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## 21st September 2002 - Cheffins at Shuttleworth House, Biggleswade



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Following the morning's automobilia auction, the sale of cars and motorcycles opens at 1pm with eighteen lots from the collection of Bernie Leigh, Hampshire's popular ex-racer. The collection includes a 1912 535cc Singer 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hp and Sidecar, with an estimate of £7,000 - 8,000

Moving on to the cars, the **1965 Ferrari 330 GT Interim** on offer is a rare but wellworn machine. With (at a push) room for four and a tractable, Colombo V12, the 330 GT 2+2 was that rare thing – a customer-orientated road car from Ferrari. Only 1,080 were made, and just 125 of these were the Interim cars which combined quad headlamps from the Series I with the 5-speed gearbox of the Series II. The car in Cheffins' auction is a genuine right-hand drive model – and it has been in the same ownership since 1967 – so it could well fetch the expected £25,000 to 30,000.

Meanwhile the **1902 Haynes-Apperson 12HP Surrey four/six seater** is an imposing Veteran with an invitation to this year's London to Brighton run, and asking £38,000 to 42,000. Or for the dedicated eccentric, there's a military amphibious vehicle with which to impress your friends: a **1945 GMC DUKW** (ex 18 Amphibious Troop 17 Port Regiment RCT, Southampton). Cheffins tells us that DUKW is an acronym based on D-model year 1942 (when this vehicle was first conceived), U-amphibian, K-all wheel drive, W-dual rear axles.What I particularly like about the catalogue entry is the suggestion that "some recommissioning would certainly be advisable before returning it to the water". Too right. And it could be yours for £15,000 to 25,000.

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