

Monterey Cruisers

The Spyker was a deal at 20%–30% below retail—even if it was the automotive equivalent of Paris Hilton

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Market opinions in italics

Monterey is all about cars and the image they convey, and for those of you who don't want to blend in with all the other Ferrari 360 Spiders on 17-Mile Drive, here's a collection of rides to make you stand out from the crowd.

Condition inferred from seller's descriptions; cars were not physically examined by the author. All quoted material taken from the eBay listings. sf=seller's feedback; bf=buyer's feedback



#300122219282-1928 INVICTA 3 LITER convertible. S/N LC218. Eng. #6778. Burgundy & black/tan canvas/brown leather. RHD. Odo: 36,327 miles. 22 photos. Elverson, PA. "Body by Cadogan, rumble seat style... This was the last 3 litre they produced (they then switched up to the 4.5 Litre). This is the last car—that one, that was made as a 3 litre!" Six Rudge wheels. "Fully restored and running—garage kept. Lacks the starting jets for the real cold weather." Top



and tires getting old. "There is a separate touring body available that was custom made, that is a separate price, and separate issue..." Would be fun to see that posted next. 16 bids, sf 705, bf private. Cond: 2-. **SOLD AT \$65,000.** *Robust bidding combined with eBay Motors' reach allows me to call this a market price, even if few other resources exist. SCM's Paul Duchene concurs, adding, "This is a high-chassis car and Cadogan is a Granny body, not sporty. Dead-on and not very desirable."*

#300054343826-1983 RENAULT R5 TURBO II hatchback. S/N VF1822000E0000188. White/black leather. Odo: 3,559 miles. 10 photos. Royal Oak, MI. 3k miles. "THIS IS THE FINEST R5 TURBO 2 AVAILABLE TODAY. IT HAS NEVER BEEN REGISTERED... I HAVE NOT STARTED IF FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. THE INTERIOR IS LEATHER. NO DENTS, SCRATCHES OR SIGN OF USE. THE CAR COMES WITH



THE ORIGINAL WHEELS AND VERY BAD MICHELIN TIRES THAT CAUSED MOST OF THESE 1,400 CARS TO CRASH GOING BACKWARDS." Gotti wheels and tires on the car currently rectified this spontaneous rotation problem. 56 bids, sf 117, bf 2. Cond: 1-. **SOLD AT \$32,600.** *Strong money, but not out of line for a very nice low-mileage example of a "white hot" hatchback.*

#280068115057-1967 INTERMECCANICA ITALIA convertible. S/N 50007. Black/black cloth/black vinyl. Odo: 44,265 miles. 23 photos. Littleton, CO. 7th Italia-Torino built. "BODY CONDITION IS #2 IN APPEARANCE, MINOR DINGS & SMALL SCRATCHES PLUS SOME LACQUER PAINT CRAZING. THE BLACK HAS A VERY



DEEP SHINE TO IT. ALL BODY LINES ARE EXCELLENT." 289-ci 271-hp HiPo Cobra V8, 4-speed, 9" rear. "VERY RELIABLE." Overall, "JUST ONE FAST, GREAT LOOKING ITALIAN BODIED SPORTSCAR THAT HAS IT ALL.....LOOKS, RELIABILITY, HANDLING AND GO FAST MOTOR....." 1 bid, sf 58, bf 106. Cond: 2-. **SOLD AT \$46,500.** *I couldn't make this quote up: "WHY BUY A COBRA OR FERRARI MADE IN THE 60'S FOR \$250,000 WHEN YOU CAN HAVE AN INTERMECCANICA FOR A QUARTER OF THAT COST. LOOK IT UP IN THE LATEST SPORTSCAR MARKET MAGAZINE, THEY ARE RISING VERY RAPIDLY AT THE MOMENT."*

#280026350805-1965 TOYOTA SPORTS 800 targa. S/N UP1511894. Red & silver/beige vinyl. Odo: 56,247. 20 photos. El Lay, CA. One of 68 built in LHD. "I located this car in the Philippines in place called Quezon City, affectionately known as 'the pearl of the philippines.' And rightfully so: Gorgeous women. 50 cents for a beer. and a pack of smokes runs about a



dollar. but im digressing again... back to the car. I would describe this S800 as a very good to excellent restoration of a rust free car" 33 bids, sf 208, bf 20. **SOLD AT \$15,856.** *eBay user italspeed sells some pretty cool stuff on the site, mostly Alfas. It's probably worth adding him to your "favorite seller" list, because although this price was correct, try finding another car like it.*

#270085139452-1927 FORD MODEL T Custom 5-window coupe. S/N 343434. Lime primer/black & white vinyl. 13 photos. Neptune, NJ. "Chopped, channelled, and super bad, this



car speaks for itself...titled and used as a daily driver, drive it anywhere. Ready to go, no rust, no rot, no goofy crap! Rare Eddie Meyer of Hollywood hi-rise intake, zoomies, nice welds, and a removable top for summer time cruising....Due to buying an old famous 32 hot rod for crazy money, it's time to weed out the collection.... It looks absolutely insane going down the road and the stares never stop." 41 bids, sf 82, bf 5. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$17,500.** *I was in trouble with a couple of friends for passing around this link via email AFTER the auction closed. Usually, my SCM-reading buddies and I just get a chuckle out of things in the "other" category, but this time we all agreed this was a raging bargain—perhaps half price.*

#110094664545-1959 CADILLAC EL DORADO Biarritz convertible. S/N 37385459E039704. Eng. # 039704. White/black canvas/gray leather. Odo: 42,189 miles. 24 photos. Port Angeles, WA. "My 'Grandpa Andy' passed away recently, and this car was left to us in his will. Although it is a BEAUTIFUL car, I am a 28 year old Mother of Two small children... Frankly, it would be impossible for me to afford to fill the tank with gas on this boat! The fins



seem to have been modified...and I CANNOT tell you WHO altered them, WHEN it happened, or WHY anyone did such a thing...." 31 bids, sf 312, bf 161. Cond: 3+. **SOLD AT \$52,600.** *The flap about the truncated fins not matching the Biarritz body codes hurt the price here. Folks were speculating all kinds of things, like maybe it was a 'test mule.' Anyway, the British buyer did so well here that he can certainly afford to put them back (this time with functional rocket boosters).*

#4628374928-1964 ASTON MARTIN ZAGATO Replica coupe. S/N 2783343. Yellow & white/black vinyl. 11 photos. Mt. Clemens, MI. "Hand built 1964 Aston Martin Zagato (Low Roof line model) The body was built by taking a mold off of an original Zagato and Constructed of carbon fiber and aluminum. The front and rear glass is custom formed safety



glass, the side windows are lexan and slide open they do not roll down. Corvette chassis with many race quality modifications. The engine is a small block chevy automatic with air and cruise control. it runs and drives beautifully air blows cold." 8 bids, sf 29, bf 106. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$20,600.** *Proving once again there is more than one way to skin a Corvette. Well sold, not that he made any money doing it.*

#130036167833-1974 STUTZ BLACKHAWK coupe. Black/cream. Odo: 19,408. 17 photos. Valparaiso, IN. "THIS WAS THE ULTIMIT LUXURY CAR OF IT'S DAY. NARDI STEERING WHEEL, GOLD PLATED INTERIOR, LEATHER & WOOD GRAIN DASH, FUR LINED TRUNK. THESE WERE HAND CRAFTED BY GHIA IN



TORINO ITALY, FOR STUTZ MOTORCAR OF AMERICA. ELVIS HAD 4, SAMMY DAVIS JR. HAD 3, KENNY ROGERS, WILLY MAYS AND MANY OTHERS OWNED ONE OF THESE ELITE CARS. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN." 14 bids, sf 0, bf 90. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$25,000.** *Price was spot on, maybe a tad light given the low mileage. You have to ask yourself, would Kenny Rogers hold 'em, fold 'em, or run?*

#180129042212-2006 SPYKER C8 roadster. S/N XL9AA11G86Z363113. Black metallic/brown leather. Odo: 103 miles. 37 photos. Costa Mesa, CA. "Factory options" include 19" aeroblade wheels, whisper mode, xenon lights, turned aluminum dash, and quilted leather trim. Trippy robot girl reads the eBay listing to you



while you watch the slideshow until you can figure out how to turn her off. Car is perfect. 8 bids, sf 87, bf 103. Cond: 1. **SOLD AT \$206,300.** *Known more for fast drives on the Gumball Rally than in real race environments, Spyker may one day be a contender in F1. For the moment, this is an exotic car that is to some degree "famous for being famous." I am always a fan of saving 25%-30% on a nearly new car—even if it is the automotive equivalent of Paris Hilton. ♦*

Fresh Meat

Online sales of recent production cars.

2007 Jaguar XKR Convertible



Date sold: 04/20/07
eBay auction ID: 120109376313
Seller: Private party in Tulsa, OK
Sale Type: Used car, 1,100 miles Details: Black/black/tan. Adaptive Bi-Xenon lights, 420 hp, Bluetooth-NAV, keyless. 19-inch wheels
Sale result: \$87,250, 1 "Best Offer" bid, sf 26, bf private.
MSRP: \$97,975
Other current offering: Jaguar of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, www.jaguarofcincinnati.com, asking \$96,880 for red car with 3,253 miles.

2008 Nissan Altima Coupe 2.5S



Date sold: 06/19/07
eBay auction ID: 110140382700
Seller: Open Road Nissan, Morristown, NJ, www.openroadnissan.com
Sale Type: New car for order, no ETA given
Details: Any color/options you want
Sale result: \$19,165, 1 bid, sf 8, bf 17.
MSRP: \$20,165
Other current offering: Andy Mohr Nissan, Indianapolis, IN, www.andymohr-nissan.com, asking \$29,390 for loaded, Precision Gray car.

2007 Chevrolet Corvette Indy Pace Car



Date sold: 03/26/07
eBay auction ID: 140100524331
Seller: Courtesy Chevrolet, Orlando, FL, www.courtesychevroletairport.com
Sale Type: BIDDING ON AMOUNT OVER MSRP, NOT CAR ITSELF
Details: 1 of 500 built
Sale result: \$9,998, 7 bids, sf 42, bf 5.
MSRP: \$66,995
Other current offering: Lynn Smith Chevrolet in Burseson, TX, www.lynnsmithchev.com, asking \$61,059 for new car in stock. ♦