



THE QUAIL MOTORCYCLE TOUR
THE QUAIL RALLY
THE QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING

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**1937 ALFA ROMEO AWARDED BEST OF SHOW AT
THE 2009 QUAIL MOTORSPORTS GATHERING**

CARMEL, CALIF. (August 21, 2009) — On Friday, August 14, the sold-out Quail Motorsports Gathering once again impressed its 3,000 guests with a collection of the world's rarest sports and racing automobiles and motorcycles at the storied Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club in Carmel, Calif. Of the vintage cars on display, one automobile received top honors as the Rolex Best of Show: the 1937 Alfa Romeo owned by Bob Lee. This coveted award, given at the Rolex Circle of Champions Awards Ceremony, called on all entrants to vote on the vehicle that has achieved what they believe to be the best representation of historic excellence.

The seventh annual Quail event paid tribute to 50 years of racing at the Daytona International Speedway, home to the Daytona 500. It also celebrated the 30th anniversary of the BMW M1, the first modified production auto and honored racing icon Hans Joachim Stuck.

Other highlights included the first North American public unveiling of the *Porsche Panamera Gran Turismo*, the Lamborghini Gallardo LP 550-2 Valentino Balboni, Aston Martin's newest DBS Volante convertible and Confederate Motors latest design, the *P120 Fighter Combat*. Guests also enjoyed the traditional Historics to The Quail Run, featuring 25 of the most celebrated sports racing cars, an aerobatic air show and access to the Bonhams & Butterfields auction.

"We are proud to be recognized as one of the most sought after events during Monterey's Classic Cars Week," said Sarah Cruse, General Manager of Quail Lodge. "Our team has excelled in creating an exclusive day-long celebration where automotive collectors and connoisseurs have an unmatched opportunity to compare the aesthetics and engineering of the world's most extraordinary driving machines in a picturesque garden-party setting."

In addition to a stunning array of cars, guests enjoyed a sumptuous *plein air* luncheon prepared by Quail Lodge's Executive Chef Jeff Rogers and his culinary team, sipped Louis Roederer Champagne and other premium wines and spirits, and admired couture jewelry by Henri J. Sillam.

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The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering concluded this year, as in the previous years, with the *Rolex Circle of Champion Awards*. In this anticipated award ceremony, entrants were summoned to subjectively choose the vehicles that they believe have achieved their design goal, performance expectations and overall impact on automotive history. The 2009 award winners are as follows:

Rolex Circle of Champions Best of Show Award

1937 Alfa Romeo owned by Bob Lee

FIVA Award

1953 Ferrari America owned by Muloon

Road and Track Editor's Choice Award

1954 500KK owned by Roger Hoffman

30th Anniversary of BMW's Motorsport Division

1980 White owned by Christopher Provo

50 Years of Daytona International Speedway

250 GTO owned by John McCaw

The Cars of Bill Devin

1959 SS Prototype owned by Richard and Susan Haskell

Tribute to Hans-Joachim Stuck

3-0CSL owned by Mark Leonardo

The Great Ferraris

1951 Ferrari 212E owned by Skeets Dunn

Pre-War Sports & Racing Cars

1937 Alfa Romeo owned by Bob Lee

Post-War Sports Cars

Fiat 8V owned by David Sydorick

Post-War Racing Car Award

Spyder 550 owned by Cheryl and Peter Dunkle

Sport and Racing Motorcycles Award

Triumph owned by Richard Varner

Super Cars Award

1991 Lamborghini owned by Enrique Landa

The Quail Lodge Award

Delahaye owned by Peter Mullin

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The event raffle raised \$50,000, of which the beneficiaries are local and national charities aiding children and families including The California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation, The American Red Cross, Carmel Area Chapter, Rancho Cielo, CASA of Monterey County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Friends of the Carmel Unified Schools (FOCUS).

The 2010 Quail Motorsports Gathering will take place on Friday, August 13, 2010. For more information about The Quail please visit www.quaillodge.com.

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