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RM at Monterey - 17 - 18th August 2007 Review



Top seller at RM's 2007 Monterey extravaganza (that grossed \$46 million) was, predictably enough, the ex-Le Mans 1959 Ferrari 250 GT LWB Spyder California Competizione, selling for \$4,950,000. This was one of nine vehicles topping the magic \$1 million mark.

The other big sellers included the ex-Mars family 1935 Duesenberg Model SJ Town Car (\$4,400,000), a 1933 Delage D8S Coupe Roadster with one-off de Villars coachwork (\$3,740,000) and the 1959 Aston Martin DB4 GT 'Factory Lightweight' for \$1,650,000.



1953 Allard JR Cadillac "Le Mans" Roadster -Sold for \$341,000 1952 Ferrari 212 Inter Coupe - Sold for \$495.000

The top selling **Ferrari** had been restored in Ferrari red, which was a pity as the original 1959 class winner (and 5th overall car) was metallic grey carrying various racing modifications.

As we previewed, the home-grown muscle cars were not as prevalent as in years past so it was the traditional RM Monterey fare of ex-competition and 1930s elegance holding sway. An example of the former was the **1953 Allard JR Cadillac "Le Mans" Roadster** selling for \$341,000, while the latter category included the **Duesenberg** and the **Delage** as well as a **1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster** for \$2,530,000.



1960 Maserati 3500 GT Spider - Sold for \$275,000 1973 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona Spyder - Sold for \$1,056,000

One of the interesting US performance car entries was the 1964 Dodge Hemi Charger Concept Car. This

600+ hp fully functioning styling exercise sold for \$1,100,000 - low estimate but still a significant sum.

Nearly 200 cars passed over the auction block and 92% of these found new owners. The few non-sellers included the **1998 Mercedes-Benz CLK GTR**, and the **1937 Delage D6-3L Grand Prix Race Car**.

1955 Aston Martin DB2/4 MKII Fixed Head Coupe - Sold for \$121,000

To see the complete results of the 2007 RM Monterey sale please click **HERE**.

For further information please visit www.rmauctions.com.

Don't forget RM will be holding their second European Sale this year in London, on October 31st, when they will sell **The Bernie Ecclestone Collection**.

The scene at the Plaza at night

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