

Top 10 Surprising Car Auction Moments That Shocked Everyone

Auto auctions like [A Better Bid](#) are thrilling and full of incredible twists, turns, or surprises, in which one might meet a rare find or a terrifically heart-stopping bid, astonishing the crowd. Below, then, the ten most shocking car auction moments are revealed.

1. Barn Find Discovery

Barn findings—the stuff of legend at car auctions. No such story could beat what prevailed behind a tale involving a 1967 Shelby GT500 found deep in the back of an old barn, fully buried and dust-covered for over 40 or so years. What was once a cherished possession fetchingly cost \$1.2 million, leaving dozens in the hall hushed.

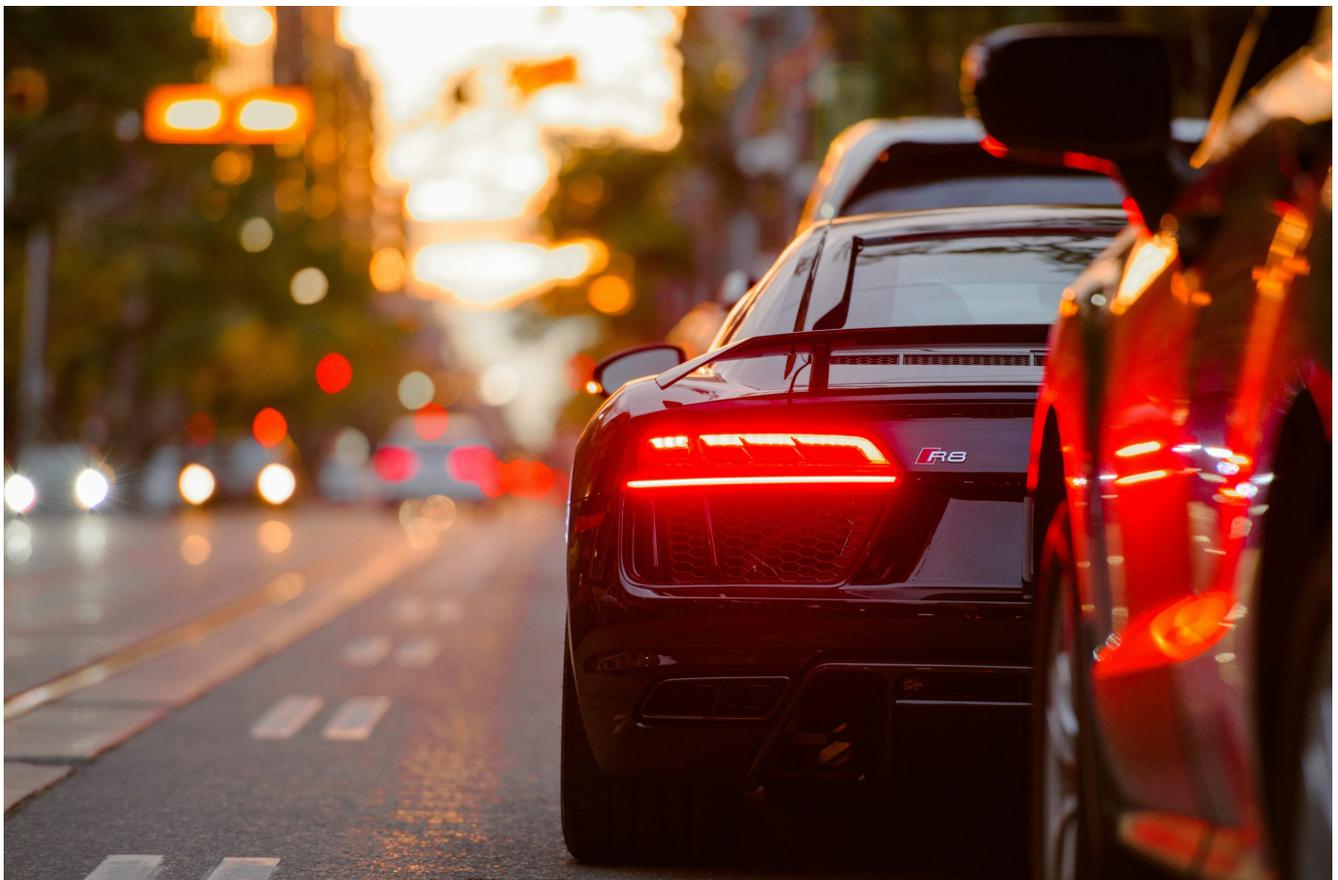


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2. The Ferrari Sale That Broke Records

The recorded price for a 1962 Ferrari 250 GT0 in 2018 has been impeccable. It shattered all previous records at the auction price of \$48.4 million through the RM Sotheby's expected sales. This racing-legend classic is iconic, blended with a timeless design, and it became the most expensive car to be sold at auction. With the relativity of the auction involved in high connotations at several bars, this knock-everybody-for-a-wander sale set another demarcation in classics.

3. The Phantom Mystery

Recently sold at auction was a Rolls-Royce Phantom V, which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II used to own. The regal set of wheels hauled in a princely \$2.7 million—that wasn't the news. It was that the limo came with complete documentation of its royal provenance.

4. The Volkswagen Beetle That Cost \$3 Million

One of the most legendary car auctions was that of the 1964 Volkswagen Beetle, which was sold at \$3 million. But this was no ordinary Beetle; this was, in fact, Herbie, the Volkswagen Beetle character from Disney's "The Love Bug" movies. The long vehicle-created cultural icon had its price go through the roof in an open-mouth situation.

5. The Lost Lamborghini

An already long-lost Lamborghini Miura recently returned to life at the foot of an Italian auction. Having slumbered quietly out of sight for decades, this "lost" car was in prime

condition when displayed and later sold at the auction for \$2.5 million, conjuring imagination with how it was lost and found again.

6. The classic Unrestored

A center-stage car in the auction arena, featuring unrestored 1954 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing with original paint and interior, sold for \$4.2 million. This sports car was the real deal in terms of condition: not only did the price shock the world, but it was located so far from the touch of humanity for such a long time such a classically qualified car.

7. The Charity Auction Marvel

In a feel-good twist, it was a 2017 Ford GT that went under the hammer at an auction for charity; the proceeds made amounted to \$2.5 Million. All the money from this sale was used for children's hospitals. Everyone at the auction was overwhelmed as this happened. This was one philanthropic corner in the world of car auctions that many would keep in their memories for a time to go.

8. Bidding war to own a Bugatti

Ultimately, a 1937 Bugatti Type 57SC Atalante Coupe drew intense bidding; an automotive marvel in every dimension, it finally made a call at \$10.4 million. The very intensity of the bids and the tallying price started the audience gasping overtly, showing so very well the heated competition of the car collectors. 9. Sale of the President's Car A Lincoln Continental of the former President John F. Kennedy sold at an auction of \$1.6 million. Potential buyers with high bids wanted to get the vehicle, which contained U.S. history's relative person. The last and whopping final bid above expectations astonished everybody.

10. An Electric Future

A show that the times had changed came when a prototype of the Tesla Roadster was sold for \$2.2 million. These cars marked a complete divergence from the classic and vintage cars that have been the norm in sales. One can see growing value and demand for electric vehicles when such vehicles are sold, and it has been fast to inspire awe in the audience due to the pace with which the motoring fraternity is growing very fast.

These are instances that show the unpredictable nature of car auctions, thanks to the yawning appetite of the collectors who are very much varied in their interests and can run so deep. From historic classics in many ways to great technological wonders spearheading the future, the world of car auctions is still fantastic.