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Bonhams' 2012 Aston Martin Sale: Early entry 'barn-find' DB2/4 DHC

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It might not have quite made the letters page of The Times, but the news of a 'barn-find' Aston entry to the May, Newport Pagnell auction is as sure a sign of spring as anything Mother Nature can offer.

This year's example, that will be auctioned on 19 May, is a 1955 Aston Martin DB2/4 Drophead Coupé which has been in storage ('barn' or otherwise) since 1976.

The original, brown card ('buff' to aficionados in the UK) registration document shows a Mr Ronald Grant as the last registered keeper. Mr Grant had bought the car in 1970 and used it until around 1976, when it was put away for cosmetic work to the bumpers. The company entrusted with re-chroming them went out of business, the Aston stayed in its garage... and the result is the car you see here.

The sky blue paintwork, by the way, is a repaint in period (1958) from another shade of blue. Estimate: £70,000 - 90,000.

The sale will take place at the newly refurbished and rebuilt '[Aston Martin Works](#)' facilities at Newport Pagnell, one of the first events following an extensive winter building programme.

As always, the Works Service 'Premier Package' proves a popular way of enjoying the day. Places are always limited, so do contact Aston Martin Events either by phone, on +44(0)845 241 7606, or email bonhams@astonmartin-events.com to reserve yours.

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