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Last weekend saw yours truly at the kick off to the 2017 season, the Retromobile show in Paris, France.

Whilst outside, it may have been cold, gray and grim, inside was a warm atmosphere. Not surprising, as this show is a real "must see" if you are any sort of car-loving enthusiast. You really do see cars here that you won't see anywhere else. I thought that I knew my cars from history but on a couple of occasions, I found myself looking at stands and thinking: "What? Who?" In this vein, a display of French First World War tanks, I found truly fascinating.

HSR took a stand to encourage European racers to go visit Classic Daytona and Sebring at the end of this year, a good move I thought. Major manufacturers such as Jaguar, Porsche, Renault and Mercedes all had stands, the Jaguar one featuring one of their "new" run of XKSS replicas, all of which have been sold for one million pounds plus.....



Throw in a display from around the globe of all six 1927 Delage Grand Prix cars, having straight eight supercharged twin cam, roller bearing crankshaft engines, plus another display featuring 70 years of Ferrari, plus a display of Group B rally cars and you get a flavor of what Retromobile had to offer.

Then, apart from the stands showing cars, there is also a hall dedicated to companies selling books (I bought a great book in French on Jaguar XKs rallying in Europe in the 1950s), spares and models.

Add in three major auctions, RM Sothebys, Bonhams and Artcurial, and you have a true cornucopia of motor loving delight!



It would take most of us three days to get to see everything. Due to a cancellation by Delta Airlines of my flight to Paris, I had only two days but, believe me, I made the most of it... Now on to Sebring on Friday for the HSR races and then a look forward to Amelia Island in March and Essen, Germany in April. It's going to be a busy year. See below for a few more photos from Retromobile.



























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