## RM at Monterey 12 - 14 August 2010 - Preview 20 July 2010 | Classic Driver

2007 Ferrari FXX *Evoluzione* - \$1,800,000 - 2,400,000

RM has assembled another 200+ entry for this year's Monterey sale, another three-day bonanza. Twenty-six Ferraris are entered, including this 2007 FXX *Evoluzione* estimated at \$1,800,000 - 2,400,000.

Following last year's additional day (on the Thursday), RM is devoting the opening evening to entries from one marque: this time the **Ford Motor Company**, who 'put the world on wheels'. Cars vary in age from the oldest car sold by **Ford** known to remain in existence (the \$600,000 - 800,000,**1903 Model A Rear-Entry Tonneau**), to many **FOMOCO** concepts, the proceeds from which will benefit charity.

Of interest to Classic Driver readers in this section of the sale will be the 1966 Ford Mustang FIA Race Car (\$40,000 - 60,000, with in-period Mexican racing history), the 1963½ Ford Galaxie NASCAR (\$150,000 - 200,000, the Dan Gurney, Riverside 500 race-winner) and the 1964 Cooper Monaco Ford 'King Cobra' (\$600,000 - 800,000).

1968 Shelby GT 500 KR Convertible \$140,000 - 180,000 \$70,000 - 90,000

1963½ Ford Galaxie NASCAR - \$150,000 200,000 \$600,000 - 800,000

In addition, there are some wonderfully esoteric 'Woody' station wagons and 'Hi-Boy' hot rods

which you could never build for the money.

To prove it's not all multi-million-dollar entries, day two starts with a humble **1972 Honda 600 Taxi** (\$8000 - 12,000 'Without Reserve' and one of many fun items in the catalogue) but totals 83 cars in all, including big hitters such as the **1993 Ferrari Enzo** at \$900,000 - 1,050,000.

1966 Ford Mustang FIA Race Car - \$40,000 - 60,000

The **Allard** marque has always been popular in the US and Friday's sale will auction a**1953 J2X** (\$200,000 - 300,000). The black roadster had been drag-raced in period with **Buick Experimental Department** engines (160mph terminal speed, anyone?), as well as enjoying extensive vintage racing more recently. All, as the catalogue proudly says, without "fitting an ugly roll bar". A superb car.

As are the many **pre-War entries** from the age of late twenties/early thirties luxury that start on Friday with Lot 223, the **1938 Packard Eight Victoria Convertible by Darrin** (\$225,000 - 300,000). Later that night, RM will sell a **1928 Cadillac V8 Town Sedan** (a seemingly workaday luxury saloon, once bulletproof when owned by mobster **Al Capone** – and estimated accordingly at \$450,000 - 650,000) and the first of two **'Duesies'**, a **1931 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Sedan by Murphy** (\$700,000 - 900,000).

1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL 'Gullwing' - \$450,000 - 1971 Lamborghini Miura SV - \$800,000 - 550,000 900,000

The other greatest-of-the-great American pre-War car makes an entrance on Saturday night, with buyers invited to bid \$1,100,000 - 1,400,000 on the superb **1933 Duesenberg Model SJ Riviera Phaeton by Brunn**. This is joined by the **1936 Mercedes-Benz Pre-War 540K Special Cabriolet** (\$1,100,000 - 1,300,000), the **1933 Auburn Twelve Custom Phaeton Sedan** (\$250,000 - 300,000) and the **1928 Hispano-Suiza H6C Convertible Sedan by Hibbard & Darrin** (\$350,000 - 450,000). Wow.

1938 Talbot Lago T150-C Lago Teardrop Coupé by Figoni & Falaschi - \$3,500,000 - 4,500,000

Factor in the **1938 Talbot Lago T150-C Lago Teardrop Coupé by Figoni & Falaschi** (\$3,500,000 - 4,500,000), the outrageous **1949 Delahaye 175 S Roadster by Saoutchik** (\$4,000,000 - 6,000,000) and the **1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Close-Coupled Coupé by Park Ward** (\$500,000 - 600,000), too, and you have a recipe for some impressive post-sale results from this section of the sale.

Moving up to date, let's look at the **FXX** and other, more modern, entries. Having witnessed several outings of the 'development project' **FXXs** in Europe, I can only say that exclusive, incredibly fast track-day motoring does not come better than this. The standard **FXX's** engine is boosted to 860bhp at 9500rpm in *Evoluzione* form, with various modifications to shift-speeds and aerodynamics also carried out.

This particular car has been maintained in the US by**Risi Competizione** (a top-level **Le Mans** entrant) and - if you can swallow the \$1,800,000 - 2,400,000 estimate - represents a tremendous opportunity to buy into the heart of **Ferrari Corse Clienti** operations.

1954 Jaguar D-type - \$2,000,000 - 1931 Bugatti Type 51 Works Grand Prix Racing Car - 2,750,000 \$3,500,000 - 4,500,000

1938 Jaguar SS 100 3.5 for restoration - 1971 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 'Daytona' Spyder - \$200,000 - 250,000 \$1,100,000 - 1,250,000

Of the other **Ferraris**, there's the only 'On Request' car in the sale, the yellow/green**1958 'Pontoon Fender' 250 TR**, a **1959 250 GT LWB Spyder California** (\$2,500,000 - 3,250,000) and a **1959 410 Superamerica Series III** (\$1,600,000 - 2,200,000) alongside truly one of the great cars produced by the Maranello company: the **1954 375 MM**. We love these early 50s, big-engined Ferraris and the experience of slotting the meaty gearlever into top, and letting the 4522cc, SOHV V12 pull the car effortlessly ever-onwards is an intoxicating experience.

1954 Ferrari 375 MM - \$5,000,000 - 6,000,000

You'll need stiff drink having bought it, though, as it's estimated at \$5,000,000 - 6,000,000.

Such is the quality of a **Monterey** sale that it's not uncommon to wait a few paragraphs for mention of other gems such as the **1954 Jaguar D-type** (\$2,000,000 - 2,750,000) or the three **300 SL Mercedes** (a **1961 Roadster** for \$500,000 - 575,000, a **1955 'Gullwing'** for \$450,000 - 550,000, and a **1957 Roadster** for \$400,000 - 450,000).

To that stellar mix you can add the twoShelby Cobra 427s, the 1964 USRRC Cobra 289 and the immaculate 1973 Porsche 911 Carrera RS, a 'Factory Remanufactured Special' estimated at \$350,000 - 550,000. The latter was totally rebuilt to 'as-new' condition in 1996 by the Porsche factory's Exclusive Department. Fitted with a larger-capacity (2.8-litre) motor, it enjoys a galvanised bodyshell and is believed to be the only factory-built lightweight 2.8 in this specification.

1973 Porsche 911 Carrera RS Factory Remanufactured Special - \$350,000 - 550,000

The **Grand Prix White/Apple Green** car comes complete with a certificate of authenticity issued by **Porsche** and, no, if you want *your* RS 'remanufactured' in this manner, Stuttgart will not do it again. A 'Without Reserve' car, it's now or never to bid on one of the most perfect **Carrera RSs** with an intriguing history.

Another terrific **RM Monterey** sale, you can see all the entries in the <u>Classic Driver</u> car database, or visit the company's <u>excellent website</u>. We'll be there to witness all the action and report the results.

To see a full lotlist of entries to the RM Auctions 'Sports & Classics of Monterey' 12-14 August 2010, please CLICK HERE.

1967 Shelby Cobra 427 - \$675,000 - 800,000

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