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# AUTO E MOTO D'EPOCA 2022 PHOTO SPOTLIGHT

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At the unmatched *Auto e Moto d'Epoca* in Padova, Italy, held from Oct. 20-23, there was so much on offer to tempt the heart of a collector, whether seasoned or neophyte.

For more than 30 years, inside the halls of the Padova Fiera convention center on Via Niccolò Tommaseo, the "usual suspects" – tin toys, mascots, badges, publications, and posters – have been out in force, tantalizing and sublime.

But at the same show, any auto enthusiast can find unique opportunities to start a collection of something completely different, but equally compelling.

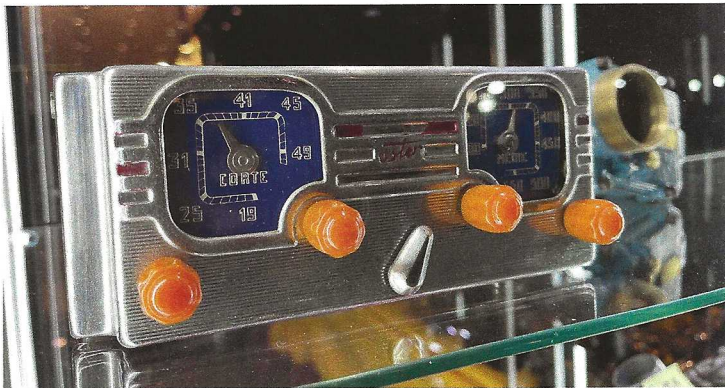
Just a stroll through the hall of auto parts at the show revealed the art to be found in functional automotive parts. Vintage car radios from the 1940s; taillight lenses; speedometers, tachometers and clocks – all possess a remarkable style and drama, especially when seen out of their intended setting as exquisite, sculptural historic objects.

Next year, it will doubtless be a new kind of amazing experience as the newly renamed "*Salone Auto e Moto d'Epoca*" moves to Bologna and to the immense Bologna Fiera at Viale della Fiera 20. If you make the trip to the event, to be held Oct. 26-29, 2023, you will almost certainly run into me, looking for new treasures to bring home. And as always, while we're there, why not start collecting something new along with the best of the old?

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Even amateur cyclists won true art. This trophy is from 1956.



The elegance of color and form.



The steering wheel as art, circa 1946.



Style that makes music even when silent.



Sleek radio drama.



Art Deco mascot leaper in tails.

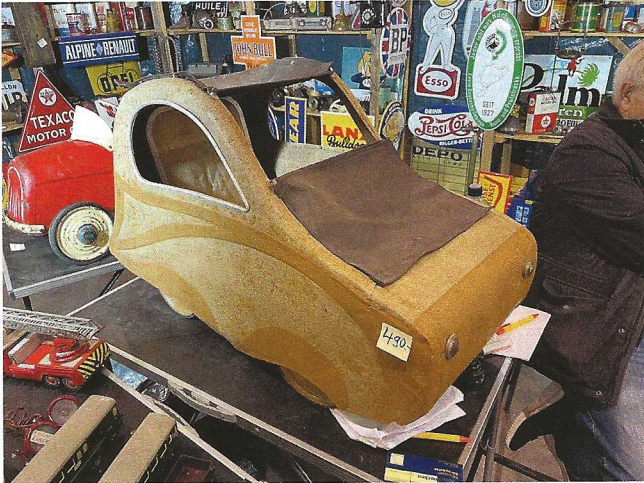
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Gauges galore!



A group of lenses makes an aesthetic impact.



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