

# Old Time Car From The Valley Appreciated in Calif.



*Editor's Note: Many Valley folks will remember the previous stories we have carried about the 1953 Chrysler New Yorker that has been restored by Randy Kunes of Fairfield, California who was formerly of Weedville, PA.*

*The car originally belonged to his parents the late Archie and Delores Kunes of Weedville. Randy has done an excellent job of restoring it and has had the privilege of showing it at many car shows in California, with the raves of the judges as a result.*

*Once again Randy entered the car in an elite Motorsport Gathering, and according to the author of the following article he liked it and classified it among "The Best of the Best".*

*Following is the article that was published about the event with Randy's car being featured. The complete article, along with several pictures is quite lengthy so we are publishing it in part:*

## **Gordon McCall's Garden Party**

### **The Top Ten from this year's Quail as seen by Brandes Elitch**

The fifteenth edition of The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, was held on August 15, 2017, at the Quail Lodge and Golf Club, located in Carmel Valley, California, a few hours south of San Francisco. About 225 automobiles and motorcycles were exhibited in what has been described elsewhere as a garden party atmosphere, carefully planned and curated by Gordon McCall and his staff. This is an exceptional event, and in this article I will try to convey why this is the case.

If you have ever planned a conference, event, or large scale meeting, you know that there are some best practices that make the difference between an ordinary event and a spectacular one. Most car shows are boring – rows and rows of cars on display, some of them not all that interesting – that await the judges who will determine success or failure for the entrants. Except for single marque fanatics, knowledgeable automotive historians and enthusiasts, and the owners and their friends and family, there is little or no excitement for the average person, particularly since the judging seems arcane and meaningless to most people, including me.

The Quail, however, is an exciting show.

Gordon planned his show very well, from deciding which themes to feature, which cars to invite, curating exotic car manufacturers and getting them to show their latest projects or concept cars, as well as providing test drives, and installing five world class restaurants, each of which prepares a totally different menu. The show runs from 10 am to 4 pm.

This year the themes were Originals, Mid-Engine Marvels, PreWar and PostWar Sports and Racing, Supercars, the Great Ferraris, and Sports and Racing motorcycles. The show is divided by a small road that runs through the area, and additional special cars are arrayed on the road that are not part of the show itself, but which would be accepted at any concours, and you could spend an hour there.

A unique feature is called "The Best of The Best." No fewer than 28 judges, luminaries in the field of automobile design from all over the world, chose from among eight finalists.

I chose ten cars that were my personal "best of the best." and among them was this 1953 Chrysler New Yorker. Owned by Randy Kunes, this 1953 Chrysler was stunning. The owner's father bought it in 1955 and Randy bought it from his father in 1970. When Randy joined the Air Force, his father stored it for twenty years while he was on active duty. When he returned home, Randy started a ten year restoration, much of which he did himself. Along with the Imperial, this was the top of the line Chrysler, and only 3715 were built. It was constructed to the highest standard, and of course features the famous hemi-head V-8 motor which debuted in 1951. More at: [www.1953chryslernewyorker.com](http://www.1953chryslernewyorker.com).