

# Crescent Beach Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, August 31, 2019 ~ Surrey, BC

The early morning rain clouds held-off just enough to make Blackie Spit Park in South Surrey a beautiful setting for this year's Crescent Beach Concours d'Elegance. In attendance as spectators were Andrew N. and Henry C.. Both BC8ers admired 62 cars and 15 motorcycles, examples of automotive excellence with their proud owners eager to talk and whom were invited to the show by the Concours committee. What also made this show worthy of support, the entrance fees collected at the gate were donated to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

The Concours committee arrange judging classes that are unique to a show season. This season, 3 classes were of particular interest: Class 8 (European Sports Cars to 1973), Class 9 (BMW), and Class 10 (Supercars). In Class 9 for judging: a 1972 BMW 2002, a 1972 BMW 3.0 CS, and a 1974 BMW 2002 Turbo. The 2002 Turbo won first place in this class.



Class 9 (BMW), First Place: 1974 BMW 2002 Turbo



Henry photographing a 1955 Nash Cross-Country Wagon; customized by the Italian design studio, Pininfarina.

On hand donning blue blazers and white fidoras, the 25 judges scrutinized every detail; including exterior and interior conditions, engine start-up and idling, and turn signals. In Class 6 (Avant Garde), the judges paid particular attention to a 1957 SILA Bimbo Racer owned and operated by 8 year-old (?) Massimo Calandra. Yes, this is a child's electric car that, apparently, gets upwards of a 30-mile range with a top speed of 5 MPH. This rare example was fitted with Pirelli bimbo tires and eagerly driven around later; zipping between spectators. To the delight of all the judges, participants, visitors, and his very proud papa, Massimo was awarded a blue ribbon in Class 6.

The Best of Show recognition was awarded to a near original 1932 Alfa Romeo 8C2300 MM Touring. Only 188 units were produced between 1931 and 1933. This was an opportunity to see something that is normally hidden in a private collection.



Judges comparing notes over a 1929 Franklin Speedster.



Judges asking specific questions to all motorcycle owners.



Detail: Wood headliner of a 1955 Nash Cross-Country Wagon with Henry photobombing the shot.



Greatly admired by Andrew on the show grounds of Blackie Spit Park (Surrey, BC): 1962 Mercedes-Benz 190SL Convertible



Best of Show and First Place in Class 2 (Pre-War): 1932 Alfa Romeo 8C2300 MM Touring.



Many spectators were drawn to the 1957 SILA Bimbo Racer with Massimo Calandra and his father standing nearby.



Detail: Hood ornament of a 1929 Franklin Speedster.

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2019 August Events

- Saturday, September 14 - WrenchFest at Wuffer's Spa & Garage. Doors open at 9AM. As usual, bring your own snacks, beverage, and lunch.
- Monday, October 14 - Sea-to-Sky Drive on Thanksgiving Day. The folks at Classic Car Adventures are our hosts. They do the planning, we just show up. Time and start location to be announced.

