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## Market Finds - From a venomous snake to a tempting time machine

### Lead

This week's Market Finds are rooted very much in the 1960s and '70s, from a snarling AC Cobra that would be perfect for the keen historic racer, to a funky Alfa Romeo Montreal that was kept by its first owner for over 40 years...

### Choose your weapon wisely...



If you're a skilled amateur historic racing driver but get few opportunities to get behind the wheel, be it at the track or on competitive road-rallies, you want a car that's going to exhilarate and challenge in equal measure. A prime candidate is an AC Cobra, such as [this UK-delivered 289 example](#) that's been cherished by marque specialists for almost all of its life. Extremely lightweight and with power in abundance, it's small wonder that Cobras are so popular in historic motorsport.

### The funkiest time machine in the world





Grab your boldest plaid shirt and your Bowie tape collection – [this funky orange Alfa Romeo Montreal](#) is transporting you straight back to the early 1970s. A rare pre-production model, it was just the 73rd Montreal ever produced, and delivered to an Italian gentleman who owned and cherished right up until 2015. He sold it to a Dutch company, which undertook a wonderfully sympathetic restoration with the utmost respect for its originality. That bright orange over black colour combination is fabulous, and divides pleasure and business much Rod Stewart’s mullet, circa 1975.

## A birthday treat



In this, the 50th year since Ford’s momentous 1-2-3 victory at Le Mans, it was inevitable that a glut of GT40s would star both on the concours lawns and in the salerooms during the Monterey festivities last week. Quick to capitalise on the increased interest, [Girardo & Co.](#) in the UK has listed this wonderful [matching-numbers GT40 road car](#) for sale. One of just 31 ever produced, it’s remarkably clocked fewer than 4,800 miles from new and has just undergone a concours-standard restoration, during which it was reverted to its original shade of maroon. Having been lucky enough to see this car in the metal, we can confirm that it’s simply spellbinding.

## Ferruccio’s favourite





The Lamborghini Jarama is a curious car. A mere 328 examples of the 2+2 were built between 1970 and '76, simply because its bigger brother, the Espada, proved much more popular. Often overlooked, the Jarama was in fact the self-confessed favourite of company founder Ferruccio, who considered it the perfect medium between the sporty Miura and the Grand-Touring Espada. [This gorgeous low-mileage Jarama S](#) is arguably one of the finest examples out there, only enhanced by those oh-so-cool French yellow headlights.

## Gallery





























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