



## **Rare Aston Martin Poised to Break New Auction Record at Arizona Biltmore Event**

*A Rare Multi-Million Dollar DB4 Zagato Coupe to Headline 6th Annual Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona Sale at Biltmore Resort, January 28, 2005*

BLLENHEIM, Ontario, Canada ([PRWEB](#)) November 17, 2004 -- RM Auctions once again brings significant cars with record-setting potential to the auction block at its 6th Annual Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona sale on January 28, 2005. Hosted at the magnificent Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, the one day auction is expected to generate spirited bidding, possibly eclipsing the excitement that produced last year's \$500,000 world record price paid for a 1948 Tucker Sedan.

One of the 2005 auction headliners is a 1962 Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato Coupe. One of only 19 ever built, this particular car is the 1962 Brands Hatch race winner, driven by sports car legend Roy Salvadori, who three years earlier won the 24 Hours of LeMans in another Aston Martin with Carroll Shelby.

Built by famed Italian coachbuilder Zagato, this car has many features specially requested by its original owner, including thicker gauge alloy panels, chromed brightwork, and glass in place of the traditional Perspex windows. It also sports a unique grille configuration and late DB4-style rear lights. Chassis #DB4 GT, Serial #0190/L has a pre-auction estimate of between \$2,500,000 and \$2,800,000.

Another of the auction's million dollar offerings is a 1953 Ferrari 250 MM Pinin Farina Competition Coupe. A fabulous ex-Franco Rol early V12 competition coupe complete with ACCUS and FIA papers, this car ranks among the world's finest vintages. In 1998, this stunning Ferrari competed in the Mille Miglia Retrospective following a full restoration by a leading expert in the marque. Its auction estimate is \$1,100,000 to \$1,500,000.

RM is also honored to offer one the most historically significant American cars ever sold at auction. This 1962 Lincoln Continental Sedan Limousine was engineered and built by Ford Motor Company's Advance Vehicle division and customized in 1961 by Hess & Eisenhardt of Cincinnati, Ohio, primarily for use by the first lady, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and subsequently used by President John F. Kennedy, visiting world leaders and dignitaries including Pope Paul VI and the Apollo 8 astronauts.

Specially ordered for the presidential fleet, the Kennedy Bubbletop is the only Lincoln Continental sedan in existence with this one piece, see-through top option. Although this car is not armored, it is designed with a transparent roof over the rear-seat compartment covering to protect its occupants from the elements and allow them to still be visible to the public. The coachbuilders Hess & Eisenhardt are also known for building the tragically famous JFK Lincoln limousine in which he rode in on that fateful day in Dallas in 1963.

The hallmark of German automotive design is represented by a 1957 BMW 507 Roadster expected to bring between \$280,000 - \$310,000. Designed by Raymond Loewy protog Count Albrecht Graf Goertz, and first introduced at the 1955 Frankfurt Motor show, this BMW Roadster is one of only 225 built. Its powerful 3.2-liter all-alloy V8 engine and lightweight aluminum body make it one of the most desirable BMWs in the history of the company and a fine hand-built example of German engineering and beauty. The car was marketed to affluent sport car enthusiasts including Elvis Presley who purchased a white version while stationed in Friedburg, Germany in 1958.



For collectors of the quintessential American classic, RM Auctions offers a distinguished 1934 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe — one of the most expensive and luxurious American cars ever built with La Grande coachwork by the A.H.Walker Company of Indiana. The car received a fresh 100 point restoration by Fran Roxas and garnished the First in Class award at Pebble Beach in 2004. Powered by a 265HP, 420 cu. in. inline eight cylinder engine, dual overhead cams, four-wheel hydraulic brakes and inovative crank up top mechanism. Known as # J534, this is one of only 3 Walker-LaGrande bodied Duesenbergs ever built with a value well into the seven figures.

— We are excited about the historical significance of the cars we have consigned to open the 2005 auction season, — says Rob Myers of RM Auctions. — We've always had a few surprises at the Biltmore sale and this year will be no exception. —

RM Auction's 6th Annual Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona Auction will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, Arizona on Friday, January 28th, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Vehicles can be previewed beginning Thursday January 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Admission is \$30 per person with children under 12 admitted free of charge. An auction catalog is available for \$50 (U.S.) including shipping and handling within North America, by calling 800-211-4371.

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