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Vintage Motor Cars At Meadow Brook Hall

Award-Winning 1929 Stutz Model M Supercharged Coupe and 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster Poised to Star at Vintage Motor Cars at Meadow Brook – August 5, 2006

BLENHEIM, Ontario, Canada (June 21, 2006) – Headlining RM Auctions’ annual Vintage Motor Cars at Meadow Brook Classic Car Auction are a bevy of classic automobiles that evoke the elegance and excitement of pre-World War II motoring. This year’s event, scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006 on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, in conjunction with the world-renowned Meadow Brook Concours d’Elegance, features an elegant Duesenberg Model J, an extremely rare, supercharged Stutz Coupe, and a record-setting Auburn Speedster.

“Pre-war sporting cars, especially the ones with performance engine options, rarely survived the era and the subsequent decades intact,” says Rob Myers of RM Auctions. “This year, collectors have an opportunity to obtain a number of authentic examples, breathtakingly restored to award-winning form.”

Among the significant vehicles consigned for RM’s Vintage Motor Cars at Meadow Brook sale include:

1929 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Sedan The Model J Duesenberg is regarded as the most outstanding example of design and engineering of the classic era. Introduced in 1929, trading was halted on the New York Stock exchange for the announcement. At \$8,500 for the chassis alone, it was by far the most expensive car in America. With coachwork, the delivered price of many Duesenbergs approached \$20,000, a staggering sum at a time when a typical new family car cost around \$500. It had the power and stance to carry imposing coachwork, and the style and grace of the factory sheet metal was ideally suited for the execution of elegant custom coachwork. (Est \$750,000 - \$900,000)

1929 Stutz Model M Supercharged Coupe by Lancefield Formerly from the legendary A.K. Miller collection, the Lancefield Coupe is one of only two supercharged Stutzes known to still exist of the original 24 which were produced. This European-style Stutz has undergone a meticulous restoration and once again wears its original black and red colors from its entry in the grueling 45-day Peking to Paris Rally. This car captured Best of Class honors at the 50th Anniversary Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and received the prestigious Briggs Cunningham Award for the most exciting car. (Estimate: \$475,000 - \$675,000)

1936 Auburn 851SC Boattail Speedster This Speedster is a stunning classic recognized worldwide for its unique Gordon Buehrig-styled boat-tail. Back in the day, the Auburn Boattail offered motorists a remarkable combination of luxury, beauty and speed – qualities it still delivers today. Famed racer Ab Jenkins was the first American to set a 100-mph average for a 12-hour endurance record in a stock 851SC. This ravishing sports racer features a 150-hp, 280 cubic-inch inline, side-valve eight-cylinder engine with a factory-installed supercharger. (Estimate: \$475,000 - \$675,000)

1937 Cord 812SC Sportsman Convertible Coupe The 812SC is one of the very few genuine original

supercharged cars built and one of the first front-wheel-drive automobiles ever produced. This example received a full professional restoration in the 1990s by noted Cord expert John Ehresman. It is finished in rich burgundy with matching interior and a new tan top. This 812SC, powered by a 190-hp, 296 cubic-inch Lycoming V8 with a centrifugal Schwitzer-Cummins supercharger, recently returned from the U.K. and was serviced by RM Restorations specialists. (Estimate available upon request)

1915 Stutz Bearcat The Bearcat had great appeal to sophisticated auto enthusiasts with its purposeful, minimalist design. Dashing and quite beautiful in a no-nonsense way, the Stutz Bearcat features two bucket seats exposed to wind and weather, a round gas tank and modest-sized trunk clamped down behind the seats, an open floor and dashboard, and a hood stuffed full of engine. Fully restored and mechanically fit the example presented here is just as exciting and soul-stirring to drive today as it was in those innocent years before World War I. (Est \$ 350,000 - \$500,000)

1927 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Dual Windshield Pall Mall Tourer An extremely handsome touring car with a striking two-tone yellow and black finish with complementing white and black interior trim, this classic is the recent recipient of a full restoration, including engine chassis, paint upholstery and top. It's a fine example of the quality and craftsmanship that embodies the Rolls Royce legacy. (Estimate: \$150,000 - \$200,000)

RM Auctions' Vintage Motor Cars at Meadow Brook Classic Car Auction will be held at the Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion at Meadow Brook Hall on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2006. Vehicles can be previewed beginning Friday morning, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Admission is by catalog only, which admits both the catalog holder and a guest. An auction catalog is available for \$80 U.S., including shipping and handling within North America, by calling 800-211-4371 or visiting the company web site at www.rmauctions.com.

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