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RM Auctions at Amelia Island, 9 March 2013: Preview



RM's annual Florida sale is held in association with the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, and we'd put special emphasis on 'elegance', with entries of the quality of this Pegaso Z-102 Series II Cabriolet by Saoutchik (above), estimated at USD 1,250,000 - 1,750,000.

The Spanish supercars (that once vied for the title 'fastest car in the world') are rare. This example is the sole Series II Saoutchik cabriolet, and surely a shoo-in for any of the world's top concours events.

Other cars suitable for the best show lawns include the most fantastic 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Sport *Berlinetta* by Carrozzeria Touring (USD 1,500,000 - 1,750,000, below), the 1952 Ferrari 225 Sport *Berlinetta Tuboscocca* by Vignale for USD 1,000,000 - 1,400,000, and the USD 1,500,000 - 1,900,000, 1948 Tucker 48 formerly owned by George 'Star Wars' Lucas.



Amelia Island sales are traditionally good hunting grounds for American pre-War cars, so Rob Myers and the RM team aim to please with a varied selection of Duesenbergs, Cords and Packards. Joining them from Europe is an impressive, very 'driveable' 1925 Bentley 3-Litre Tourer by Gurney Nutting. It's estimated at USD 225,000 - 325,000.

Enthusiasts for more up-to-date four-seat convertibles will appreciate the 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet, seen below. Estimated at USD 175,000 - 225,000, the navy blue car – frighteningly expensive when new – is in fine fettle, having benefited from a restoration by marque expert Bob Hatch & Sons.





On the fast road car front, buyers can choose from several Ferraris such as this black 1971 Ferrari Dino 246 GT (USD 250,000 - \$300,000, above left), or place a bid on the Sterling Silver, fuel-injected 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Convertible (above right). These fast-appreciating cars are enjoying a 50th birthday this year, and this one not only has a fuel-injected 327ci V8, it's also a manual and comes with a posi-traction axle and its original hard-top. Estimate: USD 105,000 - 135,000.

RM Auctions' 2013 Amelia Island sale will be held on 9 March at the usual Ritz-Carlton (4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, FL 32034) venue. The auction commences at 11:00 EST.

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