

Hacking Bulletin

Chinese researchers have managed to hack into a Tesla Model S and control the brakes, lights and mirrors while the car was moving... 12 miles away. They also made the car suddenly apply the brakes (under low-speed test conditions). They supplied their findings to Tesla, who supplied an over-the-air software update within 10 days, and a 'bug bounty' reward to the hackers.



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THIS MONTH'S AUCTION NEWS IN THE WORLD OF AMERICAN CARS

Six-figure Shelby

Silverstone Auctions' flagship sale at the high-end Salon Privé at the beginning of September certainly saw the bidding paddles flying, with plenty of cars changing hands for six digits.



One of them, among the Porsches and Jaguars, was a 1968 Shelby GT500, offered publicly for sale for the first time ever in Europe, and complete with a deluxe Marti report and a place on the Shelby World Register. This beauty flew past its £100,000 estimate, eventually hammering at a mighty £142,875. Other stars included a matching-numbers '65 Chevy

Corvette coupe at £60,750 and a '59 Cadillac Series 62 sedan at just a shade over £10,000. Bargain. Silverstone's next sale is the Porsche-only event at Silverstone on October 15th, followed by their sale alongside the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at Birmingham's NEC on November 12th and 13th. See www.silverstoneauctions.com to keep an eye on the catalogue.

Bowties At Barons

Baron's Auctions are having another of their classics sales on October 25th, and among the varied lot lists are some standout Americans.

First is a '93 Corvette coupe, a late C4 with a file of history and receipts, a recent repaint at Claremont Corvette, and an estimate of £12,000-14,000. Then there's the obligatory

Mustang, a bright red '67 fastback with 289 and auto, expected to bring £28,000-32,000. There's also a brace of Chevy pick-ups, the first being a '47 with a small-block V8, roof chop, satin paint and drop-on-the-deck air suspension that's hoping for £25,000-28,000; the other being a '53 with similar specification apart from some lovely dark teal paint. You'll find them all at www.barons-auctions.com.



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Bat Crazy

Film vehicles always fetch a premium, even when they're as odd as this one - the 'Batpod' from The Dark Knight Rises, one of more than 500 film and TV items auctioned at the end of September by The Prop Store at London's BFI IMAX. The custom-designed high-tech bike, which features 31" Hoosier tyres, fibreglass panels, cannon and laser targeting unit, is powered by a Honda 750 engine and comes with a Warner Bros



certificate of authenticity. It was expected to bring £60,000-80,000 in the catalogue, but ended up hammering for a whopping £312,000! The Batsuit from the same film brought £192,000.

Beyond The Autodrome

We haven't heard much from Classics Central this year, but they're back with a Halloween special sale on Sunday, October 30th at the Bedford Autodrome. Among the classics on offer is a 1964 Studebaker Hawk GT, the last year of production, with a Stude 289 and auto box, 53,000 miles, MoT until April and a guide price of £12,000-14,000. Or how about a '71 Chevy C10 short-bed stepside pick-up with a warm 350,

overdrive 700R4 auto, wads of history and receipts and a fresh 12-month ticket, estimated to bring £16,000-18,000? Or my favourite, because I'm odd like that, a 1984 Chevrolet El Camino in gold with brown velour. It's supposedly in good order and very original, but with the base-model 3.8 V6 I reckon the £12,000-14,000 estimate might be a little optimistic. I'd be happy to be proven wrong, though, so see www.classicscentral.co.uk.



Auburn Muscle

Worldwide Auctions' early September Auburn sale was packed from start to finish with desirable cars. Among them was a very unusual '69 Camaro RS/SS coupe; unusual because it had the RS and SS packages and was a completely unrestored survivor car, but still had its original three-speed manual. Who specs a Camaro with RS and SS packages but doesn't tick the four-speed box?

Either way, it sold for \$39,050. Other stand-outs included a '70 Chevelle SS LS6 convertible with 'rock-crusher' manual 'box that hammered for \$112,000, a '70 Olds Cutlass 442 convertible that brought \$74,800, a '66 Shelby GT350 pre-production prototype at a whopping \$456,500, and plenty more besides. Their next sale is on April 22nd in Arlington, Texas, so see www.worldwide-auctioneers.com for details.

