

23rd ANNUAL HANDCRAFTED AUTOMOBILE CONCOURSE

By Vern Hance

This year's show enjoyed great weather despite some threats from the weatherman. We had 61 cars registered this year including 11 Cobras, 3 GT-40s, 8 Porsches, 7 Mercedes, 5 Ferraris, 3 Tomahawks and a host of other unique and special cars.

Among the "one of a kind" trophy-winners was Bill Deneff's Devin Roadster that he brought from Cypress, CA, Steve Young's Diva Roadster (from Lopez Island, WA) and Al Ferguson's Blast. (a one-off roadster with a turbo 2.0 liter Subaru mid-engine power plant)

Also new to this year's show was Doug Wallace's recently completed '57 T-Bird replica and James & Wendy Wagner's (just out of the paint shop) Fiero based ZR-2. They both took home a trophy.

Gil Somerhalder's 1950 Ford "Easy-Rod", built on a 1995 T-bird shell had lots of spectators wondering and scratching their heads. Jim & Kathleen Standiford brought their Tri-Magnum and the Jackrabbit giving spectators some more questions to ponder.

I suppose the most electrifying moment was on Sunday when a pair of GT-40s owned by Bob Silva and Alank DeClue came from Oakley to give Farhad Faili's GT-40 some added competition. They said they found our "Who's Coming" section on our website and decided to increase the GT-40 population. Their cars were beautiful and quickly attracted a crowd of lookers, but Farhad Faili took the trophy.

Another striking Sunday beauty was a unique Porsche 911 based roadster entered by Mike Venacro. It was described as a 911 Speedster and was powered by a 3.6 liter Porsche 6. The builder was Dion Sportscars..

Bill Foster returned this year with his Firewoody surf board transporter but Dane Slack got the top "Special Interest" trophy with his Suzuki powered Ford Coupe replica. Tony Moniz took 2nd in Special Interest with his Shay Model A.

The Cobra class was topped by Russ Thompson's Daytona Coupe and he also took the "Best of Show" trophy. Ed Robison's FFR Cobra took 2nd and Kie linuma took 3rd.

The Sports A class gave top honors to Farhad Faili's GT-40 with Steve Young's Diva Roadster taking 2nd and Al Bohr's Fino 3rd.

Sports B class was led by Bill Deneff's Devin with Dale Fieber's Speedster in 2nd and Doug Wallace's T-Bird 3rd.

The Classic C class was dominated by Steve Bales M-B 500K with Bill Navratil's Gatsby and the Chuck Maddux M-B 500K taking 2nd & 3rd. The Classic D class was led by Pat & Anita Cooley's Bugatti with Hans Kiel's Jaguar SS-100 and Alex Penalosa's M-B SSK taking 2nd and 3rd.

The "Manufacturer" trophy went to Cutting Edge Replicas Cobra display. They are located in Manteca, CA.

Another new feature of this year's show was the inclusion of a display by Dreamy Pedal Cars. Joe Morales came from Newman, CA with an impressive display of pedal cars and gas pumps to match. His display seemed to be quite busy.

Our late Saturday "Snack & Beverage Time", that preceeded the banquet, was moved to the nearby Marina Inn in our private banquet room. The banquet was attended by 60 people and we had enough raffle prizes to give everyone a 100% chance at being a winner.

We want to thank Leanne Jones and Carolina Williams, Show Co-Chairpersons, for the work that made this show a success and express our appreciation for the many members who worked at their various assignments to make it all happen. And, of course, above all a huge thanks to those who brought their cars. The feed back I got says the show was enjoyed by all.

Here are photos of the trophy winners.



BEST MANUFACTURER

Cutting Edge Replicas



NATIONAL KIT CAR CLUB AWARD

Russ Thompson - Daytona Coupe



PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Farhad Faili - Ford GT-40



SHOW CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

Doug Wallace - '57 Ford T-Bird



VICE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Al Ferguson - Blast



LADIES CHOICE

Tony Moniz - Shay Ford Model A

SPORTS A CLASS



1st Farhad Faily GT-40

SPORTS B CLASS



1st Bill Deneff - Devin



2nd Steve Young - Diva Roadster



2nd Dale Fieber - Porsche Speedster



3rd Al Bohr - Fino



3rd Doug Wallace - '57 Ford T-Bird



HONORABLE WORKMANSHIP AWARD
Rory Batemen - Tomahawk



RECOGNITION AWARD
James Wagner - Fiero ZR-2

CLASSIC C CLASS



1st Steve Bales - Mercedes 500K



2nd Bill Navratil - Gatsby



3rd Chuck Maddux - Mercedes 500K

CLASSIC D CLASS



1st Pat Cooley - Bugatti



2nd Hans Kiel - Jaguar SS-100



3rd Alex Penalosa

COBRA CLASS E



1st Russ Thoompson - Daytona Coupe

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS



1st Dane Slack - Ford Coupe Special



2nd Ed Robison - FFR Cobra



2nd Tony Moniz - Shay Ford Model A



3rd Kei Iiluma - Cobra



BEST UNFINISHED

Joel Heinke - Ferrari 250 GTO