



MECUM AUCTION REPORT

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Mecum Auction is known for always providing a large offering of significant muscle cars. The Spring Classic held May 13-17, 2009, at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana, was no exception and featured 134 Mustangs out of the 1,200-plus cars auctioned over the course of the five-day sale. Making the 22nd Mecum Spring Classic extra special this year for Ford fans was Mecum featuring the World Championship-winning 1965 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe, CSX2601,

one of just six ever built. The Daytona was a no sale at \$6.8 million—more than enough to buy all of the Mustangs offered during the entire auction! When the dust settled, the Mecum Spring Classic Auction raked in nearly \$40 million in sales, with over \$4 million of that coming from Mustang sales alone. Mecum officials said it was their best auction to date. Not bad for a global recession, and proof positive that in many peoples minds, old cars are the safest place to put money these days!

Of the 134 Mustangs offered, 70 left the fairgrounds with a new owner. What follows is a sampling of the Mustangs that crossed the block. Note: Prices do not include the 6% buyer's premium.

- 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback—Sold \$34,000
- 1965 Ford Mustang GT Convertible—Sold \$22,500
- 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible—Sold \$16,000
- 1966 Ford Mustang "Buckaroo" drag car—Sold \$40,000
- 1966 Ford Mustang AFX Holman and Moody Funny Car—Sold \$150,000
- 1967 Ford Mustang Fastback—Sold \$42,000
- 1967 Ford Mustang Fastback—No sale at \$102,500
- 1968 Ford Mustang Cobra Jet Fastback—No sale at \$55,000
- 1968 Shelby Mustang GT500 Convertible—Sold \$110,000
- 1968 Shelby GT500 KR Coupe—Sold \$143,000
- 1969 Shelby GT350 Fastback—Sold \$75,000
- 1969 Shelby GT500 Fastback—No sale at \$110,000
- 1971 Ford Mustang BOSS 351—Sold \$45,000
- 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Fastback Celebrity owned by America's personal trainer Tony Little—No sale at \$15,000
- 2005 Ford Mustang GT Convertible Champ Car Pace Car—No sale at \$30,000



1968 GT500 Convertible

If you're interested in the full results from the auction, go to www.mecum.com and sign up for a free Mecum InfoNet account. This allows you to search their past auctions and view photos, descriptions, and prices of every car that crossed the block. If you have never attended a live collector car auction you owe it to yourself to do so. While watching them on

Speed TV or Discovery HD is exciting, it is nothing like being there and feeling the energy of the crowd and watching the poker faces on buyers and sellers alike. Of course, the added bonus is surrounding yourself with hundreds (and sometimes over a thousand) great classic cars. **MT**



1966 Hardtop record-holder drag car



1968 Unrestored Cobra Jet Fastback



1967 Ring Brothers Fastback



1969 GT350



1966 AFX Holman and Moody Funny Car



1971 Mach 1 Fastback