



## **Automotive Historian's Estate Draws Worldwide Attention**

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([PRWEB](#)) July 21, 2005 -- Bidders from as far away as Germany, Australia and France have been competing to own a piece of the massive collection of automotive historian, Merle "Mickey" Mishne. Due to their marketing expertise, media relations savvy and live Internet bidding experience, Antique and Estate Auctioneers out of Wellington, Ohio have been selected as the exclusive auction gallery for the Mishne Estate.

"Media attention has been overwhelming," says Auctioneer John Farkas. "At times there have been three network news crews simultaneously reporting from the gallery floor. Over the course of the last few months thousands of enthusiasts, including museums, have been bidding either in person or through the live online bidding Internet site."

Among the items in this massive estate has been everything from a 1969 Lotus Elan (sells 9/10/05) to Mickey's 1946 American LeFrance fire engine. Also, original signed artwork by Peter Helck, Walter Gotschke, Dion Pears, Jose Maria Jorge, Jesse Alexander signed photographs, signed Limited Edition prints by Michael Turner and other notable automotive artists along with original Gamy stone lithographs have been sold. Included in the unsold inventory are vintage advertising posters, race event posters, black and white race photographs and thousands of books and magazines from his extensive library.

Competition has been extremely aggressive and has pushed some pieces to record prices. An original watercolor on paper by Walter Gotschke, sold for \$3,850. An original watercolor by Peter Helck of Train Scene sold for \$3,410. Divan Japonais, an original poster by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, sold for \$32,200. An original poster, "Maurin Quina" by Cappiello, ca. 1920 sold for \$2,000. A Camera Work Special Steichen Supplement dated April 1906 sold for \$4,620.

The current catalog for the upcoming Sept. 10 auction is available to preview at <http://www.estateauctioneers.com>. The gallery is currently accepting consignments for their fall/winter auction schedule and may be contacted at 440-647-4007.

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