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hen I think about going to Monterey, I envision life lived at 78 rpm. Endless traffic jams, long lines for everything, and schedules that are impossible to keep.

Amelia is different. I've been attending the concours d'elegance there for more than 20 years, and I always smile as I'm packing.

It's the midpoint between Scottsdale and Monterey. It's a chance for all of us to renew friendships and catch our collective breath before the summer season begins.



Martini Racing is a featured class at this year's Amelia Island Concours. For more about the company's storied racing history, see p. 44

Even with the proliferation

of auctions and other car shows, Amelia is the easiest major car event to enjoy in the U.S. — if not the world.

The fairways of the golf course where the show is held are directly in front of the Ritz-Carlton. The setting on the Atlantic coast is spectacular.

The cars are even better. This year, there will be more than 250 exotic cars on display. Featured classes include Martini Racing, Porsche Carrera, Auburns, Jaguar XKEs, the 50th anniversary of the Daytona, and pre-war MGs. Something for everyone.

In addition to the on-site RM Sotheby's auction, Gooding & Company, Bonhams, Motostalgia and Hollywood Wheels will offer a delectable array of cars for you to choose from at their sales. Surely you can find something you'd like

I'll be there looking with you. — Keith Martin, Publisher, Sports Car Market

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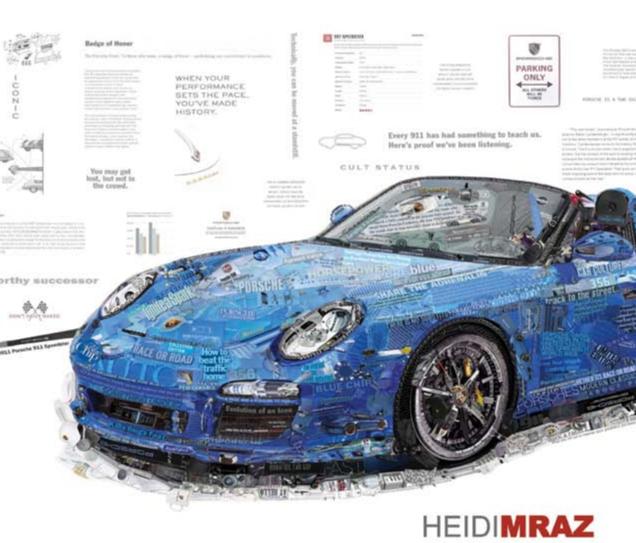
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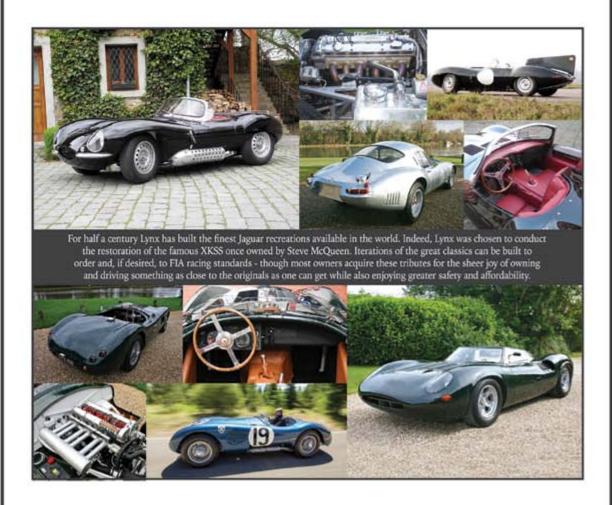


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Amelia Island Stars and Sleepers

Auction house principals predict this year's headliners and surprises



RM Sotheby's Star: 1993 Porsche 911 Carrera RS 3.8

Gord Duff Global Head of Auctions, RM Sotheby's



Star Car: My star car selection for our Amelia Island sale is one of the top lots from Exclusively Porsche

- The 964 Collection — the **1993** Porsche 911 Carrera RS 3.8. At one of just 55 built and in mint condition with less than 7,000 km clocked, it is the ultimate iteration of a naturally aspirated 964. Certainly the most sought-after roadgoing variant, this is among the nicest examples I've seen and is sure to catch the eye of discerning collectors come March. Estimate on the car is \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000.

Sleeper Car: My sleeper pick for our Amelia Island sale also comes from The Porsche 964 Collection — the 1994 911 Turbo S X83 "Flachbau." This particular variant was built solely for the Japanese market in period, with a mere 10 examples ever produced, making it lesser known in the U.S. and one of the rarest 911s ever built. Setting this example apart even further is

the fact that it's one of just six featuring the 3.6 turbo rear spoiler.

This is a very rare opportunity that I think those in the know will recognize. Our estimate range on the car is \$500k to \$650k.

David Goodina

President and Founder, Gooding & Company



Star Car: One of our star cars is a unique 1993 Porsche 964 Turbo S Leichtbau, which has covered less than 100 kilo-

meters from new This is one of the ultimate air-cooled Porsches — an extremely rare model combining an

RS chassis, special turbocharged engine, and Exclusive Department attention to detail.

This particular car was specially ordered with numerous bespoke and highly desirable options not seen on any other Leichtbau. These specifications include a full roll cage that is wrapped in the same Oxblood leather seen throughout the interior, Amethyst-painted wheels, gold-painted brake calipers, and striking Midnight Blue Metallic exterior paint.

This low-mileage car has been dutifully maintained in just two discerning private collections and is truly the finest example ever offered of the rare breed. Estimate is available upon request.



Gooding & Co. Star: 1993 Porsche 964 Turbo S Leichtbau



Bonhams Star: 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental

Sleeper Car: Our sleeper car is the striking 1953 Fiat 1100/103 Vignale coupe. This car is one of a pair known to have been built on the Fiat Nuova 1100 chassis by Carrozzeria Vignale, designed by Giovanni Michelotti.

The car was hidden from public view since 1967, until the current owner acquired the car in 2008. Following a six-year restoration, the Fiat was displayed at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in 2015.

Finished in a beautiful shade of green over tan leather interior, this show car represents a great opportunity to own a wonderfully presented rarity with a fascinating Italian history, and a unique design by Vignale. Estimate: \$400k to \$500k.

Rupert Banner

Vice President of Business Development, Bonhams



Star Car: For this year's Amelia Island sale, one of our star cars is a 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental. The car features a one-off Thrupp & Maberly body and was built new for Prince Mdivani. It was built with numerous specific features including a polished aluminum dashboard. It's estimated to bring between \$550,000 and \$650,000 when it crosses the block.

Sleeper Car: In terms of sleepers, I'd pick the 1947 Delahaye 135 MS by Pinin Farina. This car is unique in that it's the only coupe built by that company on a Delahaye chassis. It was previously shown at Pebble Beach in 2016. We expect it to bring between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Mike Flynn Jr.

Founder/CEO, Hollywood Wheels Auctions & Shows



Star Car: One of our Star Cars is a 1962 Chevy Corvette Tangier Shrine Patrol Car. Although it may not be one of

our most expensive cars, we feel that the uniqueness of it and the rarity of it being the only one known to exist out of 13 produced, as well as having spent time in the Corvette Museum, makes this a highly desirable car.

Sleeper Car: Our sleeper car is a 1949 Bentley MK 6 Donington Special. It's the third of 16 produced to pay tribute to the Donington Raceway. It's a purposebuilt rally car in the style of early Bentley competition. It will surely continue to go up in value.

Antonio Brunet

Chairman, Motostalgia Auctions d'Elegance



Star Car: We are excited to offer a handsome 1965 Ferrari 330 GT 2+2 correctly equipped with Borrani wire

wheels and Nardi steering wheel.

Properly maintained, the car comes with its matching-numbers engine, documented service history, toolkit and books. We believe this Series I 330 grand tourer 2+2 with its acclaimed quad headlights will be a favorite among the Amelia Island collectors looking to acquire a blue-chip investment that is ready to hit the pavement.

Sleeper Car: A sleeper to watch out for is the elegant 1951 Simca 8 Sport cabriolet we are offering. It is an attractive Pinin Farina design resembling the acclaimed Cisitalia 202. It is fitted with interesting performance options such as a dual-carbureted motor and aluminum oil sump.



Hollywood Wheels Star: 1949 Bentley MK 6 Donington Special



Motostalgia Star: 1965 Ferrari 330 GT 2+2



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Bonhams

The Amelia Island Auction



1952 Kurtis KK4000 single-seater

Bonhams' Amelia Island sale is a relative newcomer to the Amelia Island week, but in just three years, it has proven itself to be a must-attend event, with a good selection of cars on offer at an earlier timeslot than the rest of the Amelia auctions. Bonhams is one of the oldest companies in the auction business, and it will bring its trademark style and class to this fourth annual sale. Last year, a 1955 Ferrari 250 Europa GT alloy was the high seller at \$2.3m.

Last year's results: 73/86 cars sold / \$10.5m

1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continen-Star Cars tal with one-off Thrupp & Maberly body (Bonhams estimate: \$550k-\$650k)

1952 Kurtis KK4000 single-seater. Ex-Ed Elisian and a competitor at Indianapolis in 1955 (Contact BonPreview: Tuesday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Auction: Thursday, March 8, 11 a.m.

Where: Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 4700 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, FL, 32034

Phone: 415.861.7500

Web: www.bonhams.com

Cost: \$150 bidder registration includes catalog and admits two, \$100 catalog admits two, \$20 gallery guide

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1927 Georges Irat Model A, coachwork by Pourtout (Contact Bonhams for estimate)



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Gooding & Company

The Amelia Island Auction



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Last year: 29/88 cars sold / \$30.6m

1967 Ford GT40 Mk IV. The last GT40 Star Cars Mk IV chassis built, chassis J12 was one of two bare tubs purchased in 1977 by Rod Leach and assembled using period-correct spare parts. Chassis J12 is being offered from single ownership since 1994 and is eligible for a multitude of exciting events worldwide. (Gooding estimate: \$2m-\$2.5m)

1958 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster. This fine example of the legendary 300SL was restored by the esteemed specialists at Rudi & Company in the gorgeous factory shade of Anthracite over gray leather interior. Equipped with fitted luggage, the Mercedes is sure to please its next steward. (Estimate: \$1m-\$1.25m)

Selections from the Brumos Collection. Six vehicles from the famous Brumos Collection will be on offer in Amelia Island, highlighted by a specially ordered 2015 Porsche 918 (estimate: \$1.5m-\$1.8m). A 1968 Preview: Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Auction: Friday, March 9, 11 a.m.

Where: Racquet Park, Omni Amelia Island Plantation, 6800 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island, FL 32034

Web: www.goodingco.com

Phone: 310.899.1960

Cost: \$200 bidder registration admits two to viewing and auction and includes reserved seats, subject to availability. \$75 catalog admits two to all events, \$30 admission admits two to all events

Mercedes-Benz 600 SWB (estimate: \$120k-\$150k, without reserve) formerly owned by band leader Don Ricardo, and a 1974 Porsche 914 2.0 (estimate: \$60k-\$80k, without reserve) with less than 5,000 original miles are among this exciting group.



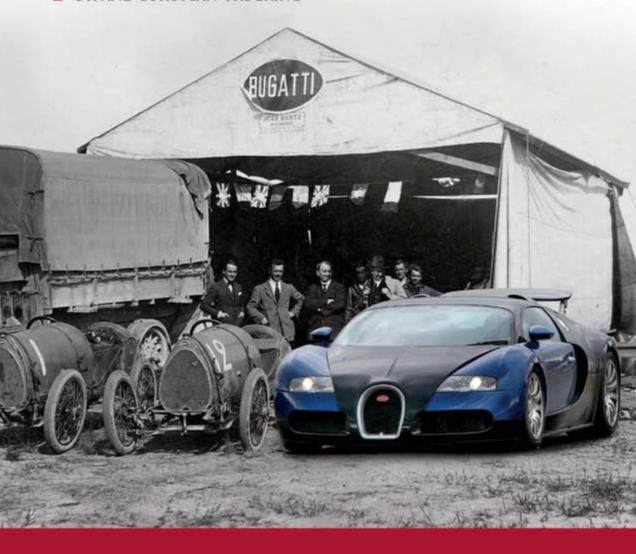
1958 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster





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Hollywood Wheels Amelia Island Select 2018



1961 Chrysler 300G convertible

The Plantation Resort serves as host for a number of automotive events during Amelia Island week, including the Auto Retro Porsche auction and the PCA Werks Reunion on Friday and Festivals of Speed on Saturday alongside Hollywood Wheels' annual Amelia Island Select sale. Expect a variety of modern exotics, American Classics and vintage sports cars on offer.

1961 Chrysler 300G convertible in fac-**Star Cars** tory Mardi Gras Red with tan leather interior. One of 355. California car, complete restoration.

1947 DeSoto S-11 custom taxi featured in the 2017 movie "The Founder," which focuses on the rise of Mc-Donald's founder Ray Kroc. Features 350-ci Chevy V8, power options and XM radio.



2003 BMW Z8 Alpina convertible

Preview: Thursday, March 8, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Auction: Auto Retro Porsche Sports Car Auction, Friday, March 9, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Amelia Island Select 2018, Saturday, March 10, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, 6800 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island, FL 32034

Web: www.hollywoodwheels.com

Phone: 800.237.8954

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2003 BMW Z8 Alpina convertible in Jet Black. Number 265 of 555 Alpinas built.



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RM Sotheby's The Amelia Island Auction



Exclusively Porsche — The 964 Collection

RM Sotheby's Amelia Island sale is one of the company's annual staples, generating big totals from a select group of consignments on the grounds of the lush Ritz-Carlton hotel. This is the official auction of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and has been since the auction's inception in 1999. Expect approximately 100 well-presented consignments, and look for detailed information on their authenticity and pedigree at RM Sotheby's "Access the Knowledge" desk.

Last year: 134/150 lots sold / \$70.7m

Exclusively Porsche — The 964 Collection, is a group of 11 Type 964s (and one 930) that was assembled by a single collector, an avid Porsche enthusiast, over a decade and comprises the last of the truly hand-built Porsches. They include the first production models with coil-over suspensions, power steering and ABS brakes. The collector also sought out the finest examples of all the 964 "specials"—high-performance cars either built or modified in limited quantities in Porsche's Exclusive department.

Preview: Thursday, March 8, through Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Auction: Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.

Where: The Ritz-Carlton, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, FL 32034

Web: www.rmsothebys.com

Phone: 519.352.4575

Cost: \$300 bidder registration includes auction admission and admits two. Admission to the auction is open to registered bidders, consignors and qualified media only. Admission to the preview is open to the general public.

A pair of Mercedes-Benz 300SLs offered from nearly 30 years of ownership by the Tigges family. The 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing (RM Sotheby's estimate: \$1.1m-\$1.3m) and 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster (estimate: \$1m-\$1.2m) have been beautifully restored and meticulously maintained throughout their cherished family tenure.



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1991 Ferrari Testarossa

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Last year: 46/88 cars sold / \$4.6m

Preview: Thursday, March 8, through Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Auction: Saturday, March 10, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: 4171 Amelia Island Parkway, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Web: www.motostalgia.com

Phone: 512.813.0636

Cost: \$100 bidder registration includes catalog, admission to auction and preview for two. General

admission is \$20

1965 Ferrari **Star Cars** 330 GT 2+2

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Last year: 280/408 cars sold / \$17.1m

2006 Ford GT, chassis no. 401960, is a Star Car single-owner car offered in exceptional, as-new condition with a mere 10.8 original miles on its odometer. One of the ultimate and perhaps the most

Preview: Thursday, April 5, 4 p.m.; Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.

Auction: Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7

Where: Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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recognizable American supercars, the GT is finished in white and features three of the four options available on the model — racing stripes, painted brake calipers and forged alloy BBS wheels (RM Sotheby's estimate: \$300k-\$350k, offered without reserve).



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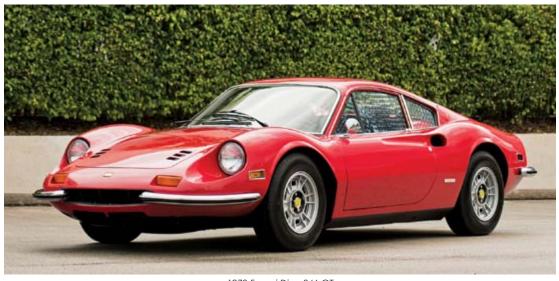
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Barrett-Jackson

16th Annual Palm Beach Auction



1972 Ferrari Dino 246 GT

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Auction: Thursday, April 12, through Saturday, April 14, gates open 8 a.m. Where: South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd.,

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Web: www.barrett-jackson.com

Phone: 480.421.6694

Cost: All-week pass is \$70 for adults, \$50 for seniors, military and students, and \$20 for children. Prices are

\$10 higher at the gate.

sale tends to have a wide range of collectibles on of-

Last year: 501/504 cars sold / \$20.6m

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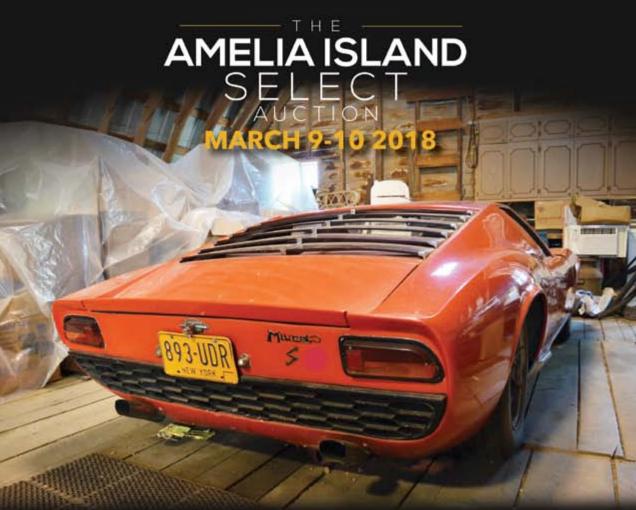
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Mecum Auctions — Kansas City

Where: Kansas City, MO When: March 16-17 Web: www.mecum.com

Last vear: 309/496 cars sold / \$7.4m

Expect about 700 vehicles to be auctioned off at Mecum's first of two Kansas City auctions. This sale is a mustattend for American-car connoisseurs. In 2017, 29 out of the 30 top sales were American, including everything from a classic 1958 Edsel to a contemporary 2008 Corvette. The top two sales were a 2005 Ford GT selling for \$330k and a 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda bringing in \$154k.

Premier Auction Group — Gulf Coast Classic

Where: Punta Gorda, FL When: March 16-17

Web: www.premierauctiongroup.com

Premier Auction Group's Gulf Coast Classic takes place at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, which is near the water and downtown Punta Gorda. Once you arrive, you can walk just about anywhere you need to go. Expect 350 to 400 cars to cross the block at this event. American makes dominate most of the auction, from Full Classics to top-tier muscle.

Silver Auctions Arizona — Spring Auction

Where: Fort McDowell, AZ When: March 29-31 Web: www.silverauctionsaz.com

The Silver auctions that take place in Arizona are under new ownership and are now known as Silver Auctions Arizona. The Spring Auction will still take place in March and be held at the We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center in Fort McDowell. Expect more than 300 vehicles at this threeday event, plus memorabilia. Check its new website for up-to-date information.

Mecum Auctions — Houston

Where: Houston, TX When: April 5-7 Web: www.mecum.com

Last year: 552/804 cars sold / \$21m

As with every Mecum sale, there will certainly be something for everyone, with 1,000 cars slated to cross the block in Texas. In 2017 the average selling price was \$38k, still very reasonable for such a big venue, and there will definitely be some deals for the savvy collector. The top five sellers from last year were American made. A 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 fastback was the top sale, making \$358k.

Leake Auction Company — Dallas Spring

Where: Dallas, TX When: April 13-14 Web: www.leakecar.com

Last year: 290/438 cars sold / \$10.3m

Leake more than doubled their sales total from 2016 to 2017 at the Dallas Spring sale, selling more cars and increasing their average sold price from \$18k to nearly \$36k. The top sale last year was a 2014 Ferrari LaFerrari that brought a monstrous \$3.7m, proving that Leake is not just a platform for selling American iron but import makes as well. 2018 is sure to be a hit.

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Silver Auctions — Vancouver/Portland Spring

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This will be the first of two auctions Silver will hold in Vancouver, just north of Portland. This is a sale with mostly American cars, but do expect some European and Japanese cars thrown in the mix. As with any Silver event, expect very reasonable prices on most any lot. The 2016 average price was just under \$10k, and the top sale was a 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle 2-door hard top at just \$36k.

The Branson Auction

Where: Branson, MO When: April 20-21

Web: www.bransonauction.com Last year: 134/193 cars sold / \$2.6m

The first Branson auction this year follows strong results in 2017. Last year's average price at this event was \$20k, with a sell-through rate of 70%. The sale features a wide variety of makes, meaning there are deals to be had for every collector at affordable prices. 2017's top sale was a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro Hennessey HPE700 coupe selling at \$82.5k. A 1937 Rolls-Royce Phantom III saloon came in second at \$78,000.

RM Auctions — Auburn Spring

Where: Auburn, IN When: May 10-12

Web: www.rmsothebys.com **Last year:** 237/343 cars sold / \$9m

For 2018, the Auburn Spring sale will be held under the RM Auctions banner, and as with other RM sales, you can expect to have quality lots to choose from. About 450 cars will be auctioned off at the Auburn Auction Park. Last year's sale featured a number of race cars and specialized utility vehicles that brought up the total to \$9m and increased the average price of vehicles to \$38k. The high sale was a 2012 Ferrari 458 GTD race car at \$462k.

Mecum Auctions — Indy 2018

Where: Indianapolis, IN When: May 15-20 Web: www.mecum.com Last vear: 1.218/1.671 cars sold / \$54.3m

Indy has been a growing sale for Mecum over the past few years. Each sale has shown an increase in the sale total and sell-through rate. In 2017, they broke the \$54m mark, with an impressive 73% of all vehicles sold. Top sale was a 1996 Porsche 911 GT2 Evo coupe bringing \$1.6m. The top American seller was a 1967 Corvette 427/435 coupe at \$743k. Expect more than 2,000 vehicles to cross the block this year.

Bonhams — Greenwich Concours d'Elegance

Where: Greenwich, CT

When: June 3

Web: www.bonhams.com Last year: 81/90 cars sold / \$7.2m

A wide variety of makes are always available at this Greenwich auction. This year's early highlight is a no-reserve collection of Shelby cars, directly from Shelby American, ready to cross the block. Included are some vehicles that have been personally owned by Carroll Shelby.

Russo and Steele — Newport Beach 2018

Where: Newport Beach, CA

When: June 8-10

Web: www.russoandsteele.com

About 300 cars will cross the block at Russo and Steele's Newport Beach sale. Last year's top two sales came from Europe in the form of a 1965 Porsche 356SC and a 1986 Ferrari Testarossa. Each brought \$99k. Russo is evenly split between American and European lots, making it a great place for any enthusiast. Also expect a few unique JDM cars that can be hard to find at other auctions.

Leake — Tulsa

Where: Tulsa, OK When: June 8-10

Web: www.leakecar.com

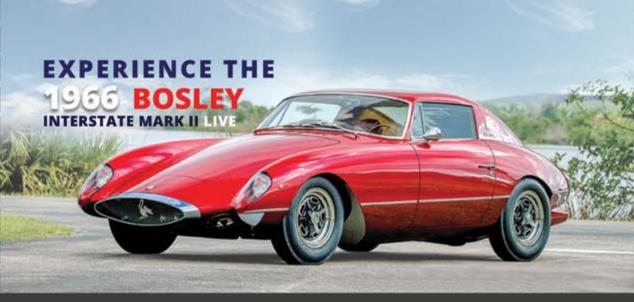
Last year: 356/525 cars sold / \$8.2m

June 2018 will bring Leake Auctions to Tulsa, OK, once again. The last two years' results have been steady, with a sell-through rate of 68% and total sales of over \$8m. Last year's top seller was a 2006 Ford GT bringing in \$305k. A 2012 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG came in second with a solid

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Look for this 1953 Buick Special Eight among the offerings at RM Auctions Auburn Spring





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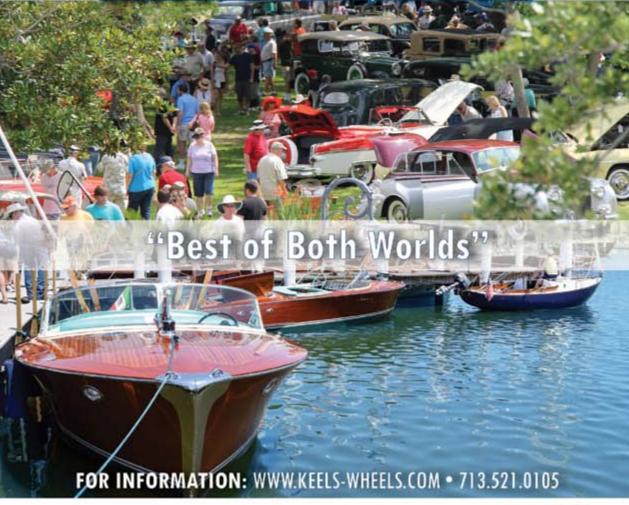
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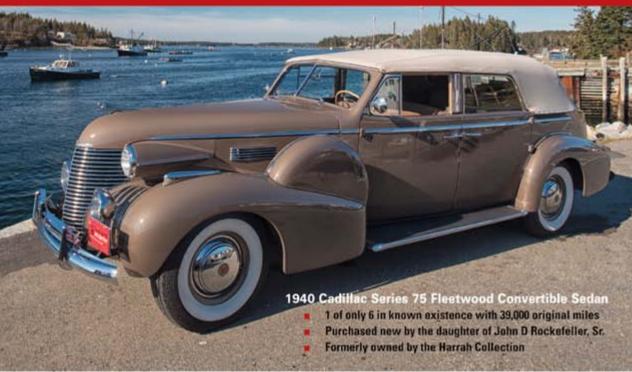






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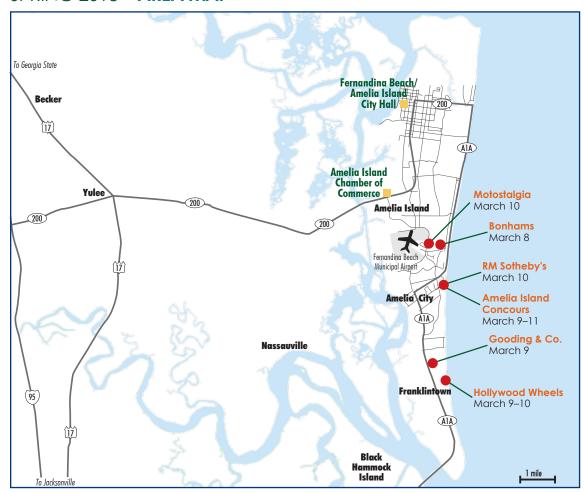












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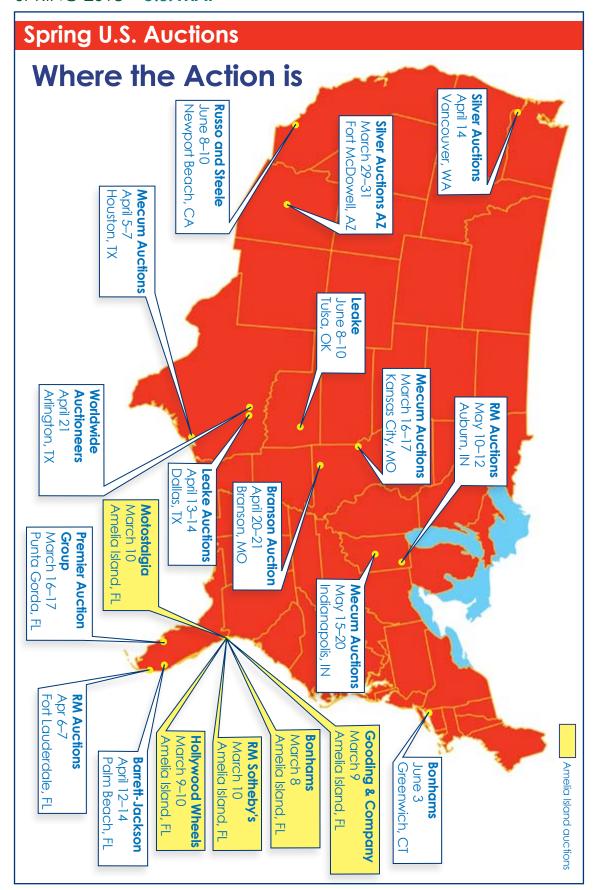
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The 2018 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will feature the cars that wore the famous bar and ball

by Jeff Zurschmeide



The Porsche 911 RSR that drove Martini Racing to victory in the 1973 Targa Florio

t's hard to think of a more recognizable racing livery than the blue and red stripes of Martini Racing. Maybe Gulf Oil, STP or John Player Special belong on the same list, but those are the only true rivals. Martini Racing is an archetype, and even if you don't drink the vermouth, you know the name. This year, Martini Racing is a featured marque at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

1962-70 — endurance racing

Italian aperitif makers Martini & Rossi made an initial foray into racing in 1962, with a one-time sponsorship for a pair of Alfa Romeo Giulietta SZ race cars in the Daytona three-hour enduro. Then, in 1968, Martini's German subsidiary sponsored a Porsche 910. It was the first time Martini's logo appeared on a race car.

Martini continued with Porsche in 1969, sponsor-

ing a pair of 907 race cars on the German B.G. Racing Team. Initially, the Porsches finished no better than 10th, but late in the year the team took 3rd at Kyalami in South Africa with a Porsche 908.

In 1970, the new Martini International Racing Team again fielded the 908, finishing respectably at Sebring, Brands Hatch and Spa. The team made the podium again at Kyalami and in the season finale at Zeltweg.

1971 — first victory at Le Mans

For 1971, Martini stepped up to sponsor the Porsche factory team and unveiled their now-famous striped livery. The Martini team scored an overall win at the 12 Hours of Sebring with a 917, and then won at the Nürburgring with a 908.

Victory came again just two weeks later at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The Porsche 917K driven by Helmut





Martini achieved racing success with Porsche 935s in the mid-1970s

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The Porsche 936 helped Martini Racing take the Le Mans trophy in 1976 and '77

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1976–77 — World Sports Car and Le Mans Champions

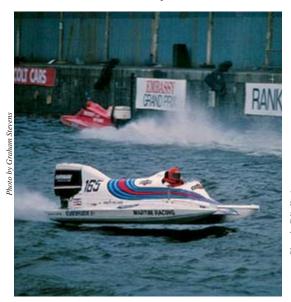
1976 was another successful year for Martini Racing, campaigning the Porsche 936. Out of seven rounds of the World Championship for Sports Cars, Martini cars won six. Martini Racing also won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1976 and 1977 with the 936.

Martini fielded a Porsche 935 in the 1976 Group 5 World Championship for Makes, winning at Mugello, Vallelunga, Dijon and Watkins Glen to take the championship.

Martini had later success in sports car racing with Lancia, winning the under-2,000-cc class of the 1981 World Championship for Makes with the Lancia Beta Montecarlo.

A stormy history in Formula One

Martini's first Formula One effort took place in 1972 with the Italian Tecno team, but they found no success there. Then, in 1975, Martini partnered with Brabham.



Martini Racing didn't limit itself to the land, participating in several powerboat racing series since 1973



An Alfa Romeo 155 took Martini to victory in the 1992 Italian Touring Car Championship

That season yielded wins in Brazil and Germany, but that was the high point. Martini departed from Brabham and Formula One after winless seasons in 1976 and 1977.

Martini tried again with Lotus in 1979 but met with similar results. Apart from a brief dalliance with Ferrari in 2006, Martini Racing stayed out of Formula One until the team formed its current partnership with Williams in 2014.

World Rally champions

Martini looked to Lancia for the 1982 World Rally Championship and remained active with the brand until 1992. Martini Racing earned the WRC constructors' title in 1983 and from 1987 to '92. Martini drivers won WRC titles from 1987 to '89 and in 1991.

Other series and events

Martini has participated in many different racing series, including powerboat racing at various times from 1973 to the present. Martini Racing earned two Formula One Powerboat world championships with Renato Molinari in 1983 and 1984.

On land, Martini Racing achieved victory in the 1973 Targa Florio with a Porsche 911 RSR, and in the 1992 Italian Touring Car Championship with an Alfa Romeo 155.

On the green

The centerpiece of the Amelia Island concours field will be the 1971 Porsche 917 that Martini Racing sped to victory at the 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans. See it at the 23rd annual event, which takes place March 11, 2018, at the Ritz-Carlton at Amelia Island. Learn more at www. ameliaconcours.org.



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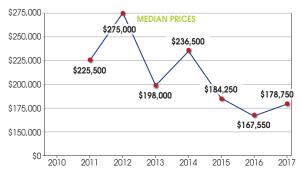
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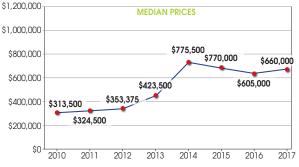


















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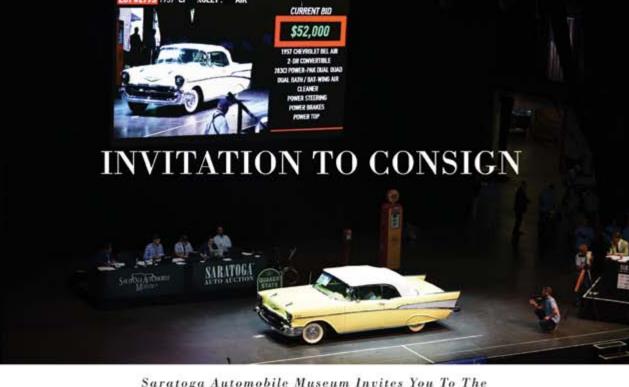


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Experiencing the Island

SCM's readers chime in with insider tips on the things to do during the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance festivities



Watching the cars heading out to the show field is a favorite pastime for many SCM readers at Amelia Island

SCM asked our readers about their favorite things to do during Amelia Island — from eating at special restaurants to getting on the concours show field before the sun comes up. Here's how you responded:

ill Warner does an uncompromising job with the entire event. The setting at the Ritz is first-class, and the beauty of Amelia is that everything is convenient and in close proximity.

Every aspect appeals to a true car enthusiast, from the variety of cars, meet-ups, auctions, test rides and vendors to the grand finale on Sunday, the concours d'elegance. The symposiums are always very interesting and a must-attend. Even the cars that prowl the streets and parking lots are incredible.

But the highlight during the weekend is the number of Motorsports legends who frequent the venue. They are all very approachable. Throughout the years, Motorsports dignitaries such as Carroll Shelby, Dan Gurney, Phil Hill, Peter Brock, Stirling Moss, Brian Redman, Richard Petty, John Surtes, Jim Hall and Brock Yates have all been there. Amelia Island is racing history coming to life! — Robert Malke, via email

I am one of the fortunate ones who actually live on Amelia Island. I'm less than a half-mile from the concours. I've only missed one, and that's because my son was getting married in North Carolina.

My don't-miss moment is watching and hearing the cars enter the show field before dawn. It's almost as much fun as seeing (and hearing) the cars leave at the end of the day.

Be sure to take time to just wander through the Ritz-Carlton. You will be amazed at who you might run into.

Do not miss spending time in historic Fernandina Beach. It's a wonderful little town with great restaurants and friendly people. Be sure to visit PJD's Beer and Wine Garden on 2nd Street (904.310.9314 - PJD stands for Pajama Dave, a local colorful character). The historic races at the airport the weekend following the concours are a great way to cap off the entire experience.

— Ned Flemming, via email

Having attended and participated in the Amelia events since their inception, I have found that it's getting harder to attend all the functions that I desire. Two of the activities that are most rewarding for me are:

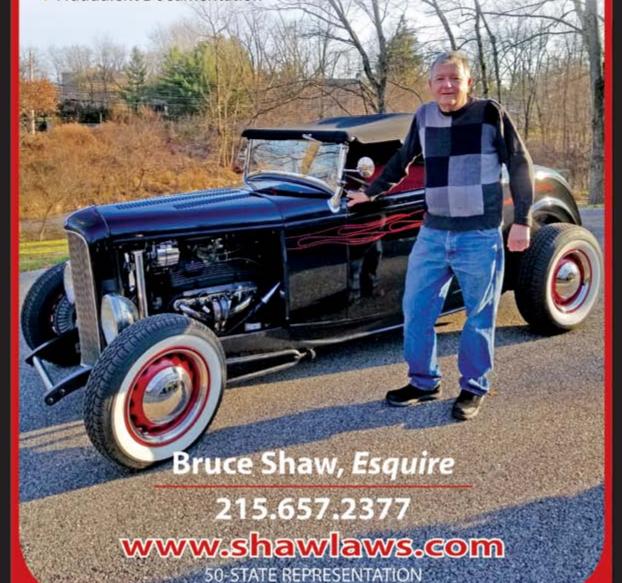
First, on Friday morning around 11:30 a.m., the concours cars whose owners elect to take the driving tour end up in downtown Fernandina Beach for lunch. It's a great place to get a preview, see them driving and talk to the owners. It's free but plan to get downtown early.

Second, on Saturday morning, I display one of my vintage Alfa Romeos at the Cars & Coffee event that is located right on the 18th green where the concours cars will be on Sunday morning. To display is free but by invitation only, so get your application in early to be accepted. Even if one doesn't get an invitation to display, it is one very interesting free event to visit. — Delmas Greene, via email

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Salt (Amelia Island Ritz-Carlton, 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy., Amelia Island, FL 32034; 904.277.1100) — Jerry, via email

One of my favorite things about the Amelia Concours is driving on the show field on Sunday morning. A highlight of the morning is the big, warm welcome from Jane Warner. I can't remember a time when she was not there welcoming us onto the show field. I've been to the Amelia event every year since its inception and she was there at her post every year as well. She's the best! — Mark Hyman, via email

For those of us who tip our helmet to Our Lady of the Air-Cooled Engine and other lovelies from Zuffenhausen, the box to check is the Porsche Werks Reunion held Friday, March 9, at the Omni Resort Golf Course. Over 700 Porsches of all ages and flavors are expected to attend, divided into two groups: Concours and Corral, depending on the owner's wishes. This year the Model of Honor is the 356 Outlaw.

Admission is free for spectators, with a charge for parking. There are vendors galore selling shiny bits, event-logo clothing, food and fine German brew. The world is welcome, you don't need to be a member of the Porsche Club to enter your car in the event, nor to attend as a spectator.

A helpful word of caution gleaned from several years of attending events during the Amelia Island auctions and concours d'elegance: Respect the "No Parking" signs and the speed limit. The local and county Carabinieri are considerate to a fault, but the island is no place to channel your inner Lewis Hamilton, nor park where the sign says no-no. With five auctions, the Porsche Werks event, Saturday's Cars & Coffee plus the Sunday feature event, there is an amazing amount of vehicle and foot traffic. Law enforcement does a herculean job of keeping everything flowing like warm 5w-30 while remaining relatively invisible, but they are there. — Gary West, via email



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