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ENTRY APPLICATIONS DUE EARLY FOR 2009 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Bentley & Bugatti are '09 Featured Marques; Zagato Designs and the Centennials of Morgan and Audi to be Spotlighted

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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (Nov. 19, 2008) – The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is already accepting entry applications for the 59th annual show to be held on Sunday, August 16, 2009. Entry forms were mailed out last week, and all completed forms are due back to the Concours by January 7, 2009 — two full months earlier than in previous years.

"The earlier time frame allows our Selection Committee to put together the very best field," says Concours Chairman Sandra Kasky Button. "By verifying and then confirming our field of entries as soon as possible, it will also be easier for our entrants – especially those outside the United States – to fully prepare and ship their vehicles. The number of applicants and participants from outside the United States continues to increase demonstrating that the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance has truly become 'the world's concours,' and we want to provide everybody with the time they need to get ready for this great competition."

Entry forms were mailed to past participants and interested enthusiasts who had previously requested them. Other car collectors interested in receiving an application are invited to send an email describing their car to Entrant Relations Manager Sean Jacobs at sjacobs@pebblebeachconcours.net. Most entrants will be notified in early spring if their cars were accepted or declined, with the balance of entries notified soon thereafter.

Bugatti and Bentley will be the featured marques for the 2009 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The Concours will also celebrate the centennials of Morgan and Audi and will highlight the designs of Zagato. The complete list of show classes and additional entrant information are available online at

 $\underline{www.pebblebeachconcours.net/pages/3008/entrant_info.htm},$

Here's the schedule for 2009 Pebble Beach Automotive Week events:

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance – Sunday, August 16

Pebble Beach Motoring Classic — Monday, August 3 through Wednesday, August 12

Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance presented by Rolex – Thursday, August 13

Pebble Beach RetroAuto – Friday, August 14 through Sunday, August 16

Pebble Beach Auction presented by Gooding & Company – Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16

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