

# American collectors share Villa d'Este spoils



Left: Best of Show 410; above: Frus A6



Flat 1100 Pista Sport, Alfa Giulietta SZ



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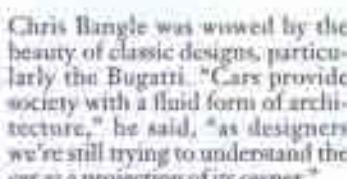
Against a strong challenge from multiple award-winning American entrants, Italian collector Corrado Lopresto scooped the prestigious *Coppa d'Oro* with his 1930 Isotta Fraschini at Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este from 21-23 April. The elegant Type 8A SS, bodied by Castagna, made its post-restoration 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 Erba 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



3.0CSL and Boomerang driven to Como



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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 parts-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

Debutant '30 Isotta took *Coppa d'Oro*

Super Sport Villa d'Este. Once hidden in a Le Havre warehouse, it has only 22,000km on the clock. Michael Stoilifor's 1952 Ferrari 212 Inter was recently repainted and mechanically refreshed after being in a Swiss scrapyard since the '60s.

"We've driven from London, but never expected to win any prizes," said surprised UK-based barrister and BMW CSL owner Tony Badenoch, who won an award for driving the furthest to Como. The spectacular Maserati Boomerang was also driven to the event, causing problems for owner André Bindl. "The motorway toll-booths were too high for the window slot, so we had to get out of the passenger door and walk around the car at every page between Nice and Como."

## STAR CAR: SERENISSIMA JET COMPETIZIONE

The first ever Serenissima Jet Competition was held on 21-23 April in the shadow of the Villa d'Este. The event, which attracted 100 cars and 1000 spectators, was organised by the Maserati Club of America and the Maserati Museum. It featured a variety of activities, including a Concours d'Elegance, a classic car exhibition, and a special awards ceremony. The event was a great success, with many impressive cars on display and a lot of fun for all involved.



Our usually enterprising readers clearly struggled with the May picture—but there were lots some fine entries. We enjoyed Alvaro Hogarth's effort: "I always thought it looked stupid with three wheels on this side anyway. Alvaro's young son has the day he invented a wheel would not stay" and says, "absolutely, it's perfect!" Paul Peat "won't believe why he keeps driving about in circles," which was one of many on the same theme.

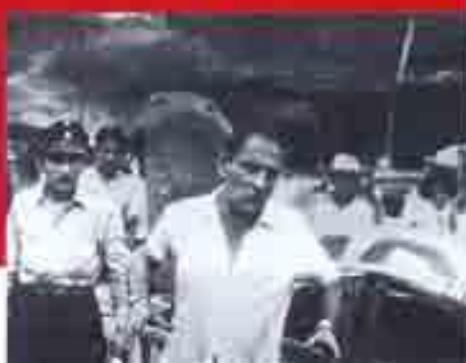
Best of Show: Morris Austin resto-finisher, with ... and yes you'll

see the big numbers on the side for oval circuit racing like them!

Yikes, but welcome Mr Cameron from Stockport! Chairman for

Ted wants a space-saver for his birthday, say £1000 reasonable to get him for...

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## McQueen's garage sale

Steve McQueen's widow Barbara Bachmann is selling his effects through Bonhams & Butterfields at the Petersen Automotive Museum, LA on 11 November. Lots include tinplate toys, petrol pumps, 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).

