



On the road no Gardner has traveled – Entrance to Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance.

Pebble Beach was always on my bucket list; but it was one of those entries that was not going to happen. That is until Barney & Sara Gardner decided to bring their 1930 sport roadster to the concours event. A decision that meant very little until you meet the high standards of Pebble Beach and receive their approval. Many apply and few are accepted. Barney was almost finished with a first rate restoration when he sent in his request, the pictures told the story of a magnificent roadster and its unique styling.



Saturday – Clean up in preparation for tomorrow’s event. Ash was falling from a nearby forest fire and was carefully blown off. Road dust from Thursday’s tour was removed.



The front end was slightly lifted to clean the front axle.



Barney and Art wave to the camera on the tour.



Pin striping - the red on black made a striking appearance.



Entry onto the show field.



Barney talking to one of the many admirers. Top down and windshield folded gave it a true sports car look.

I got to the show field early and all the cars were in place. The roadster was about the 15th car I approached and by far had the largest crowd of any car I had seen. I spent far too little time with Barney, as he was busy answering spectator questions all day. “Yes the chrome wheels are correct”; “yes this is an original paint scheme”. In fact great attention was made during the restoration to insure that the car would have an authentic restoration.

The original owner picked up the car March 3, 1930 at the factory and did not sell it until 1967 to the Harrah collection; Barney became the 3rd owner of the unrestored car.

With 227,027 miles it may have been the most traveled car at Pebble Beach.

I stood by the car for some time and listened to the spectator comments and thought if only Pebble Beach had a ‘People’s Choice Award’ but then just being allowed to present an automobile at Pebble Beach is a very high award in itself.



At one point people were lined up just to take pictures of the Griffin.