

Classic-car show helps Huntington library's fund

\$3,000 raised to go toward
\$2 million children's section

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HUNTINGTON BEACH — Lined up on the lawn in front of the Huntington Beach Public Library, they were immaculate examples of the automakers' art.

Almost 100 classic and exotic cars from the Model T Ford to the most recent entries into the four-wheeled hall of fame left the library \$3,000 because of the people who love to own them and the ones who love to look at them.

The funds raised by the Concours D'Elegance last month will go to the Library Patrons Foundation, which will use the money for furnishings and other items needed for the new children's wing, said Bruce Powers, co-chairman of the show.

The five-year-old patrons' group eventually hopes to establish a permanent endowment for the library, Powers said. Now, it is trying to build an awareness of the library and its needs, especially the children's wing.

"The children have no room right now," he said. "Their computers are in a storage closet. You look in and there are all the kids working away."

Only 4 percent of the library's current space is devoted to children's programs and there is no space for studying in the children's area, a library

spokeswoman said.

Cost of the new wing is estimated at about \$2 million, including additional parking, programs, personnel and operating costs. The wing will house an additional 70,000 adult and children's books as well as computers, printers, educational software and learning modules. It will also have a theater, language and science laboratories, a reading clinic, storytelling area and a child-care center, the spokeswoman said.

"When the children have their own wing, it will allow the rest of the library to expand as well," Powers said.

That goal is closer with the help of the funds raised by the auto show, he said.

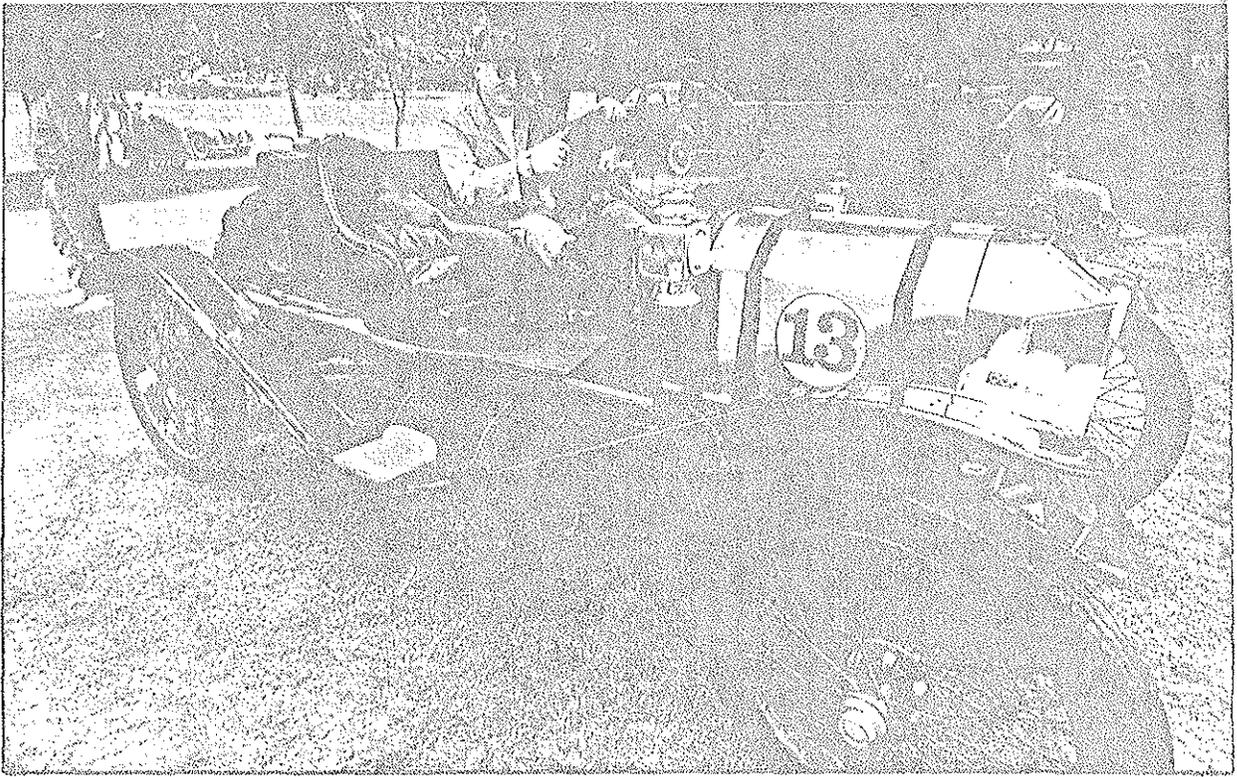
The nearly 1,200 visitors to the show saw Dean Wilke of Westminster take best-of-show honors for his 1972 Detomaso Pantera. The people's-choice award was won by Robert Heinz of Beverly Hills for his 1967 Shelby Cobra 427.

First-place winners from Huntington Beach included Ed Suddarth for his 1932 Ford Deluxe roadster, Richard Parker for his 1936 Rolls-Royce Phantom II, Harold Kimbrough for his 1956 MG-A roadster, George McClelland for his 1986 Porche 928S, and Jerry "Bullet" Bame for his 1913 Model T Speedster.

This second annual car show was so successful, the next already is being planned for Sunday, June 12, 1988, he said.

Anyone who'd like to assist may contact Powers at 842-2277 or Gisela Campagne at 960-8836. The next organizing meeting will be held July 23.





Jerry 'Bullet' Bame of Huntington Beach in his 1913 Ford Model T Speedster.

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Not all cars in the library patrons' car show were antique, as these two Porsches attest.