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## High-end hardware draws car buffs

Now in its 11th year, Niello Concours d'Elegance still brings large crowd

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For 11 years running, the Niello Concours d'Elegance at Serrano Golf Course in El Dorado Hills has offered spectators a look at the exclusive end of car ownership.

From American muscle cars, like Ford Mustangs and Plymouth Barracudas, to top-of-the-line Lamborghinis and Ferraris, the show over the weekend was nothing short of a smorgasbord for car lovers.



In the American section of the show, Randy Kunes of Fairfield chatted with anyone who stopped to look at his 1953 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe.

The immaculate interior, two-tone paint job and whitewall tires had the new, fresh-off-the-lot look to them despite having been in the Kunes family for nearly 60 years.

Kunes said his father bought the car new from a dealer 59 years ago. It was the car he learned to drive in, went to the prom in, and now, takes home best-in-show trophies with.

"I've still got my learner's permit in the glove box," Kunes said. "I graduated and went to prom in it."

This year, Kunes said, he would be taking home another award, but would have to wait until the evening ceremony to see just what it was.

Across the grassy expanse, a fellow car enthusiast had a different purpose for his entry in the Serrano Concours – his exact copy of James Bond's Lotus Esprit from the 1977 film "The Spy Who Loved Me."

The owner of the rare white 1976 Lotus, Uwe Brosamle, said he painstakingly recreated the vehicle from movie stills and help from contacts at Pinewood Studios in England, where many of the Bond movies were filmed.

But Brosamle, a self-proclaimed "Bond nerd," is no "Q;" the interior buttons, though in all the right places, do not kick the car into submarine mode or fire torpedoes at enemies.

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