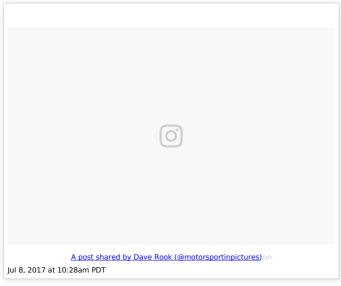
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These are the 10 kings of concours photography...

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For this year's Concours of Elegance photography competition, we asked you for the most beautiful concours snapshots from around the world. Having received over 400 entries, it was particularly difficult to select our 10 favourites. Nevertheless, these are our winners...

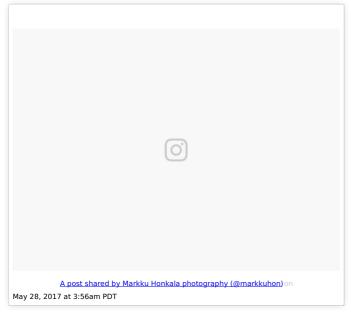
And the winner is...



After much deliberation, together with the event's official photographer Tim Scott, we chose this fabulous shot of a Ferrari 166MM by Dave Rook as our overall winner. It's especially fitting that the photograph was taken at Hampton Court Palace, the location of this year's Royal Concours of Elegance. "This particular shot is one of my favourites," comments Rook. "I remember being one of the first through the gates and ran from car to car while the event was waking up to get as many clear shots in as possible. I love the elegant simplicity and lightness of the diminutive Touring coachwork, the racing pedigree, rarity, and the spine-tingling noise from that tiny V12."

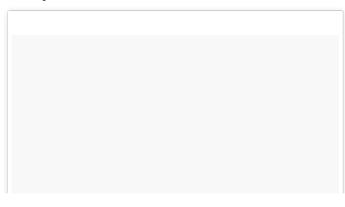
Not only will Dave spend the day as a VIP at Hampton Court Palace in September, but he'll also receive a limited-edition copy of the Pullman Gallery's Charles Avalondesigned Art Deco-style Concours of Elegance 2017 poster. Below are the entries from the 10 finalists, all of whom will receive a pair of tickets to the Concours of Elegance.

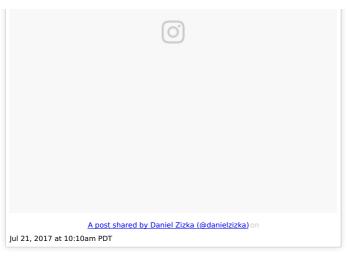
Downtime at Villa d'Este



Among the comings and goings of beautiful cars at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este, it's important to indulge in some down time. Is there a better place on the planet in which to do so?

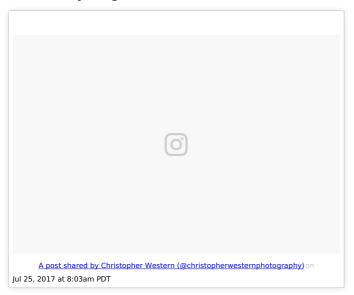
Blue yonder





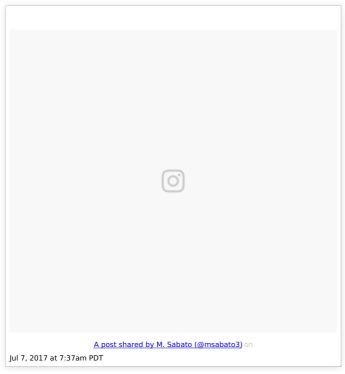
Coachbuilt Italian sports cars from the 1960s are a staple of any major concours competition. The shade of blue on this Lamborghini is particularly alluring.

Start 'em young



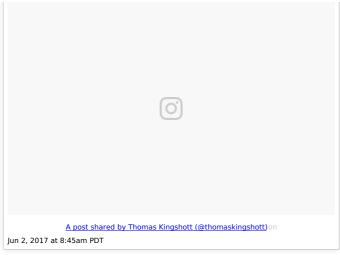
Everybody knows that passion for cars starts at a very young age. Judging by this photo, however, not even a pre-War Bentley can distract from a giant sand pit.

Dawn patrol



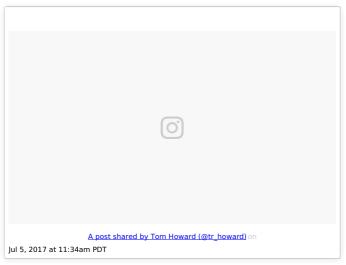
Dawn patrol at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is a bucket-list experience — particularly if the morning fog lifts early enough to bask the entrants in glorious golden sunshine.

Fit for a king



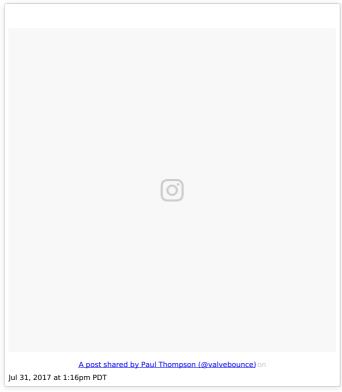
Elvis Presley drove a red BMW 507 — need we say anymore?

Blenheim beauty



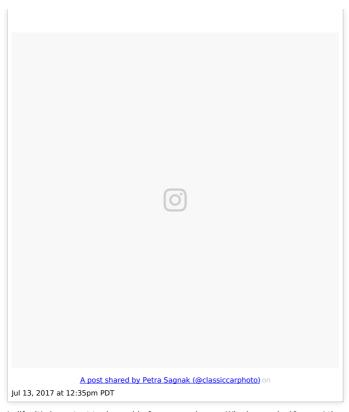
At last year's Salon Privé at Blenheim Palace, this wonderfully restored Ferrari 500 Testa Rossa took the overall spoils. A beautiful car in a beautiful environment — isn't that what a concours competition is all about?

A match made in heaven



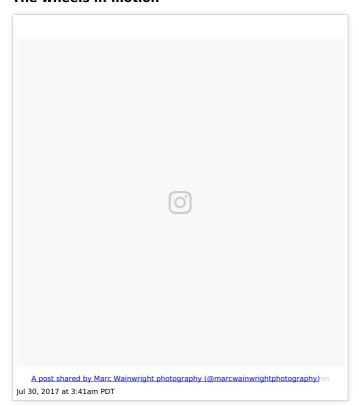
We can only imagine the elation you'd feel at driving your classic to collect a winning trophy...

One day, George, one day...



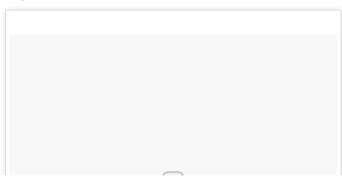
In life, it's important to dream big from an early age. Who knows, in 40 years' time, perhaps these boys will exhibit their own Ferraris at Villa d'Este?

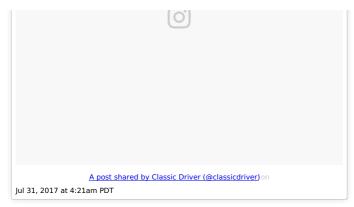
The wheels in motion



 $While ogling \ priceless \ classics \ static \ on \ the \ lawn \ or \ gravel \ is \ enjoyable, \ there's \ nothing \ quite \ like \ seeing \ them \ in \ action...$

A gentle reminder





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