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The MPH06 Show – where the cars are the stars

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It's MPH-time again and this year MPH06 in London will feature an expanded, dedicated classic car area as well as a Bonhams auction, all the supercars you could wish to see and the chance to get up close to not one but two Aston Martin DBRS9s.

The black car you see above will be on classic Aston Martin specialist **Nicholas Mee's** stand, in addition to over £750,000 of other cars that include a **1990 V8 Zagato Volante Vantage**, one of just seven in the world and undoubtedly the lowest mileage with just 6,000 miles on the clock, a 17,000 mile **V600** twin-supercharged car, a totally restored **DB5**, a 1,500 miles from new late '80s **V8 Volante Vantage** and an 8,000 mile **V8 Volante**.

Other exhibiting dealers well known to **Classic Driver** readers include **Straight Eight International** and **DK Engineering**.

Astons apart (and the **Aston Martin Owners Club** will be having a stand that will include **A3**, the oldest production Aston Martin in existence - amongst others) there will also be two of the rarest Jaguars in the world. The **Jaguar Enthusiast's Club** will bring the pretty, **Jaguar XK180**, which is a fully functioning, 450 bhp concept car, hand-built in 1998 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the **XK120** breaking the production car speed record.



The other will be displayed by the **Jaguar and Daimler Heritage Trust**. The unique XJ13 race car was built in 1966, but never raced and the trust were once allegedly offered £7 million for this V12 vision in hand-beaten aluminium. It will be joined in the stand by the first ever **D-type** racing car and the first production **E-type**.



The **Lamborghini Owner's Club** will show off a number of the best examples from the marque that arguably produced the first supercar in 1964. Its stand will feature the original mid engine performance machine, the **Miura** that stunned the establishment and signalled the first salvo in the ex-tractor manufacturers fight with **Ferrari**. Alongside it will be the ultimate Athena poster car, the **Lamborghini Countach Quattrovalvole**, this 455 bhp piece of '80s excess will be sure to draw a crowd today just as it did in 1988.

Of course **MPH Classic** apart (in London only), at the heart of the show is the MPH theatre, a high performance 75-minute live show, presented by BBC Top Gear presenters **Jeremy Clarkson** and **James May** that you can expect to thrill the audience with some high-speed stunt driving and Clarkson's familiar style of commentary.

The show runs at the **NEC in Birmingham** from the **26 - 29 October**, and will be at **Earls Court in London** from **2 - 5 November**.

Bonhams will hold an auction of Modern, Sports and Prestige Motor Cars on Saturday 4 November.

EARLS COURT Show Times

Thurs 2nd Nov 1pm - 10pm. *Performance Times: 3pm, 7.30pm (Gala Evening)*

Fri 3rd Nov 11am - 9.30pm. *Performance Times: 12 noon, 3pm, 7pm*

Sat 4th Nov 10am - 9pm. *Performance Times: 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm*

Sun 5th Nov 10am - 7.30pm. *Performance Times: 11am, 2pm, 5pm*

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