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Collectible Cars at Salon Privé 2013

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As summer draws to a close, many of the world's most valuable vintage vehicles will be making their way to Syon Park, London for the Salon Privé motor show. Now in its eighth year, and running from 4 through 6 September, this boutique event has earned a reputation as one of the highlights of the international motoring calendar, with thousands of collectors and auto enthusiasts flocking here to see rare and exotic cars on display.

This year, Salon Privé's Chubb Insurance Concours d'Elégance will attract a treasure trove of automotive antiques, ranging from venerated pre-war classics to modern custom-built motorbikes. The models will be exhibited in 11 different classes, running the gamut from coveted convertibles and Berlinetta coupés to commemorative classes celebrating motoring milestones for Aston Martin, Porsche and Lamborghini. A committee of judges led by legendary racing driver Sir Derek Bell will be on hand to choose the class winners and Best of Show.

Among the myriad of models that are due to exhibit is the

storied Lindner Nocker Jaguar E-Type. Once relegated to the scrapheap of motoring history after a horrific crash at the Monthéry circuit in 1964, this one-of-a-kind racecar has been painstakingly restored by Peter Neumark of Classic Motor Cars.

The Lindner Nocker E-type will find itself in good company, joining many other high-value motors with rich sporting heritage. Other standout supercars will include the seldom seen four-cylinder Ferrari 500 Mondial, a highly collectible Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato (one of only 19 examples ever produced) and the Porsche 911 Carrera RSR 2.8 — a car synonymous with endurance racing, winning the 12 Hours of Sebring 1972 with drivers Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood, as well as competing at Daytona and Watkins Glen.

Aficionados with an eye for convertibles should make a beeline for the Ferrari California long-wheel-base from 1959. This ultra-luxury open-top car was created for Ferrari by Italian coachbuilder Scaglietti and has been meticulously restored to its original condition.



Above: Linder Novker Jaguar E-Type.
Below: Ferrari 250 California Spyder and Porsche 911 Carrera RSR 2.8.
Opposite Page: Riley 105 Transformable Coupé

In 'The Beauty of Streamlining Class,' a one-off Riley 105 Transformable Coupé is likely to take the limelight. This unique machine was bodied by illustrious Swiss coach builder Walter Koeng from a 2.5-liter running chassis.

Guests will also be treated to a fleet of classic motorcycles and custom-built two-wheelers in the 'One-Offs and Oddball Motorcycles' and 'Sporting Motorcycles from the 1920s to 1970s' categories. There'll be a dose of nostalgia from highly-regarded classics, such as the 1925 Brough Superior SS100 and the extremely rare 1964 250cc Yamaha TD1A entered by '60s racer Reg Everett. A range of inventive one-offs will also be on display, with motorcycle builder Allen Millyard exhibiting an ingenious in-the-works offering named 'Flying Millyard.' This five-liter V-twin engine, currently in production, is custom crafted around two Pratt and Whitney aircraft cylinders.

Whether you are a classic car enthusiast or a discerning collector, Salon Privé offers a chance to see some of the finest models from automotive history.

