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## RM Auctions - Automobiles of Amelia Island March 13 2010 - Review

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**1930 Duesenberg Model J Sport Berline by Murphy - Sold for \$1,705,000**

**Four cars sold for over \$1m each at RM's 2010 Amelia Island, topping-off a catalogue that totalled over \$19 million. The highest priced entry was the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Sport Berline by Murphy (\$1,705,000), followed by a stunning, *Giallo Fly* 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 selling for \$1,650,000.**

This was just one of three **Maranello** cars to top the magic million, the others being the **1971 365 GTB/4 'Daytona' Spyder** (\$1,017,500) and the alloy-bodied **1967 275 GTB/4** (\$1,265,000). Yes, it was unusual that the rarer, alloy car failed to beat the steel one – the colour *Nocciola*, perhaps, not being to everyone's taste? Two older cars gave bidders the opportunity to buy into the magic **'250 GT'** legend: a **1959 250 GT Coupé** sold for \$165,000, with the ever-popular **1963 250 GTE** going for \$154,000.

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**1935 Auburn 851SC Speedster - Sold for \$418,000**

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**1958 BMW 600 - Sold for \$74,250**

**1965 Fiat 500F *Berlina* - Sold for \$28,600**

Top-notch **12-cylinder Ferraris** and **pre-War American *Grandes Marques*** (there must be a better way of describing them...) such as **Cord**, **Cadillac** and **Auburn** are **RM** staples. The latter category does not get much more exclusive and desirable than any elegant model from **Duesenberg**, the make which provided the auction's top-selling car.

The **1930 Duesenberg Model J Sport Berline** was one of 54 examples from the estate of American collector, the late **John O'Quinn**. A second Model J Duesenberg from the O'Quinn Collection, a beautifully restored **1932 Convertible Coupé**, sold for \$825,000.

Other **O'Quinn Collection** cars sold by **RM** included a **1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Gullwing'** (\$687,500) and a **1935 Auburn 851SC Speedster** (\$418,000). Other inter-war cars of note numbered the **1931 Chrysler CG Imperial Convertible Victoria by Waterhouse** for \$522,500, the **1931 Cadillac V16 Roadster by Fleetwood** at \$418,000, and \$462,000 for the **1933 Cadillac V16 Convertible Phaeton by Fleetwood**.

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**1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 Berlinetta - Sold for \$1,650,000**

Of the later, competition-oriented machinery, neither the **1964 Shelby Cobra USRRC Roadster** (bid to \$1,275,000) nor the **1958 Tojeiro-Jaguar** (bid to \$600,000) sold. Small European cars (perhaps a sign of the times?) raised some eyebrows, though, with the **1958 BMW 600** 'micro-car' selling for \$74,250 and a nice - but 'everyday' in Europe - **1965 Fiat 500F *Berlina*** achieving \$28,600.

What else? Well, the **1967 Lamborghini Miura P400** sold for \$374,000, the **1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Fastback** for \$154,000, and the pretty **1960 Abarth 850 Allemano Coupé** achieved \$82,500 – good money.

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**1964 Pontiac Bonneville 'Hank Williams Jr' Custom Convertible - Sold for \$225,500**

**1953 Nash-Healey Roadster - Sold for \$85,250**

**Ian Kelleher, President and Chief Operating Officer, RM Auctions**, was satisfied with another strong performance in still uncertain times. "Simply put," he said, "**RM Auctions** enjoyed unqualified success at this year's **Amelia Island** sale.

"World record prices, standing-room-only attendance, and the most outstanding line-up of cars every offered at **Amelia Island**, solidified RM's dominance and long-term standing as the official auction house of the

concours weekend. Clients walked away from the auction with a great feeling of confidence as many cars met pre-sale estimates with a number exceeding expectations, illustrating RM's expertise in the collector car market."

RM's next sale will also be in Florida with the **March 25 - 28 'Collector Cars of Fort Lauderdale'** event.

1958 Chevrolet Corvette Fuel-Injected  
Convertible - Sold for \$66,000

1961 Austin-Healey 'Sebring Sprite' Vintage  
Racing Car - Sold for \$44,000

To see the full results for the Mar 13 2010, **Automobiles of Amelia Island** auction please [CLICK HERE](#).

Its highly anticipated, inaugural '**Sporting Classics of Monaco**' auction will take place on May 1 during the **Grand Prix de Monaco Historique** meeting. We'll be there, and you can see early entries for this sale listed in the **Classic Driver** car database [HERE](#).



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