

Best of France and Italy

Only in L.A. - Even the threat of showers didn't prevent the cognoscenti and other francophone / italophiles from attending fast week's Best of France and Italy Car show, both as attendees and exhibitors.

The unjudged show and shine event attracted a few thousand spectators and more than a few hundred french and italian car owners

Pretty astounding as no French cars have been sold in the U.S. since the late 80's and Italian car maker Fiat / Alfa only recently returned after a 30 year absence

The brainchild of Citroen enthusiasts (and Autobooks owner) Tina Van Curen, somehow the only two Renault Caravelles left in the world managed to run well enough to reach Van Nuys. They were accompanied by Fiats of all descriptions, including Jay Lenos 1917 21 liter aircraft engined Fiat, Alfas of all sorts, plus Lancias, Maseratis, Pantera, Citroens, a few Peugeots, one lone Simca and the usual assortment of Ferraris and Lambos. Most interesting to me were the rarely seen Facel Vegas, a Hotchkis pickup truck and a not often seen every day driver Bugatti on display

The following photos showcase the variety, few I'd care to own but fun to look at





