

SPECIAL EVENTS: AUCTIONS & SHOWS

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Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

• MARCH 9-12, RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND FL

The annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and related auctions and events in March are the East Coast equivalent of Pebble Beach and Monterey in August in the West. The full panoply of Concours events this year started on Thursday with a silent auction, Guardians of Porsche wine maker's dinner. // The pace picked up on Friday with the Porsche Driving Experience autocross, Reliable Carriers Eight Flags Road Tour, manufacturer test drives, automobilia and luxury goods booths, a JacksonvilleZoo Jaguar tour, booking signings, another silent auction, a seminar on Japanese Racing (The Men Behind the Victories), and RM Sotheby's auction preview and cocktail reception (RM is the official auction house of Amelia). // Saturday was already scheduled to be a very full day, with Concours opening ceremonies, displays at The Golf Club of Amelia Island (10th and 18th fairways), with honoree Al Unser Sr making an appearance on the show field, a vintage fashion show, the *Automobile Magazine* All Stars Awards, RM Sotheby's auction event, Hagerty kids' judging awards, a 400-strong cars and coffee by Heacock Classic Car Insurance, more shopping, more test drives, a Jaguar Racing Drivers seminar and a Mercedes-Benz gala dinner. // Weather was taking a turn for the worse, so the rare decision was made to move the "rain or shine" main event—the 22nd Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance—from Sunday to this very busy Saturday. The big winners (shown above) were:

Best in Show, Concours de Sport

1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider

From the A Dano Davis Collection, Jacksonville FL

Best in Show, Concours d'Elegance

1935 Duesenberg SJ-582

Terence Adderley, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Amelia Island Auctions 2017

• MARCH 9, 10, 10-11, AMELIA ISLAND FL

BONHAMS: The 3rd Annual Bonhams Amelia Island auction on Thursday (photo above right) had \$10.2 million in sales at an 87 percent sell-through rate. Top seller was a competition-designed 1955 Ferrari 250 Europa GT Alloy, one of just two with Pinin Farina coachwork, sold for \$2,227,500. Other highlights included a magnificent Brass Era 1911 Pierce-Arrow Model 48 Touring at \$550,000, and a 1961 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 Roadster at \$326,700 in spirited bidding. A 1986 Lamborghini Countach 500 S Quattrovalvole sold for \$335,500 to an American enthusiast, and a much talked-about 1954 Arnolt-Bristol Prototype Roadster achieved \$324,500. Bonhams set new world records for marques and models including the 1904 Knox Tudor, 1913 Lancia Theta Runabout, 1987 BMW M6 Coupe, and 1953 Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Roadster. "What we saw was increased interest and movement in the middle of the market, and we feel this is a healthy indicator for our industry and for enthusiasts worldwide," said Rupert Banner, group motoring director and auctioneer. Bonhams already had five collector car auctions in four countries in first quarter 2017.

GOODING & COMPANY: Gooding's Friday auction at Amelia had \$30,568,700 in sales, with a 78 percent sell-through rate, as 69 of 88 lots sold at an average of \$443,025. Nine cars topped \$1 million, led by an exotic 1998 Porsche 911 GT1 Strassenversion at \$5,665,000, a new world record for the model and for Porsche 911, among 13 new records for Porsche, McLaren, Aston Martin and Mazda, including a 2015 McLaren P1 (\$2,392,500), a 1989 Mazda 767B that raced at the 1989 24 Hours of Le Mans (\$1,750,000), and a 1949 Aston Martin DB Mk II formerly owned by company head David Brown (\$1,540,000). "We achieved strong results for a number of exceptional cars, especially from



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the Porsche marque," states David Gooding, auction house president and founder. "In spite of the 13 world record prices set, we are definitely seeing a market shift, which is healthy for the marketplace as a whole." All four Porsches in a marquee Private Porsche Collection hit world record prices—the GT1 Strassenversion, as well as a 1993 Porsche 964 Turbo S Leichtbau at \$1,540,000, 2011 997 GT3 RS 4.0 at \$748,000 and 2011 Porsche 997 GT2 RS at \$561,000. Next up for Gooding & Company is Pebble Beach in August, where they are the official auction house.

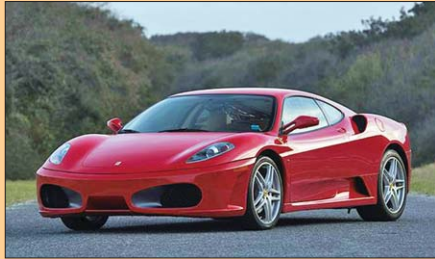
RM SOTHEBY'S: Launching their auction year in Arizona, RM next moved to Paris, then Amelia Island, where they are the official auction house. RM generated \$70.9 million at a two-day Amelia event—the highest in Amelia auction history. Top sale was a one-of-three Bugatti Type 57S Cabriolet at \$7,700,000, with 19 cars sold at a million-plus and a number of new records. A 1929 Stutz Model M Supercharged Coupe, one of only three existing supercharged Stutzes, sold at \$1,705,000—a new Stutz record—against an estimate of \$1-1.2 million. "A Gentleman's Collection: The Pride & Passion of Orin Smith" (of Starbucks CEO, Nike and Disney) sold at no reserve on Friday, bringing \$31 million total, including a 1936 Lancia Astura Cabriolet Series III "Tipo Bocca" at \$2,145,000, a 1956 Bentley S1 Continental Drophead Coupe at \$1,683,000, a 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Special Newmarket Permanent Sedan at \$1,237,500 (also above estimates) and a 1966 Aston Martin Short-Chassis Volante at \$1,705,000. Saturday continued no reserve bidding and included another well-known 10-car collection. The RM auction attracted bidders from 25 countries, 21 percent RM first-time clients. Next up for RM are Lake Como in Italy in May, Motor City in July and Monterey in August.

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Auctions America: Ft Lauderdale FL

• MARCH 31-APRIL 2, FT LAUDERDALE FL

Auctions America started their 2017 calendar by celebrating 15 years in South Florida at their Fort



Lauderdale sale in the Broward County Convention Center. More than 400 vehicles crossed the block, including the JLG Autocrib Porsche Collection, along with nearly 200 lots of automobilia, with sales totaling \$17.3 million at a 76 percent sell-through rate. Of note was President Trump's 2007 Ferrari F430 F1 Coupe (shown), selling at \$270,000. Top sale was a 1963 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster at \$1,200,000. The rest of the top ten included two Lamborghinis, a Ford GT, another Ferrari in addition to Trump's, two Porsches (356 and 911), a Boss 429 Mustang and a Shelby GT 350H Hertz Mustang. Next up for Auctions America are Auburn Spring, May 11-13 in Indiana and Santa Monica, June 24-26.

La Jolla Concours d'Elegance

• APRIL 6-8, LA JOLLA CA



Chic La Jolla was transformed into an automotive enthusiasts' paradise at the 13th Annual La Jolla Concours—from a Rolls-Royce cocktail party with over 400 revelers (and silver Rolls-Royce mascots coming to life above the crowd on stilts) on Friday evening; to Saturday's BH Gold Tour d'Elegance with over 200 enjoying a scenic motorcade to San Diego's most treasured collections, lunch on a private beach with a vintage flyover, and a Bentley VIP reception that evening; to the Concours itself on Sunday, where over 10,000 attendees enjoyed 125 stunning automobiles in 17 classes, including featured marque Packard. A Bentley champagne and honey tasting garden was a popular break spot. The Best of Show award was presented to Ron and Sandy Hansen for their beautiful 1921 Duesenberg Dual Cowl Phaeton.

Barrett-Jackson: Palm Beach FL

• APRIL 6-8, SOUTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS

Top sales at the 15th Annual Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach Auction were a 2006 Ford GTX1 at \$401,500



and a 1961 Volkswagen 23-Window Deluxe Microbus at \$291,500—two of 12 sales that set records. Several vehicles had bidding wars—NFL wide receiver Reggie Wayne's 1967 Ford Mustang GT custom fastback at \$206,800 and a 1962 Cadillac "Cadalina" custom convertible at \$154,000. A 1971 Custom Chevy K5 Blazer and Dale's Earnhardt's #3 Goodwrench race car each brought in \$220,000—both records. A 2009 Ford F-150 King Ranch Super Crew pickup owned (and signed) by George W Bush brought \$90,000 for charity. Some 100 restored gas pumps ruled automobilia sales, with a custom 1926 Boyle-Dayton visible gas pump at \$46,000. Next for Barrett-Jackson are Northeast (June) and Las Vegas (October).

Russo & Steele / Steve McQueen

• COMING UP: MAY 20/21, ANZA-BORREGO CA



Russo and Steele sponsors the Steve McQueen Rally from Dana Point to Anza-Borrego and Palm Desert in Southern California, May 20-21, benefiting Boys Republic. The event is limited to 48 cars, with a \$1000 cost of entry (2 people). For complete information, visit www.stevemcqueenrally.com.

• COMING UP: JUNE 2-4, NEWPORT BEACH CA

Russo and Steele is throwing the ultimate collector car beach party—the second event of their 17th season, the 5th Annual Newport Beach Auction—at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort, June 2-4, using their "Auction in the Round" layout for over 400 European sports and American muscle cars, hot rods, customs and late model exotics over three days. Bidder registration is just \$200 and includes admission for all 3 days for the bidder and one lucky guest.

Overland Expo 2017 West

• COMING UP: MAY 12-14, FLAGSTAFF AZ

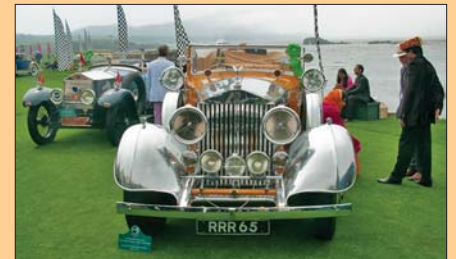
The Overland Expo, held in the West in May and the East in fall, can help you choose the right vehi-



cle, pack it with the proper equipment and provisions, comfortably handle challenging driving conditions, even winch yourself out of a hole, with hundreds of session-hours of classes and hand-on demonstrations. Instructors range from ex-Camel Trophy team members to trans-Africa veterans to professional expedition leaders. The 9th Annual Overland Expo West show has a new venue, in the cool Ponderosa pine forests near Flagstaff, Arizona, with plenty of camping, food vendors, and miles of onsite and nearby trails for walking and riding. Hotels, restaurants and shopping are just moments away in downtown Flagstaff, and the airport is just across the road. For details, visit www.overlandexpo.com/west.

Monterey and Pebble Beach

• COMING UP: AUGUST 16-20, MONTEREY CA



ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION

Thursday-Sunday, August 17-20

MECUM AUCTIONS

Wednesday-Saturday, August 16-19

RUSSO & STEELE

Thursday-Saturday, August 17-19

RM SOTHEBY'S

Friday/Saturday, August 18/19

GOODING & COMPANY

Saturday/Sunday, August 19/20

CONCORSO ITALIANO

Saturday, August 19

CONCOURS D'LEMONS

Saturday, August 19

PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE:

Sunday, August 20 ■