

Big Brother Bulletin

TomTom Telematics has introduced CURFER, a dongle that plugs into your OBD port, Bluetooths to the app on your smartphone, and offers "feedback on your driving style" including live and recorded info on braking, cornering and acceleration to "help people become better drivers". It's definitely tin-foil hat time...



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THIS MONTH'S AUCTION NEWS IN THE WORLD OF AMERICAN CARS

Sold In 60 Seconds



Visitors to the NEC's Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, which takes place as this mag goes to print, will be treated to two days of all-classic hammer action from Silverstone Auctions.

At the time of writing, there's nothing American among Saturday's 50-lot catalogue, but the Sunday auction sees this lovely '71 Corvette going under the hammer. A black ragtop beauty with a four-speed, dyno-proven 386bhp 350 small-block and extensive refurbishment means they're expecting between £24,000 and £28,000. No classic auction is complete

without a Mustang, and this one is a rather handsome '67 GT fastback "Eleanor evocation".

This S-code car features a fuel-injected 427, a Tremec five-speed and lots of hot stuff, and is expected to bring in the region of £70,000. There's also a fully restored '66 ragtop with a 289, five-speed, rack and pinion steering and upgraded brakes on a rotisserie-restored

shell that's estimated in the £30,000-35,000 area.

Incidentally, Silverstone Auctions have announced their 2016 classic auction calendar, beginning with the Race Retro sale at Stoneleigh on February 27th and 28th, followed by the Practical Classics Restoration and Classic Car Show sale, back at the NEC on March 6th. They'll be back at home at

Silverstone for the Silverstone Classic over the weekend of July 29th to 31st, then off to Blenheim for the Salon Privé sale on September 2nd. There's the all-Porsche sale at Silverstone on October 15th before they're back to the NEC for next year's Classic Motor Show on November 12th and 13th! See www.silverstoneauctions.com for details.

Bristol Fashion

Charterhouse had their biggest classic sale to date, with in excess of 100 classics taking to the block at the Footman James Bristol Classic Vehicle Restoration Show at Royal Bath and West Showground on November 8th.

Among them was a handsome Ford Ranger pick-up, listed in the catalogue as a 1996, although it's one of the 1989-1992 models on a J-plate, though this was withdrawn before the sale. The obligatory Mustang was a '65 ragtop in white, fresh in from California and as yet unregistered, with just 60,000 on the clock, but that didn't sell. A rather handsome '74 Pontiac Firebird sounded a bit of a bargain, complete with new 400bhp crate motor, Tremec

five-speed and many thousands of pounds-worth of upgrade goodies that sold in the room at £14,500, while a 'patina' '51 Chevy 3100 on a V6 S10 chassis and running gear sold for £6,000 to an online bidder. What seems like the biggest (literally) bargain of the day was a '69 Plymouth Fury III, an original right-hooking four-door, that found a new owner at just £3,000. See www.charterhouse-auction.com for their next sale.



World Of Muscle

The recent Worldwide Auction sale of the Ron Brown Estate Collection was a stunning success, some of the standouts including a 1959 Chevrolet Impala convertible at \$123,750, a '63 Corvette at \$170,500, a '69 Camaro RS/SS Pace Car at \$62,700, a '70 Charger R/T Hemi at \$132,000 and a '70 Mustang 428CJ Mach I R-code fastback that brought \$110,000. Top spot

went to a '70 Plymouth Hemi Cuda at a whopping \$220,000. Their next big sale will be the Houston Classic Auction on April 23rd, 2016, so see www.worldwide-auctioneers.com for details.

