

Concours d'Elegance Raises The Bar For Boys & Girls Clubs

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1929 FORD WOODIE STATION WAGON



CLIVE CUSSLER 1931 CADILLAC V16



1921 KISSEL MODEL 6-45 GOLD BUG SPEEDSTER



1962 CHEVROLET CORVETTE (SHRINERS)



1956 JAGUAR XK-140 MC

The Concours d'Elegance is an annual Charity fête that always amazes guests and philanthropists. In its 13th year it is still as viable and exciting as it was the first year.

They outdid themselves this year by raising over \$10 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. The celebrity guest at this year's event was "car guy" and world-class comedian Jay Leno. And, he didn't just show up for his stand-up routine (where he said that buying an iPhone 10 would only be necessary if you were going to do a colonoscopy) he attended every event.

The 3-day extravaganza started with a Hangar Party at the Boca Raton Airport. It was there that beautiful people and luxury vehicles co-mingled joyfully. There was finger food, libations of all persuasion, private jets and the first Rolls-Royce SUV.

Saturday evening was the Gala Dinner with live auction and a hilarious ride on the Leno laughter train. The room was beautiful, and the generosity of guests and sponsors was awe-inspiring. There were also auto seminars for the rabid car enthusiast (Leno being one - he has 186 cars and 163 motorcycles).

Sunday was one of the most extensive exhibitions of antique and rare cars. The search for Leno's favorite for his "Big Dog Garage Award" went to a 1937 Bugatti 57S Coupe and a 1933 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A.

Best in class went to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause for children.

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