

Concours/Bimmerstock Car Show

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For the 8th year the Grand Concours/Bimmerstock Exotics 4 Life Car Show was held in the streets of Glen Cove to raise funds for the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. It was another beautiful, warm autumn day, with bright sunshine, as people traveled from all over Long Island and the tristate area to admire the exotic sports cars on display. Joe LaPadula and Jon Holzer, the co-chairs of the event, and owners of the Glen Cove business Martino Auto Concepts. Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton is also one of the chairs of this event as her young daughter has juvenile diabetes and she is one of many who hope for a cure.

The cars lined School Street and Glen Street, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Maseratis, Mercedes, BMWs, Corvettes, and many other cars, in bright colors including red, orange blue yellow and some painted multicolors.

Vanity plates were very popular this year including towerpwr, (tower of power,) ragnbull, (Raging Bull,) meloyelo (mellow yellow) spdman, (spiderman), helyeah (hell yeah,) justlvnit, (just loving it) and paidnfl (paid in full).

On the stage in Village Square the crowds were entertained by local tribute band Rolling Stoned, as they performed the greatest hits of the Rolling Stones.

Funds are raised through the participation of the car owners Joe LaPadula said "We are pleased to report \$75,000 was raised for the cure focused research of the Diabetes Institute this year, with a total of \$338,000 over the years. This event has grown into one of the largest automobile shows on the eastern seaboard."

For further information visit www.diabetesresearch.org, or to register a vehicle for 2016 visit www.goldcoastconcours.com or www.exotic4life.com.



*Catherine and Gregory Raciborski of Glen Cove next to their Maserati
 Photo by Victoria Crosby*

