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## 57th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance - 2007



**The Duesenberg SJ Special - also Known as the Mormon Meteor - was named 'Best of Show' by the judges at the 57th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.**

*With photos by [Tim Scott](#)*

The winning car was a supercharged speedster that was raced by **Utah's Ab Jenkins** (the former mayor of Salt Lake City) and then driven on the city streets. The car, which set a 24-hour speed record (135.58 miles per hour) in 1935, sold for a record \$4.45 million at the **2004 Pebble Beach Auction** conducted by **Gooding & Company**.

The Concours competition included judging in 24 classes, and featured cars from 30 states and 12 countries. Proceeds from raffles, auctions, sponsorships and gate receipts helped contribute more than \$1 million to charity for the second consecutive year bringing to well over \$10 million during the event's history.

"The Pebble Beach Concours has truly become 'the world's concours,'" says Concours Chairman **Sandra Kasky Button**. "In addition to enthusiasts, sponsors and media from around the globe, this year we welcomed exotic, historic vehicles from as far away as **Hong Kong, Australia, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands and Argentina.**"



The featured automotive marques for 2007 were **Aston Martin** - with four classes, including a special exhibition of historic Astons and three postwar classes - and the **Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg** group. (The **James Bond Aston Martin DB5** and **Duesenbergs** once owned by **Clark Gable** and **Gary Cooper** were among the most well-known vehicles.) Additionally, the historic hot rod class celebrated the 75th anniversary of the iconic **'32 Ford** (known as **"The Deuce"**), and the **"10-plus Club"** focused on cars with engines displacing 10 litres or more. Overall, nearly 200 classic vehicles, including the event's oldest competitor - an

**1897 Henriod** – competed in the annual classic car showcase along the Monterey coastline.



The 58th Pebble Beach Concours is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 and will include a celebration of the centennial of **General Motors** and the **London to Brighton Veteran Car Run**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full results of Class, and Special Awards Winners.

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