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Amelia Island Concours 2005

□ This year saw the tenth anniversary of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and its founder Bill Warner was duly feted for organising another treat for enthusiasts of rare coachbuilt cars as well as some spectacular racing cars.

The event was held during the weekend of 11-13 March at its traditional venue of the Ritz Carlton on Amelia Island located in Northeast Florida. This year honoured Alfa Romeo, NASCAR legend Bobby Allison and also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the small-block Chevrolet V8.

There were a number of activities surrounding the Concours, which included an RM Auction, design and engineering seminars, as well as displays by The Automotive Fine Arts Society and a Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening honouring Bobby Allison. Proceeds from the event benefit the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.



As ever, entries for the Concours were many and varied and it was decided for this year to award two Best of Shows; one award for road going cars and one for competition cars.

After much deliberation by the judging panel, the Best of Show was awarded to a 1931 Bugatti Type 51 from the Nethercutt Collection and a 1953 Porsche 550 Coupe from the Miles Collier Collection.

The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance has firmly established itself as one of the premier events on the calendar and attracts a wide range of senior figures from all aspects of the car industry.

"Another marvellous year for the Amelia Island Concours with a range and diversity of cars not seen anywhere else", commented Lynx Chairman John Mayston-Taylor, who was invited to judge at the event this year for the sixth time. "It is always a surprise and a pleasure to meet up with so many real enthusiasts from the car world - Amelia is truly a unique event".

For more information, please visit www.ameliaconcours.org











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