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Bonhams at Quail Lodge - 14 August 2009 - Preview



Bonhams will hold its traditional Monterey-week sale at the Quail Lodge golf course and resort. The big-ticket item is the well-publicised pre-War Auto Union. In addition to this, the 100+ lot catalogue is packed with quality entries.

Bonhams has now put a price on the iconic 1930s German racing car (\$8,000,000 - 10,000,000) and there can be few people on the planet who do not know it's for sale. If it sells, *if*, the fabulous 3-litre V12 that we covered in detail some months ago will be the sensation of this year's Monterey week.

Bonhams did well with the 'restoration' <u>Type 57S Bugatti at Rétromobile</u> this year. The **1937 Bugatti Type 57S Coupé with supercharger** in the Quail sale is 'Refer Dept.' for price but is most definitely a 'runner' (as well as a **Villa d'Este Concours d'Elegance class winner**).

1964 Porsche 356C Convertible - \$50,000 - 75,000 1981 BMW M1 Coupé - \$100,000 - 140,000

Looking down the lotlist, all the usual suspects ('Daytona', 300 SL 'Gullwing' and Roadster, Dino, XK120 Alloy Roadster, etc.) are present and other notable entries include a 1962 Ferrari 400 Superamerica Series I *Aerodinamico* (\$1,250,000 - 1,500,000), a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle COPO Don Yenko (\$250,000 - 275,000) and the ex-Jim Busby-Beverly Porsche and Audi, 1975 Porsche 3-litre RSR estimated at \$425,000 - 495,000.

c.1931 Bentley 4½ Litre 'Birkin Style' Tourer 1952 SIATA 208CS *Berlinetta*, raced in 1952 with original supercharger - \$900,000 - 1,000,000 1,900,000

There are also several cars once owned by celebrities, including Lot 229 **Formerly the property of Al Capone and 'The Outfit'** — **the Chicago Mob, 1930 Cadillac Series 452 V-16 Armoured Imperial**. \$250,000 - 300,000 is the estimate, and I don't *think* the IRS is still pursuing the money...

1937 Bugatti Type 57S Coupé with supercharger - 'Refer Dept.' - \$1,000,000 - 1,300,000

1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupé - \$500,000 - 600,000 225,000

Prior to the motor cars, Bonhams will sell a variety of automobilia. This includes a selection of car mascots and Lot 103 **A 1985 Porsche Type 935/82 flat-six engine for Group C Racing Porsche 956 Coupé**, estimated at \$70,000 - 90,000.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see the full lotlist for the **2009 Quail Lodge** sale.

The sale will be held at the Bonhams & Butterfields pavilion at the Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, CA 93932.

Automobilia will commence at 10:00 in the pavilion and Motor Cars at 13:00, in the pavilion.

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