

CLASSIC DRIVER

Christie's at The Monterey Jet Center 17th August 2006 - Preview



As in previous years Christie's will commence Auction proceedings at this year's classic motoring events at Monterey, California. A highlight of their sale will be the collection of Porsches that includes this 1963 904 Carrera GTS Prototype.

The type 904 was the first Porsche sports racing car with the dynamics to vie for overall victory. In fact in its debut year of racing in 1964 it won its class at Sebring (running as a non-homologated prototype) and then, as an official GT car, the Targa Florio outright in the hands of Colin Davis and Antonio Pucci - an amazing feat against bigger-engined GTOs and Cobras. Christie's car is chassis 904-003, the third of three pre-production prototypes used (in typical Porsche thoroughness) to test the cars before customer delivery. The estimate is \$450.000 - 550.000 and any potential buyer will be getting a car in very original condition as it has never seen serious racing either latterly or in period and thus retains the original profile of the 1963 car.

1967 Porsche 911 'R' Prototype - \$475.000 - 575.000	1960 Porsche 356 GTL Carrera-Abarth - \$600.000 - 800.000
1964 Porsche 356 Carrera GT Speedster - \$250.000 - 300.000	1972 Porsche 911 2.7 RS Prototype - \$300.000 - 400.000

904 Carrera GTS apart, the other Stuttgart cars are more than enough to generate interest from any true **Porsche** collector. Two cars, the **1964 356 Carrera GT Speedster** - the last example built at \$250.000 - 300.000 - and the **1960 356 GTL Carrera-Abarth** at \$600.000 - 800.000 carry similar highly-tuned 'Carrera' four-cam motors and represent the pinnacle of 356 development. There are also several 911s, each one a significant stage in the model's history. Take the **1967 Porsche 911 'R' Prototype** at \$475.000 - 575.000, this model was the very first 'hot' racing 911 and although never homologated as a GT car won

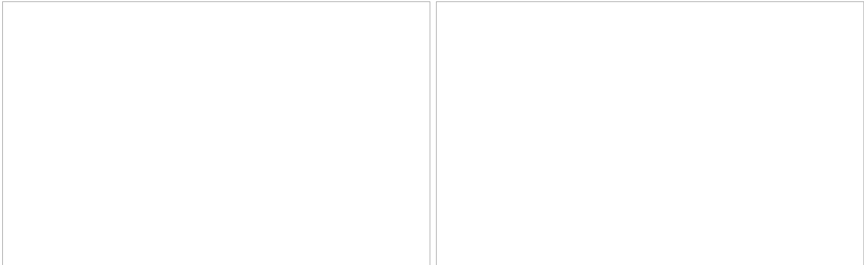
many events in racing and rallying being the first of the breed that ultimately led to the 800+ HP 935s. The yellow car in the sale was the 4th prototype and had lain undiscovered for 20 years before being disinterred in 1991.



There is also a **1970 Porsche 911 S/T ex-Werks, East African Safari Rally car** , \$350.000 - 450.000 and a **1972 Porsche 911 2.7 RS Prototype** , \$300.000 - 400.000, in this collection, one that has enjoyed storage in a bespoke garage in recent years.

From 1960s hard-nosed competition machinery to a more elegant era, forty or so years before. The **1928 Mercedes-Benz 26/120/180 Typ S Torpedo Roadster, Coachwork By Saoutchik**, estimated at a sizeable \$3.000.000 - 4.000.000 has, incredibly, been in the same family ownership since new, when it was bought by Frederick Henry Bedford, Jr from the German company's showroom in New York; it having been an order cancelled by its original buyer. Restored in 1982 and lately residing in the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Maine (founded by James Rockefeller, one of the family with connections with the Bedfords) it has 'Pebble Beach' written all over it. A magnificent example of the glamorous, rather 'showy' cars of the period - but with effortless supercharged 6.7 litre straight-six performance.

For those wanting to chose a potential 'Pebble car' then there's also the **1931 Packard 840 Deluxe 8 Victoria** at \$400.000 - 500.000 a car that has already won awards at the exclusive event in the past.



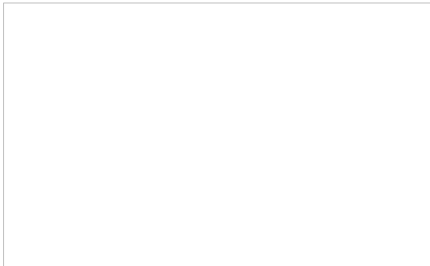
1928 Mercedes-Benz 26/120/180 Typ S Torpedo Roadster, Coachwork By Saoutchik - \$3.000.000 - 4.000.000

1931 Packard 840 Deluxe 8 Victoria - Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Class Winning - \$400.000 - 500.000

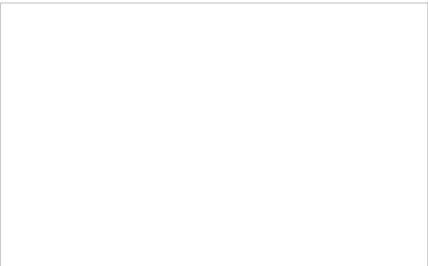
Another big-ticket lot is the ex-Scuderia Ferrari and Roberto Bonomi **1952 Ferrari 225 with Coachwork by Vignale** at \$1.200.000 - 1.500.000. Packing a 210 HP, 2,715cc V12 this car is everyone's idea of how a 1950s Ferrari should look. On March 9 1952, chassis 0160ED was entered in the XII Tour of Sicily by Piero Taruffi and co-driver Mario Vandelli on behalf of Scuderia Ferrari wearing race number 443 which it displays today. While posting the fastest overall time, a blown head gasket sidelined 0160ED with a DNF. The car was then sold on to Italian privateers before passing into Mr Roberto Bonomi of Argentina's hands at the end of the year. It was subsequently raced in period and comes to the saleroom in Monterey with an impressive set of binders cataloguing its complete history, as well as the ever sought after tools.



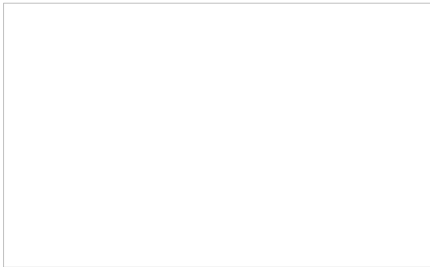
Ferrari fans will also like the rare **1967 Ferrari 330 4 Litre Coupé** with unique bodywork by Michelotti at \$300.000 - 400.000, as well as the nice **1967 Ferrari 330GTC Coupé**, \$150.000 - 180.000, finished in ‘Bianco’ with black leather interior.



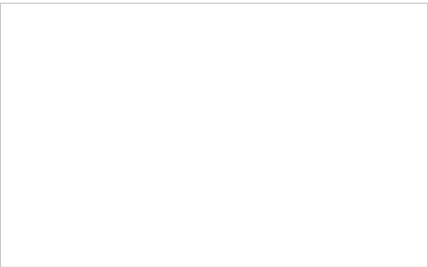
1962 Bentley S2 Continental Flying Spur - \$150.000 - 180.000



1967 Ferrari 330GTC Coupe - \$150.000 - 180.000



1965 Jaguar E-Type SI 4.2 Roadster - Current JCNA C-5 National Champion - \$100.000 - 130.000



1951 Lancia Aurelia B50 Convertible - \$120.000 - 150.000

Of the other cars there are four **Jaguar E-Types**, the **1965 SI 4.2 Roadster** being a current Jaguar Club of North America C-5 (S1 E-Types) National Champion and its estimate of \$100.000 - 130.000 reflects the nut and bolt restoration the car has had, as well as 1000s of hours of loving care lavished upon it. And let’s not forget, the prices of these cars are rising anyway. The other ‘E’s are a **1962 SI 3.8 Roadster**, \$80.000 - 100.000, a **1970 SII 4.2 Roadster**, \$60.000 - 80.000, and a **1971 SIII FHC** at \$35.000 - 45.000.



You may remember last year a **1966 Volkswagen Campmobile** making \$99,000 at *Gooding & Co's* Pebble Beach sale. Christie's must be hoping the same lady purchaser has received a catalogue as they have a nicely-presented **1954 Volkswagen Kombi Model 211 Microbus** that has clearly been the subject of some top-class Californian restoration with its two-tone DuPont Centari paintwork and custom-made birdseye

maple veneer with mahogany trim interior. And dig the patterned cloth seating - groovy baby!

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