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Coys at The Autosport International Racing Car Show 15 Jan 2011 - Preview



It might not seem 12 months has passed, yet the annual Autosport show is upon us again. Coys has held an auction slot at the event for some time now, packing the catalogue with potential entries for the forthcoming racing season.

The next Le Mans Classic will be held in 2012. Prospective entrants will, therefore, be able to get a good few races under their belts in one of Coys' leading entries, the 1974 De Tomaso Pantera Group 4, a genuine ex-Le Mans car with FIA papers, estimated at £245,000 - £255,000.

There's also a street version, the 1975 De Tomaso Pantera GTS for a more affordable £35,000 - £40,000, and a road-going example of that ever-popular historic racing GT, a 1968 Bizzarrini 5300GT estimated at £160,000 - £180,000.





If your inclinations lean more towards rallying, a trip to the NEC will spoil you for choice. In addition to the exworks entry (Juha Kankkunen) 1990 Lancia Delta HF Integrale Evolution ('Refer Dept.'), there's an ex-Colin McRae 2002 Ford Focus WRC ('Refer Dept.' again) and one of the most dramatic homologation specials ever made, the 1991 Ford RS200 (Evo) which will cost a likely £100,000 - £130,000.





Those looking for something a little older, or at the more affordable end of the spectrum, will find a selection that includes a fine Alan Mann replica-liveried 1964 Ford Lotus Cortina with FIA papers for £35,000 - £40,000,

a 1963 Elva Courier Mk III at £15,000 - £18,000 and a 1959 Ford Zodiac Mk II historic race car which, at £18,000 - £22,000, would make a perfect entry for the new-for-2011, Julius Thurgood-organised Historic Racing Drivers' Club races.



So, what else is catalogued for those wanting more road-oriented machinery? Well, Coys will be offering the 1971 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 'Daytona', a nice rhd car in Silver/Blue hide for £150,000 - £170,000, and a lhd, Silverstone Green 1994 Jaguar XJ220 with just 3600km completed from new. 'Refer Dept.', please, for the price on this one.

The sale also includes several classic Jaguars and Astons and, moving right up to date, has a car from the private collection of 2009 World Champion Jenson Button, the 2005 BMW M5 (£28,000 - £35,000).





Finally, back to the circuits. One of the highlights is the ex-Andrew Hedges 1960 Austin-Healey Sebring Sprite. £80,000 - £100,000 will buy you an ex-Nürburgring 1000Km car (4th in class and 32nd overall in 1961), clothed in all-alloy bodywork by Williams and Pritchard.



No, it's not a DB4GT or a 250 GT SWB, but it's an important little car once run by the great works MG driver (and British Bobsleigh Team member and Cresta rider, to boot) Hedges.

Prior to the motor cars, Coys will auction several lots of automobilia, including a 1:12 scale model of the Lancia D50 driven by Alberto Ascari at Monaco in 1955. Complete with a Perspex case, it will be sold Without Reserve.

Saturday 15 January 2011 Motor Cars at 3:00 PM

Admission by catalogue only - admits two to auction.

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