

WOW!
Speed, Style, and Beauty
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How good can it get? Well, when you are looking at a car collection and come to a pristine 1955 Gullwing and you say to your self "It is only a Gullwing"; does that say it all? That was my reaction when 67 MinuteMan Section members and guests visited the Speed, Style and Beauty exhibit at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. This was truly a once in a life time opportunity. On exhibit were 16 of Ralph Lauren's vehicles all fitting the theme of the event and everyone totally enjoyed it. So much so that several members were late getting to the cocktail reception hosted by the club in the Museum, which meant they were still looking at the cars and videos for over an hour.

This exhibit has attracted guests to the Museum from far and wide. Comments from members included: "fabulous and I can't imagine anyone coming away not having been totally impressed and having learned a lot about the vehicles and their designers"¹

The cars on exhibit were: 1958 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa, 1933 Bugatti Type 59 Grand Prix, 1929 Bentley Blower, 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900 Millie Miglia, 1930 Mercedes Benz "Count Trossi" SSK, 1937 Bugati Type 57 SC Gangloff Drophead Coupe, 1938 Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic Coupe, 1955 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Coupe, 1950 Jaguar XK120 Alloy Roadster, 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder, 1955 Jaguar XKD, 1988 Porsche 959 AG, 1954 Ferrari 375+, 1961 Ferrari 250 TR61 Spyder Fantuzzi, 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO, and a 1996 McLaren F1. This is a history lesson in racing machines.

In addition to the cars were short videos showing the cars in motion. Truly a sight for a car lover's eyes. After the exhibit we gathered for a private cocktail reception in the Museum's BRAVO Restaurant. This gave members a chance to catch up on what each did with their cars over the winter, events coming up and just chat about what they had just seen.

Door prizes including exhibit calendars, post cards and posters were raffled off and the lucky winners were: John and Mary Andrews, Ken and Barbara Bourque, Nick Efremow, Mark Fancy, Bruce and Diane Kline, Dick and Monica Lloyd, Brad and Patricia Pottle, Peter and Mary Vanderveer. In addition to the door prize winners the event was attended by: George Allen, Steven Anderson, Anthony Antico, Stephen Bannon, Frank Burns, Pamela Reed, Dean and Antonia Coclin, Alan and Gail Cooper, Rich and Ann Garick, Bob and Sandra Hatch, Christine Jones, Biff Michaud, Stanley Opatha, Stacy and George Price, Gary Robinson, Ev and John Slamin, Valerie Taylor, Will and Diane Telford, Anatoly Tsirelson, Paul Walski, and Esther and Steve Wiener.

1 attributed to Gary Robinson



The Garick's, Lloyd's, Telford's, and Bourque's catching up with friends.



Steve and Phylis Anderson relaxing after the exhibit.



John Slamin admiring a Bugatti



Frank Burns in front of the Gullwing



From left: Peter Vanderveer, Frank Burns, and Ken Bourque watching a video.



The "Count Trossi" SSK on display