

# Barn-finds pack Fairfield lawns



'As found' set was a Fairfield highlight, with (l-r): Cadillac V16, Lancia Appia and Bugatti T57

A special display of barn-find classics drew visitors' attention from the gleaming Best of Show competitors at the eighth Fairfield County Hunt Club Annual Concours d'Elegance in Westport, Connecticut, USA on 18 September.

"For years, people who drove unrestored cars were weird," said Michael Space, who turned heads with a battered but rust-free 1958 Lancia Appia Berlina. "Now we're avant-garde." Other highlights of

the group included George Dragone's 9900-mile 1931 Cadillac V16 Fleetwood Imperial Cabriolet, a 1952 Mercedes 300S Coupé owned by Robert Webber since 1961, and Leslie Lockard's 1952 Cunningham C3, which was displayed with leaves still covering the bonnet and took home the Best in Class gong.

The People's Choice award went to Greenwich Rolls-Royce dealer Michael Schudroff for his superb Ghia-bodied 1952 Chrysler coupe



Winners' circle: Stutz and Hispano-Suiza



Lockard's fabulous Cunningham C3 Vignale

prototype. Best of Show honours were split, foreign and domestic marques each getting a separate Grand Prix d'Honneur trophy. Show first-timers Frank and Milli Ricciardelli took the former with their sleek 1926 Hispano-Suiza H6B, rebodied by Henri Chapron as a Sedan de Ville for the 1932 Paris Salon. The US category was won by another French-bodied car, Ralph and Adeline Marano's 1929 Stutz M-8 by Hibbard & Darrin.

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