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1988-89 Porsche 962 Group C - Sold for \$491,000

The Porsche marque provided some of the biggest figures at Bonhams' Quail Lodge sale. Apart from an Interserie 917 Spyder making a new world record for any Porsche sold at auction (\$3,965,000), other big-selling examples of the famous Stuttgart manufacturer included this 1988-89 Porsche 962 Group C car which achieved \$491,000.

New for 2010 was the decision to split the now-traditional **Quail Lodge** auction over two days, with both sections of the sale commencing with a large selection of automobilia. Thursday was mainly devoted to the **Amalfitano** collection of **Porsche**-related cars and collectors' items, with Friday – the day when the '**Quail Lodge - A Motorsports Gathering**' event takes place – seeing the bulk of the lavish catalogue sold.

The open **917** in its '70s psychedelic livery looked fabulous. Whether the buyer will convert it back to 1970 **Gulf coupé** specification remains to be seen – but doing so would then allow the car into the **Le Mans Classic**, as well as buying into that light blue and orange '**Steve McQueen**' legend.

Other significant **Porsches** moving into fresh ownership included the super-rare **1992 964 Carrera 4 Lightweight** (\$133,500), the wonderful white/green **1967 2-litre 910** (\$799,000) and the (non-**Amalfitano**) **1967 911S 'Sport Kit II'** (\$210,500).

Two typically '**Pebble Beach**' cars sold well: the **1948 Daimler DE-36 'Green Goddess' Drop-Head Coupé** for \$502,000 and the **1930 Mercedes-Benz 38/250 7.1-litre Supercharged 'SS' Sports Tourer**, for a walloping \$2,537,000. Moving a little more up-to-date, the bright blue **1960 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster** and matching hardtop wowed partygoers at the **McCall** party on Wednesday night, and the \$612,000 achieved by this super car was well deserved.

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1970 Porsche 917 InterSerie Spyder - Sold for \$3,965,000

The **1961 Fiat-Abarth 1000 Bialbero** coupé, resplendent in its **Cunningham** racing livery sold well for \$337,000, as did the **1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Ascot Sport Phaeton** (\$403,000). Of the non-sellers (of which there were more on Friday than Thursday), it was a shame that neither the **1976-77 Porsche 934/5** (an ex-**Gelo** racing car no longer in the iconic red/yellow livery) nor the **1974-75 Gulf-Cosworth GR8** (for many years a museum exhibit) found new owners.

Shares in *Brasso* will rise as the new owners of the **1908 Thomas Flyer Model F 4-60hp Tourer** (\$733,000) get to grips with their new baby, while the \$667,000 achieved by the ex-**Ernst Loof** racing team, **Sandizell**-owned **1937 BMW 328 Roadster** shows how much the value of these very modern-for-their-day, event-eligible cars has risen in recent years.

Impressively, the automobilia and spares sales held on both days posted the highest ever total at this venue: \$1.185 million.

"We are very honoured to have been selected to offer these incredible motor cars at auction," said **Mark Osborne**, head of **Bonhams' Motoring Department**.

"We are very pleased with the results and the satisfaction of having met or exceeded the expectations of our discerning and growing clientele."

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