



# BOMBSIGHT

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## Steve's Corner



Soon after the June 13 chapter meeting, we sent a flyer and registration form showing the details of the 13th Annual All GM Car Show to all those who have competed at previous All GM Car Shows. We do not want you to miss the opportunity to show off your beautifully polished Buicks, Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs and Chevrolets. We know they represent a lot of work and more than a little money. Hope to see you at Woodley Park on Sunday morning, July 17, 2011.

If you are a chapter member, in the past few months you were invited to see how the experts get their cars up to a *Concours* level. Take your inspiration from organizations, like Fennel Restorations, which has been in business for quite a while and is very good at it. The new line of trophies and prizes being prepared for the July 17th All GM Car Show are arranged to reward most all levels of restoration. We encourage you to process the registration form early. Our staff members will help you fill out your windshield cards. Remember: dash plaques go to the first 450 registrants.

## Father's Day On Rodeo Drive

Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is where you can get a suit for \$15,000. But the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, June 19, Father's Day was free. The theme of this years annual event on Rodeo Drive featured the Art of Italian Automobiles. Sunday there were Italian cars



spanning the time from a 1912 Fiat to the Bugatti Veyron. Purists may challenge on this point, but Ettore Bugatti was an Italian, who built beautiful and

fast cars *in France*. The 8 liter, W-16 engine that produces 1001 hp comes from VW in Germany. Speeds of 253 m.p.h. are reported on the new Bugatti Veyron.

Italian style and grace were also reflected by the cars from Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Lamborghini, De Tomaso, Lancia, Maserati and, of course, Fiat.

## Fiat Buys Chrysler

With gas prices hovering around \$4.00 a gallon, it would appear that both Chrysler and Fiat are winners in this corporate transaction. Chrysler had no small car to respond to the rising price of oil. But Fiat has been building this fuel-efficient, 500 model since 1957 and some of these Fiat 2012 models were shown on Rodeo Road on Sunday.



Many drivers feel a little cramped in these mini cars, but they admire the fuel-sipping habits of the cute, little Fiat 500.



In the past Chrysler show cars have often been built by Ghia, the famous Italian coachbuilder, which maintains the foremost Italian designers and craftsmen. This 1954 Chrysler Ghia GS-1 was built by the Ghia Italian design house and, of course, was welcome at the Concours d'Elegance.

## Nothing Says Italian Like Ferrari

Expecting to see a spectacular red Ferrari near the beginning of the walk down Rodeo Road, it was this gorgeous black convertible that was on display in the Ferrari section.



The next surprise at this expo was to be greeted at the curb by a gondolier with his full-size, authentic, gondola at his side. Land or sea—the Italians go in comfort.



Walking farther down the fascinating four blocks of Rodeo Road, the card at the front wheel says that this beautiful, yellow Italian car is a 1967 GTB4 Ferrari.



**1913 Fiat / Owner Gary Wales**

*Photo: Paul Mochel*



**1956 250 GT Ferrari Zagato / Owner David Sydorick**

*Photo: Paul Mochel*



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All of the registration fees collected for the car show go to the Guide Dogs of America to help train dogs for the blind.





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