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Coys at Autosport International, 14 January 2012: Preview

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1981 March 811, Ex-Derek Daly and Val Musetti: 'Refer Dept.'

You don't often read the words "ex-Ayrton Senna" in conjunction with a rallying Austin MG Metro 6R4, but Coys has managed to consign one such example for its season-opening Birmingham sale. As befits the Autosport International venue, competition cars are to the fore.

The great Brazilian drove 'C64 WDU' at a Rally test day in November 1986 organised by Cars and Car Conversions. The car also appeared in many other specialist publications including Motor, Autocar and Motoring News. 'Refer Dept.' for price, please.

Other competition cars that might take your fancy include a 1979 BMW M1 Group 4 Procar used in Continental road-rallying (£150,000 - 170,000), a really good value (and fun!) 1964 Ford Anglia 105E Historic Race Car (£18,000 - 22,000) and – for experienced drivers only – the 1981 March 811 F1 car once driven by Derek Daly and Val Musetti ('Refer Dept.').

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1966 Mercedes-Benz 300 SE Cabriolet: £55,000 - £75,000

Now, let me be the first to invite you to celebrate the MGB's fiftieth birthday in 2012. If the E-type celebrations were anything to go by, we'll be hearing a lot more about one of the world's favourite, most affordable sports cars next year. Coys will offer what look like the perfect car in which to start historic motor racing, in the form of a pale blue, race-prepared 1965 MGB with FIA papers, all for the oh-so-reasonable estimate of £18,000 - 24,000.

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1988 Aston Martin V8 Volante, 4,700 miles from new: 'Refer Dept.'

For those with a slightly bigger budget (and heavier right foot), there's always the 1965 FIA Appendix K Ford Mustang historic racing car prepared for the Alan Mann family to run in recent historic events. The car is finished in his own iconic red and gold colours and is estimated at £60,000 - 70,000.

And do have a look at the carefully crafted recreation of the 1966 Alan Mann Racing GT40 Mk1, [a car we drove some years ago](#). Based on a 2008 Superperformance GT40, the car was specially commissioned by Mann himself and is beautifully detailed throughout, even coming with an original-type ZF transaxle. For £85,000 - 100,000, this is a lot of car.

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1951 AC Ace Ford 2.6 Ruddsport, FIA papers: £120,000 - £140,000

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1985 Austin MG Metro 6R4, ex-Ayrton Senna: 'Refer Dept.'

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1973 Ferrari 246 Dino GTS: £105,000 - £125,000

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1971 Surtees TS8: £60,000 - £70,000

Moving on to road machinery, the 57-car catalogue includes some exciting entries such as the 'Refer Dept.' 1984 Lamborghini Countach 5000S, the 1973 Ferrari 246 Dino GTS (£105,000 - 125,000) and an attractive, grey 1951 AC Ace with a Ruddspeed-tuned Ford 2.6 engine. Complete with the all-important FIA papers, the elegant roadster is estimated at £120,000 - 140,000.

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1965 FIA Appendix K Ford Mustang Historic Race Car, ex-Alan Mann: £60,000 - £70,000

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Ferrari F430 Challenge: £75,000 - £85,000

Finally, how does a LHD, American-spec 1988 Aston Martin V8 Volante, with just 4,700 miles from new appeal to you? 'Refer Dept.' for the price on this, extended bumpers apart, this does present itself rather well.

Prior to the motor cars, Coys will offer a selection of posters, models and motoring collectibles including Lot 134, an original Porsche Press publication for the 911T from October 1967 (£60 - £90).

Auction: Saturday 14 January 2012 at 12:30

Location: Autosport International, NEC, Birmingham

To see the complete lotlisting of the Coys 14 January sale, please click [here](#), or you can see all the cars in the

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