



**RARE, DIVERSE SELECTION OF ASTON MARTINS
TO BE FEATURED AT 57th
PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE®**

*Oldest and fastest prewar cars will be displayed alongside
a fully-equipped DB5 from the James Bond film Goldfinger*

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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (June 26, 2007) – As a featured marque at the Sunday, Aug. 19 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Aston Martin will be represented by a rare and diverse collection of cars. A 1922 Voiturette believed to be the oldest running example of the marque, a 1939 Monoposto that is the fastest prewar Aston Martin, and a former team race car now owned by Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason will be showcased at the 57th annual event. And, of course, the DB5 “James Bond” car, perhaps the most famous Aston Martin ever built, will be exhibited.

More than three dozen prewar and postwar Aston Martins, drawn from a multitude of nations, including Australia, Hong Kong, Mexico, Switzerland and The Netherlands and Great Britain, will be part of the 175-car field of entries competing for Best of Show honors.

Among the historic Aston Martins to be featured at the Concours is the oldest known running example, a 1922 Voiturette grand prix car with the unlikely name “Green Pea”. The vehicle is owned by Neil F. Murray of Great Britain, Registrar of the Aston Martin Heritage Trust and author of the limited edition reference history *On Aston Martin*.

Another famous Aston Martin competing at Pebble Beach is a 1939 Monoposto, courtesy of owner Andrew P. Bell, from the Aston Martin restoration shop Ecurie Bertelli. This vehicle is the only single-seater, two-liter prewar Aston Martin ever built.

“It was never raced due to the outbreak of war. So the first time I raced it (following a five year restoration) was the first time it had ever raced as a single-seater in its original form,” says Bell, who guided the car to victory at last year’s St. John Horsfall Trophy Race. “It goes without saying that it is easily the fastest prewar Aston in the world.”

Drummer Nick Mason of *Pink Floyd* will bring a red ’34 Aston Martin Ulster to Pebble Beach. The car was a team car with those that conquered the 24 Hours of Le Mans and was painted red because the original owner felt that green was an unlucky color for a racing car. The Ulster was restored by Ecurie Bertelli.

Peter Livanos, who sold the Aston Martin brand to Ford, and John Sindors, one of the members of the Prodrive organization that purchased the company from Ford, will both be exhibiting cars at the Concours.

No exhibition of Aston Martins would be complete without a DB5, and one of the originals used in the movie *Goldfinger*, starring Sean Connery, will be brought to Pebble Beach from its home in The Netherlands. For the movie, the factory built several DB5s with special gadgets like

rotating license plates and a bulletproof shield. The car headed for Pebble Beach is fully equipped.

Aston Martins will be on display in four classes – historic display, postwar racing cars, postwar road cars and postwar coachbuilt cars. The Auburn Cord Duesenberg group will also be a featured marque at the 2007 Pebble Beach Concours.

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