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Concours d'Elegance announces award recipients

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The show field included the famous Mormon Meteor and Clark Gable's Duesenberg. On display was a Lamborghini Reventon, the first to arrive in the U.S., with a Bugatti Veyron parked nearby. Add to the stellar lineup the North American debut of B.A.T. 11, the one-and-only Helicron, a Taylor Aerocar that transformed from plane to car before some lucky spectators' eyes and you have a Concours that will be hard to top.

"What a celebration this has been," says Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance Event Chairman Larry Smith. "We anticipated our best event ever and we are so pleased that it far exceeded our expectations. What a day and what a crowd of automobile enthusiasts of all ages enjoying such fine examples of the art that moves us."

For many spectators, the highlight of the day was the awarding of the 2008 trophies. Grand award winners were:

- Founders Trophy — Best in Show-American — 1935 Duesenberg J Roadster, owned by Sam and Emily Mann
- Founders Trophy — Best in Show-European — 1927 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A Roadster, owned by Joseph and Margie Cassini, III
- Meadow Brook Hall Memorial Trophy — 1935 Duesenberg SJ special 'Mormon Meteor', owned by Harry Yeaggy
- Designer's Choice Award — 1933 Chrysler CL, owned by Ed and Pam Rittenhouse
- People's Choice Award — 1935 Duesenberg SJ special 'Mormon Meteor', owned by Harry Yeaggy
- Best of Show Motorcycle Trophy — 1940 Indian 4 Cylinder, owned by Berland Sullivan

Additional winner information will be posted on the [Meadow Brook Concours](#) Web site.

The Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance collector car show and its art auction raise money to help with the preservation efforts at Meadow Brook Hall. Over the years, the Concours d'Elegance has raised and contributed more than \$5 million to the preservation of the mansion, the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson, the widow of John Dodge and wife of lumber baron Alfred Wilson, which has been a trademark of American automotive history.

For more information on Meadow Brook Hall, visit the [Meadow Brook Hall](#) Web site. For more information on the Concours d'Elegance, visit the [Meadow Brook Concours](#) Web site.

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