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Briggs Cunningham Maserati 300S under the hammer at Goodwood

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Bonhams has announced that a famous Maserati 300S Spider will be joining the Fangio Mercedes W196R at this year’s Goodwood Festival of Speed sale...

One of three 300Ss ordered new by Briggs Cunningham in 1955, it was placed third in its inaugural race at the 12 Hours of Sebring in the hands of Bill Spear and Sherwood Johnston. Only the Mike Hawthorn/Phil Walters Jaguar D-type and the Phil Hill/Carroll Shelby-driven Ferrari 750 Monza fared better, a fine illustration of the calibre of car competing against the 300S in period.

The quality of its peers remains at a similar level today, hence its inclusion as a star lot alongside Fangio’s W196R at the Goodwood sale. Bonhams puts the estimate at GBP 3.5 – 4.5 million, reflecting its history, rarity and the infrequency with which this type of competition Maserati comes to auction. It doesn't look too bad, either.

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