

wood trim that would make any cabinetmaker green with envy. Cond: 1. SOLD AT \$442,500. Although a merely "excellent" 300Sc Roadster is a \$300-350,000 car, it's hard to argue with the premium price this exceptional example brought here today. The essence of everything Mercedes-Benz stands for.

#61 -1958 PORSCHE 356A Speedster. S/N 84143. Odo: 87,208. Black/black, red piping, black top. Chrome wheels. Good



paint over liberal Bondo. Good chrome and interior. Chassis and engine numbers don't seem to match year of mfr., otherwise restored like new and very handsome. Cond: 2. SOLD AT \$79,500. Speedsters have been strong lately, as this result, hammered sold at almost 8% over Christie's high estimate, demonstrates. A smart buyer pays close attention to documentation, numbers and the legendary Kardex. Speedster buyers are a picky lot, but don't seem to be hesitating to step up for truly exceptional pieces like this.

## **ITALIAN CARS**

#60-1931 ALFA ROMEO 6C 1750 GRAN SPORT Spider. S/N 10814368. Red/red leather. RHD. Supercharged, with



Memini carburettor. Restored during the Frenzy for a Japanese collection; never made it to Nippon. Largely new body replicating the original Zagato. Shows some nicks and chips. Replacement block engine runs well. Cond: 2. NOT SOLD AT \$220,000. Reported sold at Christie's Lyndhurst in '98 for \$398,500, the attribution of this bodywork has suffered since, as has the market's estimation of its value. The bid is a reasonable offer for the car, a correct GS, even with repro bodywork.

#29 -1937 ALFA ROMEO 8C 2900B Cabriolet. S/N 412012. Odo: 8,628. Gunmetal grey/grey leather. RHD. 3rd in '38



Mille Miglia driven by Cisitalia creator Piero Dusio, 1st at '38 Stelvio hill climb. Re-bodied by Pinin Farina ca. '39. Disappeared in '47, surfaced in Sacramento in '89. Restored to a high standard with original engine. Excellent throughout. Cond: 2. SOLD AT \$4,072,500. One of maybe 30 built, rarely offered at public sale, or at all, the Ferrari F40 of the '30s, and still one of the world's supreme motor cars. Runs like a train. Great ride, strong brakes, ultimate engine; The Immortal 2.9, well bought for just enough by an SCM subscriber.

#35 -1939 ALFA ROMEO 6C 2500 Sport Berlinetta. S/N 915033. Odo: 4,376. Dark red/tan. RHD. Beautiful Touring superleggera body evocative of the great



coupe aerodinamica 2.9. Skirts, covered headlights. High-quality older cosmetic restoration shows few defects from its age. Quick black paint on chassis. An impressive Alfa. Cond: 3+. SOLD AT \$211,500. The Museo at Arese has the 2.9 coupe aerodinamica and will never part with it, so this is as close as we're likely to come. 2500s built an enviable competition record in the late '30s and, while 8C Alfas command the market's attention, 6Cs like this provide great visual panache for a lot less money.

#77 -1951 FERRARI 212 EXPORT 'TUBOSCOCCA' Berlinetta. S/N 0141/T. Red/tan leather. RHD. Silver painted wire wheels. Sympathetic older restoration to race car standards; not overdone. Unique



212 chassis with factory bracing. Some competition history. Fair paint, good interior. Rare odd-number competition car, the last bodied by Touring. Cond: 3. NOT SOLD AT \$500,000. Face it, 185 hp Ferraris aren't exhilarating to drive. Great cars in their era, a decent '56 Vette will dust it, for 1/10th the price. This bid is inadequate for this car, but barely so. #50 -1952 SIATA 1400 Gran Sport Spider. S/N SL0245B. Silver, red/silver leather,



red carpets. Steel wheels, tonneau cover only. Fair old paint, chipped edges, dirty chassis. Tired older restoration although it looks driveable and well done. Cond: 3-. **SOLD AT \$34,500.** A well-restored Siata that will benefit from some care and attention although it's hard to imagine it ever bringing Christie's high estimate of \$60,000. (Let's not forget that, when you get right down to it, this is really a custom-bodied Fiat and will be valued by the market accordingly. - ED.)

#54 -1952 FERRARI 340 MEXICO Berlinetta. S/N 0226AT. Odo: 565. Red/ tan cloth. RHD. Silver painted wires. One



of only 4 built. Rolled by Ascari on the first stage of the '53 Carrera Panamericana. Restored in '88 to better than new condition, shows little careful use since. Cond: 1-. SOLD AT \$1,377,500. One of the most charismatic of all Ferraris, unfortunately