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**1915 Van Blerck 17 Litre Roadster Sells for \$156,750**

*Auction's total sales near \$3 million mark*

Tulsa, OK (October 5, 2009) – The Leake Houston Collector Car Show & Auction racked up \$2.9 million in total sales during their 2009 auction. A 1915 Van Blerck, almost 18 feet long and over 6' tall, sold for an impressive \$156,750. The astounding Van Blerck Mill has a massive 17 litre, 1000 cubic inch L-head inline six marine motor.

This year's auction was held in Reliant Center, September 19-20. Thousands of car enthusiasts throughout Texas, the surrounding area and as far as Canada, Ireland and England attended the show.

The auction included an impressive European collection of Rolls Royce, Bentley, Ferrari, Mercedes, MG, Daimler, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Lamborghini and Maserati, as well as other vintage, collector, muscle and specialty vehicles. 381 cars crossed the auction block. A total of 238 cars were sold during the two day auction, with a 63 percent sales rate.

"The Houston auction was a huge success," said Richard Sevenoaks, president of Leake Auction Company. "Our partnership with Coys Auction allowed us to showcase an impressive collection of European cars that are typically not seen in auctions in the United States. The crowd really enjoyed the no reserve collection on Sunday. This auction was the first time Coys of London has partnered with any auction company in the United States to conduct an auction."

Other top cars included:

1971 Dodge Challenger Hemi Tribute at \$57,750

1936 Cord 810 Westchester at \$57,200

1955 Chevrolet Bel Air at \$49,500

1967 Austin Healey 3000 MK III at \$49,500

1955 Cadillac Eldorado at \$39,600

Car enthusiasts can look forward to bidding on other collector cars at the Leake Collector Car Show & Auction in Dallas, Oklahoma City, San Antonio and Tulsa. The Dallas auction will be held November 20, 21 & 22 in Market Hall. The Oklahoma City show will be held February 19-20, 2010 on the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds in the Cox Pavilion. The San Antonio show will be held March 27, 2010 in the Alamodome. Tulsa's show will be held June 11, 12 and 13, 2010 in the QuikTrip Center.

Leake Auction Company was established in 1964 as one of the first car auctions in the country. More than 40 years later the auction company has sold more than 31,000 cars. Leake Auction Company currently operates auctions in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Auction results are available by clicking Previous Auctions at [www.leakecar.com](http://www.leakecar.com). For more information about the Houston or other Leake Car Auctions, visit the website at LeakeCar.com or call (918) 254-7077.

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