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Your guide to the world’s finest week of automotive events
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FOR NEARLY seven decades, automobile racing and shows have been part of the Monterey Peninsula’s landscape — starting with a road race through the forest of Pebble Beach and an accompanying car show that subsequently expanded to a fantastic week-plus that includes all kinds of activities for fans of every type of vehicle.

Last year, a huge wildfire in Big Sur may have disrupted the golden vibe of what has come to be called Concours Week, and even forced rescheduling or rerouting of some events. And then, winter storms brought landslides that shut Highway 1 in several places — and may keep it closed at the Monterey County line for a year. Mother Nature, after all, is unstoppable.

But Concours Week isn’t something that can be slowed down, either — as this year’s lineup of events amply proves. New on the calendar for 2017 is a show of cars exclusively owned by women, and an auction in Pacific Grove, while one of the key auctions in Monterey is taking a year off.

As is our custom, on the pages that follow The Pine Cone details everything the Monterey Peninsula has to offer as it transforms into a car-lover’s paradise for those whose hearts are set on admiring, purchasing, driving, coveting and competing in rare, exquisite and compelling automobiles.

The nearly two weeks of fun begin with a downtown Monterey car show Aug. 11 and ends with the world-famous Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. In between are celebrations of vehicular genius; eclectic sales of old cars, new cars, rare cars, motorcycles, and everything else; rallies and tours; seminars and discussions; a decadent day of winning and dining among notable racing and collector cars — and a display of automotive unmentionables. Pick and choose to create the ideal lineup of car events for any level of enthusiasm and budget.

Downtown Race Car Show
Alvarado Street, Monterey
Friday, Aug. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.

Normally reserved for driving on the track, a group of 30 race cars will be revving it up from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca to Alvarado Street in the heart of Monterey to kick off the famed Concours Week. The cars, which are competing in the Monterey Pre-Reunion Aug. 12-13 and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Aug. 17-20, are “historically significant and represent a moment in time when they raced professionally.” They’ll arrive in Monterey with a California Highway Patrol escort, and visitors will be allowed to walk among the cars, take pictures beside them, participate in Q&As, and ask questions of their owners. Raffle prizes and music will be part of the mix, too.

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An impressive group of stunning Bugattis — the French supercar that exceeds 1,000 horsepower — appeared at The Quail in 2016. Special groups expected at the event this year include Originals and Mid-Engine Marvels.

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The lofty dream that became reality: Concours on the Avenue

By MARY SCHLEY

H IRTY YEARS ago, Doug and Genie Freedman found themselves standing at Lincoln and Ocean, just as the Peninsula was ramping up for the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and the historic automobile races at Laguna Seca. It was their first visit to town — and the moment the Atlanta couple realized what a perfect setting it would be for a car show.

Two decades later, and after a lot of legwork and handshakes, they held the inaugural Carmel-by-the-Sea Concours on the Avenue. This year, the 11th annual show is set to take place Tuesday, Aug. 15.

“We had walked up the street to the Cypress Inn, and I said to Genie, ‘Look at this — it’s like a movie set,’” he recalled of that day in 1987. “What a fantastic backdrop for cars!”

They returned every year for the automotive events, often gathering with their Ferrari Club of America friends, but never lost sight of their vision for a show that would feature cars not exhibited at the week’s other events and would bring people to Carmel during a slower time in the week, and perhaps entice them to visit for longer than they otherwise would.

“That’s how we arrived at the moment in 2001, when I made that initial phone call,” to the city officials who might help make their plan a reality, he said. But when he reached out, they told him, “No, no, it’s not going to happen,” Freedman recalled.

He stopped in a month later during Concours Week to meet with the people at city hall in person, and again they said, “No, we don’t want to close a bunch of blocks in the heart of Carmel.”

But he wasn’t going to take, “No,” for an answer. “It was a relentless pursuit,” he said. “The good thing about me, and bad thing about me, and

Doug and Genie Freedman, pictured here in 2003, selected the Cypress Inn as their headquarters long before the Concours on the Avenue they envisioned became a reality. Their event draws vehicles not typically showcased during other Concours Week events, including the racing Austin Cooper “Purple People Eaters.”
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Disadvantaged children benefit in a big way from the Concours

ABOUT 67 percent of third-grade children in Monterey County cannot read at their grade level, and another 25 percent of children under the age of 17 live below the poverty line — surprising statistics given the county’s affluence.

But one of the Peninsula’s poshest events, the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, is doing its part to change that. In 2016, with the help of its donors and sponsors, and scores of volunteers, the Concours — through its primary charitable partner, the Pebble Beach Company Foundation — raised more than $1.7 million for charity, including for several organizations that help disadvantaged youth.

The foundation’s mission, when it was created in 1975, was to provide young people with the building blocks of success, starting with literacy and education.

“This year the Pebble Beach Co. Foundation will support more than 80 local nonprofit educational programs, offering a record of nearly $1 million in grants and scholarships,” Kandace Hawkinson, director of marketing and media relations for the Pebble Beach Concours, told The Pine Cone.

The foundation, which is celebrating over 40 years of giving, directly impacts the more than 10,000 children every year in the county.

“Education, especially literacy, is a central focus of the Pebble Beach Company Foundation,” Bill Perocchi, CEO of Pebble Beach Company said. “We believe that education is critical for individuals to rise out of poverty. The money raised for and by the foundation, and in turn distributed to our community partners, helps address this need.”

Since the event began in 1950, it has raised more than $23 million for charity.

A safe place to go

Some charities benefit directly from the event’s raffles (which include three vehicles this year) and grants provided through the foundation. One of them is the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County, which since 1968 has provided children from 6-18 in Monterey County a safe place to go after school and during summer. It operates two clubhouses — in Salinas and Seaside — that serve an impressive of 500 kids per day this summer with programs led by trained youth development professionals.

“Our staff and volunteers serve as trusted mentors and advocates for our youth, offering every child opportunities, expectations, recognition, and guidance in a safe and fun environment,” according to the nonprofit. “Coupled with a focus on measurable outcomes, our formula for impact puts our mission into action.”

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GERMAN IMMIGRANTS Frederick Duesenberg and brother August were bicycle racers who had no formal training but tons of natural talent in automotive mechanics. The pair garnered international attention for building powerful racing engines.

Yet, when Frederick turned his dreams and imaginings into designing elegant passenger cars, their appeal hit home with millionaires and movie stars, royalty and, today… dairy farmers.

Rob and Jeannie Hilarides of Visalia wanted a Duesenberg for quite some time. The couple, dedicated to sustainable farming at their dairy in nearby Lindsay (Tulare County), are also avid classic car collectors.

“My family has been in the dairy business for generations, going back to the old country in the Netherlands,” said Rob. “Dairy farming is in my blood, and so is collecting classic cars. My father had a similar problem; he was a Model T guy, always restoring old vehicles. I got the bug from him about the time I was old enough to talk.”

Already enjoying some interesting Plymoughs, including a ’73 Roadrunner, plus several Packards and some Hudsons, the Hilarideses had their hearts set on a Duesenberg. It was Jeannie who spotted the 1935 Duesenberg JN Rollston Berline in a Gooding & Company auction bill that came in the mail on behalf of its auction during the 2013 Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance.

The auction was three days away. The Hilarideses placed their bids by phone, and won.

Retracing History

“I like the history of the car,” Hilarides said. “It was originally bought by Bill ‘Bojangles’ Robinson, the famous Hollywood tap dancer, who danced alongside Will Rogers and Shirley Temple. A year later, he sent the car to Bohman & Schwartz for some updates. After he died, it belonged to several other people, including Bill Diebel, a longtime owner — from 1955 to 2000 — who has been a great friend.”

Diebel sold the Duesenberg to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, which held the car until founder Bob Petersen’s passing, in 2007. After sitting in the museum’s basement for six years, it went to Amelia Island, where the Dairy farmers determined to do justice to a Bojangles Duesenberg

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Shown in its Harlem heyday, when it belonged to Bill “Bojangles” Robinson (left), this 1935 Duesenberg has been lovingly restored and maintained by a couple of dairy farmers from Visalia. It’s even survived open-heart surgery.
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6 Rumsen Trace - New Price
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3 Rumsen Trace
3.25 acres $695,000
3 Garzas Trail
6.09 acres $1,955,000
3 Olekane Trace
22.22 acres $750,000
4 San Clemente
6.88 acres $550,000

REDWOODS, OAKS & VIEWS - New Prices
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4.26 acres $755,000
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4.14 acres $1,495,000
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35.45 acres $400,000
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A 5 children in Holland during World War II, Tony Vanderploeg and his brother would climb the chimney atop their apartment building to watch the dogfights — German Messerschmitts versus British Spitfires or Hurricanes — over the skies of Amsterdam. They’d see airplane parts falling from the sky, and pilots floating to the ground under their parachutes.

On sunny days, they gazed at contrails streaking the sky as British bombers — sometimes hundreds in formation — made their way to Germany to wreak havoc.

He remembers receiving stern warnings from his mother to avoid talking to the Nazi soldiers who occupied his city … edicts he mostly ignored. “I have to say that the German soldiers, themselves, were not that bad,” said Vanderploeg, who will be 88 Aug. 15. “They would give us candies and other things. They would speak German to us and, in fact, that’s how I learned to speak German.”

If those early years were difficult, Vanderploeg doesn’t let on. He cheerfully reminisces about a childhood spent tinkering with the broken motorcyle parts his older brother would bring home; learning in school about Holland’s rich art history; surviving the Dutch Famine of 1944-1945 by working for a farmer who taught him to plant potatoes, and to milk cows and goats; serving with an elite unit in the Dutch Army during the Indonesian War for Independence …

All of those experiences provided valuable skills for the rewarding life that lay ahead: Vanderploeg is celebrating his 22nd year as owner of one of Carmel’s premier art galleries, Gallerie Amsterdam on Dolores Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. He is also regarded as one of the world’s foremost experts on Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles. His expertise landed him a guest shot on TV’s “Monster Garage,” and he is frequently summoned as a consultant whenever complicated problems arise with a Rolls or Bentley.

“One morning, during Concours d’Elegance, there were three guys standing in front of the gallery when I showed up to unlock the door,” Vanderploeg said. "They epic me up to unlock the door and invited me to have a goes at the Ferrari. I went down there and had a great time."

Tony Vanderploeg (right) hasn’t always owned Gallerie Amsterdam. He’s been a gifted mechanic who knows all about high-end beauties like the Ferrari 275 GTS that belonged to Jayne Mansfield (left, with Vanderploeg at the wheel in the late 1960s).

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By ELAINE HESSER

I F YOU saw Clint Eastwood’s film, “Gran Torino,” you have a head start understanding what the Hub Society of Grass Valley did with a teenage neighbor in the movie — began to really take off several years ago, when he rebuilt a ’67 Mustang with his daughter, Lauren, then 17.

Now he’s bringing some high school students here to show off a 1935 Indy car they helped build from scratch, using original parts Long has collected over the years. You can see the racecar — inspired by Carmel Valley resident Pat Phinny’s Wonder Bread Car — in Brian Blain’s pit on Pre-War Row, under the banner “Vintage Auto Shop.”

Long took his daughter and one of her friends to the Indianapolis 500 several years ago, when Phinny had the colorfully-spotted car, which is painted to look like the iconic Wonder Bread wrapper, there on display. “They sat in the car, and it just put a smile on their faces,” he said, and he decided to build something similar.

Long’s relationship with the students at Bitney College Preparatory School, a charter high school located about halfway between Lake Tahoe and Yuba City, began when Long, a lifetime auto enthusiast, moved his hobby into an auto shop next door to Bitney.

He watched the kids coming and going, and thought about how he could pass along some of the knowledge of auto restoration he’d gleaned over the last several decades, including working for frequent Concours entrant and expert auto restorer Gene Wingard when Long himself was just 15.

“I’ve wiped oil off of some of the best cars in the world,” he said of working with Wingard. In the last four years, Long’s gone from answering the questions of curious kids who stopped in to see what he was up to, to teaching a full-fledged course in auto restoration for the high school.

It doesn’t hurt that the school’s director, Russ Jones is, Long said, “a car guy,” too.

Cars = math + science

Long said nobody really teaches American racing history in an all-encompassing way, with its associated math and science. He noted that the area in and around Grass Valley has a longstanding association with the sport and with automobiles. Chief Concours judge Chris Bock lives in nearby Nevada City, and Indianapolis 500 champion Alexander Rossi calls the city home.

Long said that many legendary

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Concours on the Avenue
Ocean Avenue and side streets, Carmel-by-the-Sea
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“With the spectacular background of the historic village, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Concours on the Avenue delivers ‘sophistication with a dash of fun’ to both the hard core motoring enthusiast as well as the rest of the family,” say founders and organizers, consummate car couple Doug and Genie Freedman. “Guided by the principle ‘authenticity and originality matter,’” the show draws the finest of a wide range of vintage and historic sports, GT, racing, luxury and family vehicles built between 1940 and 1973 (Porsches and Ferraris through 1989). Some 200 eclectic showpieces, from the whimsical to the seriously sporty, line 18 blocks of Ocean Avenue and side streets in a judged concours, with awards bestowed on a stage at Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street in the afternoon. And while most Car Week event tickets cost several hundred dollars, the downtown Carmel show is free and open to all. A major beneficiary of the Concours on the Avenue is The Carmel Foundation, a nonprofit senior organization that has received hundreds of thousands of dollars since the show debuted in 2007. www.carmelconcours.com

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Classic Motorsports Magazine Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In
Lighthouse Avenue, P.G.
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3 to 7 p.m.

Classic Motorsports Magazine hosts an informal gathering of cars and enthusiasts to mark the start of Car Week, and this year, the Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In will take place in downtown Pacific Grove instead of at Folktale Winery, where it’s been held the past couple of years. The magazine’s staff will be “gathering with a few hundred of our closest friends on beautiful Lighthouse Avenue,” and likeminded folks are encouraged to “bring your cool classic or exotic car and enjoy the evening with good people and award-winning restaurants.”

Organizers will have space for about 230 cars to park on Lighthouse between 14th and 18th streets, and they’ll be admitted on a first-come-first-served basis. Overflow parking will be available in the lots behind Bank of America and Lighthouse Cinema. “With our welcome party taking over a whole street this year, all of the shops on Lighthouse Avenue will be open during the party,” according to organizers. Three live bands are scheduled to perform throughout the afternoon and early evening, and admission is free, thanks to support from Hagerty Classic Cars, Michelin and Reliable Carriers Inc. For more information, visit classicmotorsports.com or look for the event’s page on Facebook.

14th Annual Automobilia Monterey, The International Expo
Embassy Suites, Seaside
Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 15-16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“Automobilia Monterey has always been about focused content for the serious vintage automotive memorabilia collector, who demands originality and authenticity,” says founder Tony Singer, who presents the only sale of all-authentic automotive merchandise and memorabilia that’s not affiliated with a car show during Concours Week. Last year’s events marked the largest attendance, highest grossing silent auction, and greatest donations by attendees for the event’s beneficiary, the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, since the sale’s founding, and this year’s promises to be impressive, too. Automobilia Monterey is purportedly the largest sale in the country of genuine car-related collectibles. Singer holds fast to his “no reproductions will be sold” rule, and sellers from Europe, the United States and South America offer original posters, photos, rally plates, badges and pins, models, literature and books, scarves and more in the hotel ballroom.

It also hosts a great silent auction. “It is the mission of this event to enable each enthusiast to buy the best from the best,” he says. “Having on-premises professional pack-and-ship facilities contributes to the genuine ease of doing business for all involved.” Admission is $15 for a single day or $20 for both days. www.AutomobiliaMonterey.com, (831) 659-5335 or tony@automobilamontoney.com. Embassy Suites is located at Canyon del Rey and Del Monte in Seaside.

Prancing Ponies Car Show
Dolores Street between Ocean and Fifth, Carmel-by-the-Sea
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Week, and the first female-only show to be held here during that time, the Prancing Ponies Car Show will feature some 40 classic, muscle, super and hyper cars, all owned by women. Organizer Chanterria McGilvra is also encouraging women “to dress to match their car’s color or their car’s time period,” and said there will be awards for the best owner/car presentation in each category, as well as one Best in Show awarded by judges.

The event raises money for McGilvra’s non-profit, the Prancing Ponies Foundation, which has a mission to “create women leaders one girl at a time” by sending teenagers to leadership academies abroad. McGilvra said the idea for the group came to her after she noticed three girls staring at her and her Ferrari in San Francisco. “One of the girls said, ‘Miss, I like your car,’ and without knowing where this came from, I said ‘I expect you to get one too.’ Our eyes locked, and I’ll never forget her little face as she slowly nodded in agreement,” she recounts. “I knew in that moment there was a real connection made with her and that I could use my Ferrari to inspire young girls.” McGilvra said the show will help inspire young women to pursue careers in the automotive and motorsports industries. The show is free to attend.

prancingponies.com

■ Carmel Mission Classic
Carmel Mission courtyard, Rio Road
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Carmel Mission feeds the spirit, fine cars feed the passion, fine wine and gourmet food feed the body,” says Frank DiPaola, event chairman of the Carmel Mission Classic car show and blessing of the automobiles, held in the courtyard of the historic Carmel Mission. “Join us in celebrating all three.” This year, DiPaola announced a few special appearances: the Duesenberg from the San Francisco Academy of Art that was once owned by Dolores Del Rio, the Wonder Bread Indy race car owned by Pat Phinny (and which appeared at last year’s P.B. Concours d’Elegance), a 1937 Cord once owned by Al Jolson, and the Imposter built by Chip Foose. Danny Sullivan, winner of the 1985 Indianapolis 500, will be the honored guest. In addition to notable classic cars, the event promises winetasting by some of Monterey County’s finest vineyards, a no-host gourmet food bar, and “beautiful live harp music in the background as you stroll the grounds of the crown jewel of the Monterey Peninsula, the historic Carmel Mission.”

The event begins at 10 a.m. with the opening ceremony and the singing of the national anthem, with food and wine available starting at 11. At 1 p.m., Bishop Richard Garcia and Father Paul Murphy will bless the cars, and at 3, trophies and awards will be given to the winners of the afternoon’s informal judging. Tickets are $50, with proceeds benefiting the Knights of Columbus, and can be purchased at the gate. www.carmelmission-classic.org

■ The Little Car Show
Lighthouse Avenue between Fountain and 16th Street, Pacific Grove
Wednesday, Aug. 16, noon to 5 p.m., followed by a tour/parade along Ocean View Boulevard by Pacific Grove’s scenic waterfront and beaches

Marina Motorsports, the nonprofit formed in 2011 to promote and celebrate the automobile and motorsports, will host the immigration of more than 100 cars, trucks, and motorcycles to the beach and surrounding streets of Pacific Grove. The event will feature live entertainment, classic car judging, and a no-host barbecue. Marina Motorsports will also host a raffle for a chance to win a 2021 Corvette or a BMW R nine T, as well as a Mexican beach blanket, three Montecristo cigars, and other great automotive-themed prizes. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit’s ongoing mission to protect and promote historic and cultural sites in the Monterey Peninsula. For more information, visit marina-motorsports.org.

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LESS THIS vehicle with your holy right hand …” So reads, in part, the Catholic rite for blessing cars, which Bishop Richard Garcia will conduct on Wednesday, Aug. 16, during the Carmel Mission Classic car show at the Basilica.

Despite the brief prayer, the show’s founder and chairman, Frank DiPaola, said, “It’s not a Catholic event, it’s a car show.” It’s also an opportunity to sip wine and taste yummy food. And check out hats. DiPaola said that over the event’s previous four years, it’s not just the cars’ owners who are getting dolled up or dressing in period costume. He said he’s started to notice that more women are wearing fancy hats, too, as they have done at the Pebble Beach Concours for decades.

This year, they’ll listen to harp music and jazz as they stroll elegantly around the mission’s courtyard and admire the 50-plus automobiles and 16 motorcycles that’ll be carefully arranged there.

“We spend hours staging them,” said DiPaola. “We want people to walk in and go, ‘Wow!’”

The benefit is held by the Knights of Columbus, and DiPaola said that 100 percent of the proceeds go to the organization’s charities. They include a school in Nigeria, the Carmelite Monastery, the Carmel Mission, Junipero Serra School, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul’s Farmworkers Program and many others.

EVENTS

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1995 by five auto enthusiasts “to provide family-oriented automotive-related activities while benefiting local service clubs, other nonprofit organizations and the City of Marina,” will present its eighth annual display and rally of “vehicles that were manufactured as fuel-sipping commuter transportation; utilitarian, space-saving work vehicles; and even highly competitive sports cars.” This year’s show will focus on Scandinavian vehicles, but marques from all countries will be accepted, as long as they are “micro, mini and arcane vehicles” at least 25 years old, with no greater than 1,601 cc displacement engines, or are electric.

Spectators are invited to look, but also to watch their step, lest they step on one of the 100 diminutive autos lining the street. Trophies will be given for Longest Distance Traveled to Show, Most Smiles per Mile Vehicle, Pacific Grove Library’s Choice, Pacific Grove Youth Center’s Choice, Pacific Grove City Council’s Choice, Mayor’s Choice, Veteran’s Choice, and awards from various merchants. Admission is free. Each participant’s $25 entry donation benefits the Pacific Grove Library, the RG, Youth Center and the Veterans Transition Center. Drop-in entries will be accepted on show day only if space is available. For more information, visit www.marinamotorsports.org.

Gordon McCall’s Motorworks Revival Monterey Jet Center Wednesday, Augs. 16, 5 to 10 p.m. (Red Carpet Ticket Gate opens at 4 p.m.)

More than a quarter-century ago, Gordon McCall brought automotive and aviation interests together to create a unique and new luxury lifestyle event that began as a small party for his car buddies and clients of the detail shop he once owned near the airport. Now, events all over the world emulate the model, and Gordon and wife Molly continue to find ways to set their McCall’s Motorworks Revival apart from the rest. With music, high-quality wine and food, custom cocktails and lots of local talent, the party draws thousands of enthusiasts to the Monterey Jet Center to celebrate the finest automobiles, motorcycles, aircraft, and food and wine. Chef Tim Wood and his team from Carmel Valley Ranch, and Jerome Viel from Carmel Valley Market will be back to work their culinary magic.

Two cops, two coasts, two car shows — and blessings for all of them

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The Little Car Show in Pacific Grove is a perennial pleaser, where tiny gems like Glenn Walston’s [behind the wheel] 1936 BMW Isetta win awards and charm onlookers.
what you have to be in the real estate business,” is to be relentless.

“You have to follow budgets and timelines, make something out of thin air, and work with lots and lots and lots of people from all walks of life,” he said. “You need to be willing to wear your boots, and you need to be willing to wear your tie. Concours on the Avenue is a great effort by a great group of people.”

Rewind

Freedman is no newcomer to the car world, and he can easily pinpoint a couple of formative moments in his young life that sparked his love for automobiles.

For his 10th birthday in February 1959, Freedman received a subscription to Sports Illustrated, which at the time extensively covered racing. On the cover of one issue was racing legend Phil Hill sitting on the nose of a Ferrari Testa Rossa. In that brief story, Freedman read the word, “Ferrari,” for the first time, along with the names of many drivers he would go on to meet years later. He still has a copy.

The other was when he became smitten with the daughter in a family that had recently moved into the neighborhood. Her father had a rare Corvette, and during their rides to school, Freedman had the pleasure of both learning about the car from its enthusiastic owner, and snugly sitting next to his crush.

“He had a green and black split-window 1963 Sebring,” he said. “I thought a rocket ship landed in my driveway — I couldn’t believe that thing.”

Even though Freedman is by most counts a Ferrari guy, having been involved with the Ferrari Club of America from the 1970s to the 1990s, including time as its president and chairman (just to name one role), he also has a special fondness for the Corvettes of the early 1960s.

A successful career in real estate made Freedman’s car dreams a reality, and after applying the same tenacity and persistence in his dealings with the city, the council finally approved his event in May 2006.

“I remember walking out of council chambers after the vote, and I made my way out very quickly. I was fired up, and I encountered this guy,” Freedman recalled. “And the first words out of his mouth were, ‘I really hate Concours.’”

As Freedman prepared for the onslaught, the man — longtime resident and the now late John Kerby-Miller, owner of a beautiful Porsche Speedster and a Mercury Comet racecar — continued, “‘I don’t like Concours, but I love Carmel, and you can have either of those cars for the show.’”

“That was a powerful moment for me,” he said. “I thought, ‘Oh no, here it comes,’ and it was exactly the opposite.”

One of the awards bestowed during the Concours on the Avenue is named for Kerby-Miller, and his family is always there to hand it over to the winner each year.

‘In living color’

The first year of the show, the Freedmans had lined up 134 cars that were unlikely to appear in other Car Week events, including Ferraris and Porsches from the 1940s onward, American sport and muscle cars, touring cars, and the like. They planned it for a day of the week that was typically slow on the Monterey Peninsula, as far as car events went, and which would bring much-wanted attention and visitors to the city for its very own gathering. It was free to attend but raised money for The Carmel Foundation through entry fees.

On that August morning in 2007, Freedman remembered being up early in the morning after very little sleep, and feeling the temperature drop as the sun rose. The cars and their owners began to line up on San Carlos Street, waiting to be escorted to their places along Ocean Avenue and...
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time, and about half of those never graduate at all, according to the Boys & Girls Clubs. To cut that number down, the group has an academic initiative, which offers homework help, intervention support, and programs in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

“At Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, our programs are designed to support our three priority outcomes: academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship,” the group says.

The time when kids are not in school — after school ends each day and during the summer — is the most critical and overlooked opportunity to help kids reach their full potential, the group contends.

“At Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, we offer academic programs and hands-on learning opportunities that complement and reinforce what kids learn in school. We refer to this as ‘expanded learning.’”

Through the initiative, its ambitious goal is that every child it serves completes each grade on time, graduates from high school, completes post-secondary education or training, and earns a “livable wage” as a “productive member of our community.”

As a boy growing up in Lawrence, Mass., in the 1960s, Percocchi spent a lot of time at the Boys & Girls Club there, which led him in 2004 to donate $1 million to the organization.

The clubs also help kids stay healthy and fit. According to kidsdata.org, Monterey County has the fourth highest childhood obesity rate in California, with nearly 45 percent of all youth classified as obese.

To deal with that, the organization has a Healthy Lifestyles initiative, dedicated to “ensuring the overall wellness of the club members and their families in order for all involved to live healthy lives and to build a stronger, healthier and more educated community.”

The clubs’ nutrition department prepares healthful daily meals for members, including an after-school serving that meets USDA requirements, and is designed to provide members with food in the event dinner is not offered at home. It also educates families and provides resources to support healthy food and lifestyle choices.

“Targeted programming within the Healthy Lifestyles initiative focuses on prevention and learning opportunities with emphasis on nutritional education, avoidance of risky behaviors, improving self-esteem, recreational opportunities and developing pro-social behaviors,” the organization says.

The clubs this year will benefit from the raffle of a 2017 Infiniti QX30 SUV, which was donated by Infiniti. All of the proceeds of the $100 tickets sold in the drawing go to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County.

Kinship Center

Another important Monterey County nonprofit that helps youth and has facilities and services in 11 counties. The organization helps 2,500 children every year, including severely traumatized kids, older teenagers with disabilities, and drug-affected infants.

“More than 50,000 children in California are waiting for a safe home and a loving family that will be there for life,” the group explains. “Kinship Center builds adoptive and other families where children can heal from past abuse, neglect or...
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GO-TO GUY

at Gallerie Amsterdam. “We had a lot of Rolls-Royce memorabilia in the window, and one of them asked where we got it. I told him, ‘Oh, well, my boss, Tony Vanderploeg, used to own Vanderploeg Motors in Beverly Hills...’ And he said, ‘Oh, Tony Vanderploeg... he’s the go-to guy for Rolls-Royce!’”

His prowess as a luxury-car mechanic led to friendships and acquaintances with Hollywood royalty, including Gary Cooper, Tony Curtis, Anthony Quinn, and Zsa Zsa Gabor. Curtis and Quinn — both artists — have their work on display at Gallery Amsterdam. A Mel Torme special

In subsequent years, he came to own Jayne Mansfield’s yellow 1965 Ferrari 275 GTS and her pink Rolls Royce, which he never drove because he didn’t like the color; Sonny and Cher’s Maserati, for which he traded; and Mel Torme’s 1963 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III.

All of that would have seemed quite unlikely when Vanderploeg left Holland as a young man, boarding a ship to Halifax, Nova Scotia, with $20 in his pocket and almost no grasp of the English language.

“The Canadians were the ones who liberated Holland, and I decided I wanted to become a mechanic in Canada. But since I didn’t really speak any English, they suggested instead that I go work on a farm until I learned the language,” he said. “They put me on a train, told me where to get off, and said somebody would be there at the station to meet me.”

When Vanderploeg stepped off the train, suitcase in hand, he was alone. Seconds later, all of the lights at the train station went out. So, he walked through the dark to a nearby restaurant, did his best to communicate with the diners, and somehow found a ride to the correct farm, where he shoveled manure, milked cows, and learned English from a Scotsman.

From there, he made his way to Montreal, where he washed cars all night for Hertz and worked 10-hour shifts in a sheet-metal factory, before finding work as a mechanic, wrenching on Jaguars, and eventually Rolls-Royces. “The very first Rolls-Royce I ever worked on belonged to the Queen Mother, who was visiting Canada,” he remembered. He was married in Montreal in 1954 to Marianne, who passed away in 1969. They had moved to Los Angeles in 1958, where he found work as a Rolls-Royce mechanic on Crenshaw Boulevard. In 1963 he opened his own service and repair shop, Vanderploeg Motors, in Beverly Hills.

He operated that business for 40 years, selling it in 2004. Meanwhile, he found himself yearning for a change in the late 1980s and partnered with some Dutch acquaintances who had an art business. They opened the original Gallerie Amsterdam in La Jolla in 1990, sold it in 2002, and opened Carmel’s Gallerie Amsterdam in a 4,000-square-foot location on Dolores Street.

Vanderploeg bought out his partners in 2005 and moved the gallery to its current venue in 2009. He met Terry Davis in 1995 and married her last year. His only child, daughter Babette, from his first marriage, died in 2014. Vanderploeg has one granddaughter, Nicole, who lives in Arizona.

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McLaren documentary to be screened

A FILM depicting the story of legendary racing champion, designer, engineer and founder of the eponymous automotive company McLaren will be shown during Concours Week Aug. 18 at the historic Golden State Theatre in downtown Monterey.

The screening is being organized by a studio called Gunpowder & Sky, which is also organizing a display of vintage and new McLaren supercars. “McLaren” recounts New Zealand Bruce McLaren’s life, from his early start spinning wrenches at his father’s auto shop in Auckland, and his first race in an Ulster he and his dad had restored when he was just 15, to his stunning debut as a Formula 1 driver and his record-setting drive to be the youngest driver in history to win a Grand Prix at the age of 22 — a record that stood for more than 40 years.

Considered an automotive genius, McLaren started his own motor racing company and is one of only two men to ever win a grand prix in a car bearing his own name. His enthusiasm for racing and automotive innovation continued until his tragic death at the age of 32, when he was thrown from his race-car while driving test runs at Goodwood in England in June 1970.

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BLESSINGS
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Richard Pepe from New York City. No relation to the local restaurateur, he’s an old friend of DiPaola, who’s retired from the Los Angeles Police Department. They’re both car guys, but that wasn’t what set things in motion. For that, you have to travel back in time about 16 years.

According to the official history on the show’s website, Pepe was still on the force on 9/11, and had nearly been killed when the north tower of the World Trade Center fell. But, he said, “It just wasn’t my time. I think the man upstairs had something more in mind for me”

A year later, he was visiting his friend, DiPaola, here. On one of the last days of the trip — the first anniversary of the attacks on New York and Washington — DiPaola took Pepe to the Mission, where he met Rev. Emil Robu, better known as Father Emil.

They prayed together, and Father Emil took them on a tour, letting Pepe ring the bell at the end. Pepe found the entire experience quite moving, and it made a big impression on him — so big that three years later when he came here for Car Week, he suggested to DiPaola that he organize a blessing of cars at the Mission.

It didn’t happen here first, though. Instead, Pepe put it together with his Knights of Columbus chapter in New York. Then it was DiPaola’s turn to fly cross-country to see what his friend had done. In 2013, they worked together to put on the blessing of the cars at the Mission.

DiPaola joked about the fact his co-chair, Roger Pendenza is also ex-law-enforcement, retired from the FBI. “This probably the best-protected event of the whole week,” he said.

And that’s a good thing, because the show draws some pretty swell cars. Last year, Fred Astaire’s Rolls Royce was in town and this year, there’s a Duesenberg once owned by ’30s screen actor Dolores del Rio. That vehicle’s the subject of this year’s poster by local artist Ed Greco.

But for DiPaola, the highlight is going to be a 1937 Cabriolet that once belonged to Al Jolson. “The owner has the paperwork to show his father bought it from Jolson’s estate,” he said.

Although the blessing of the cars is sincere, DiPaola, who also serves as emcee, said it’s not without its lighter moments. Last year one of the cars was manufactured by Pope, and DiPaola announced it as “the only time you’ll get to see a bishop bless the Pope.”

Aside from the prayer and the locale, there’s little else religious about the event, but DiPaola — who was once an undercover narcotics officer — is nothing if not a wee bit subversive. He’s devoted to his faith. And although the cars are often “objects of ego and objects of art, they’re helping to save lives,” through the Knights’ charities. “I find that comforting,” he said.

He also hopes that being in the special setting of the Carmel Mission might help a few people find the “something more they’ve been looking for.” He’s pleased and surprised when non-believers call him, not interested in the show, just wanting to know how they can get their cars blessed.

The party starts at 10 a.m. and admission is $50, which includes a commemorative wine glass and wine tasting. Food is available for purchase, and the blessing of the cars begins at 1 p.m. “There’s a little something for the body and something for the soul,” said DiPaola. To learn more, go to www.carmelmissionclassic.org.
Hilarides bought it.

The Hilarideses bought their 1935 Duesenberg to the 2014 Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance for display only, as the car no longer had its original J-599 engine and thus, was not eligible to be judged. Apparently, the engine had been replaced with the J-500 engine during the 1950s when the owner consolidated two Duesenbergs.

“When we bought the car,” said Hilarides, “we knew it didn’t have the original motor. After I got the car in my own garage, curiosity got the best of me. The motor had to be somewhere, and I decided to find it. After some research on the internet and talking to other collectors, I learned it might be in the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.”

Swap Meet

Turns out he was right. A man who had owned both cars in the ’50s had swapped engines. The CEO of the museum invited the Hilarideses to come inspect the car — a Duesenberg J with a Murphy body — and bring in their own engine to have the original motor in each car, “with each of us paying our part. Brian Joseph, the CEO of the museum invited the Hilarideses to both cars in the ’50s had swapped engines. The Thermal Club will share information on the ideal club for drivers: a private grounds with race-tracks, a shop, gourmet restaurant, spa and private villas. A couple of fundraisers will be held, too.

For hardware, expect to see intriguing aircraft and vehicles from Gulfstream, U.S. Specialty Vehicles, McLaren San Francisco, Lucid motors, and Barrett-Jackson auctions, among many others. The Thermal Club will share information on the ideal club for drivers: a private grounds with race-tracks, a shop, gourmet restaurant, spa and private villas. A couple of fundraisers will be held, too.

Event tickets are $395 in advance and $450 at the door (Red Carper tickets are $550 in advance), and attendees must be 21 or older. Proceeds benefit the California Highway Patrol’s 11-99 Foundation.

The jet center is located at 100 Sky Park Way off Garden Road in Monterey. For tickets and details, go to www.mccallevents.com.

Pacific Grove Auction on the Monterey Peninsula

Complementing Motorworks mainstay Bernardus Winery will be the boutique wineries of Altamura, The Mascot, and Ram’s Gate. Roederer Estate will provide the bubbly, and El Jefe Tequila will augment with cocktails. Katie Shea will have her Motorworks debut, showcasing her Golden Bear Bitters.

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Pacific Grove Golf Links

Thursday, Aug. 17, 5 p.m. (Previews Aug. 15-16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Pacific Grove joins the list of auction sites this year with the debut of the Pacific Grove Auction on the Monterey Peninsula, presented by Worldwide Auctioneers. Seventy-five cars will cross the block during the sale, which will take place at the Pacific Grove Golf Links. Headliners include an extremely rare 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Sport Berlinetta, a 1937 Delahaye 135 M Coupe with Coachwork by Dubos Frères, and a 1958 Porsche 356A Speedster, called “The Lieutenant’s Speedster,” because it’s a single-owner car that traveled all over the world with its original buyer, who picked it up in Stuttgart while serving in the U.S. Air Force, and who drove it almost daily until he died in 2016 at the age of 87. A couple of special purpose-built racecars are set to be auctioned, as well. Admission with catalogue is $100, and general spectator admission is $35. Previews are open to the public. Pacific Grove residents are offered free admission with ID. The BG Golf Links are located at 77 Asilomar Blvd. Call (260) 925-6789 or visit worldwide-auctioneers.com.
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Held in conjunction with the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, RetroAuto is an enthusiast shopper’s must-visit, featuring rare collectibles and memorabilia from automotive history and accessories to enhance the driving experience. “Pebble Beach RetroAuto has long been the destination for the true automotive enthusiast; it features an elegant and thoughtfully curated collection of exhibitors offering rare collectibles and memorabilia from our automotive past, as well as the latest luxury goods and technological tools to enhance today’s driving experience,” according to organizers. Exhibitors will peddle historic automobiles, parts, original poster art, books and literature, fine art, photography and posters, and luxury items. Attendance is free. www.pebblebeachconcours.net

■ Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum

The lawn at the Inn at Spanish Bay

Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 17-19, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (times for individual sessions vary)

Formerly free to attend, the Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum has become so popular that admission is charged for many of the talks, several of which are already sold out. The forum offers fans the rare opportunity to hear from automotive luminar-
ies as they discuss everything, from collecting, to mechanics, to history. Topics this year include “American Dream Designers of the ’60s,” “Car Chat” with Jerry Seinfeld, “One-on-One with Jacky Ickx,” “Top Mistakes with High-End Collections,” “From Jay Leno’s Garage on CNBC Prime: ‘Asses & Caress,’” and many others. Reservations are required. A complete calendar of speakers, times and dates can be found at www.pbclassic-carforum.com.

■ Pebble Beach Tour d’Elegance

Down the coast and around the Monterey Peninsula, including Carmel-by-the-Sea
Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

An exciting (and free) way to observe many of the stunning vintage cars invited to enter the renowned Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance is to see them in motion on scenic Monterey Peninsula roads during the annual Tour d’Elegance. After having to follow a different route last year due to the Soberanes Fire, the Tour will return to its usual format this year. “Last year, as a result of the wildfire to the east of Big Sur, the Tour was shortened and rerouted to local roads with limited speeds,” organizers announced.

“Consequently, some great race cars were unable to participate because they couldn’t get up to speed. The judging advantage was then eliminated for the year.” But the California Highway Patrol has given the Tour the green light to return to its traditional route — complete with escorts to ensure the group keeps moving. The scenic 70-mile drive takes the stunning cars and their owners through forests of cypress and pines, up mountains and down valleys, and along the coast. Car buffs gather at strategic points along the route to witness “the elegance of the automobile in motion” before entrants leave their treasures on Ocean Avenue in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea while they enjoy a catered lunch in Devendorf Park.

The cars remain motionless for a couple of hours, allowing spectators to ogle up close without paying a penny. Drivers will gather in Pebble Beach starting at 7 a.m. and depart around 8. It’s anticipated they will begin arriving in Carmel around 11 a.m. — one of the most exciting times to watch — and leave around 2 p.m. for the return to Del Monte Forest and a Champagne celebration at the finish around 3. The tour was “initiated to showcase the elegance of the automobile in motion and underscore the early history of picturesque Pebble Beach,” but it’s not just for fun: Participation in the Tour can break a tie when judges pick the best cars during the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Aug. 20.

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■ Russo & Steele’s Annual Monterey Collector Automobile Auction on the Waterfront

Wharf No. 2, 290 Figueroa St., Monterey
Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 17-19, 5 to 10 p.m. (Previews 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17-19)

Organized “for enthusiasts by enthusiasts,” Russo and Steele’s uniquely casual and lively sale features “auctions in the round,” where-in the buyers are on the floor with the automobiles, and everything happens on a sunken stage surrounded by 360-degree seating. “The event

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will auction over 250 automobiles in its highly interactive, visceral ground level auction arena that provides cars with no separation from the buyers,” according to organizers, who say their event makes for “the hottest nights in Monterey.” The combination of higher caliber automobiles and the intense excitement found on Russo and Steele’s auction block make this auction event an unforgettable experience; no other auction event can compare to the electric and exciting atmosphere of Russo and Steele,” they say. Crossing the block will be high-quality, luxurious and collectible European sports, American muscle, hot rods and custom automobiles with and without reserve. General admission is $30 per day. www.russoandsteele.com

Mecum Monterey Auction
Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey
Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 16-19
(Gates open at 8 a.m., vehicle auctions begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday and at 10 a.m. Thursday through Saturday)

Nobody sells more cars at auction than Mecum, according to organizers, and since 2011, the auction house has been ranked No. 1 in the world for number of collector cars offered at auction, No. 1 in the United States for number of auction venues, and No. 1 in the United States for total dollar volume of sales. Open to buyers, sellers and spectators, the Mecum sale is always eclectic, and this year features some 600 vehicles across all spectrums. The auction will also be broadcast on NBCSN. General admission is available at the gate for $20 per day in advance, or $30 at the gate, and children 12 and younger get in free. www.mecum.com

Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Highway 68
Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 17-20
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion will reflect that spirit, reliving motorsport history at the iconic circuit. A diverse field of cars spans 15 different race classes, from Group 1A’s 1911 National Speedway Roadster with its 50 horsepower that will be driven by Charles Test III (the great grandson of the National Car Company’s founder and president), to the “newest” car racing in Group 8A, the 1992 Nissan NPT91 that boasts 750 horsepower and won four straight GTP championships from 1988-

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The events at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca are always a highlight of Concours Week, with most of the attention focussed on — where else? — the finish line.

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Cars were cleared for entry by a governing committee that considered each based on its authenticity, race provenance and the historical accuracy of its mechanical preparation and livery. In honor of the raceway’s anniversary, Danish sports car driving legend and nine-time 24 Hours of Le Mans winner Tom Kristensen will be the featured guest on Friday and Saturday for the annual Picnic in the Paddock, where he will meet fans and share racing anecdotes with moderator Murray Smith, while 2009 Formula 1 World Champion Jenson Button will be driving exhibition laps in the McLaren M23 that Emerson Fittipaldi drove on his way to win the 1974 Formula 1 world championship.

In addition to the continuous on-track action, there are autograph and Q&A sessions with legendary drivers, fine wine and cheese tastings, and shopping among the myriad of activities for guests to enjoy. Tickets begin at $30 for a Thursday general admission and range up to $549 for a Premier Pit Row Suite.

For full ticket information and event schedule, visit www.mazdaraceway.com or call the ticket office at (831) 242-8200.

RM Sotheby’s
Monterey Auction
Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19, 6 p.m. (Previews run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 16-17, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18-19.)

An institution during the Peninsula’s Concours Week for more than a quarter-century, RM Auctions will put hundreds of high-caliber motor cars on the block. During its 30-plus-year history in Monterey, RM has facilitated the sale of hun-

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dreds of cars that exceeded the million-dollar mark, and “RM’s Monterey auction smashes records year after year,” according to organizers. When its 2014 Monterey sale hit a record $143 million in total sales, it entered the history books as the highest grossing collector car auction of all time — and 2015 saw that total rise to nearly $173 million. Previews are open to the general public for $40 per person, while the auctions are for registered bidders, consignors and qualified media only. The Portola Hotel is located at 2 Portola Plaza at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey. www.rmauctions.com

■ Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction
Quail Lodge, Carmel Valley
Friday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. (Previews 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 16-17, and 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Aug. 18)

Bonhams takes pride in the fact it hosts a compelling car auction alongside one of the most sought-after events during Concours Week, the Quail Motorsports Gathering. This year will mark the 20th annual Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction, and spectators and bidders are welcome, regardless of whether they possess tickets to the adjacent Quail Motorsports Gathering.

Malcolm Barber, Bonhams co-chairman, said it’s been “a pleasure” to partner with the Quail, and to “bring a truly blue chip selection of motorcars to Carmel.” For more information or for separate admission, which is $100 for a catalog (admits two) or $20 with a “gallery guide,” call (415) 391-4000 or visit www.bonhams.com/quail.

■ Rick Cole Auctions
CANCELED THIS YEAR

“The 2017 Rick Cole Auctions event has been canceled due to ongoing Conference Center construction in the downtown Monterey area. This construction began before the 2016 event and proved to be a major annoyance and overall deterrent for our visitors and customers,” organizers announced this summer. “Completion is now well behind schedule, and a decision was made on June 5th to cancel this year’s auction. Rick Cole Auctions will return to Monterey August 23-25, 2018, at the Marriott Hotel near Fisherman’s Wharf.”

■ The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering
Quail Lodge and Resort, Carmel Valley
Friday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entering its 15th year, “The Q” continues to enjoy significant recognition and success that were confirmed by its inclusion as a finalist in the Motoring Event of the Year category for the 2014 International Historic Motoring Awards. The Quail seeks to offer “an unparalleled and exclusive experience for motorsports enthusiasts and collectors from around the world,” and few would argue it doesn’t always achieve that mission.

Each year, it’s considered one of the week’s most exclusive and highly regarded automotive events, as it celebrates more than 150 of the most important cars in history, while offering fine food and great wine to match. And each year, it sells out. Featured themes for 2017 include Pre-War Sports and Racing, Post-War Sports, Post-War Racing, Supercars, The Great Ferraris, Sports and Racing Motorcycles, Originals and Mid-Engine Marvels. The day also includes special appearances, interviews and other treats.

To register to receive ticket information in the future, email thequail@quaillodge.com. Proceeds benefit local and national charities serving children and families. Visit signatureevents.peninsulacom/en/motorsports/motorsports.html to join the waitlist for tickets.

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Werks Reunion
Corral de Tierra Country Club
Friday, Aug. 19, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After three successful years in Carmel Valley, the popular Porsche show, Werks Reunion, will be held at the exclusive Corral de Tierra Country Club off of Highway 68 near Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The Porsche Club of America welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners and enthusiasts to participate, and membership in PCA is not required. “Expect to view a breathtaking array of Porsches at this free-to-spectators event, from rare classics, to current models, and everything in between,” organizers say. Enthusiasts can display their own cars in model-specific Porsche Corrals or enter the judged field to compete in more than 20 prize categories. The event was created to celebrate Porsches and the camaraderie of their owners, and is therefore “not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsches, but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well on the field.” Judges don’t use score sheets, instead ranking the cars according to certain criteria they discuss before setting out on their task. “This is a casual gathering of Porsche enthusiasts focused on having fun rather than solely competition,” organizers say, and judging will take place midday, with awards presented between 2 and 3 p.m. Corral de Tierra is located at 81 Corral de Tierra Road off Highway 68. For more information, visit www.werksreunion.com.

Legends of the Autobahn
Nicklaus Club – Monterey
Friday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A collaboration of the BMW, Audi, and Mercedes clubs of America, the Legends of the Autobahn Concours is returning to the Nicklaus Club – Monterey, a venue organizers say “provides the growing event with the continued room to expand — and it’s so close to Laguna Seca that you can hear the historic cars warming up!” The Legends event has grown considerably since its 2009 debut as a standalone BMW show. In 2010, Mercedes-Benz joined in, followed by Audi in 2012, to make it the top gathering for fans of German cars. The annual concours event offers both corral and judged areas, awards for all three featured marques, and an open class for all other German-made cars, drawing more than 400 vehicles and 3,000 spectators. The

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show field also features displays from manufacturers, sponsors, and vendors, and has been the site of several unveilings over the years. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m., with cars placed on the show fields shortly after. Judging takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, alongside special presentations and guest speakers, and awards are given from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Spectator parking is $20. Entry is via South Boundary Road off of Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. For more information, visit www.legendsoftheautobahn.org.

22nd Annual Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally
Lighthouse Avenue, P.G.
Friday, Aug. 18, noon staging, 4:45 p.m. driver meeting, 5 p.m. tour, 6:15 p.m. barbecue

The Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally is presented each year by the Rotary Club of Pacific Grove and allows drivers to show their classic, vintage, and sports cars along Lighthouse Avenue in a casual, unfussy setting. The rally is geared for people who own and drive their own classic and vintage cars, and draws more than 200 participants and 8,000 spectators. Following an evening rally along 17 Mile Drive and the coastline of Pebble Beach, all will reconvene for a barbecue dinner in Chautauqua Hall.

“Everything began with a vision to bring something new and fresh to Monterey Car Week,” say organizers of Exotics on Cannery Row, which debuted in 2015. Focusing entirely on the Super, Hyper, and Exotic Car phenomenon, the event showcases rare and exciting modern cars, as well as the companies that “can take these cars to the next level in performance and showmanship.” The event is free and open to the public, and vendor booths range from wheel

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manufacturers to wrap companies, tuners to transport companies, and everything in between. Spectator parking is available at the City of Monterey Garage at the corner of Foam between Hoffman and Prescott. For more information, visit canneryrow.com and exoticsoncan- neryrow.com, or call (831) 649-6690.

Pebble Beach Auctions presented by Gooding & Company
Pebble Beach Equestrian Center
Friday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m.
(Previews 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 19.)

The official auction house of the world-renowned Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, and the only sale held within the gates of Del Monte Forest, Gooding & Company sold more than $129 million worth of cars in 2016, including four cars above $10 million, and 26 cars above $1 million. This year, Gooding & Co. has moved its auctions to Friday and Saturday, instead of marking the conclusion of Concours Week as the auction has done since 1990.

The lineup includes the iconic 1970 Porsche 917K in Gulf livery, estimated to fetch $13 million to $16 million. Considered “one of the most significant, beautiful and advanced sports prototype cars in history,” the 12-cylinder 917 was leased to Steve McQueen’s Solar Productions for use in the making of the seminal film, “Le Mans.” Other cars set to cross the block include the 1966 Ferrari 275 GTB/C, the 1928 Mercedes-Benz S-Type 26/180 Sports Tourer, and the 1939 Bugatti Type 57C Cabriolet. The auctions take place in a pavilion at the equestrian center, corner of Stevenson Drive and Portola Road, in Pebble Beach. Catalogs are $100, which includes admission for two to the viewing and the auctions, while general admission is $40 and gets one person in to the viewing and auctions. www.gooding- co.com.

Concours Week continues with the Baronyard Ferrari Event, Concours d’LeMons and Concorso Italiano Saturday, Aug. 19, and the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and the Automotive Fine Arts Show Sunday, Aug. 20. Complete details will appear in next week’s special section.

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the side streets downtown.

“All of those things we had talked about on all those blocks for years — there all those things were, in living color,” he said.

While the categories don’t change, the entries do. “I think what keeps the flavor fresh is that each year is very organic,” he said. “You never know who will make application for entry or who the committee will accept until deep into the process.”

The Concours on the Avenue has several classes just for Porsches and Ferraris, as well as American Luxury, American Sport, Continental and Europe Sport, American Family Favorites, Hot Rod, Muscle Car, Historic Race, Italian Sport, Micro Car, Motorcycle, British Sport, British and European Luxury, and British, European and Japanese Family Favorites.

“Every year, there seems to be a handful of cars that I’m really taken by,” he said. And it’s impossible for Freedman to pick a favorite.

“There have been so many, I could fill buildings with my favorites,” he said, adding that he and Genie are grateful that so many people apply for entry to their show, and that they own the cars he’d only seen photos and models of when he was a kid at the hobby shop. “And all of a sudden, to have the very car that was on that box in the event would just bowl me over,” he said.

Since COTA’s debut, volunteers from the nonprofit senior organization, The Carmel Foundation, have helped the Freedmans run the show, and the group has benefited from close to $350,000 in donations as a result. Freedman said he grew up being taught that it’s always important to support charity and give back to your community — lessons he learned from his parents.

“Our association with The Carmel Foundation runs deep, and we’re proud of our friends, and feel really good about Concours on the Avenue and what we’ve created together,” he said. “Without The Carmel Foundation, I’m not even sure we’d still be here.”

While the funds raised might not rise to the level of the Pebble Beach Concours' millions of dollars, Freedman noted, “it’s a good chunk of change that came from nothing.”

“The collector car community, the vintage race community, are fantastically charitable individuals,” he said. “It takes all of that to make it happen.”

This year’s Concours on the Avenue takes place Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The city is offering free shuttles up to town from parking areas on Rio Road near the Carmel Mission.
abandonment and grow to healthy adulthood.”

Since 1984, the group has helped build and strengthen families for thousands of children of all ages, including those who can no longer remain safe with their birth parents due to abuse and neglect, abandoned children, and kids who have voluntarily been given up for adoption as infants by their birth parents.

The center offers foster care, infant adoption, a children’s mental health clinic, parent education, support groups and adoption services.

“Kinship Center has created programs and services over the years to meet the full range of children’s needs, including children with past trauma, and to support the adults who step forward to provide them safe ‘forever families,’” the group says. “Our goal is to build and sustain strong families and to support the adults who step forward to provide a communication conduit between generations and offer resources to the inspired,” or as Long put it, “to get old guys together with kids to work on cars.”

They support their efforts through private sponsorships. Hagerty Insurance’s RPM Foundation and local foundations, grants from groups like the MacArthur Foundation (best known for its “genius grants”), Hagerty Insurance’s RPM Foundation and local sponsorships.

And at the nuts-and-bolts level, Long said, his goal is to get students “working with their hands,” and learning things like taking measurements correctly. “You’d be surprised at the number of kids who can’t do those basics,” he said.

Long wrote the curriculum for the auto restoration course, and included some knowledge a lot of grown-ups would probably find useful, including how not to get ripped off at the repair shop.

In May, he was able to take seven lucky students to the fabled Brickyard for the Indy 500, and they’ve visited Jay Leno’s garage in Burbank. They’ve met Mario Andretti, too.

One of the program’s graduates runs his own auto detailing business, another has gone to college to study mechanical engineering and transportation, and a third has gone on to McPherson College, which has a bachelor’s degree program in auto restoration.

Long also teaches his students about initiative, having a good work ethic and how to put away their phones and talk to people at events like Concours about what they do, so if you see them, say hi. And we’re pretty sure no one will tell them to get off the damn lawn.
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