

## **THE 2008 QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING, CELEBRATES LUXURY AND STYLE IN CARS AND IN LIFE**

**CARMEL, CALIF. (August 18, 2008)** — In its sixth year as the luxurious start to the Monterey Classic Car Week, *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering* sold-out and is honored to be considered the most desirable event during the Motorsports Week.

This year, the Quail honored America's leading endurance race: the *Twelve Hours of Sebring*. The exhibit included the storied Porsche RS Spyder that won the 2008 race. *Eagle Racecars'* remarkable design by racing legend Dan Gurney were also honored. On show was the 1967 *Gurney Eagle F-1*, which Dan Gurney not only built but also brought to victory at the *Spa-Francorchamp Grand Prix*. Storied test driver Valentino Balboni was in attendance at the event and was also honored for his more than 30 years behind the wheel for *Lamborghini*.

A day at The Quail is not complete without guests experiencing the very best in food and wines. Guests enjoyed tastes from Italy, Cuba, France and California complemented by Louis Roederer Champagne, premium wines and spirits. *Mache Tarragon Salad with Hickory Smoked Bacon and Sweet 100 Tomatoes, Herb Bavette de Flanchet with Wilted Savoy Spinach and Grilled Mahi Mahi with Caribbean Fruit* were a few of the dishes prepared by Quail Lodge's culinary team using the region's finest local and artisan ingredients.

Other highlights included test drives from *Lexus, Mercedes-Benz AMG* and *Maserati* and, once again, the *Land Rover Experience Driving School* had its off-road driving experience through the grounds of the Quail Lodge. The Quail also had the North American unveiling of the *Rolls-Royce Phantom Coupé*, the newest addition to the automaker's line of luxury vehicles, as well as the *Bugatti's Hermès* edition – the *Veyron Fbg par Hermès* shown for the first time on the West Coast at the Quail.

The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering concluded this year, as in the previous years, with the *Rolex Circle of Champion Awards*. In this unique award ceremony, entrants are called upon to subjectively choose the vehicle that has achieved what they believe to be its design goal, performance expectations and overall impact on automotive history and soul.

One car received top honors as Best of Show: The **1962 Shelby Cobra 289** owned by Bruce Meyer.

### **Best of Show**

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### **12 Hours of Sebring**

1969 Chevrolet Corvette ZL-1 owned by John Thompson

### **Gurney Eagles**

1967 Gurney Eagle F-1 owned by The Collier Collection

### **25th Anniversary of the Porsche 959**

1985 Porsche 959-Paris Dakar owned by Bernard Carl

**Tribute to Valentino Balboni**

1967 Lamborghini Miura owned by Lamot Du Pont

**Pre War Sports and Racing Cars Award**

1913 Mercer 35-J Raceabout owned by The Peterson Automotive Museum

**Post War Sports Cars Award**

1957 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Roadster owned by David & Melissa Mohlman

**Post War Racing Cars Award**

1962 Ford Cobra 289 owned by Bruce Meyer

**Sports and Racing Motorcycles Award**

1953 Vincent Black Shadow owned by Thomas & Elece Leverone

**Super Cars Award**

2006 Ferrari P 4/5 Pininfarina owned by James Glickenhau

**The Quail Lodge “Preservation Award”**

1959 Ferrari 410 Super America owned by Tom Shaughnessy

**The Road & Track “Editor’s Choice” Award**

1972 Eagle Indy - Olsonite owned by Dan Gurney

**Pacific Tweed Couturier “Eye for Style” Award**

1967 Ferrari 275 GTB Berlinetta owned by Issah Karanough

**Each year The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering has a raffle to benefit local charities.**

**Winners included:**

**Black Star and Frost Jewelry**

Steve Dejasnich

**The Quail Hotel Package**

Perry Flicker

**US Open Tickets**

Michael Manning

**A Stay at The Peninsula Chicago**

Thomas Hamann

**A Stay at The Peninsula Beverly Hills**

Robert Laska

All proceeds raised during the raffle 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.

\* In a change to previous years, *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, 2009* will be *by invitation only* to the press.

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