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[Bonhams & Butterfields at Quail Lodge - 15th August 2008 - Preview](#)

A superb 340+ page catalogue showcases Bonhams' 2008 Quail sale. The E2A has been getting all the attention, but in addition to the famous ex-works Jaguar there's a multitude of high-class entries, such as this 1961 Aston Martin DB4 GT, estimated at \$1,500,000 - 2,000,000.

Delivered new to the US (although a RHD car) in 1961, the dark blue Aston has spent the last 20 years in continuous ownership Stateside. Despite its club racing preparation, it's been on the concours field - rather than the track - where DB4/GT/0156/R has seen most action. Bonhams famously sold a more 'street' '4GT at [Newport Pagnell this year for £1,079,500](#). I shall be interested to see what happens to this one.



We previewed the entry of the one-off, ex-Le Mans [1960 Jaguar E2A elsewhere on Classic Driver](#). It's officially 'Refer Department'; however, Bonhams' early publicity hinted at a price of \$7m-plus. I've no reason to dispute that, as it's a truly historic car that can be driven on the road as well as being eligible for all the big historic racing events, including the **Le Mans Classic** (next run in 2010, the car's 50th. Hint...).

1967 Lamborghini 400GT 2+2 Coupe - \$200,000 - 250,000 Fox & Nicholl Team Car 'EPE 97', 1936 Lagonda LG45R Rapide - \$1,200,000 - 1,500,000

Other post-War competition cars entered include the **ex-NART, Posey/Rodriguez 2nd in class, 1969 24 Hours of Daytona**, **1967 Ferrari 275GTB/4** (Refer Dept.), the **ex-James Garner/American International Racing (AIR) Leslie/Guldstrand, 24 Hours of Daytona, FIA GT, 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Competition Convertible** (\$700,000 - 900,000), and the **1976 Porsche Type 934/5**, a car with an incredible history in period, estimated at \$525,000 - 600,000

Bonhams has - probably wisely - decided to major on its traditional strengths of top quality pre- and post-War European cars in 2008, rather than enter the 'American Muscle' arena, a market well-served by indigenous houses such as **RM, Gooding** and **Russo & Steele**.

1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Competition Convertible - \$700,000 - 900,000 1965 Ferrari 330 GT Shooting Brake - \$500,000 - 600,000

The catalogue includes a superb collection of **Voisins**, including the best-in-class winner at **Pebble Beach** in 2006, the **1931 C14 'Chartre'** (\$900,000 - 1,400,000), as well as the **ex-Ecurie Nice 1939 Talbot-Lago T150 C** (\$3,500,000 - 4,500,000), and a car once described as "the most famous Lagonda of all": the **Fox & Nicholl Team Car 'EPE 97', 1936 Lagonda LG45R Rapide** (\$1,200,000 - 1,500,000).

Ex-Ecurie Nice, 1939 Talbot-Lago T150 C - \$3,500,000 - 4,500,000

There are also two of the most fabulous inter-War **Rolls-Royces**: the **ex-Maharaja Bahador of Jammu and Kashmir - Streamlined Experimental, 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Torpedo** (Refer Dept.), and the **1933 Monte Carlo Rally, 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Sportsman's Coupé** for \$800,000 - 1,200,000.

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1968 Porsche 911S Coupe - 1933 Monte Carlo Rally, 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental
\$75,000 - 95,000 Sportsman's Coupe - \$800,000 - 1,200,000

Prior to the motor cars, Bonhams will sell a variety of jewellery and watches, and automobilia. The latter includes a selection of car mascots by **René Lalique** and Lot 177: a **Porsche 917 steering wheel from the movie 'Le Mans'**. This is signed by Steve McQueen - and others - and carries an estimate of \$20,000 - 30,000.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full lotlist for the **2008 Quail Lodge** sale.

The sale will be held at the Bonhams & Butterfields' pavilion at the Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, CA 93932.

Automobilia will commence at 10:00 in the pavilion, **Jewellery and Watches** at 12:00 in the grounds of 'The Quail', and **Motor Cars** at 13:00, in the pavilion.

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