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2009 Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance to Include Special Morgan Centennial Celebration at Historic Carmel Mission

*Charles Morgan, grandson of company founder, to be on hand, and
other Morgan owners and the public are invited to attend*

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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (date) – The 2009 Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance presented by Rolex on Thursday, August 13, will include a special reception and centennial celebration for Morgan motor cars at the historic Carmel Mission.

Charles Morgan, the grandson of the Morgan Motor Company founder and the current Managing Director, will head the parade of Morgans participating in the Tour d'Elegance. These same cars will be competing for Class and Special Awards in the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, August 13, where Morgan is among the featured marques.

Other Morgan owners are invited to bring their cars to the Carmel Mission to greet these Morgans and celebrate with them. The public is also invited to the Mission to view these vehicles.

The traditional Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance departs from the Polo Field at Pebble Beach at 8:30 a.m., traces portions of 17-Mile Drive and dips down famed Highway One before pausing for lunch in Carmel-by-the-Sea and then returning to Pebble Beach. The Morgans are expected to depart from the Polo Field at 9:30 a.m., following a special route that traces Scenic Road to the Carmel Mission, established by Father Junipero Serra in 1771. The Morgans are expected to be at the Mission from about 10 to 11:30 a.m. before joining the rest of the Tour in downtown Carmel.

“Morgan is an amazing family-run operation that’s been producing select hand-built cars for the last 100 years,” says Pebble Beach Concours Chairman Sandra Button. “We’ll get to see these great, lightweight and very sporting machines – everything from early Morgan three-wheelers to classic Morgan race cars to the new Morgan Aero SuperSports and Morgan LIFECar.”

Morgan Motor Company has produced classic sports cars for owners ranging from the late Peter Sellers to Mick Jagger. A variety of these classics will be featured throughout the Pebble Beach Auto Week.

“We’re honored to be celebrated at the greatest Concours in the world,” says Charles Morgan, whose grandfather (H.F.S. Morgan) and father (Peter Morgan) preceded him at the company’s helm. “We’re celebrating three generations of economical, safe, fun-to-drive sports cars: the Morgan Three-wheeler, an affordable but fast cyclecar; the Morgan Plus Four, the last of the real sports cars; as well as the Morgan Plus Eight and the Morgan Aero Eight, which demonstrate a sustainable way of manufacturing a lightweight aluminum car.”

The company’s forthcoming Morgan Aero SuperSports will also be introduced to the North American market here.

“Pebble Beach is the ideal place for Morgan to launch the Morgan Aero SuperSports,” says Charles Morgan, whose company produced about 700 vehicles for sale in Europe in 2008 and is now eyeing the U.S. market. “This is a lightweight luxury sports car that brings some glamour back into motoring. The performance of the car in the FIA GT3 World Championship shows it is one of the fastest sports cars in the world, yet it is also beautiful, economical, efficient and safe.”

First conducted in 1950, the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance® (www.pebblebeachconcours.net) has grown to be the world’s premier celebration of the automobile. Only the most beautiful and rare cars are invited to appear on the famed 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links®, and connoisseurs of art and style flock to see these masterpieces. Charitable donations raised by the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance® now total over \$12 million. Related events include the Pebble Beach Tour d’Elegance™ presented by Rolex, Pebble Beach RetroAuto™, and the Pebble Beach® Auction presented by Gooding & Company. Pebble Beach®, Pebble Beach Golf Links®, Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance®, Pebble Beach Tour d’Elegance™, and Pebble Beach RetroAuto™ are trademarks, service marks and trade dress of Pebble Beach Company. All rights reserved.

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