



# Bounty in The 'Burgh

Giant car show? Vintage racing? The 33rd Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has all that, and more

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The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, held in the city's Schenley Park, is the only vintage race event in the U.S. held on city streets. It's one of the largest, too, with some 150 vintage sports cars in eight classes taking part in two solid days of highly entertaining racing over the technically challenging course.

The vintage racing isn't the only attraction. On the lush fairways of the Bob O'Connor Golf Course, which lies within Schenley's 2.33-mile circuit, is a car show that, by itself, would be worth making the trek to Pittsburgh. Some 2,000 cars are on display, sorted by country of origin, with participation by more than 50 clubs. In fact, there are shows within shows within shows, like Russian nesting dolls. This year's event featured the cars of Italy, with the Fiat Club of America holding its annual

convention, the FreakOut, as part of the special display.

In spite of the hot and humid weather and perennial forecast of rain (which proved to be wrong), some 200,000 spectators visited the PVGP over the July 18-19 weekend. With a mission of raising funds for people with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Pittsburgh region, the event has through the years raised more than \$4 million for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School.

The race weekend was the culmination of a series of events that began with a Kick-Off Rallye on July 5, and included a variety of shows, driving events and galas. It's not too early to start making plans for next year's PVGP, scheduled for July 8-17. For more information, visit [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org).



Parked by the fence separating the spectators from the race course were these two air-cooled sporting machines from opposite sides of the Atlantic: a Porsche 356 Coupe, and a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa.



The 1973 Alfa Romeo GTV of Don Wannagat, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, comes around a turn on Serpentine Drive in the special Italian marque race on Sunday. Wannagat would go on to win the race, with a best lap time of 2:26.191.



This 1951 Packard 200, in one family since new, was shown by Joe Zalar of Pittsburgh. Watch for a feature in a future issue of *Hemmings Classic Car*.



The Allegheny Region of the Porsche Club of America pulled off a coup, getting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to lend Janis Joplin's 1965 356C for the show.

John Babson, accompanied by a four-legged friend, drives onto the show field in his 1937 Bentley 4 1/4-Liter All-Weather tourer on Sunday morning.





Members of the Flat Fender Club of Butler, Pennsylvania, take their vintage Willys Jeeps on a parade lap of the Schenley Park race course. The club is interested in the enjoyment and preservation of all flat-fendered Jeeps, military and civilian.



Virtually every generation of Ford Thunderbird was on display during a parade lap by the Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club on Sunday afternoon. The club was the host for the PVGP's Spotlight display, celebrating 60 years of the T-Bird.



Just 552 ASC/McLaren 5.0 SC's were built, based on the Mercury Capri coupe. Dwight and Mary Hutton own this example, one of 100 produced in Muscat Red.



Don Fezell of DuBois, Pennsylvania, showed this customized 1946 Chevrolet panel truck. The work was done by Hahn-Vorbach of Harmony, Pennsylvania.



This 1975 BMW 3.0 CSL, the notorious bespoilered "Batmobile," was shown by Joe Ajavon of Honeoye Falls, New York.



It took patience to photograph Al Ziminisky's 1964 Volkswagen Deluxe 21-Window Samba without a crowd around it. Found in a barn, the 40-hp bus was restored by Cooker's Restoration & Fabrication of Williamsport, Maryland.



Few cars provoke more grins than the Austin-Healey Mk1 Sprite, aka the "Bugeye." The white 1959 car is owned by Mark and Penny Patrick of Elizabeth Township, Pennsylvania, while the blue 1958 belongs to Betty Disque of Pittsburgh.



This imposing 1929 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton was displayed by L. Cerciello of Houston, Pennsylvania.



Dave Stackawitz of Pittsburgh showed his 1963 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special. The model was Cadillac's flagship, offered only as a four-door hardtop.



Carl Minneci of Pittsburgh displayed his 1951 Mercedes-Benz 170S. The model was produced from 1949 to 1955, and owed much to M-B's prewar designs.