)

The 10th annual presentation of this charitable Pacific Grove mainstay turns the focus toward 125 mini, micro, electric, steam and arcane vehicles. After a display from noon-5pm, participating cars line up for a parade along Ocean View Boulevard.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

### Prancing Ponies Car Show

[prancingponies.org](http://prancingponies.org)

Now in its third year, this dynamic, all-women's car show raises funds that support leadership camps and educational opportunities for girls. Entrance is free for spectators, and the Carmel festivities also include live music and local wines.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

### Gordon McCall's Motorworks Revival

[www.mccallevents.com](http://www.mccallevents.com)

Monterey Car Week's unofficial kick-off party fills the Monterey Jet Center with collector cars, personal aircraft and vintage motorcycles, plus top-shelf wine, food, watches and goods by high-profile luxury brands. A special red-carpet reception opens at 4pm, and evening events benefit the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

### Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance

[www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net) or

831/622-1700

Like a museum in motion, this road tour takes participating Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance entrants through Pebble Beach, down Carmel Valley Road and along Highway 1. Drivers display their vehicles during a lunch stop in Carmel, and return to Pebble Beach for a champagne toast at 3pm.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 15-17

### Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum

[www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net) or

831/622-1700

Car collectors Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld, consultant and historian Donald Osborne, restoration expert Wayne Carini and broadcaster Spike Feresten headline this year's Pebble Beach panel discussions exploring innovation, collecting and automotive design.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 15-17

### Pebble Beach RetroAuto

[www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net) or

831/622-1700

Collectors and casual enthusiasts alike attend this three-day showcase of automotive memorabilia, luxury items and tech-forward driving tools available for purchase at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Guests can also purchase original Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance merchandise to take home.

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Photo: Bob Heathcote

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 15-18

### Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

[www.weathertechraceway.com](http://www.weathertechraceway.com) or 831/242-8200

More than 500 historic race cars compete in 14 categories spanning a century of motorsports at this major WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca event. Three-time Le Mans winner Hurley Haywood is the grand marshal for 2019, and Mika Häkkinen will drive the 1970 McLaren M8D/3 "Batmobile" two decades after winning his second consecutive Formula One drivers' championship. The weekend also celebrates 50 years of International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) history and the 100th anniversary of Bentley.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally

[www.pgautorally.org](http://www.pgautorally.org) or 831/372-3861

Twenty-five years after car designer Carroll Shelby attended the inaugural staging of this downtown car show, rally and barbecue, organizers are celebrating its silver anniversary with Cobra as the featured marque. The afternoon events raise money for Rotary Club of Pacific Grove programs.

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## THE QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### Werks Reunion Monterey

[www.werksreunion.com](http://www.werksreunion.com)

This year marks the fifth presentation of this popular Porsche Club of America (PCA) event. Porsche clubs, owners and enthusiasts gather at Corral de Tierra Country Club for a full day of judged exhibits and activities spotlighting current and classic vehicles.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### Legends of the Autobahn

[www.legendsoftheautobahn.org](http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org)

More than 400 German cars line up for judging and displays at this Club at Pasadena gathering hosted by the BMW Car Club of America, Mercedes-Benz Club of America and the Audi Club of North America. Entrance is free to spectators, who will also find vendor displays and special factory models.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering

[signatureevents.peninsula.com](http://signatureevents.peninsula.com)

For 2019, this annual, all-inclusive outdoor party at Quail Lodge & Golf Club features 100 Years of Bentley Motors and the 25th Anniversary of the McLaren F1. Spectators will also find an exclusive display of Hollywood film and television cars from the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, along with red carpet photo opportunities.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15-16

### Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction

[www.bonhams.com/quail](http://www.bonhams.com/quail)

Bidders can expect rare and sought-after models in this year's auction on the Quail Lodge & Golf Club grounds, including the ex-Briggs Cunningham 1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic and a 1931 Bentley 4 1/2 Liter Supercharged Birkin Le Mans Replica Tourer—one of just 50 factory Blower examples produced.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 16-18

### Japanese Automotive Invitational

[jaipebblebeach.com](http://jaipebblebeach.com)

Now in its second year, this free, public exhibition near Peter Hay Golf Course presents iconic Japanese vehicles and exclusive models that showcase the country's automotive innovation and success.

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## CONCORSO ITALIANO



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

### The Barnyard Ferrari Event

[www.thebarnyard.com](http://www.thebarnyard.com)

The Barnyard and the Ferrari Owners Club partner on this annual roundup of Italian automobiles, food and wine. This year's gathering offers live music by the Chicano All Stars and benefits the Arts Council for Monterey County.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

### Concorso Italiano

[www.concorso.com](http://www.concorso.com) or 425/742-0632

From Ferrari to Maserati to Alfa Romeo, this vibrant Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course event puts upwards of 1,000 cars and cycles on display. The 2019 celebration features 50 years of the Ferrari Dino and the 70th anniversary of the founding of Abarth.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

### Concours d'Lemons

[24hoursoflemons.com](http://24hoursoflemons.com)

Organizers proudly spotlight "the worst of the worst"—including misfits, mistakes and other crude cars—from 8am-1:30pm outside Seaside City Hall. The playful gathering is free to the public, and winners take home thrift shop-sourced trophies.





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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

## Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

[www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net) or 831/622-1700

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance completes 10 days of unforgettable motorsports gatherings across the Monterey Peninsula. This year's presentation commemorates the Bentley centennial, with six classes and approximately 25 percent of competitors representing the iconic brand. Other special classes will spotlight 100 years of Zagato, Bugatti race and touring cars and historic hot rod cover cars.

The grounds open to spectators at 10:30am; awards are presented from 1:30-5pm. As they view dream cars judged for style, technical merit, history, originality and restoration accuracy, event attendees can also take in displays by several major automotive marques.

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GOODING & COMPANY



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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 AND 17

## Gooding & Company Pebble Beach Auction

[www.goodingco.com/auction/pebble-beach-2019/](http://www.goodingco.com/auction/pebble-beach-2019/)

The 16th annual Gooding & Company Pebble Beach Auctions (Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, with public viewing from Wednesday, August 14) sets up nearby, at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center. A 1958 Ferrari 250 GT LWB California Spider is one of several notable Ferraris in the 2019 catalogue, along with a 1939 Alfa Romeo Tipo 256 Coupe that won the Touring Class, Mille Miglia Trophy and the Bulgari Award at the 2015 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, a 1913 Isotta Fraschini Tipo IM, and a host of other significant vehicles.