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Gooding & Co.: the Amelia Island Auction March 11 2011 - Review

1951 Ferrari 212 Export Cabriolet - Sold for \$1,870,000

It was collectible post-War European classics that swept all before them at Gooding's 2011 Amelia sale. The highest price achieved was \$1,870,000 for the 1951 Ferrari 212 Export Cabriolet, closely followed by the \$1,705,000 1971 Lamborghini Miura P400 SV Prototype, and a 1973 Ferrari 365 GTS/4 'Daytona' Spider that achieved \$1,320,000

World auction records were broken for the Ferrari 212, the Miura, the Healey 100S (\$632,500, wow!), the Siata (a 1953 208 CS *Berlinetta* which sold for \$605,000) and the \$203,500 1963 Lotus 23B.

Oh, and for those Volkswagen Double-Cab aficionados out there, I know you'll be interested in the 1960 example going for \$70,400. Another world record; albeit a somewhat esoteric one and I'd like to meet the man who maintains *those* records... Or maybe not.

Much of the pre-sale interest centred on not only the high-quality Italian entries but also the 'time-warp' 1961 Aston Martin DB4 Series IV and the amazing, 'perfect specification' 1955 Bentley R-Type Continental. The LHD Bentley sold – unsurprisingly, when you think about it – for an impressive \$770,000, while the Aston garnered \$440.000.

1963 Lotus 23B - Sold for \$203,500

1955 Bentley R-Type Continental - Sold for \$770,000

As <u>at nearby RM</u>, two 300 SL Mercedes were catalogued, one 'Gullwing' and one Roadster. Gooding's 1957 open car sold for \$561,000 while the coupé, a silver with blue tartan cloth interior 1955 car, went for an over-estimate \$484,000.

1964 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso - Sold for \$632,500

Elsewhere in the sale, cars which could grace that capacious 'Classic Driver garage' included the 1950 Allard K1 Roadster (\$165,000), the 1925 Bentley 3 Litre Tourer (\$236,500) and the \$180,000 1956 Porsche 356 A Speedster.

David Gooding, President and founder of the company, commented after the sale: "I'm very happy with our second Amelia Island auction results and the overall growth we saw in guest attendance, sales, and number of records.

1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 - Sold for \$1,155,000

1955 Healey 100S - Sold for \$632,500

"Great examples of post-War European sports cars performed extremely well and in several instances surpassed our original estimates, resulting in extraordinary sales."

Gooding's next sale will be a two-day event at Pebble Beach, California on August 20-21.

1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster - Sold for \$561,000

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