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Marvelous Monterey Memories





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The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (and Monterey Car Week in general) is officially back! I've been attending Monterey Car Week for the better part of 20 years and after pining for the cancelled Car Week in 2020, was excited to attend in 2021. While the quality of vehicles was spectacular, most of the international attendees were unable to come, and the tone was a bit subdued. But 2022 was another story. As I arrived for "Dawn Patrol" at 5 AM on Sunday near the 18th green, you could tell this crowd was much larger. The enthusiasm in the air was palpable, and by the time

the gates opened to the public at 10 AM, the field was instantly packed with excited spectators.

It was an especially great year for Alfa enthusiasts as Pebble Beach had a special Alfa 8C 2300 class. Seven 8Cs lined up towards the south side of the event, framing the 17th green with Stillwater Cove in the background. It was quite a sight to see the mix of road and racing 8Cs all together and even better to be able to put your nose mere inches from them to study all the details, so many differences between each model. Six of those 8Cs had been participants in the Tour d'Elegance on Thursday,





giving us the amazing visceral sensations of hearing them start up and take off down the bucolic roads of the Monterey Peninsula.

The racecars garnered most of the trophies as our cover subject, the beautiful light blue 1933 Alfa 8C Monza from the Auriga Collection, took not only the top spot in the class, but a special Tony Hulman Trophy to boot. Equally spectacular, the '33 Brianza Monza from the Fritz Burkard and the Pearl Collection took second in class, with the road-going '34 Figoni Cabriolet Decapotable shown by Robert Bishop rounded out the 8C class.

Among the other Alfa entries were an impeccable 1932 6C 1750 GTC Stabilimenti Farina Cabriolet from the Sonoma, California-based Keller Collection; it took home the pre-war preservation class trophy. The William Lyon Family of Newport Beach brought along their incredible 1965 TZ2 Zagato Competition Berlinetta race car in the 24 Hours of LeMans class, a truly stunning sight as it roared past on Thursday and then crawled across the 18th fairway in the early hours of Sunday morning.

This year, Alfas may be thin on the ground as the 2023 classes do not give much room for Alfa collectors, but there is to be a special Figoni class, celebrating 100 years of that famous French coachbuilder. So that class, I am sure, will feature an Alfa or two. Come enjoy Car Week in 2023 and indulge in everything Alfa at the Concorso Italiano and everything Italian at Pebble Beach. See you there!

Meanwhile, enjoy this colorful YouTube walk-through at the roll-off of the 2022 Tour at <https://youtu.be/uXxzj-DFUnU> !

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1958 Giulietta Sprint Coupe of Tony and Alison Kelly.



The William Lyon Family's 1965 TZ2 Zagato Competizione Berlinetta.



1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Brianza Monza brought by The Pearl Collection/Fritz Burkard.

1964 TZ Zagato Coupe (James and Victoria Trofitter).



1934 8C 2300 Figoni Cabriolet Decapotabile (Robert Bishop) took home third in class.

Below: 1932 8C 2300 Zagato Monza.



Above: 1954 1900 CSS Worblaufen Cabriolet (Lisa and Eric Schigel). Right: 1933 8C 2300 Brianza Monza took second in class (The Pearl Collection/Fritz Burkhard).

