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Bonhams at Goodwood Festival of Speed - 22nd June 2007 - Review



While the Goodwood Festival of Speed fell victim to unpredictable British summer weather, it spoiled none of the excitement on the hill - nor, indeed, at the Bonhams sale on the Friday.

The outstanding result of the auction was the £1,409,500 price achieved (including buyer's premium) for the **1932 Alfa Romeo 8C-2300 Spyder Corto**. Archive pictures of the car running in the **1933 Mille Miglia** graced the pages of the Bonhams catalogue, alongside modern colour photographs of the glamorous red creature as it is today. And it is indeed a glorious sight, for this Zagato-bodied beauty was restored over many years by David Black, the late and greatly respected Alfa specialist, not for re-sale but for his own use. Since Black passed away in 1990, the car has stayed with his family until being successfully offered for sale by Bonhams last week.

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The Ex-Vandervell Products Vanwall Formula 1
Team, Leyland Worldmaster Series Royal Tiger Grand
Prix Car Transporter - Sold for £62,000

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1951 Lancia Aurelia 2-Litre GT With
Lightweight Da Corsa Aluminium
Competition Body - Sold for £89,500

Meanwhile, the £62,000 paid for the **ex-Vandervell Products, Vanwall Formula 1 Team, Leyland Worldmaster Series Royal Tiger Grand Prix Car Transporter** might seem a small sum by comparison. Not a bit of it, however, since this was more than six times the low estimate (of just £10,000 - 12,000).

Also selling well over estimate was the **1937 SS 100 Jaguar Roadster**, a car whose meticulous restoration and outstandingly detailed history file helped the bidding to sail past the £145,000 low estimate, past the £160,000 upper estimate, and finally reach a very acceptable £199,500. Another happy vendor.

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1999 Williams-Supertec Renault FW21 - FIAT-Abarth 750 Record Monza Bialbero Coupé - Sold
Sold for £45,500 for £41,100

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1968 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500
Fastback Coupé - Sold for £77,950

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The ex-Lord Carnegie, 1954 Bentley R-Type
Continental Sports Saloon - Sold for £254,500

Scanning down the results list with its significant proportion of six-figure numbers, your eye might also be caught by the **1964 AC Cobra Mark II**, another concours standard car and one just begging to be used in top historic events such as the Tour Auto - in which it took part last year. The new owner paid £227,000 for the Cobra, bang on estimate.

And picking one final example from the many top vehicles sold, there was a historic racer's dream in the form of the **1959 Lister-Jaguar 'Costin' Sports-Racing Two-Seater**. This is a car with the all-important historic provenance of a successful entry in the Goodwood Revival. Mark Hales finished sixth in last year's Sussex Trophy and it's easy to imagine the car returning as a regular sight. The estimate was £400,000 -

500,000 but the lucky buyer snapped it up for £381,000.

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