

1952 CUNNINGHAM C-4R WINS BEST OF SHOW AT THE 2007 QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING

CARMEL, CALIF. (August 20, 2007) — Leading off the 2007 Monterey Classic Car Week on Friday, August 17, The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, dazzled over 3,000 guests with a collection of 120 rare sports and racing cars, an array of fine cuisine, premium wine and spirits, all enjoyed in a luxe garden-party setting at Carmel's Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club. At the Rolex Circle of Champion Awards, which concluded the day's events, one car received top honors as Best of Show: the 1952 Cunningham C-4R owned by Fred Simione.

The 2007 Quail celebrated the 100th anniversary of Briggs Cunningham, celebrated racecar enthusiast, designer and driver and paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Convertible, the 75th anniversary of the Monte Carlo Rally and 50 years of racing at Laguna-Seca, Monterey Peninsula's renowned raceway.

Guests who attended the fifth annual Quail event sipped Louis Roederer Champagne and enjoyed a sumptuous *plein air* luncheon featuring cuisine from Italy, France and California created by Quail Lodge's culinary team, under the direction of Executive Chef Jeff Rogers. The lavish epicurean delights included *Hot-roasted Monterey Bay King Salmon, Sweet Rock Shrimp, Wood-fired Poussin, Pissaladière, Wine-braised Young Chicken, Beefsteak Florentine* and *Summer Fruit Crostata*.

Enthusiasts were also chartered to the Laguna Seca Raceway by MD Helicopters, got behind the wheel of the new Lexus *LS 600 H-L and LS-C* and the Maserati *Quattroporte*, and taken off-road at the Land Rover Driving School Experience. Other highlights included the Bonhams & Butterfields auction, trunk shows from Alfredo Molina, Gregg Ruth and Lussori, hand-rolled fine cigars, and an introduction to Quail Lodge's Lifestyle and Golf Academy.

The traditional Historics to The Quail Run, featuring 25 of the most celebrated sports racing cars, made a grand entrance from the Rolex Monterey Historic Races and Selby Aviation performed an aerobatic air show.

"We are thrilled our young event has become the kick-off celebration for Monterey's Classic Cars Weekend," said Mathias Doutreleau, Director of Special Events for Quail Lodge. "The Quail is more than an event for automotive enthusiasts, it is a celebration of the luxury lifestyle bringing together fine food and wine, couture jewelry and rare automobiles in a beautiful outdoor setting." according to Sarah Cruse, General Manager.

The Rolex Circle of Champions Award winners include:

Best of Show

1952 Cunningham C-4R owned by Fred Simione

Briggs Cunningham 100th Birthday Award

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Monte-Carlo Rally 75th Anniversary Award

1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 owned by William E. Connor II

50 Years of Racing at Laguna Seca Raceway Award

1955 Aston Martin DB3S owned by Anthony Symmes

The Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Cabriolet 50th Anniversary Award

1957 Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Pininfarina Cabriolet owned by Robert Lee

Pre War Sports and Racing Cars Award

1934 Ringling & Henning Indianapolis 2 Sear Racecar owned by Patrick Phinny

Post War Sports Cars Award

1949 Alfa Romeo Villa d' Este Coupe owned by Timothy Walker

Post War Racing Cars Award

1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Competizione owned by Tex and Tambi Otto

Sports and Racing Motorcycles Award

1972 Ducati 750 Imola Racer owned by John Stein

Super Cars Award

2006 Bugatti Veyron owned by Gerald D. Barnes

The Griots Garage – Preservation Award

1937 Talbot Lago T 150 C SS Tear Drop Coupe owned by J. Peter Ministrelli

The Road & Track Editor's Choice Award

1958 Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Pininfarina Cabriolet owned by Linda and John Clinard

Pacific Tweed Couturier "Eye for Style" Award

1939 Bugatti T-57 C owned by James and Martha Foght

A portion of the proceeds raised will benefit local and national charities aiding children and families including The California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation, Rancho Cielo, CASA of Monterey County (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Friends of the Carmel Unified Schools (FOCUS) and The Juvenile Impact Program.

The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering will take place on Friday, August 15, in 2008. For more information about The Quail please visit www.quailodge.com.