

Automobilia at Auction

Just as we start the New Year Charterhouse have already taken entries for their specialist auction of **Automobilia in April**.

“With a rolling programme of specialist auctions throughout the year it is not unusual for us to store items for several months before the sale,” commented Richard Bromell. “Selling collections for clients and clearing properties in the West Country and further afield there is usually something unusual and quirky about in our salerooms and offices but somehow the automobilia auctions turn up some of the more unusual lots.”

Charterhouse have been holding auctions of classic cars, motorcycles and automobilia for nearly 20 years. During this time they have sold petrol pumps and globes, enamel signs, motoring brochures, oil cans and other automobilia alongside classic cars and motorcycles. More recently they have split the automobilia off in to a specialist sale in its own right.

Amongst the lots already entered for the April automobilia auction are two interesting car badges. Both were the property of Lt Col Philip Thomson-Walker MBE TD and have passed down through the family after he died in 1993.

From the Colonel there is an Aston Martin Owners Club chrome bar badge dating to circa 1927. The back is stamped “048” indicating a very early membership number. With this there is a Nurburg-Ring enamel dashboard badge. Dating to circa 1930, this is an early badge as the circuit only opened in 1927. Designed by Karl Kollbach the badge is decorated in green, white and black in the Art Deco style which was all the rage at the time.



The Lt Col Philip Thomson-Walker car badges – an early Aston Martin Owners Club chrome car bar badge and an Art Deco Nurburg-Ring enamel dashboard badge



It is understood from the family Philip Thomson-Walker owned an Aston Martin and drove this motor car around the Nurburgring in about 1930 and probably received the dashboard badge for successfully completing a lap.

Both badges have survived the past 95 years or so in relatively good condition and are estimated to sell for £100-£200 in the Charterhouse specialist auction of automobilia on Friday 1st April.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this automobilia auction and their February specialist auctions of silver, jewellery and watches, followed by classic and vintage cars and motorcycles, both being held in the prestigious Haynes International Motor Museum.

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