CLASSIC DRIVER

<u>Coys at the Royal Horticultural Hall - London 27th Feb 2007 -</u> Preview



Having ventured to Maastricht and the NEC Autosport International Show, Coys are firmly back in home territory at the end of this month with nearly 60 motor car lots under the hammer at their familiar Westminster location. One of the entries is a car very much 'of the moment' in collecting circles, this 1972 Ferrari 246 GT Dino, estimated at £54,000-60,000.

One of five Ferraris in the sale, the Grigio Titanium car is catalogued as having 'covered a mere 46,000 miles from new, this particular Dino is in fine condition having recently been serviced'. It looks an attractive car. One of the 'big cars' of the sale is another example from Maranello, the **1973 Ferrari Daytona Spyder**, estimated at £100,000-135,000. This Daytona, one of four vehicles commissioned by Modena Engineering in the mid 1980s, was converted by well known specialist Autokraft - a company known for its workmanship and accuracy - to Daytona Spyder specification and soon found itself in the hands of "one of the Keegan Boys", three brothers that included F1 driver Rupert.

This particular Daytona, Jeremy Keegan's personal car for over 20 years, could probably find its way to the South of France blindfolded as it was his favourite long distance touring car, undertaking this journey on many occasions. The other Ferraris include a **1982 Ferrari 308 GTB**, £15,000-16,000, and a **1974 Ferrari 365 GT4 2+2** for £11,000-14,000 .

| 1924 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Piccadilly | 1965 Jaguar E-Type Roadster 4.2 Series I - |
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| Roadster - £150,000-170,000 | £37,000-42,000 |

60,000, an automatic car in Sage Green with Tan interior, as well as a keenly-estimated **1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 Coupé** for £22,000-28,000, and a **1971 Aston Martin DBS 6 cylinder**, at £9,000-12,000, surely one of the last remaining DB-era Astons at reasonable money?

One car that's stock has risen in recent years is the 'decapitated' Citroen DS, the work carried out in true French style by Henri Chapron. Coys' example is a **1963 Citroen DS19 Decapotable by Chapron** and estimated at £60,000-80. A pretty price to pay for Haute Couture, but how much for an example of 1960s' American show-biz – the iconic **'Batmobile'** from what many people would consider the 'proper' Batman shows that featured Adam West as the eponymous hero and Burt Ward as the ever dutiful Robin? You'll have to get on the Batphone to Coys to get the estimate.



The Batmobile - Refer Department

1973 Ferrari Daytona Spyder - £100,000-

Well known for their pre-War cars, Coys have come up trumps this time with several models of **Rolls-Royce**, the most desirable being the **1924 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Piccadilly Roadster**, £150,000-170,000, a car supplied new on 9th January 1924 to American boxer Jack Dempsey, who had successfully retained his World title on the 11th September 1923. Springfield-built, but RHD as all early cars were, this is unusual in retaining its original body style and represents the days when Rolls-Royce indisputably **did** build the finest cars in the world. There's also a **1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Open Tourer**, £60,000-70,000, and a **1929 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Family Saloon by John Croall & Son of Edinburgh** for £28,000-33,000.

Of the other lots, mention must be made of the rare **1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 GTC** £17,000-20,000, as well as the **1965 Jaguar E-Type Roadster 4.2 Series I**, at £37,000-42,000, well presented in one of **the** colours; Jaguar Opalescent Silver Grey with a contrasting dark blue leather interior and a dark blue mohair hood It also benefits from a rare body-coloured hardtop.



Finally, Coys have a **1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing** at £195,000-235,000 one of the cornerstones of 21st Century collecting and estimated attractively. The red/tan interior car was purchased by its present owner from Coys in 1982, and then sold the car to a discerning German collector in 1986. As he regretted selling the car and missed both its timeless looks and ingenious mechanicals, he later bought it back and the car has stayed in his collection since then. A chance perhaps for the German enthusiast to recover it in 2007 perhaps?

Prior to the motor car sale Coys will be offering a selection of automobilia including several scale models and photographs.

The Sale will be held at:

The Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, UK.

Tuesday 27th February 2007 at 6.30

Admission by catalogue only - admits two.

To see the complete lotlisting please click **HERE**, or click **HERE** for full details on all lots on the Coys website.

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The company's annual, full colour, review of the year - ROSTRUM - is published in January 2007."



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