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**1953 Lancia Aurelia PF200C Named “Best of Show” at 2018 *The Quail*,
A Motorsports Gathering**

Attended by more than 5,000 people from around the world, the automotive lifestyle event welcomed icons of the motorsports world, an array of gourmet international cuisine and a spectacular display of the rarest and most beautiful collectible motorcars in history

Carmel, Calif. (August 24, 2018) – A 1953 Lancia Aurelia PF200C was awarded “Best of Show” out of more than 250 entrants today at *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering*. More than 5,000 spectators, including motorsports dignitaries, celebrities and dedicated enthusiasts, gathered on the lawns of Quail Lodge & Golf Club for the show’s much-anticipated awards ceremony, which recognized the Lancia Aurelia for its groundbreaking design.

In addition to “Best of Show” and the top honors given in each of the twelve classes, the following awards were announced:

Spirit of *The Quail*

1979 Volkswagen Tamiya Sand Scorcher
Owner: Dean Lanzante – United Kingdom

Octane Choice

1958 Ferrari 250 Testarossa
Owner: The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie – Hong Kong SAR

FIVA

1970 Datsun 240Z
Owner: Eric Breslow – Nevada

This year’s event was highlighted by four special classes. The first of which, “50th Anniversary of the Lamborghini Espada & Islero,” paid tribute to two of Lamborghini’s most timeless V12-powered touring cars. Also representing Italian automotive tradition, “The Great Lancias” class exemplified the manufacturer’s strong rally heritage through a selection of noteworthy models.

Celebrating German automotive history and legacy, the “70 Years of the Iconic Porsche 356” class included notable examples of the marque’s first production sports cars. Additionally, “The Alois Ruf Reunion” showcased a selection of bespoke sports cars, including the brand-new RUF CTR, from the legendary Pfaffenhausen manufacturer and tuner.

Throughout the show, guests were treated to a roster of programmatic events including the Fireside Chat Series headlined by road racing legend and winemaker Scott Pruett, renowned former racing driver Tom Kristensen, InStyle Editor in Chief Laura Brown and luxury women's shoe designer Tamara Mellon. Revered manufacturers and sponsors such as Polestar, Karma Automotive, Gunther Werks, Lamborghini, Rolls-Royce, Bugatti and Hennessey Performance also hosted press conferences from the event field to make industry announcements and debut new products.

"The success of our 16th-anniversary celebration was truly overwhelming," said Gordon McCall, Director of Motorsports for The Peninsula Signature Events. "Because of the support of our sponsors, the gourmet selection of food, the unbeatable program of events and, most importantly, the amazing collector car community, we are continuously proud of how far we've come as a staple of Monterey Car Week. We are thrilled to see what 2019 will have to offer."

Next year's show is already scheduled for Friday, August 16, 2019. To learn more, please visit the [event website](#), and follow the action on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

About The Peninsula Signature Events

The Peninsula Signature Events are organized by The Peninsula Hotels, dedicated to creating world-class bespoke events at its properties in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, New York, Chicago, Beverly Hills, Paris, Bangkok and Manila. New Peninsula hotels are currently under development in London, Istanbul and Yangon. [Quail Lodge & Golf Club](#) is home to the following Peninsula Signature Events: *The Quail Ride*, *The Quail Motorcycle Gathering*, *The Quail Rally* and *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering*. <http://signatureevents.peninsula.com>.

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Fast Facts:

- More than 5,000 guests in attendance
- More than 250 motorcars on display with a special focus on sports and racing
- Three Fireside Chats
 - Racing legend Scott Pruett discussed his passion for the motorsports hobby
 - Tom Kristensen, one of the most successful race car drivers in sports car history, discussed the challenges of endurance racing and the elements that helped him succeed.
 - "Fashion in the Fast Lane" with luxury women's shoe designer Tamara Mellon and InStyle Editor in Chief Laura Brown explored the parallels between fashion and the automotive industry
- Seven press conferences from premier automotive manufacturers
 - Polestar showcased the brand-new Polestar 1
 - Karma Automotive showcased the Revero
 - Gunther Werks showcased the Sport Touring Porsche 993
 - Lamborghini unveiled the new Aventador SVJ
 - Rolls-Royce showcased a custom designed Phantom for Michael Fux
 - Hennessey Performance showcased the Venom F5
- Six gourmet culinary pavilions catered by Componere Fine Catering, five of which were inspired by The Peninsula Hotel cities and one by the Pirelli "Miles and Meals" cookbook
 - Bangkok
 - Carmel Valley
 - Hong Kong

- Italy
- New York
- Tokyo
- Award-winning wines, local brews and signature cocktails
- Supported charities
 - Rancho Cielo Youth Campus
 - The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation
 - California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation
 - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
 - North Monterey County High School Marching Band
- Traditional classes
 - Pre-War Sports and Racing Cars
 - Post-War Racing Cars
 - Post-War Sports Cars 1945 – 1960
 - Post-War Sports Cars 1961 – 1975
 - Sports and Racing Motorcycles
 - The Great Ferraris
 - Supercars
 - Custom Coachwork
- Featured classes
 - 50th Anniversary of the Lamborghini Espada & Islero
 - 70 Years of the Iconic Porsche 356
 - The Alois Ruf Reunion
 - The Great Lancias

Award Winners:

**Rolex Circle of Champions
“Best of Show”**

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70 Years of the Iconic Porsche 356

1951 Porsche 356 Pre A Split Window
Owner: Mike Malamut – California

The Great Lancias

1981 Lancia Beta Monte Carlo Turbo
Owner: John & Suzanne Campion – Florida

The Alois Ruf Reunion

1988 RUF CTR Yellow Bird #001
Owner: Bruce Meyer – California

50th Anniversary of the Lamborghini Espada & Islero

1969 Lamborghini Islero
Owner: Dr. Perry Mansfield – California

Custom Coachwork

2012 Aston Martin V12 Zagato
Owner: Russell Steiner – Montana

Sports and Racing Motorcycles

1947 Indian Chief
Owner: Arjun Oberoi – Delhi

The Great Ferraris

1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 NART Spyder
Owner: Rare Wheels Collection – Florida

Supercars

2018 Ford GT
Owner: Fred Donner – New York

Post-War Racing

1972 Alpine A110
Owner: Joseph Gabany – California

Post-War Sports 1961-1975

1966 Lamborghini 400 GT
Owner: Robert Ross – California

Post-War Sports 1945-1960

1946 MG TC
Owner: Michael Coit – Texas

Pre-War Sports & Racing Cars

1929 Riley Brooklands Special
Owner: Michael Potiker – California