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Crawford Auto Aviation Museum honored at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance with Ansel Adams Award

CLEVELAND, OH – The 2016 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California concluded yesterday, August 21st with its show and awards presentation, including the special Ansel Adams Award for the 1913 ALCO (The American Limousine Company) Model Six Berline Limousine from the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum of the Western Reserve Historical Society. The Ansel Adams Award, established in 1984, goes to the most desirable touring car of its era. The well-known photographer served often as an honorary judge at this Concours.

First conducted in 1950, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance® has grown to be the world's premier celebration of the automobile. Only the most beautiful and historic cars are invited to appear on the famed 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links®, and connoisseurs of art and style gather to admire these masterpieces. The Pebble Beach Concours competition drew 228 cars from 16 countries and 30 states to the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links.

“The Frederick C. and Kathleen S. Crawford Collection of automobiles, aircraft and other transportation related artifacts is one of the premier collections of its kind in the United States,” says Kelly Falcone-Hall, WRHS President & CEO. “Museum cars are seldom awarded prizes at major concours events. This honor speaks to the caliber of the Crawford Collection. As WRHS prepares for its 150th anniversary in 2017, we anticipate increased participation in national Concours and exhibitions, like Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, that raise awareness about the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum and Cleveland and northeast Ohio's rich transportation history. ”

The 1913 ALCO Model Six Berline Limousine was the most expensive model built by The American Locomotive Company (ALCO). In 1912, American Locomotive decided that since it was not possible to build a car that was technically better, they would concentrate on making their cars more beautiful. The combination of fine engineering and beautiful coachwork made the ALCO, the company proudly claimed, the most expensive car built in America. This Model Six Berline Limousine was the most expensive Alco model. The white stripe around the body was an Alco distinction. The passenger compartment has five feet of headroom, interior lighting, clerestory windows that open for ventilation and roll-up side windows, an advanced feature in 1913.

For more information on the ALCO and the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum at the Cleveland History Center visit www.wrhs.org .

For more information on the Pebble Beach Concours visit www.pebblebeachconcours.net .

ceramics, decorative arts, diaries, furniture, gardens, garments, genealogical resources, historic buildings, letters, maps, paintings, photographs, shoes, toys, uniforms, and weapons. It is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. WRHS presents the lives and activities of 19th-Century settlers at the historic Hale Farm & Village in Bath, Ohio, and it presents the glitter and industry of the Gilded Age through the history of Cleveland's millionaires and entrepreneurs at the Cleveland History Center in University Circle. . The Crawford Auto Aviation Collection was initially formed in 1963, with the donation of Thompson Products Auto Album from Frederick C. Crawford and TRW. Today the collection is supported through generous funds from



The Frederick C. and Kathleen S. Crawford Fund of the

For more information on the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106 visit: <http://www.wrhs.org/>.



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