

# American collectors share Villa d'Este spoils



Left: Best of Show 410; above: Frus AE



Debutant '30 Isotta took Coppa d'Oro



Flat 1100 Fiat, Alfa Giulietta SZ



Alfa 6C 55 Villa d'Este, winner in 1949

Against a strong challenge from multiple award-winning American entrants, Italian collector Corrado Lopresto scooped the prestigious Coppa d'Oro with his 1930 Isotta Fraschini at Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este from 21-23 April. The elegant Type 8A SS, bodied by Castagna, made its post-restoration debut at the historic event held outside the hotel on the shore of glamorous Lake Como.

Other pre-WW2 winners included Peter Mullin's Bugatti Type 57 Aravis-style cabriolet by Gangloff, once owned by French GP ace Maurice Trintignant. The stylish Bugatti won the Trofeo BMW Italia but not without a headache for the LA-based collector: during the short journey to Villa Erbe on Sunday morning the T57 lost oil pressure. "We took the risk of damaging the engine in the award parade," confessed Mullin, "but it was worth it for the trophy."

New Yorker Peter Kalikow took the prestigious Best of Show award for his dazzling '59 Ferrari 410 S3 SuperAmerica despite a smoky exhaust. BMW design supremo



1.0CSL and Boomerang driven to Como

Chris Bangle was wowed by the beauty of classic designs, particularly the Bugatti. "Cars provide society with a fluid form of architecture," he said, "as designers we're still trying to understand the car as a projection of its owner."

Many entries had fascinating histories, none more so than David Sydorick's '56 Maserati A6G 2000, winner of the European Fastback category. The rare Zagato-bodied coupé was discovered by the Californian, bricked-up in a Sicilian garage, having been used as a part-chaser for Sal DiNatale's business during the '60s before it was sealed up. Also locked away for more than four decades was Ermanno Keller's beautiful 1949 Alfa Romeo 6C

## STAR CAR: SERENISSIMA JET COMPETIZIONE

1955 Ferrari 166F1, sold for £10,000 and later purchased by Prince Mohammed bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, was sold for £1.1 million at the Bonhams auction in London on 11 November 2005. The car was sold to a private collector.

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Our usually inventive readers clearly struggled with the May picture, but there were still some fine entries. We enjoyed Bernard Hogarth's "I always thought it looked stupid with three wheels on this side anyway. Ah, yes... Johnny, young Tommie (the day he entered a speed wheel in a) and Jack Bonaventura. It's so funny 'Pop Pop' won't know why he keeps driving about in circles, which was one of many on the same theme."

Best of all Norman's usual rash of imbeciles... and yet still both the big wheels on one side for dual output (and he then says "Yes, but what is Mr Cameron from Stockport? Creative for Dad wants a space-saver for his birthday, but I've been able to get him four."

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## McQueen's garage sale

Steve McQueen's widow Barbara Brunswood is selling his effects through Bonhams & Butterfields at the Petersen Automotive Museum, LA on 11 November. Lots include tinseltown toys, petrol punts, enamel signs, the Perol sunglasses he wore in *The Thomas Crown Affair* and a pick-up with licence plate MCQ 3188. Call 001 415 391 4000 or see [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com)

