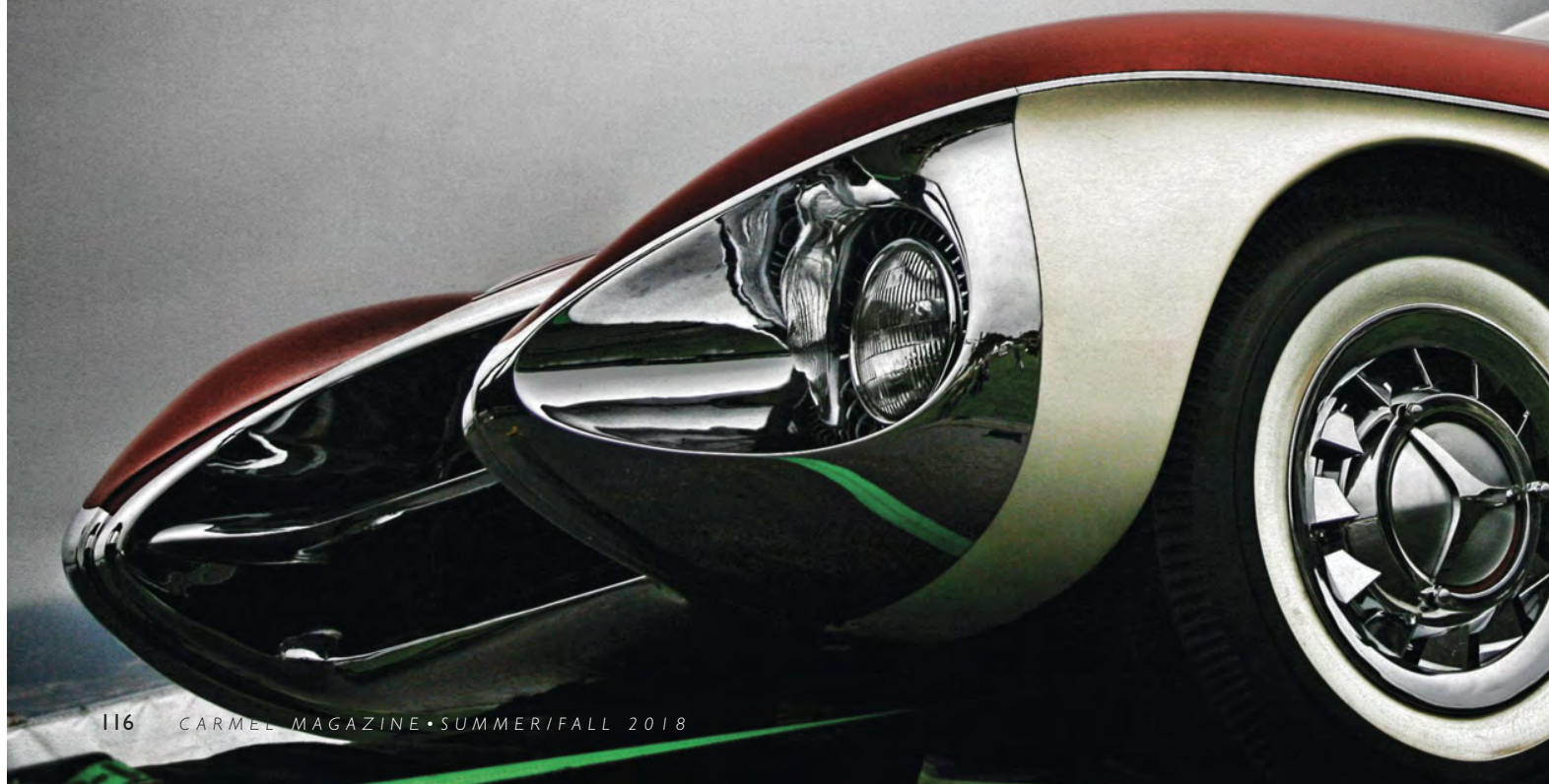


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A GUIDE TO THE  
MONTEREY PENINSULA'S  
CAR WEEK

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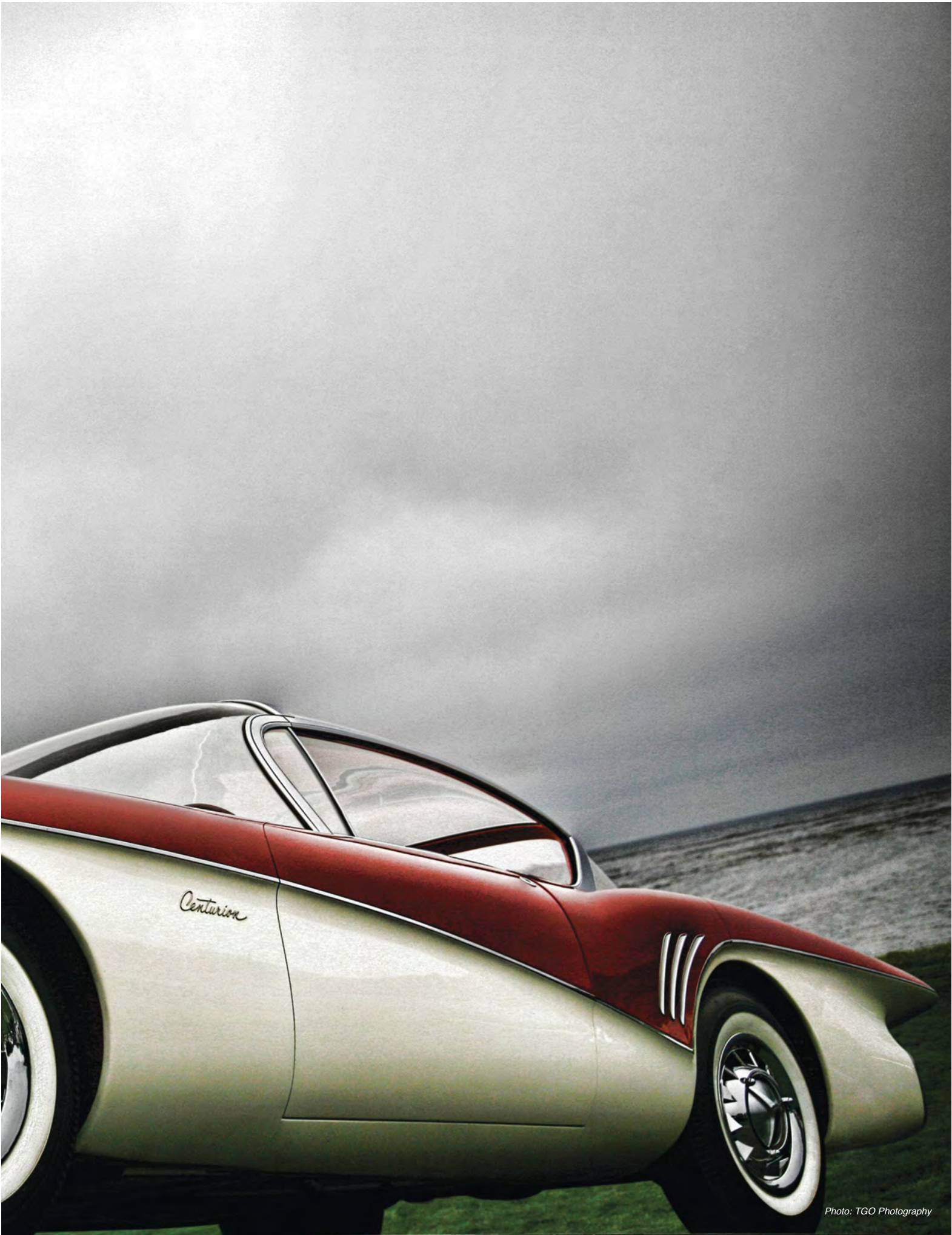


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**I**N AUGUST, ALL EYES TURN TO THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AS RACE LEGENDS, DESIGNERS, COLLECTORS AND AUTO ENTHUSIASTS GATHER FOR 10 DAYS OF EVENTS CONCLUDING WITH THE ANNUAL PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13-22

### Pebble Beach Motoring Classic

A maximum of 30 pre-1968 vehicles navigate coastal curves and backroads on this 10-day, 1,500-mile journey from outside Seattle to Pebble Beach. Some entrants continue on to this year's Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance competition.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

### Cars on Alvarado Street

This free Car Week kick-off takes place from 5 to 7pm, when classic race cars come from WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca to line Alvarado Street. Drivers will mingle with guests, and there will be live jazz and bites from Cibo Ristorante Italiano.

[www.oldmonterey.org](http://www.oldmonterey.org) or 831/655-8070

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MONTEREY PRE-REUNION



Photo: Bob Heathcote

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

### Jesse Alexander opening at the Center for Photographic Art

View black-and-whites of motorsports legends at this rare exhibition of images by Jesse Alexander, considered "the Ansel Adams of automotive photography." A free gala opening happens from 5 to 7pm; the exhibit continues through September 2.

[www.photography.org](http://www.photography.org) or 831/625-5181

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-19

### Monterey Pre-Reunion

Some 300 historic machines hit the famous 2.238-mile track at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in this relaxed showcase that precedes the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion.

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

or 831/242-8200

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

### Classic Motorsports Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In

Classic Motorsports magazine staffers welcome car enthusiasts to share and see exotic automobiles during this free celebration held from 3 to 7pm on Pacific Grove's Lighthouse Avenue.

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

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## CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA CONCOURS ON THE AVENUE



Photo: Carmel-By-The-Sea Concours On The Avenue

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

More than 175 multi-marque releases from 1940 to 1973, plus Porsche and Ferrari models through 1989, are displayed during this annual Carmel Foundation benefit. Events happen from 10 am to 5pm, and an awards presentation wraps up the free festivities.

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

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 21 AND 22

### Automobilia Monterey

More than 40 auto-focused vendors come to Seaside's Embassy Suites Monterey Bay with original art, vintage posters, pre- and post-war memorabilia, models, books and collectibles. The relaxed, two-day event benefits the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center:

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

### Carmel Mission Classic

Look for Phil Hill's 1927 Packard and a 1937 Cord owned by the grandson of company founder E.L. Cord among the vehicles at this Carmel Mission event with food and wine, auto blessings, music and awards presented at 3pm. The gathering raises funds for the Knights of Columbus and Carmel Mission.

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

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Photo: Tip Weiss

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

### The Little Car Show

One hundred under-1601cc-engine cars star at this downtown Pacific Grove gathering, which will also feature alternative fuel-powered cars 25 years and older. Music, awards and a car cruise are on the schedule, and participant fees support local nonprofits.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

### Gordon McCall's Motorworks Revival

For 27 years, this Monterey Jet Center gala has gathered automobile, aircraft and motorcycle enthusiasts for an evening of food, wine, music and celebration set among rare vehicles and vintage planes. The 2018 presentation includes a tribute to race legend Dan Gurney, plus the new Club McCall Official After Party.

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

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

### Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance entrants depart from the Del Monte Forest at 9am for a tour along 17-Mile Drive, Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1. After a lunch break in Carmel, participants return to Pebble Beach for a 3pm champagne toast.

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

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 23-25

### Pebble Beach RetroAuto

Held at The Inn at Spanish Bay, this motorsports marketplace showcases memorabilia, rare collectables, automotive art and luxury items, along with official Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance merchandise.

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

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ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION



Photo: TM Hill

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 23-25

### Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum

Respected motorsports experts and personalities lead three days of panel discussions exploring automotive design, history, collecting and innovation. Events take place at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

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

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 23-26

### Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

More than 500 race-provenant and historic race cars will compete at this year's reunion. Expect featured-marque Nissans and Datsuns on the paddock, and look for Can-Am run group vehicles reviving their glory years at the track. Legends John Morton, Peter Brock and Steve Millen will participate in question-and-answer sessions, while Mika Häkkinen will make a spirited exhibition in one of his championship-winning McLarens.

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



## THE QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING



Photo: Drew Phillips

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

### PCA Werks Reunion

The Porsche Club of America welcomes enthusiasts to this free-for-spectators Corral de Tierra Country Club affair that spotlights lovingly maintained classics and current models in judged classes and display-your-own exhibits.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

### The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering

Celebrating 70 years of the Porsche 356, cars from the collection of manufacturer and auto tuner Alois Ruf, and several traditional classes, this all-inclusive garden party at Quail Lodge & Golf Club is a family friendly event with food, fashion, wine and spirits.

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

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Photo: Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

### Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction

A 1911 Mercedes 28/60 Tourer and 1931 Bentley 8-Liter "Silent Bloc" Saloon with coachwork by Vanden Plas are on offer during this annual auction held in conjunction with The Quail. Previews open August 22-23 on the western Quail Lodge lawns.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

### Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally

BMW is the featured marque at this year's Lighthouse Avenue car show benefitting Rotary Club of Pacific Grove projects and youth programs. After an early-evening coastal cruise, participants attend a Chautauqua Hall barbecue and awards presentation.

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

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Photo: Erik Uppman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

### Legends of the Autobahn

The BMW Car Club of America, Mercedes-Benz Club of America and Audi Club of America co-host this celebration of German-made marques at the Nicklaus Club-Monterey. Expect more than 400 vintage models plus concept cars, manufacturer displays and culinary surprises.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

### Exotics on Cannery Row

Models by Koenigsegg, Pagani, Ferrari, McLaren and others take center stage at this free, festive exhibition of super, hyper and exotic cars. Memorabilia and motorsports vendors also set up on Cannery Row from 3 to 8pm.

[www.canneryrow.com/eocr](http://www.canneryrow.com/eocr)

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## THE BARNYARD FERRARI EVENT



Photo: DMT Imaging

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

### The Barnyard Ferrari Event

Ferrari Owners Club members and enthusiasts fill the Barnyard Shopping Village gardens during this celebration of Italian automobiles. The event supports the Arts Council for Monterey County and Cannery Row Rotary Club and also includes music, local wines and food.

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

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Photo: Evan Lerner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

### Concorso Italiano

This 2018 affair at Black Horse Golf Course celebrates the Alfa Romeo Giulia Super and four-door sedans, plus Italian food, fashion, art and music. Collectors and enthusiasts can also view nearly 1,000 Italian cars on display.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

### Concours d'Lemons

Look for a lighthearted selection of misfits and unpolished autos outside Seaside City Hall, where this free event takes place from 8am to 1:30pm. A thrift shop-sourced trophy presentation honors the most noteworthy entries.

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

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PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

## Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

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Capping off 10 days of events, the 2018 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance celebrates motor cars of the Raj, Rollston Coachwork, postwar custom Citroën, OSCA, the Indianapolis Revolution and more. A 1:30pm awards presentation recognizes vehicles judged for style, history, technical merit and restoration accuracy. Aston Martin, Ford, BMW and Bentley are among the companies displaying concept cars throughout the day, and the annual Automotive Fine Arts Society Exhibition also sets up on the grounds.

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GOODING & COMPANY



*Photo: James Lipman/Courtesy of Gooding & Company*

A 1955 Ferrari 500 Mondial Series II is among the pedigreed highlights of this year's **Gooding & Company** Pebble Beach Auctions (Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25, with public viewing from Wednesday, August 22). Owned since 1960 by four-cylinder Ferrari expert Admiral Robert Phillips, the light blue vehicle was originally delivered new to famed privateer racer François Picard.

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Photo: Mecum Auctions



## ADDITIONAL WEEKEND AUCTIONS INCLUDE:

- **Worldwide Auctioneers Pacific Grove Auction** at the Pacific Grove Golf Links, Thursday, August 23.  
[www.worldwideauctioneers.com](http://www.worldwideauctioneers.com)
- **Mecum Auctions** at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, Thursday-Saturday, August 23-25. [www.mecum.com](http://www.mecum.com)
- **Russo and Steele Sports Collector Automobile Auction** on the downtown Monterey waterfront, Thursday-Saturday, August 23-25.  
[www.russoandsteele.com/monterey](http://www.russoandsteele.com/monterey)
- **RM Sotheby's Monterey Auction** at the Monterey Conference Center, Friday-Saturday, August 24-25.  
[www.rmauctions.com](http://www.rmauctions.com)

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