

# Notes on Selected 2026 Classes

## Class Size:

Classes will be limited to 12 examples of which no more than 8 will be judged. The entry date will be a factor in selecting the judged cars in the class, so registering early is advised.

## American Sports Cars (ASC)

Our American Sports Cars class is reserved for the following marques and models:

- Chevrolet Corvette
- Cunningham
- Ford Thunderbird 1955-57
- Shelby Cobra

## CCCA Approved Classics

Please refer to <https://new.classiccarclub.org/approved-classics> for the definitive list of eligible marques and models.

## Preservation Class

The best preservation car or motorcycle is an unrestored and original vehicle which has been properly maintained in good operating condition. It is also a vehicle that is a model year **1973** or older. Vehicles that are seriously deteriorated barn finds or static non-running displays are not normally eligible for preservation judging. Please refer to <http://icjag.org/preservationjudging-guidelines/> for a fuller explanation of selection and judging.

## Special Displays

Special Displays, as the name suggests, bring together a select group of curated vehicles that illustrate an important element in the history and evolution of motor vehicles. To broaden the scope of these displays, by default **the vehicles are not judged**. These are the Special Display classes for 2026:

**SD1      Vintage Hot Rods**

The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance showcases Vintage Hot Rods, highly customized American cars from the 1920s through the 1950s, emphasizing period-correct modifications, speed and unique style. We celebrate the hot rod culture that created these unique builds.

**SD2      Modified European Cars through 1973**

Cars are supposed to be driven, which is why so many owners of vintage marques make tasteful modifications to upgrade performance, comfort and drivability to increase their road-worthiness.

**SD3      Restomods through 1973**

A Hot Rod is heavily customized for aggressive looks and raw speed, while a Restomod keeps the classic vintage appearance but integrates modern technology for reliable, comfortable daily driving, blending old style with new performance.

**SD4      Classic First and Last Responders**

This curated class includes vintage police cruisers and firetrucks in authentic livery, as well as ambulances and hearses.

**SD5      Hillsborough Concours Original Year 1956 Cars**

We will display a selected set of 1956 model year cars, celebrating our first year of operation, which has made us the longest continually running concours d'elegance in the world.

**SD6      Mercedes 100 Years**

Karl Benz invented the modern automobile in 1886. Emil Jellinek, a Daimler partner, named Daimler's new cars after his daughter, Mercedes in 1901. The companies merged to form Mercedes-Benz in 1926, precisely 100 years ago to the day of our 2026 Concours.

**SD7      The Lost Decade - The Sad 70s**

It's our 70th but what about the 1970s? Many will argue about the best decade of the automobile but few disagree that the 1970s was its nadir, beset by mounting regulation, exploding gas prices and extremely unfortunate engineering decisions and design choices. We will present the best of the worst of that lost decade.