

Legendary 1939 Futurliner to Headline Auction Block at Hot August Nights

Reno-based Motorsport Auction Group calls auction a "worldwide" event

Reno, Nev. (PRWEB) May 17, 2016 -- What's red, white and hot all over?

A one-of-a-kind 1939 Futurliner No. 3 Power for the Air Age set to headline the 2016 auction held by Renobased Motorsport Auction Group (MAG) at the 30th anniversary of Hot August Nights (HAN).

One of only 12 Futurliners ever manufactured and nine known to exist, the Futurliner No. 3 displays an Allison J-35 jet engine inside and singularly stands out, said MAG spokesman Frank Yaksitch. In 2015, Futurliner No. 11 sold for \$4 million at a Barrett-Jackson auction in Arizona.

"If you're a car collector, this is the Mack Daddy," Yaksitch said.

The Futurliner No. 3 will meet the auction block at 2 p.m., Aug. 6 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia St. in Reno, Nev. The No. 3 came to MAG from American Classics and Hot Rods, a classic vehicle consignment company.

General Motors toured the Futurliners during its 1939 Parade of Progress, a North American traveling exhibition promoting future cars and technologies. Harley Earl styled each Futurliner with Art Deco bodywork, red sides, a white roof and large articulated chrome side panels. At a massive 33 feet long, 8 feet wide and more than 11 feet tall, the vehicle weighs more than 12 tons. It features a gasoline GM 302 inline six-cylinder with a Hydramatic transmission.

Dave Kindig and the crew at Kindig-It Design in Salt Lake City restored the vehicle from 2013 to 2014, as seen on the television show "Bitchin Rides."

"This auction will be a worldwide attraction," Yaksitch said.

Car collectors from around the world can participate in the auction online via Proxibid.com and the MAG team has already fielded interest from a buyer in Germany. But, Yaksitch hopes a local collector will keep the vehicle in the Reno-Tahoe region.

"If Bill Harrah were alive today, he would be our number one bidder," Yaksitch speculated about the late, world-famous collector. "This would be something that would fit his collection and would be very desirable to him as a collector. We all know he's not here, but his legacy is. There's a chance that somebody here in town who can afford such an automobile steps up and keeps it right here."

Reno-based Motorsport Auction Group (MAG) will take hold of the auction gavel for the first time at Hot August Nights from Aug. 4-6 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. During the three-day, indoor event, cars will cross the block every few minutes and while the public can explore a multitude of automotive-related vendors and exhibitors. From street rods and classics to special interest and exotic vehicles, gearheads will find an exhilarating automotive array at the new auction, including memorabilia. For more information, visit MotorsportAuctionGroup.com or call 775-997-8885. To stay connected with MAG, find us on Facebook at Facebook.com/MAGAuction.



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