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## RM Auctions at Amelia Island 2007 - Preview

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**Grossing over \$21m last year, Ontario-based auctioneers RM have assembled another stellar catalogue with 101 motor car entries, many of which are from the very 'top drawer', such as this 1971 Porsche 917 Spyder, estimated at \$850,000 - 1,000,000.**

Starting life as a coupé in 1970, the **917 Spyder** was converted to open form in the winter of '70/71 and was Finnish driver Leo Kinnunen's mount for his European Interserie championship win in 1971. Since then, it has passed into mainly US collecting circles, has been restored to a very original set-up with a fresh 5.4 litre flat-12, and with due preparation would make a fantastic historic entry in 2007.

The 917's not the only rare competition **Porsche** in the sale. There's also one of the famous John L. Paul Jnr. and Snr. Light blue/yellow **Porsche 935s**, one that finished first overall in both the **Daytona 24 Hours** and **Sebring 12 Hours** classic marathons. It's estimated at \$750,000 - 950,000, while the fabulous **ex-Joest Racing 1981 Porsche 935/78 "Moby Dick"** will cost a prospective Le Mans Classic competitor between \$400,000 and \$500,000. A brave man would be required behind the

wheel, as in-period the factory car saw 221 mph on the (pre-chicane) Mulsanne straight at Le Mans and these motors were capable of producing 800 HP...

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Be-winged and slick-shod racers apart, the sale features a good selection of cars from the classic periods RM are so good at concentrating on: pre-War super luxury includes the **1932 Bentley 8-Liter Short Chassis Fixed Head Coupe** (\$1,000,000 - 1,300,000), the **1939 Lagonda V12 Drophead Coupé** (\$300,000 - 400,000) and the **1929 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton** (\$1,600,000 - 2,000,000), while 1960s' mainly Shelby racing and sports cars number the **1963 Shelby King Cobra Cooper Type 61M Monaco-Ford** (\$600,000 - 900,000), the **1966 Shelby GT350 "R" Model Conversion** (\$175,000 - 190,000) and the **1965 Shelby GT350 "Supercharged"**, at \$500,000 - 600,000 a car described by the vendor as "the most historic and original 1965 GT350 that he has ever seen".

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He should know what he's talking about as he has owned some 20 of these early Shelybs!

Other significant entries include a **1939 Delahaye 135MS Grand Sport Roadster**, \$1,000,000 - 1,400,000, a **1972 Ferrari 365 GTS/4 Michelotti Nart Spyder**, \$500,000 - 700,000, and a cute little **1965 Fiat Jolly 500 Beach Car** at \$25,000 - 36,000. The latter, like many entries is 'Offered Without Reserve'.

The Sale will be held on 11.00 am on Saturday March 10 at The Ritz-Carlton, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, Florida 32034, USA.

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**Editor's Note:** *As if you didn't know, a date for your diarys - RM Auction in association with Sotheby's will be holding the **Legenda e Passione Auction at Maranello** on May 20th this year, surely likely to be one of the events of 2007. Do contact the European team on the numbers below for details on registration, travel planning and car consignment.*

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