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Coys at Monaco 20th May 2006 - Preview



'Pushing the boat out' at Monaco might not be the most apt description of Coys forthcoming sale, but the catalogue is filled to the brim with cars very much suited to life on the Côte d'Azur or on the racetrack for the Grand Prix Historique. Entries such as this ex-1956 Mille Miglia Maserati 150 S Barchetta.

'Refer Department' for estimate, this is a car that the catalogue describes as 'eligible for the Mille Miglia, the Targa Florio and any other historic event one can think of'. It had in fact appeared in not one but two Mille Miglias in period, carrying number 418 in 1956 and 402 in 1957. And if that doesn't appeal, Coys have another couple of 1950s Italian sports racers (both 'Refer Department' for price I'm afraid) in the **1955**OSCA MT4 Barchetta, and **1950 Ferrari 166M**. The latter is another ex-MM car (it also finished 2nd overall in the 1950 Targa Florio, winning its class) and highly eligible for a modern events.



1955 OSCA MT4 Barchetta - Refer Dept.

1950 Ferrari 166M - Refer Dept.

From the sublime 2-litre, single carb early post-war Ferrari V12 to the massively powerful, tarmac-shredding twin-turbocharged **1971 Porsche 917-10**, the BOSCH 'Yellow Car'. In the early '70s the Porsche 917 was quite simply the fastest racing car in Europe, just yielding to Can-Am McLarens in the outright lap stakes.

The addition of turbochargers for the 1972 season meant the German car could compete in North America and duly annihilated the opposition. This car was run by Willi Kauhsen in the US and Europe at the time and is offered from his collection - a genuine one-owner car when it left the factory's early jurisdiction. A fabulous car and one no doubt deserving a fabulous price - we'll see what happens on the day.





Shift the time back 35 years or so and there's another German car of immense power and presence – the **1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet C**. Producing 180 bhp from its supercharged straight eight engine, the two-door 'C' model, with two side windows but four full seats is one of the enduring images of 1930s motoring. The example Coys are selling is none other than the car that was gifted to **King Farouk I of Egypt** in 1938 on the occasion of his wedding by **Adolf Hitler**. An unpleasant connection perhaps but in the provenance stakes, beat that! The car has been painstakingly restored and is clearly one of the best of the very best.



1947 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS - EURO 275,000 - 350,000

1972 De Tomaso Pantera Gruppo 3 - EURO 105,000 - 120,000



commencing at 13.00, the Motor Cars at 15.00.

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