
RM Auctions in Arizona 20 Jan 2006 - Review

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This 1964 Aston Martin DB5, one of four cars originally constructed by the film company and mainly used for tour and promotional purposes, was sold by RM last weekend for a middle-estimate \$2,090,000.

Chassis no. DB5/2008/R, formerly the property of Sir Anthony Bamford, was bought by an un-named European collector. The car featured all the gadgets much-beloved by Bond fans worldwide, and is one of only three cars that exist today.

Held at The Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa, Phoenix, Arizona, the sale featured RM's customary selection of home-grown US 'muscle cars' such as the **1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda 2D Hard Top** (\$330,000), European exotica of the finest order like the **1955 Maserati 300 S** selling for \$1,925,000 and the **1967 Ferrari 212 E Montagna** for \$1,650,000, and **AC Cobras** and period-

racing **Corvettes** virtually having a class of their own. Cars such as the **1962 Shelby 289 Cobra Roadster** at \$1,815,000, chassis #2026, the very first race-winning Shelby Cobra, a Factory Team car and the 1963 A-Production National Champion. Another example would be \$605,000 for the **1968 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Roadster Race Car**.



Top billing went to the 'cover car', a **1934 Packard Twelve Runabout Speedster** formerly in The Harrah Collection selling for \$3,190,000. With coachwork by LeBaron, it's one of just four cars built (all survive) and at the time cost the equivalent of a luxury house or yacht. The **1953 Jaguar C-Type**, chassis # XKC014, looked a very nice example, the subject of a Peter Jaye restoration when in the hands of collector Burkhard von Schenk and being auctioned on behalf of racing school and Lime Rock circuit owner Skip Barber. It sold for \$1,512,500.

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