
Coys at The Autosport International Racing Car Show 12th Jan 2008

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It's amazing how quickly the Autosport show comes around, but for those not lamenting the passing of another year the annual event at the NEC is an opportunity to look forward to a new season of racing and rallying. Prospective historic racing competitors would be wise to view the entry for Coys' sale at the Birmingham venue as it includes several suitable racing cars, including the famous ex-Ian Walker, ex-Graham Hill 1956 Lotus XI.

It's estimated at £160,000 - 200,000, and with an accompanying history file confirming 'the car to be without doubt the "Yellow Peril"' it should go all the way. As a neat coincidence - given the auction's location - Ian Walker won the Autosport Production Sports Car Championship in 1957 in the yellow car, having purchased it from an impecunious Graham Hill, then working 'on the production line' at Lotus.



A couple of lots later in the catalogue and there's another yellow sports-racer from a famous British manufacturer, but this will require a 'phone call to Coys for its price. The **1966 Lola T70 Spider Mark II** - a car with FIA Papers - was originally sold to the USA through John Mecom and Jim Hall where it was raced in the CanAm series for a year before export to South Africa.

Equipped with a 5.7-litre Chevrolet V8, it's been raced recently in France and has 'fast' written all over it. For the brave.

1962 Mercedes-Benz 190 SL - £28,000 -

35,000

1970 Porsche 911 RSR Recreation - £58,000 -

75,000

Other cars on the competition front well worth a mention include the **1968 Fiat Abarth 1000 TC** for £22,000 - 28,000, the ex-Jack Brabham **1971 Ford Escort Mexico MK I Competition** (£20,000 - 25,000) and the dramatic-looking **1972 Lola T310 CanAm** 'London Motor Show Car 1972'. At £90,000 - 130,000, the latter is an ex-Rosso Bianco Collection car and with its 8-litre engine is for the *very* brave.

Coys is justifiably proud of what must be one of the most original RHD **Ferrari 'Daytonas'** in the country. The *Rosso Chiaro* car was originally delivered to the then racing manager for Dunlop tyres, Dick Wilkins, via John Coombs of Guildford. In fact the car, complete with its tool-roll, tools, service books and wallet even retains the original Coombs key ring. 'Refer Department' for price.

1970 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona Plexiglass - RHD -

£Refer Dept.

1967 Pontiac GTO - £22,000 - 27,000

Moving right up to date and there's the only **2006 Fisker Tramonto Roadster** in right-hand drive (£110,000 - 140,000) and a car from the 'Celebrity Chef' Jamie Oliver: the delivery-mileage **2007 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Roadster** ('Refer Department').



Enthusiasts for older machinery will like the pretty **1935 MG PA Roadster** at £17,000 - 20,000, and the rare **1939 Merlin Aerees Roadster** for £25,000 - 32,000.



1993 Lister Storm - £42,000 - 50,000

1962 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 3.8 Litre - £Refer

Dept.

The addition of these cars will, no doubt, enhance Birmingham's reputation as the home of Heavy Metal.

Prior to the motor cars, Coys will sell over 100 lots of automobilia, including a '**Rolls-Royce Chauffeur's Solid Ivory Uniform Brush**' for £60 - 80.

The Coys Autosport International Sale will be held at:

Autosport International
National Exhibition Centre
Birmingham
B40 1NT

Saturday 12th January 2008

Collectors' Items: 1.00pm

Motor Cars: 3.00pm

Admission by catalogue only - admits two to auction.

To see the complete lotlisting of the COYS sale please click **[HERE](#)**, or **[CLICK HERE](#)** to see all entries on the Coys website, and **[HERE](#)** to see all the entries in the Classic Driver car database.

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