

# Concours d'Elegance Spotlights Beauty

By **DAVE WILD**

The beauty of nature and the elegance of man come together with the Watkins Glen State Park as the setting for the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance.

Judging is performed in accordance with basic Concours rules of historic accuracy, beauty of line, preparation and appropriateness for their design intent.

The Best in Show Award will be presented by SteubenGlass.

Among the many cars we are pleased to host this year is the 1933 Morgan three-wheeler of William Patterson of East Aurora, NY. This car is powered by a V-twin Matchless motorcycle engine that drives the single rear-wheel through a chain.

Morgan will be the featured marque in 2009, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2009, we also will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first full weekend program of marque races in North America. These races were organized for MGs and MG-powered cars by the Western NY Centre of the MG Car Club.

Elliott Hillback Sr. and Jr. of Needham, MA, are returning this year with their 1967 Ferrari 275GTB4 and 1963 Aston Martin DB4C. The Aston was the New York Auto Show car that year. They will also have an AC Bristol on display.

Swedish cars will be well-represented by the Volvo PV 544 of Nick Zuck of Scottsville, NY, and the three-cylinder two-stroke Saab 850 GT of Bob Ables of Churchville, NY.

We continue to make special efforts to display a wide variety of the types of cars that were present during the early years of racing at Watkins Glen. The selection process allows for rare an unusual cars that may have the patina of age, as well as fully restored cars.

We thank the owners of these fine vehicles for sharing them with the enthusiasts here today and for helping to preserve and celebrate Watkins Glen's road racing heritage.



The 2006 Concours d'Elegance attracts a large showing of cars and a large audience of fans. (photo by Bill Green)

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