

# Internet Racers

If you could make it stop, the V8 Nash Metropolitan would make a tempting Woodward Dream cruiser. Wheelies, anyone?

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*Market opinions in italics*

**W**hether it's straight-line speed or corner carving performance you desire, this month's collection of racers should have what you're looking for. Just don't forget your helmet.

*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*



**#-1952 MG TD roadster.** S/N TD1553. Two-tone blue/brown leather. 260039900886 36 photos. Bethel, CT. Cycle-fendered VSCCA racer with logbooks. "Last raced...Lime Rock, Shannonville, Ont, Pittsburgh Grand Prix...1996. Sitting since." No rust or rot. Comes with most original parts including decrepit interior. "Runs, low on one cylinder." Needs everything. 22 bids,



sf 159, bf 1066. Cond: 4+. **SOLD AT \$8,500.** *This car did not appreciate ten cents in ten of the eleven years it's been sitting. Perhaps nudged by the high-dollar Bugeye trailer-queen sales, TDs have finally started to gain in value recently, if only slightly. For now this was fair money, but that doesn't mean a track or street restoration will be at all profitable for the new owner.*

**#-1960 NASH METROPOLITAN Pro Street coupe.** S/N E75530. Peach/gray cloth. 110043496201 24 photos. Rogersville, TN. Weighs 1,600 lbs. "Nothing radical under the hood. 350 V8 with a mild cam, aluminum intake manifold and a Holley 650." Almost no rust, "average" paint, hobbyist interior. Automatic trans shifts poorly. "The master cylinder is angled to



high and all the brake fluid runs to the back, so front brakes is only working and they ain't that good." 18 bids, sf 459, bf private. **SOLD AT \$4,488.** *I have never been so tempted to attend*

*the Woodward Dream Cruise. I figure one could slosh the brake fluid forward (if we trust this diagnosis) with the momentum gained by coming down from a wheelie... it would have been worth trying at this price.*

**#-1962 AUSTIN-HEALEY 3000 roadster.** S/N HBJ7L19646. Yellow & black primer/black. 260065461971 9 photos. Aptos, CA. BJ7 hopped up with steel flares and five-slot mags. No drivetrain, straight frame, only rust is in battery box. "WYSIWYG: What You See Is What You GET" (a computer geek term from Silicon Valley). This includes a 9-inch Ford rear (w/drums), a "well built" roll bar, and "a Really Ugly Hardtop." 5 bids, sf 855, bf 0. Cond: 4.



**SOLD AT \$2,995.** *Seller wraps this up as "a real project." Even so, solid Healey 3000s aren't getting any cheaper. Though the muscular flares probably scared off strict restorers, the period look (ironically exemplified by Sebring 3000 kit cars in the '80s) just begs for a resto-mod-rod-Shelbyfication. With that in mind, I say this was very well bought.*

**#-1965 JAGUAR XKE GT2 racer.** Black/black. 200056287293 13 photos. Sioux Falls, SD. Full-race car from SCCAGT2, "MIDWEST AREA REGIONAL POINTS CHAMP LAST YEAR." No engine or trans. "NEW SEAT BELT AND FUEL CELL LAST YEAR-FIBERGLASS BONNET, DOORS AND BACK HATCH-DRY SUMP-ALUMINUM RADIATOR-MONSTER BRAKES-CRANK



**FIRE IGNITION-ALUMINUM WHEELS-OIL ACCULATOR-FIRE EXT. SYS-COMPUTER WITH GPS-PLASTIC WINDOWS-CURRENT SCCA LOGS." 7 bids, sf 139, bf 240. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$10,600.** *A similar car drove under a Mexican cow on the 1997 Panama-Alaska Rally. As long as this car is a BYO drivetrain, I think long-distance rallying with a small block V8 might be an expeditious repurposing. This was a bargain, regardless of venue (SCCA, HSR, etc.), and it will remain so as long as it remains an active race car.***

**#-2004 NOBLE M12 coupe.** S/N NU50011KY. Burgundy/black leather. Odo: 1,100 miles. 270041108486 8 photos. Hamilton, OH. 430+ RWHP. Advertised as a race car, with T28 Garrett turbo, quick release steering wheel, two sets of wheels and tires, "Track Sump, Noble Oil Gauge, LSD, Ohlins LMJ Double Adjustment Shocks, SPA 5-lb mechanical Fire Suppression System, Stainless Steel Brake



Lines, Carbon Gauge Panel, M400 Oil Cooler, Blow Off Valve, Larger Intercooler, Magnet Marelli ECU, and Jet Coated Exhaust" 1 bid, sf 6, bf 710. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$50,000.** *Hard-driving track time seems to have discounted this Noble 20%-30% compared to a garage queen. The same thing happens to Ferrari Challenge cars. Either boy-racer supercars really do get decimated in a hurry, or the market is just chicken. For this price, it might be worth betting on the latter.*

**#-1968 BSH SPORTS RACER coupe.** Red/. 4607978829 3 photos. Waltham, MA. Complete and running French sports racer was "purchased from the Museum of Transportation in Brookline, MA, about 15 years ago and has been in dry storage ever since. Though its racing history is not documented, it is rumored to have run at Le Mans. There appear to be sponsor and driver's ID on the car to help in tracing its history." High performance Renault Alpine drivetrain. 4 bids, sf 93, bf 214. Cond: 3-. **SOLD AT \$10,780.** *Though the description was vague and the listing very low on information, a 13-minute DVD was made available, but only to active bidders. At half the price of a comparable*

# Fresh Meat

Online sales of recent production cars.

## 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Z33 Ron Fellows Edition



**Date sold:** 03/20/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 190092490762  
**Seller:** Village Chevrolet, Wayzata, MN, www.villagechev.com  
**Sale Type:** Bidding on premium above MSRP, delivery late April  
**Details:** Arctic White w/red stripes, red leather. 7-L V8. 1 of 399  
**Sale result:** \$10,100, 8 bids, sf 30, bf 74.  
**MSRP:** \$79,895  
**Other current offering:** City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC, www.citychevrolet.com, asking \$94,945 for identical car.

## 2007 Ford Shelby GT



**Date sold:** 04/26/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 140111521946  
**Seller:** Holmes Tuttle Ford Lincoln Mercury, Tucson, AZ, www.htford.com  
**Sale Type:** New in stock  
**Details:** Black w/ silver stripes, black leather. 4.6-L V8, 319 hp, production #313  
**Sale result:** \$38,374, 9 bids, sf 56, bf 55.  
**MSRP:** \$36,907  
**Other current offering:** Ben Satcher Motors, Lexington, SC, www.bensatcherford.com, asking \$50,000 for white car.

## 2007 Lotus Exige "S"



**Date sold:** 04/30/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 290108860501  
**Seller:** Private seller in Salt Lake City, UT  
**Sale Type:** Used, 1,850 miles  
**Details:** Silver metallic with performance, touring packages, dry sump  
**Sale result:** \$59,000, 4 bids, sf 177, bf 133  
**MSRP:** \$64,245  
**Other current offering:** The Collection, Coral Gables, FL, www.thecollection.com, is asking \$68,035 for a stock silver car. ♦



Alpine A110 or Matra D'Jet, this was either a badly described bargain or a five-figure gamble on a possible Le Mans-running oddball. Several months after the sale, only the buyer really knows what fruit his research has provided.

#-1968 BMW 1600 2 dr sedan. White/white vinyl. 110076476834 14 photos. Lakeport, CA. Converted to a BMW race car in the 1990s. Has plates and title. "It was moved into my garage in 2001 with the intent of upgrading it to be a little more fun on the track and is now a classic basket case." Lots of goodies and go-fast parts... but "wasps have



been making nests in every available orifice of the carbs and engine... Tires are hard as rock. Brakes need to be gone through. Yup. It's a basket case." 28 bids, sf 15, bf 190. Cond: 3-. **SOLD AT \$7,700.** Came with a free open trailer, but it still seemed like strong money to me. It's not like 2002s are hard to find (especially in California), and it can often be more work redoing someone else's project than just starting from the beginning.

#-1970 PORSCHE 914/6 targa. S/N N/A. Tangerine/black vinyl. 330091795277 1 photo. Woodstock, GA. "Works racer with factory documentation. Car was raced by Peter Gregg." Although pictured in red/silver, seller states that, "the car is in its original tangerine race color and comes with additional body work. This car is Fast, Wide, Has removable windshield, fully adjustable



suspension." No further details to be found. Atlanta phone number listed. 1 bid, sf 102, bf 0. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$295,000.** It's interesting that the transaction actually seemed to have occurred on eBay, as the phone number, sparse verbiage, one picture, and zero feedback buyer all suggest that most of the talking was, well, talking—not clicking. A fair deal at this price.

#-1974 DATSUN 710 coupe. White & blue/white. RHD. 160097555985 13 photos. Wayne, PA. U.S. LHD model converted to RHD race car when new. Reported to have



made the SCCA runoffs 15-plus times. "Obviously a candidate for SCCA drift or even rallying, this car is Vintage Group 8 legal!" Extensive spares, SCCA logbook, full cage. Repainted roller with no engine. 3 bids, sf 113, bf 118. Cond: 4+. **SOLD AT \$1,626.** I sold this car for my cousin, and the first time around we got over 6,000 page views and met one of the original mechanics. The second time around, somebody actually won the auction. We thought it was a raging bargain, but apparently even a storied 710 won't touch BRE 510 bucks.

#-1963 FORD GALAXIE NASCAR Replica 2-dr hard top. White/turquoise vinyl. 220069770415. Replica of Fred Lorenzen's Special NASCAR Galaxie traded in at Emory's Porsche 356 racing shop. "It has a slightly built 390 CI engine with a 3 speed on



the floor. It has a gutted interior and a roll bar. It is very clean and well maintained. It is an attention magnet." 13 bids, sf 1520, bf 19. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$9,350.** Get thee to Goodwood. Get on down to Talladega. Very attractive price on a great looking ride that might not be too far from vintage stock car or British saloon car raceable.

#-1970 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE coupe. Burgundy/black vinyl. 330059914595 24 photos. Merrick, NY. "Was a race car. Has all Lexon windows," two-piece fiberglass nose, "fiberglass doors. Car was a Big Block, TH 400 car. Has a 10 bolt in it now, with dual air bags, Dual Battery .... Full tin interior, race seat with belts, net, Front factory disc brakes, Skinny's in front with Weld wheels, rear are M/T Slicks on Centerlines." Mini-tubbed, full cage, fuel cell. Solid frame, minor rust in the



passenger side floor. No drivetrain. 3 bids, sf 148, bf 49. Cond: 4+. **SOLD AT \$1,700.** Add crate motor; lose your license. Though rough, this dragstrip project car should have brought two or three times as much, considering the fun it could once again be. ♦