

A Summer Filled With Car Shows

Hi everyone! I hope your summer has been filled with a few of the great car shows we have had here locally. I personally have been involved in so many, that I haven't able to get to the computer. So the time to write any articles for you folks has been non-existent, sorry! Now that everything is back at the normal crazy pace, I'll have more time again to devote to writing.

We have had so many great car shows to attend this summer, starting with the Huntington Beach show. That venue is always such a nice show because of all the different Porsches to look at, and the setting in the park works very well. When you get done checking out all the Porsches, you can spend your time looking over the rest of the show cars. The cars ranged from an Enzo Ferrari to a Mini Cooper with a supercharger and turbo. That's quite a mix! The next show was the Dana Point 356 car show. The combination of its nice location over looking the Dana Point Harbor and having over 200 cars in attendance made it definitely one of the premiere events of the summer.

In August the Monterey Peninsula has more car shows in one weekend than any other place in the world! The Concours Italiano was much better this year because I understand that the parking problems are now under control. Making for a much more pleasant outing. Friday I was at the Quail Lodge car show and that event was outstanding! They had cars ranging from a 64 Comet rally car to the latest Bugatti. They had it all, the very first Porsche racecar was there along with some very cool small (9"x 6"x 7") hand built V-8 motors that actuality started and ran! Saturday was the vintage car races, which is always a blast. It is a thrill to watch those classic cars accelerate thru the corkscrew, ignoring the potential for disaster. Sunday was Pebble Beach Concours; this event is the best in the world! If your car is lucky enough to win, it may increase in value by up to 30%. My friend Bill (who is a 30 year Pebble Beach judge) told me that at any other major car show every car in his class would have scored 100 points. Good luck picking a winner. Hey, do you know if a 1932 Marmon has one or two air horns? The judges are the most knowledgeable enthusiasts in the world with an unbelievable grasp on the history of automobiles.

With the summer over, the car shows will be fewer and farther between, this will leave you with a little more time to work on your own car. Take your time, enjoy the day, and call for expert help if you need it.

Wax on,
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