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Gooding & Co.: The Scottsdale Auction Jan 21-22 2011 - Review

David Gooding and auctioneer Charlie Ross sell the Ferrari FXX

Santa Monica-based auction house Gooding & Co. came up with the 2011 Scottsdale week's highest-selling car when it sold the 2006 Ferrari FXX Evolution for \$2,090,000.

The track-only, 860bhp machine was part of the estate of the late Benny Caiola, a collection offered by Gooding at Scottsdale which included several other Ferraris and other, mainly modern supercars. In this section of the sale, held at the end of Friday's business, the 1995 F50 achieved \$814,000 and the 1999 333 SP \$781,000. The 2005 Maserati MC12 was one of the two-day auction's very few non-selling entries.

Also on Friday – a day which alone grossed \$14.2m – the 1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS (\$1,045,000) and the 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 Sc Roadster (\$660,000) both achieved auction world records, while the 'barn find' 1964 Shelby 289 Cobra went for \$610,500.

'Gullwing' Mercedes were much in discussion during the week-long Arizona selling extravaganza. The 1956 example offered by Gooding, in its pale metallic blue colour scheme and original-fit Rudge wheels, looked very correct and well worth its eventual \$858,000 selling price.

1964 Shelby 289 Cobra - Sold for \$610,500

On Saturday, buyers were looking forward to the Roadster version of the 300 SL crossing the block. This was an incredible, low-mileage (just 7367 from new) car billed as a 'time-warp' machine in the catalogue. It even wore the Continental tyres fitted by the factory in 1962 and came complete with the desirable hard top. An 'Upon Request' entry, the red/black roadster eventually sold for an impressive \$951,500. Later that day, a well-sorted (but non-original colour) 1960 300 SL Roadster achieved \$627,000.

1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS - Sold for £1,045,000

Further impressive results included the 1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic (\$1,705,000), the 1963 Aston Martin DB4 Series V Vantage GT (\$660,000) and \$1,017,500 for a concours-ready, Classiche-certified 1972 Ferrari 365 GTS/4 'Daytona' Spider.

Other Ferraris finding new owners – the Maranello marque being **the** Gold Standard of collecting – included the 1965 275 GTB Alloy Long-Nose (\$1,430,000) and the 1963 250 GT Lusso, one of the world's finest, going for \$720,500. While the 1955 Ferrari 250 GT Boano failed to sell, the four-cam 275 GTB clocked up a useful \$1.100.000.

1970 Ford Mustang BOSS 302 - Sold for \$84,700

Of the older cars in the sale, the amazing restoration project 1948 Tucker '48 went for \$797,500 and the 1941 Chrysler Newport Dual Cowl \$1,017,500. Caravanning's 1930s equivalent to a Stutz or Duesenberg, the 1935 Bowlus Road Chief joined in the fun, selling for \$187,000.

All in all, an impressive sale: one which the Gooding team hopes to repeat on March 11 this year, at its Amelia Island auction. This will be followed in August by the two-day Pebble Beach extravaganza, one of the highlights of the Monterey week.

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