



Auction Mania!

Arizona is the center of the universe for midwinter auction action

January means one thing to any serious automotive collector or investor: a trip to sunny Arizona for a chance to see, touch and feel the leading edge of the hobby's available collectibles, to mingle with like-minded souls, many with big buckets of cash, and to learn where the collector car market is headed in the near term. These auctions are the bellwethers of the hobby; forget what the pricing guides say about a vehicle's value ... if it sells at any price in Arizona this January, the books will be rewritten accordingly.

Barrett-Jackson Auction

WESTWORLD • SCOTTSDALE

JANUARY 15-19: This automotive event has evolved over thirty years into a lifestyle and social happening that's considered a "must-attend" for thousands of collectors and enthusiasts annually. Whether looking for a fabulous coach-built classic car, a championship race car, high-performance American muscle or a one-of-a-kind custom hot rod, collectors and spectators know they will find it here.

Besides the auction proper, everyone can enjoy the Showcase Pavilion & Lifestyle Expo, with a preview of feature cars and over 300 vendors indoors and out, offering automobilia, food and drink,

and much more.

Additionally, visit the Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep Pavilion to see these makers' newest concept cars on display, and sign up for new model test drives.

Gates open at 8am, the automobilia auction runs from 8:30-10am, and the vehicle auction runs from 10am until "as long as it takes." Free parking is available, and valet parking is \$20/day.

Admission for adults is \$20 on Thursday or Sunday, \$25 on Friday or Saturday, per day. There are discounted rates for kids, seniors, students and military, and kids 5 and under are free. a four-day adult pass is \$80, seniors \$60.

A \$300 bidder registration includes passes for the bidder and a guest, preferred parking, admission to the opening night gala ceremony, and access to reserved bidder seating and an open bar. The fee is refundable with the successful purchase of an auction vehicle.

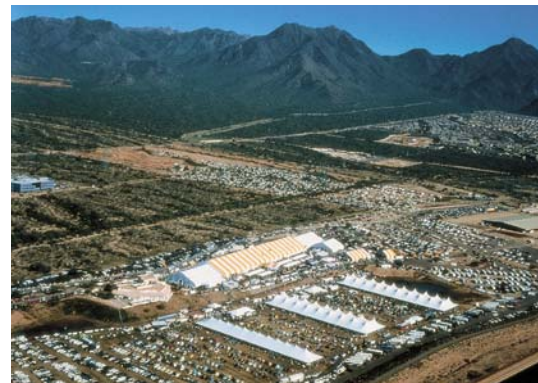
The Barrett-Jackson Auction is also covered on Speed Channel TV both Friday and Saturday. Visit their website at:

www.barrett-jackson.com

Kruse International / eBay

RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN • SCOTTSDALE

JANUARY 10-12: This is the 32nd year for this, one of the world's largest collector



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car events. The auction begins at 10am daily, Friday through Sunday, with general admission of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. The Kruse auction is held at Rawhide Wild West Town, on Scottsdale Road four miles north of Bell and Frank Lloyd Wright. Call 800-968-4444 for more information, or visit :

www.kruseinternational.com

RM Auctions

BILTMORE RESORT & SPA • PHOENIX

JANUARY 17: Eighteen extraordinary Corvettes from the personal collection of "Mr. Corvette" Mike Yager will be a part of RM Auctions' 2003 Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona collector car auction. Nearly 100 of the finest classics, exotics and collector cars including vintage Ferraris and Porsches have also been collected for this one-day event at the Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix, Arizona on Friday, January 17, 2003.

Corvette collectors will have a chance to acquire some of the cleanest and most significant of America's foremost sports car to cross the auction block in some time. Each will be offered with No Reserve.

Nearly 100 other highly collectible vehicles consigned at press time include such classics as: 1922 Detroit Electric; 1934 Packard Twelve 5-Passenger Phaeton;

1935 Packard Twelve Convertible Coupe; 1936 LaSalle Convertible Coupe; 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe; 1946 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible; 1955 Mercury Montclair Convertible.

Last year's event was highlighted by the sale of a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster once owned by Hollywood mogul Jack Warner which brought an auction-record \$3,630,000.

From their start in 1994, RM Auctions Inc. has amassed an enviable roster of prestigious venues in North America, and sales have grown steadily each year, exceeding \$50 million in 2000. For more information, call 310-246-9880, or visit:

www.rmauctions.com

Russo and Steele

SCOTTSDALE ROAD & MAYO BLVD. AT 101

JANUARY 17-18: Presenting a select group of European sports, American muscle cars, street rods and customs, Russo and Steele Collector Automobiles launches their event on the evening of January 16 with a Charity Benefit Preview Gala. The Russo and Steele Auction is presented by principals Andrew and Josephine Alcazar. Drew brings many years' experience and the fruits of his wide ranging contacts in the enthusiast world to this event, drawing cream-of-the-crop vehicles, while

Phoenix native Josephine also owns Events With Taste, ensuring that the event's planning and catering services live up to her top-flight reputation. The auction program runs Friday and Saturday January 17 and 18, with gates open at 10am. Gate admission is \$10 for the Preview. For a list of entries or for more information, visit:

www.russoandsteele.com

Silver Auctions - Ft. McDowell

FT. MCDOWELL CASINO • ARIZONA HWY 87

JANUARY 10-13: Auction season kicks off when the first vehicles arrive to check in for this event on Thursday January 9. Auction bidding begins Friday January 10 at 2pm; 150 cars cross the auction block by 9pm, then it's on to a rock'n'roll concert till midnight. The fun resumes with hundreds more vehicles auctioned, plus more rock'n'roll shows, on Saturday and Sunday. A final round of bidding happens on Monday from 11am-5pm.

www.silverauctions.com

If you can make it through all of those and not end up needing a new half acre and a 7-car garage, more power to you. The temptations are top-notch, the professionalism is world-class, and the fun never stops. See you there! ■

