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## [RM Auctions 'Sports & Classics at Monterey' 15-16 August 2008 - Preview](#)

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1956 Ferrari 250 GT Tour de France - Estimate on Request

**Held, as is traditional, over two days, and featuring a slip-cased, two-volume catalogue of the highest quality, RM's 2008 Monterey sale looks like being another blockbuster event.**

The Ontario-based company describes the activities on the Monterey peninsula in August as "one magical week". A more cynical writer might opine that much of the magic relates to the colossal sales figures turned by **RM, Gooding, Bonhams & Butterfields** *et al* - and the commissions therein. In 2007, RM alone grossed \$46m. Business is business, but you know that beneath the bottom line they are all true 'vintage' car enthusiasts - none more so than **Rob Myers** of RM.

The 2008 catalogue is another work of art and just a few words here would fail to do it justice. So, let's just dip in and attempt to pick a few highlights.



One of the most talked-about entries is the **1958 Chrysler Diablo Convertible Coupé**. This is a concept car from the era when flying cars, boat-o-planes and hover-chairs were the merest width of a strand of nylon from being invented. There's no estimate - you'll have to contact RM - but this could be one of the surprises of the week.

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1961 Facel Vega HK500 - \$95,000 -  
125,000

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1966 Mercedes-Benz 600 SWB Limousine - \$65,000 -  
85,000

While the **Chrysler Diablo** may not feature in this author's dream garage, one car that definitely would is the **1956 Ferrari 250 GT Tour de France**. It's another 'Estimate on Request' entry, but what a superb car! This - a genuine competition car from delivery in September 1956 - is the eighth of nine produced with the original body style, the eighth of just seventy-two 'TdF' *Berlinettas* built in total.

Currently clearly a concours entry, I'd have it on the track in double-quick time.

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1930 Duesenberg Model J Barrel-side Dual Cowl Phaeton  
by LeBaron - \$1,800,000 - \$2,400,000

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1961 Ferrari 250 SWB Berlinetta -  
\$3,700,000 - \$4,200,000

There are other **Ferraris**, of course. Like two **1964 250 GT/L Lussos**, identically estimated at \$700,000 - \$800,000, and a **1973 365 GTB/4 'Daytona' Spyder** for \$1,400,000 - \$1,600,000, as well as the most fantastic **1954 375 America** (\$550,000 - \$700,000).

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Home-grown products of the highest order would include the **1929 Duesenberg Model J Roadster** (\$1,400,000 - \$1,800,000), the **1966 Shelby 427 Cobra** (\$800,000 - \$900,000), and the **1962 Chaparral 1 Sports Racing Car** (\$750,000 - \$950,000).

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<b>1966 Shelby Mustang GT350 Fastback - \$160,000 - 180,000</b>	<b>1966 Shelby 427 Cobra - \$750,000 - \$900,000</b>

All super stuff, and well worth the \$100.00 for the catalogue.

The **2008 RM Monterey** auctions will take place over 15-16th August, at the Portola Hotel & Spa and Monterey Conference Center, 2 Portola Plaza, Monterey, California 93940. Admission is \$40.00 for an event pass per person.

The sales will commence at 17:00 and are likely to run to 01:00 the following day.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full lotlist for the **RM Auctions 'Sports & Classics at Monterey'** sale.

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