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If there's one thing the Classic Driver Market is consistently good at, it's gathering a truly mouth-watering array of classics and collector cars from all over the world. This week's selection is a prime example, so sit back, grab a coffee and enjoy these five delights!



Oscar India

Distinctive four front lights, a muscular rear quarter, meaty tyres wrapped around deep dish wheels; it's hard to believe all of these words describe an Aston Martin, but they do perfectly when talking about the original V8 Vantage.

Built as the brand's ultimate continent crosser, the V8 Vantage was an integral part of Aston Martin's successes during the 1970s into the ambitious 1980s. During the car's long life span, it was thoroughly updated in 1978, giving it the curious 'Oscar India' moniker, a pronunciation of the internal designation "OI"—for "October introduction". These rare examples such as this one featured a blanked front grille with extra lights, a deep air dam under the front bumper, a closed bonnet bulge, a subtle rear spoiler, and Vantage badging, not to mention a claimed 40 percent increase in power over the standard V8. The result is one remarkably cool grand tourer!

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In The Spotlight

We owe this very model variant more than we might know, as without the 140 series, no other beautifully boxy Volvo may have following it onto public roads. Designed Jan Wilsgaard, his desire was to create modern yet uncluttered design, something that can still be said for the Volvos we see on our roads today.

This example, a 144 from 1972 is the range-topping "Grand Luxe" edition, with its optional sliding roof, yellow spotlights and black leather seats. The car was enjoyed to its fullest, racking up over 225,000 kilometres by 1994. It was then sold to an avid Volvo enthusiast, and treated to a ten-year-long restoration culminating in the golden wonder you see before you!

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Third Time's a Charm

There's plenty of memorable stories from the Monte Carlo Rally, but the one we constantly day dream about is how the ultimate underdog from BMC Works defeated a flood of more powerful and far more robust machinery to make it three wins at this notoriously dangerous rally event.

Driven by Rauno Aaltonen and Henry Liddon, a Morris Mini Cooper S wearing the number 177 was navigated to glory in 1967, and has been remembered for decades since, with many enthusiasts replicating the car. This example might just be one of the closest we've seen, totting all the period-correct roof racks, mud guards and all-important spotlights. Under the tiny bonnet sits a wealth of upgrades, including a Oselli cylinder head, forged pistons, dual SU carburettors, all ensuring this classic is revved up and ready for action!

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Lancia does Luxury

Straddling the line between certified rally legend and leather-clad weekend cruiser, the Lancia Fulvia is beginning to enjoy a new wave of admiration from historic road and rally event lovers all over the world. As nimble as it is compact, the Fulvia was the car to beat during its heyday, claiming victory at the Monte Carlo Rally in 1972.

This Coupé was born in 1976, and has been meticulously prepared and optimised for both road and historic events. It has a 1600 HF front axle and wheels, with its engine being completely overhauled and reconditioned. This, combined with a stunning tan leather interior, makes for perhaps the perfect weekend classic to get behind the wheel just for the joy of driving!

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Stripes at Sunset

Following on from a car as legendary as the Ford GT40 is perhaps one of the motoring world's hardest challenges. A car that still evokes fear and excitement in equal measure for those lucky enough to drive or share a circuit with one, which only makes its successor's job that little bit more difficult.

The new-age Ford GT was developed not only to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the original GT40's 1966 triumph at Le Mans, but to return to the race and do it all over again. The resulting road car is powered by a twin-turbo V6, the most powerful EcoBoost engine the Blue Oval has ever built, boasting 647 horsepower and 550 pound-feet of torque, with changeable modes to perfect its drivability on the road and racetrack. This example is finished in what we believe is the perfect specification - Lightning Blue with Silver Overtop Stripes and was fitted with over \$100,000 of additional extras!

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