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Mario Righini Collection – Photo Gallery

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Sports Car Digest recently toured the Mario Righini Collection, one of the more exceptional private collections in Italy, if not the world. Located outside Modena in Castello di Panzano Castelfranco, the Righini Collection is remarkable for many reasons.

To call the Righini Collection unique does not do it justice, as the setting alone – a 15th century castle among Lambrusco vineyards – is incomparable as are the cars and the circumstances surrounding the addition to the Righini family.

As the story goes, Righini's family owned a scrap yard that, in cooperation with the Italian government during World War II, was used to tear down "obsolete" vehicles for their raw materials. Fortunately, the family had the foresight to recognize that not all cars are created equal and they kept the significant ones that passed through their scrap yard.

After the war, Mario Righini took over the successful family business and began adding to the collection, ultimately ending up with more than 350 cars, motorcycles, trucks, tractors and other automobiles to see today. As imagined, the collection favors Italian forms of transportation, but goes well beyond the borders of Italy.

Within the grounds of the castle, the Righini Collection is housed principally in two former horse stables, grouped by pre and post-war. While the pictures do their best to tell the story, it is still difficult to convey the amazement over seeing dozens of incredible cars parked bumper-to-bumper. Please do not think this means the collection is not well attended or appreciated because most are in strong working order and have been wonderfully preserved or restored.

As amazing as the collection was to experience, we are a little worried about what comes next.

the feeling after climbing Mount Everest (or so we hear), how on earth can you top the Mario F Collection?

Highlights of the Mario Righini Collection include:



Auto Avio Costruzioni (AAC) Type 815, the first car Enzo Ferrari built after leaving Alfa Romeo. Enzo Ferrari built two AAC and this particular car was raced in the 1940 Mille Miglia by racing legend Alberto Ascari; only surviving AAC





Ferrari 500 Mondial Pinin Farina Spyder



Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 that was owned and raced by Tazio Nuvolari to victory at the 1933 Targa Florio and Monza Grand Prix

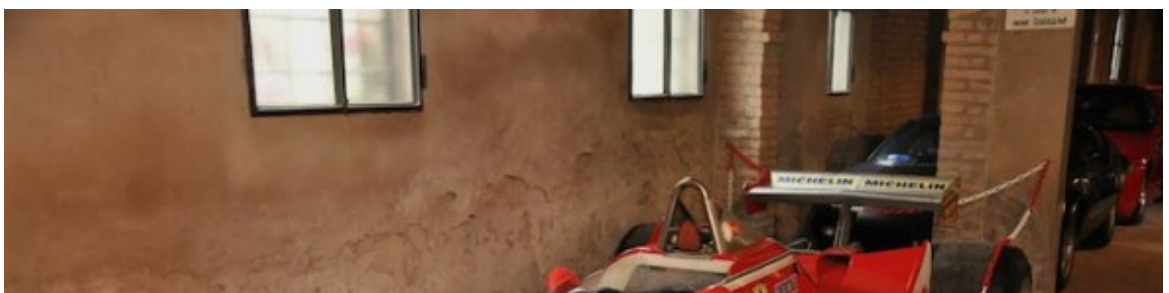




This 7 liter Fiat Chiribiri reportedly broke the world speed record for the timed kilometer from a flying start in 1912.



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Ex-Gilles Villeneuve Ferrari 312 T4



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Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS Zagato

In addition to the highlighted cars, the pre-war stable includes ex-military Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Torpedo Militare; Alfa Romeo RL SS Corto Torpedo; Salmson racing car; 1894 Velo Benz (first plus several Bugatti, Fiat, Lancia and other Alfas.

The post-war collection includes a row of Alfa Romeos, starting with a modern SZ, followed by Giulietta SZ and Sprint Speciale. The same room also featured a De Tomaso Pantera; Maserati Ferrari 275 GTB and 365 GTB/4 Daytona; ASA 1000 GT Spider; Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster; Lamborghini 350GT and Stanguellini Formula Junior Race Car.

Mario Righini Collection Picture Gallery (click picture for larger image)

