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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

LeadIt's Thursday, which can only mean one thing: it's time for Market Finds! As ever, we've been hard at work scrolling through the Classic Driver Market and have returned with these five bonafide classics for you to lose sleep over.

Engage warp speed





Looking like something straight out of Akira or F-Zero, this 1982 Porsche 924 Carrera GTR is perhaps the most desirable front-engined Porsche ever made. One of just 17 Porsche 924 Carrera GTRs made, this vented monster doesn't just have rarity on it's side, but race pedigree too, as the winner of its class in the 1982 Le Mans 24 Hours. Maintained throughout its contemporary racing career by the legendary Brumos Racing Team, this car remains in highly original condition, retaining the factory engine and gearbox. Just three lucky people have owned this ultra-rare Porsche since new, could you be number four?

Little bandit





You'd be forgiven for being unfamiliar with the Bandini name, but after soaking up this captivating 1955 Bandini 750 GT Veloce Zagato, we're sure you'll remember it well. As a unique model built under the direct supervision of llario Bandini himself, it's safe to say you won't be seeing any automotive doppelgangers. That lovely body was the work of Zagato, and the whole car weighs in at a featherweight 670kg. Granted, the 'Bandini-Crosley' 750cc engine is no monster either, putting out 67bhp, but with so little mass to move we're sure it will be a hoot to drive. This Bandini goes up for auction at the Rétromobile 2022 sale by Artcurial Motorcars, so be sure to mark March 18th and 19th on your calendar if you fancy spending your summer with this sexy little Italian.

Martini o'clock





It's been far too long since we've had a Lancia Delta on here, and what better way to break the dry spell than with this white-hot 1992 Lancia Delta HF Evoluzione Martini Racing Group A rally car. With big enough turbo fans on the front wheels to make even Mr Dyson blush, not to mention that timeless Martini livery, if you've been eyeing up a Delta, you could hardly do better than this. This rally rocket has been prepared to the highest standard by K Sport according to Abarth specifications, and would make for an excellent chariot for competition in classic rallies this year. Top Marques claim this car is in as-new condition, and judging by these images we wouldn't dare disagree.

The getaway car





If you were an art thief in the 50s, you could hope for no better getaway car than this 1950 Jaguar XK 120. as after all, it was the fastest production car in the world at the time of its launch. This is an extremely early example of the breed and is one of the first steel bodied Jaguar XK 120's built, with all the specific early details to prove it. As an original left hand drive example, this would make an excellent grand tourer for a European road trip this summer and it's even Mille Miglia Eligible if you'd like to tick that bucket list item. Reportedly one of the best driving XK 120s The Houtkamp Collection have had, we're already supremely jealous of whoever becomes this stunning Jag's next owner.

What lurks in the woods





Pictured here in some suitably eery woods, it's easy to understand why the Alfa Romeo SZ was nicknamed 'Il Mostro'. This 1991 Alfa Romeo SZ's design may have shocked crowds at the time of its launch, but we find ourselves falling more and more in love every year with Zagato's out-the-box design. Adding to the appeal is what's underneath that boxy exterior - the legendary 3.0-litre Busso V6, and the rest of the running gear from Alfa's even boxier 75 Quadrifoglio Verde saloon. That's no bad thing at all, and as anyone who has driven one will tell you, this is perhaps one of the best driving Alfas ever. This example has clearly been used sparingly, with the odometer reading just over 33,000 miles. If you ask us, it's high time someone added some more.

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