



**Best in Show 2005:** 1937 Delage D8 120S Pourtout Aero Coupé owned by Sam and Emily Mann

# The Long Road To Pebble Beach

*Elite Classic-Auto Show Cuts  
Number of Entries This Year;  
30 Years to Restore a Wanderer*

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**R**OBERT PASS OWNS a 1932 Packard Custom Dietrich Victoria, of which there are only four in the world. It has won awards at car shows, including first place at the National Classic Car Club of America competition in 2004. But that's not good enough to make the cut this year for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

"I was one of the rejects this year," Mr. Pass, a retired auto transport company executive from St. Louis, said with a laugh. "Seriously, I was very disappointed."

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance,



Kevin Smith (not pictured), his father Dan (left) and brother Brian are still restoring their 1936 Wanderer 25K roadster.

which already had a reputation as the most selective classic car show in the world, has gotten even pickier this year. The number of vehicles that will be on display this weekend has dropped to 175 from 225 last year. This means that the competition to get into the Cali-

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