



At Last, Manhattan Gets a Prestige Vintage Car Show and Auction  
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Aimed at the wealthy but fun for anyone with \$100 in their jeans

I've often felt that New York City deserves to be home to at least one of the world's great vintage car shows. After all, that's where the money is, where fashion dazzles, where the cognesti of fine automobiles frequently gather to discuss cars in one of the city's magnificent restaurants.

Anyone remember Le Chanteclair, owned by Rene Dreyfuss, the famed French road racer? Well, New Yorkers, your time has come. On September 9, 10, and 11, 2005, an exhibit and auction of fine automobiles, motorcycles, and luxury goods, will be held on Manhattan's West Side Piers 92 and 94, at 54th and the Hudson River.

Having offered that modest plug for the event, I must add a few qualifiers for our About Vintage Cars visitors. This show is clearly aimed at the well-off buyers of beautiful cars, aircraft, wine, and other desirable pleasures. Do not wander down expecting a few happy hours for the price of a McDonald's Egg McMuffin with pan-fried potatoes and coffee. Not that you and the wife and kids won't be welcome, but it will cost the family \$100 each for a three-day pass.

With that proviso out of the way, I can honestly suggest that this event should be hugely entertaining, even without bidding on a rare Bugatti or adding a few millions on your American Express card to secure a delivery place for the latest yacht. Actually, if I were buying one of those boats, I'd insist the deal include stern-to-circuit moorage at the Monaco F1 Grand Prix.

The cars and motorcycles on auction are expected to sell for \$100,000 and up. Exhibitors from *Luxury Living* include private aviation (jets and helicopters), yachting, jewelry, watches, spas, resorts and hotels, chocolates, collectibles and antiques.

This event has several prestigious advertisers, including About.com's new boss, the New York Times. As of this writing, owners of vintage and classic cars wishing to auction their vehicles can still request a place.

There is a saying that suggests the rich have more fun than the rest of us, but I don't agree. If it were not for the fact that I live 3000 miles west of Manhattan I'd happily plunk down that hundred smackers to attend this classy affair. New Yorkers, here's the show you've been waiting for. For more on the event, click on the organiser's entertaining Web Site below.

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