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**MEDIA BARON THINS COLLECTION – SELLS MILLION DOLLAR CAR.**

*Former L.A. Times publisher Otis Chandler will offer one of the stars of his collection – a million dollar Duesenberg – at RM Auctions' sale at Meadow Brook Hall in Auburn Hills, Michigan on August 3, 2002.*

*Beverly Hills, California, July 22, 2002* – RM Auctions Inc. announced today that it had been chosen by former L.A. Times publisher and noted car collector Otis Chandler to sell several automobiles from his world-renowned collection of American classics. Foremost among these is a 1929 Duesenberg Model J – the most expensive car of its day – that was sent to Paris, France when new to have a custom body installed by the Parisian firm of Hibbard & Darrin. The only one of its kind ever built, the car is expected to bring close to \$1 million dollars at auction.

Other rare vehicles from the Chandler collection include a unique 1931 Cadillac V16 convertible coupe with coachwork by Fleetwood, the only known surviving example. It is expected to sell between \$200,000 and \$300,000. A 1940 Packard with a special four door convertible body by Darrin of California – one of eight built – is also expected to sell in the same range.

In addition to Mr. Chandler's cars, a wide variety of other automobiles will be sold, including several cars from one of America's leading museums, the Crawford Collection. An 1899 Gardner Serpollet Steamer, a 1906 Krieger-Brasier electric car, and one of the earliest surviving Fords, a 1907 Model S Roadster. Other interesting lots include a 1932 Bugatti Type 49 Drophead Coupe, a 1933 Rolls Royce Phantom II Henley Roadster, a highly original 1934 Packard Twelve Phaeton, a 1937 Jaguar SS100, and a 1947 Ford Sportsman convertible. Many of the cars being sold are newer, including a show quality 1957 Pontiac Star Chief Convertible, a 1965 Shelby Mustang, 1967 Ferrari 330GTC, and a 1972 Jaguar XKE V12 Roadster.

Now in its ninth year, RM Auctions' Meadow Brook Hall sale has become one of the highlights of the collector car calendar. "This is going to be one of the most diversified and interesting classic car auctions the company has offered in some time," says David

Gooding, the company's president. With more than sixty collector cars to be offered, the event, according to Gooding, "will be exciting, offering a range of cars that will appeal to any automobile collector."

Lots will be available for preview on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, and again on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00AM until the sale begins at 1:00PM sharp.

Copies of the 130 page color sale catalog are available for \$50, including admission for two at sale time. Call 800.211.4371 to order.

A limited number of late consignments are still being accepted. To consign cars that would complement this exceptional offering, contact David Gooding or Ian Kelleher at 866.762.8248, or Mike Fairbairn or Rob Myers at 800.211.4371.

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