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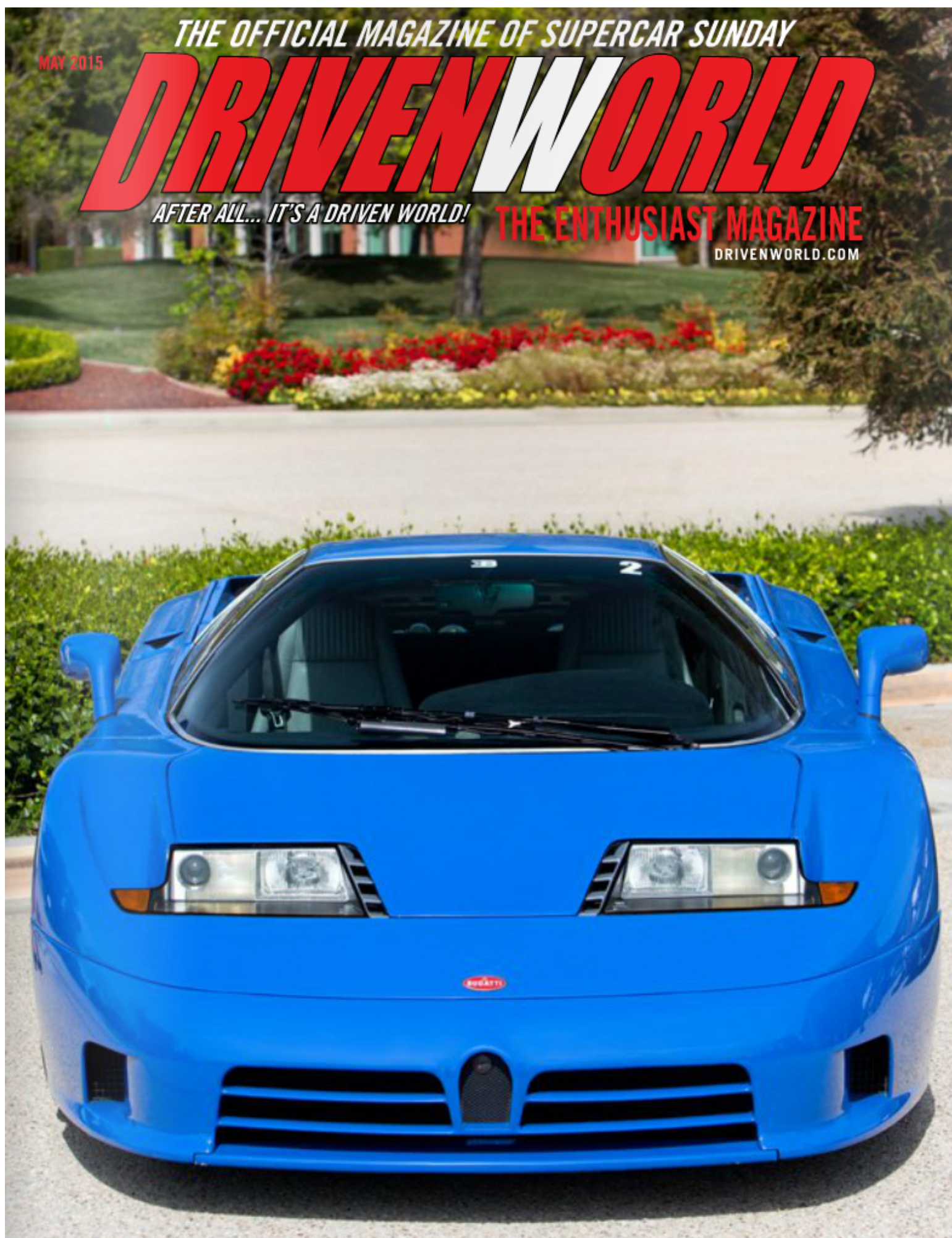
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Westlake Village Concourse d' Elegance

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My son Greg and I attended the Ventura Farms Concours Invitational on St. Patrick's Day in 2013. The event was held on the (rarely open to the public) 2200 acre ranch owned by David H. Murdock. This year the event was relocated to the Westlake Village Four Seasons Hotel and renamed the Westlake Village Concourse d' Elegance, a beautiful location with some amazing vehicles.

As we entered the road to the parking entrance there was a limited edition Ducati Superleggera motorcycle next to an older Ducati to the right. On our left there was an extremely rare 1993 Bugatti EB110 and we hadn't even entered the parking area. We quickly parked and went out to start admiring the beautiful vehicles. As Greg started to take pictures I checked out the Bugatti EB110 and struck up a conversation with a gentleman who

was also looking at this car. I told him what little I knew about this vehicle and learned he was at the hotel for breakfast and just stopped by when he saw these cars. It turns out he works with high tech equipment and rebuilds Jaguars in his spare time. We laughed as we joked about Lucas electrics and some of the pitfalls associated with Jaguar ownership. I filled him in on some of the local car events and especially Supercar Sunday. This event



was not just for "car" people. Most of the people I met throughout the day did not have much knowledge of the vehicles on display and they didn't really follow the car scene.

Greg and I couldn't stay with the Bugatti all day so we checked in and entered the event. The entrance wound around



through a perfectly manicured rose garden and we passed a few unique micro cars from the late '50s. In the next section there were a few motorcycles including a very nice straight four 1923 ACE, a Ferrari motorcycle and a Triumph Bonneville formerly owned by Bud Ekins. Bud was a famous stuntman who doubled for Steve McQueen in the film "The Great Escape" motorcycle jump scene and also in the Ford Mustang chase scene in the film "Bullitt" (Just a side note: Greg's great uncle Frank P. Keller was the film editor for the movie "Bullitt" and he won an Oscar for his work).

Back to the Concours...we finally entered the show and worked our way around to view the vehicles. The first one we spotted was a 1910 Simplex Touring car in dark red with a huge amount of polished brass and



painted wooden wheels. The 105 year old car looked showroom new. In keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme Bruce Meyer displayed his immaculate green 1963 Jaguar Semi-Lightweight E-Type. At the far end of the exhibit lawn there was a Bugatti Veyron Grand Sport in black with red accents. It would have been nice to see it displayed next to the EB110...maybe another time. At the other side of the area was a rare (sorry... every vehicle there was rare and or one-off) 1991 Lamborghini 291 F1 car and then some Duesenbergs, Delahayes and other timeless classics.

The event had a stage with Irish themed performers and Irish inspired fare and drink for those who wished to partake. Also, Moorpark College brought a couple of birds of prey for the guests to enjoy close up. There was also a silent auction with some unique movie and sports memorabilia. It was another great car day in Southern California!



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