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An outstanding selection of over 200 great collector cars and 100 pedal cars to be offered without reserve at Worldwide's Corpus Christi Old Car Museum Auction, including the first Apollo GT Coupe and Spider ever produced

Auburn, Indiana. September 24th, 2019. Worldwide is gearing up for another significant no-reserve private collection auction this October in Corpus Christi, Texas, with an exceptional offering of over 200 great collector cars and 100 pedal cars. Headlining the sale is a trio of three spectacular Apollo GTs, including the very first Apollo GT Coupe and Spider ever produced. ***The Corpus Christi Old Car Museum Auction*** is scheduled for October 4th and 5th at the American Bank Center Convention Center, right on the Gulf Coast shoreline in downtown Corpus Christi.

Heading the trio of outstanding Apollo GTs slated for the sale is the first ***1963 Apollo 3500 GT Coupe*** ever made, beautifully presented and featuring all-aluminum 3.5-liter Buick V-8 power. It was shown in period alongside the first Apollo convertible produced, a ***1963 Apollo 3500 GT Spider***. Hand built by Intermeccanica of Turin and later exhibited at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in 1995, this rare sports car was also on display at the Concorso Italiano for the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo GT in 2013. Last of the three and marking the final evolution of the Apollo GT is a ***1966 Apollo 5000 GT Coupe***. Originally 1 of the 12 Vetta Venturas built in 1966 by Vanguard Industries, it was expertly restored, rebadged and retitled as an Apollo 5000 GT, with a 350 HP Buick 5.0-liter iron-block/aluminum-head V-8 engine.

"Just 88 Apollos were built in total and the offering of this trio represents a significant opportunity for collectors of the finest GT cars across the world", said John Kruse, Principal & Auctioneer. "We're honored to be staging another exceptional museum collection sale and excited to be able to offer such an outstanding selection of cars and pedal cars, entirely without reserve."

Also set to go under the hammer in Corpus Christi and built by the same company responsible for the Apollo body, is a ***1968 Intermeccanica Italia***, representing the first-year model in beautiful open form. Other rare and interesting consignments include a highly desirable, final year ***1958 Porsche 356A/1600 Speedster***, an iconic model with high collector demand, that runs, drives and is ready for complete restoration, and a ***1979 Ferrari 308 GT4***, documented by experts as the last U.S. example built. Exceptional pre-war cars include a ***1928 Hudson Super Six Series O Convertible Sedan***, formerly of the Eldon and Esta Hostetler Collection, winner of multiple awards including Best in Class at the 2009 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. ***The Corpus Christi Old Car Museum Auction*** will also showcase over 100 highly collectible pedal cars.

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Along with stand-alone auctions of significant private collections, Worldwide's annual schedule includes *The Scottsdale Auction* in Arizona in January, *The Texas Classic Auction* in April, *The Pacific Grove Auction* on the Monterey Peninsula and *The Auburn Auction* at the company's new global headquarters in Indiana. The company will also stage the very first collector car auction in Saudi Arabia, with ***The Riyadh Auction*** and associated private sales Salon scheduled for November 21st– 26th, 2019 in Riyadh, presented in collaboration with the General Entertainment Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Bonnier Events. In addition to the acquisition and sale of classic automobiles, Worldwide Auctioneers offers an extensive range of personalized services to the serious collector, including appraisal, collection direction and consultancy, estate planning and asset management. The company's recent move also facilitated a massive expansion of its private sales division, with the introduction of a dedicated physical and virtual showroom, ***The Salon***, as well as the introduction of a new Memorabilia Division.