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EVENTS

Celebrating Speed



The Fort Lauderdale Collection, as the presenting sponsor, and the Beau Rivage Casino just hosted the first annual Festivals of Speed Jet Port Reception at the Banyan Air hangar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was a night of elegance, fine food, luxury products, and – of course – all the vintage and contemporary aircraft, watercraft, and cars one could imagine. The event was like a fine art exhibition, the focus of the show being a celebration of speed: both past and present. The array of beautiful exotics and fine aircraft strategically placed, added a show-like quality no other event possesses.

The automobiles at the Ft. Lauderdale Festivals of Speed weren't simply displayed, they were showcased and this is no surprise as presenter of the event and Editor-in-Chief at Makes and Models Magazine, Joe Sabatini, has a background in fine art and its exhibition. "The Festivals of Speed Jet Port Reception is exactly that, a celebration of speed on land, in the air, and on the sea." Sabatini continued, "It allows people with an affection for the art and mechanics of automobiles, airplanes, and sea-going vessels a venue in which to celebrate their art."

Over 300 attendees viewed vehicles like the LP640 Lamborghini, a Maybach, A Rolls-Royce Phantom, Ferraris, and a silver 2006

McLaren SLR all provided by the Fort Lauderdale Collection. General Manager, Danny Claydon, summed up the experience exclaiming, "Where else are you going to go in this country and find ten of the world's most exotic marques in this kind of setting?" In business for 20 years, The Fort Lauderdale Collection offers car connoisseurs the chance to see –and purchase – all of the famous vehicles at one place.

In addition to the Fort Lauderdale Collection, Festivals of Speed produced the one of a kind 1953 DVU Sports Special valued at one million courtesy of Creative Workshop and the X-Concept by designer Ramon Casborn. Another notable attendee, Eddie Trotta of Thunder Cycle Design brought over several of his impressive customized motorcycles. Trotta has been working on bikes for over 30 years and – in keeping with the theme of the night – is like the Michelangelo of customization taking pride in each piece that makes up the machine. Trotta has produced some of the wildest rides in the world, and the Jet Port Reception was an excellent setting in which to display his work.

As its name suggests, the Festivals of Speed Jet Port Reception wouldn't be complete without the fantastic aircraft. Don Campion, President of Banyan Air, where the reception took place explained,