

Interest Runs High Among Motorcycle Collectors As Date Nears For Auction Of Steve McQueen Estate



Imperial Palace owner Ralph Engelstad displays a 74 cu. in. 1940 Indian Chief motorcycle, which is just one of the hundreds of items to be offered for bid during the Steve McQueen Estate Auction. The auction will be held Nov. 24-25 at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will feature more than 100 motorcycles, 22 automobiles, antique furniture, automotive and airplane memorabilia, an antique toy collection, and many of McQueen's personal effects.

It has been nearly four years since Steve McQueen's death (November 7, 1980) and his estate has been prepared for a giant estate auction in Las Vegas. The auction will take place at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino under the direction of the McQueen Children's Trust, set up by Steve for his daughter Terri and son Chad.

Dates of the auction are November 24 and 25. Preview of the enormous collection of property will be November 19-23.

McQueen was a collector with eclectic taste, a sportsman and hobbyist who appreciated a very diverse selection of objects. He loved fast driving as much as he loved acting, and over the years of his highly successful and lucrative career he purchased many cars and motorcycles. In his estate are 22 vintage automobiles and some 125 motorcycles. In addition to those cycles (many of them antiques), he filled a warehouse with motorcycle parts. The catalogue of the auction lists such lots as "motorcycle front ends, handlebars and crash

bars," "wheels and tires for drop center rims," and "motorcycle primary covers, timing chain covers for Indians and Harley-Davidsons."

There are also boxes of parts for specific motorcycles. For the biker rebuilding, say, a 1928 Harley-Davidson Flathead or a 1932 Indian 4-cylinder, the estate auction is a golden opportunity to garner rare and valuable parts.

In fact, the auction is seen as a golden opportunity by motorcycle collectors all over the world. Rarely does such a large and valuable inventory of antique and classic cycles come before the public. There are 48 Indians, a cycle no longer built and much sought after by cyclists. There is a rare 1909 Pierce 4-cylinder, a 1914 Pope and a 1915 Thor. The rarest of the cycles is a true museum piece: an 1899 Quadricycle which McQueen had on loan to Harrah's Automobile Collection in Reno.

The estate includes, as well, dozens of antique toys (predominantly cast iron and tin), antique furniture, and many fixtures such as lamps, cash registers and antique washing machines. He also collected aircraft items such as wooden propellers. Many of the items which will be auctioned are valuable because they are direct reminders of his great movie career. There are hundreds of photos, some posters, and his leather racing apparel and other clothes. Some lucky bidder will take home the fire helmet Steve wore in THE TOWERING INFERNO and someone will buy Steve's copy of the script for TOM HORN.

Admission to the auction is for bidders only (plus one guest each). Bidders' identification is received when the bidder registers for the auction at the hotel; there is a bidder's fee of \$30. There will be a fee to attend the auction preview unless the individual has registered as a bidder, in which case admission to the preview is free.

Catalogues of the auction will be available September 15 from Kris Engelstad at the Imperial Palace. Cost of each catalogue is \$20.

ADL Denounces PLO Office In Brazil

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Brazilian government's decision to allow an international terrorist organization to open an office in its capital was denounced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of the agency's International Affairs Division, said the opening of an office by the Palestine Liberation Organization in Brasilia serves "only to legitimize and aid international terrorism." Deploing the Brazilian government's "giving in" to political and economic pressures by Arab States, he called it "particularly disturbing, considering the PLO's avowed role in supporting subversive and terrorist groups in Latin America."

The office opening followed shortly upon a three-day PLO-sponsored conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, attended by several hundred Palestinian representatives from 18 Latin American countries.

Charo Is Red-Hot At The Las Vegas Hilton



Sensational Charo, star of "Bal du Moulin Rouge," is delighting audiences at the Las Vegas Hilton. With an international cast of 80, Charo and Moulin Rouge are the best value in town with a dinner show that starts at only \$18.50 and a late evening cocktail show for only \$15.00.

Al Jarreau Sparkles Among The Stars At Caesars Palace September 1

Caesars Palace concert-goers can bask in the silken sounds of Grammy award winning singer/composer Al Jarreau in a September 1 Concert Under the Stars.

Jarreau's outdoor performance on Saturday evening will be a part of the resort/casino's star-studded Labor Day weekend activities. Double headliners Sammy Davis, Jr. and Bill Cosby will entertain in the plush Circus Maximum Showroom August 31 through September 3. And behind the hotel, the Caesars Palace pavilion will host the Jerry Lewis

Muscular Dystrophy Telethon September 2-3, a traditional gathering place for show business greats.

Sparkling among the stars that will shine in and above Caesars Palace that weekend, Al Jarreau will showcase the talent that has won for him a long list of national and international awards. American Grammy's for Best Jazz Vocalist and Best Pop Vocal Performance, German Grammy's for the Best New International Soloist and Best International Artist, and a Silver Award at the Tokyo Music Festival are only a few examples of the industry acclaim he has won. And as a recording star he can boast of successes like platinum album Breakin' Away and recent gold singles "Morning," and "Boogie Down."

His mellow vocals and exciting rhythm and blues beat are sure to blend with the cool evening breezes and the exciting holiday fun at Caesars Palace.

Tickets for the 9:00 P.M. Jarreau concert are \$15.00 and \$17.50 (all seats reserved). Phone the Caesars Palace Special Events Ticket Office 731-7865.

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