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## **ARTCURIAL MOTORCARS RECORDS LARGEST EVER SALE OF COLLECTORS' CARS IN FRANCE**

Retromobile Salon, Paris 7 and 8 February 2014

- €29-million sale over two days including €2,550,000 for the 1953 Ferrari 166MM selling after the auction
- 85% of all cars and motorcycles sold
- Award-winning 1931 Bentley takes top price of €2,190,400 in the sale
- Star of the 'SOLO ALFA' sale, the 1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia TZ sells for €955,400
- 1950 Delahaye 135MS cabriolet by Saoutchik amongst other after sales



The 1931 Bentley 8-litre Sportsman coupé by Gurney Nutting selling at Retromobile 2014

For the third year running, Artcurial Motorcars has set a new record at Retromobile for the largest sale of collectors' cars to be held in France, with a total of €29-million during the two-day sale, including after sales. The auctioneer and former Le Mans racing driver Hervé Poulain celebrated 40 years of collectors' cars sales by taking to the rostrum for some ten hours over two days. The **1931 Bentley 8-litre Sportsman coupé by Gurney Nutting made the top price of €2,190,400** during the sale on Friday 7 February. This majestic pre-war Bentley is no stranger to the limelight, having won awards throughout its life, including the 1932 RAC Best Coachwork Award and the 1999 Louis Vuitton Concours Best of Show.

**The extraordinary sale result was given a boost the following day when the star car, the 1953 Ferrari 166MM by Oblin sold for €2,550,000.**

Artcurial Motorcars Retromobile 2014 top ten prices:

• <b>1953 Ferrari 166MM by Oblin</b>	€2,550,000 (after sale)
• <b>1931 Bentley 8-litre Sportsman coupé Gurney Nutting</b>	€2,190,400
• <b>1924 Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8A cabriolet by Ramseier</b>	€1,287,200
• <b>1934 Hispano-Suiza J12 Type 68 by Vanvooren</b>	€1,127,000
• <b>1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing</b>	€964,000
• <b>1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia TZ coupé</b>	€955,400
• <b>1933 Delage D8 S Cabriolet by Pourtout</b>	€949,700
• <b>1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS</b>	€941,200
• <b>1969 Lamborghini Miura S</b>	€806,700
• <b>1969 Maserati Ghibli Spyder 4.9-litre</b>	€749,500

Other highlights of the sale on 7 February included:

- The **1927 Delahaye 135 Coupe des Alpes cabriolet by Chapron** (lot 313), that had been owned by the same family since 1961 and was offered in wonderfully original condition sold for **€619,800**.
- The stars' cars drew the crowds with a **1962 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud Mulliner cabriolet** owned during the 1970s by **Brigitte Bardot** selling for **€286,100**, the **Ringo Starr 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop cabriolet** changing hands for **€48,900** and **Philippe Starck's** rare beach car, the **1972 Fiat Shellette** selling for **€41,700**.
- Strong prices were achieved for a selection of road-going Ferrari including the **1974 Ferrari 365 GT4 Berlinetta Boxer** (estimate €70,000 - 110,000) that sold for **€262,200** and the **1968 Ferrari 365 GT 2+2** (estimate €80,000 - 120,000) that sold for **€181,200**.
- The remarkable **1975 Citroën SM Mylord by Chapron**, one of just seven examples built and bought new from the Chapron stand by the car's one owner sold for **€548,300**.
- Rare and unusual vehicles included the barn find **1941 Pierre Faure electric car**, offered at no reserve with an estimate of €15,000 - 25,000 found a new owner for **€51,300**, and the **1953 Reynonah A175 roadster prototype** estimated to sell for €50,000 - 80,000, sold for **€125,200**.

- French rally cars were also in demand with the **1980 Renault 5 Turbo Groupe 4 Calberson** fetching **€399,300** and the **1984 Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 Evolution 1 Group B factory car** selling for **€312,500**
- One of the highlights of the automobilia sale was a collection of archive material belonging to the renowned designer **Tom Tjaarda**, including design models, sketches, photographs and press cuttings, that sold for **€13,000**.

For the first time, Artcurial Motorcars presented a second sale on 8 February - the SOLO ALFA sale, featuring a private Italian collection of just over 40 post-war models. Attracting enthusiasts and collectors from around the world, strong prices were recorded throughout the sale, with the star lot, the rare **1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia TZ coupe** that was delivered new in France, selling for **€955,400**. Other highlights included the **1970 Alfa Romeo GTAm**, driven onto the block by Carlo Facetti who competed in this car during the 1973 season, that sold for **€329,000** and the **1956 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Veloce** (estimate €100,000 - 120,000) that sold for **€178,800**. Bidders' enthusiasm stayed strong right through to the last lot of the 2-day sale, with the **1972 Alfa Romeo Romeo Giulia Super 1.6 Familiare**, a rare vehicle in need of total restoration, attracting multiple bids and finally selling for three times its estimate at **€15,500**.

#### After sales included:

- **1953 Ferrari 166MM by Oblin**
- **1950 Delahaye 135MS cabriolet by Saoutchik**
- **2010 Alfa Romeo 8C Spider**

Matthieu Lamoure, Managing Director of Artcurial Motorcars, said: " We are absolutely delighted with the results of this year's Retromobile sale. Interest was strong across the full range of motor cars on offer and the atmosphere in the saleroom was fantastic. It was wonderful to present these cars to a room buzzing with excitement and packed with so many true enthusiasts. The results speak for themselves and our close-knit team, with a shared passion for collectors' cars, gives Artcurial Motorcars a very special character. Selling the Ferrari 166MM the following day has been the icing on the cake!"

Artcurial Motorcars' next sale will be 'Sports et GTs' at Classic Le Mans on 5 July 2014.

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The 1965 Alfa Giulia TZ crossing the block in the SOLO ALFA sale