

FAMILY SILVER ON SHOW

AUDI AND MERCEDES CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF SILVER ARROWS RACERS

AUDI AND MERCEDES-BENZ have collaborated on a new exhibition, *Family Silver – The Era of the Silver Arrow Grand Prix Cars*, marking 75 years of the silver racers that dominated motor sport at the end of the '30s.

Audi marked its centenary in 2009, and bringing together its *Silberpfeile*, or Silver Arrows, is a fitting climax to its celebrations. It plans to assemble all seven of its Auto Unions, including its genuine supercharged Type D discovered in Prague, the Type C/D hybrid

hillclimber, the Type D made from mostly original parts, plus the famously documented replicas built during the last decade: Type A, Type C, Type C Streamliner and twin supercharged Type D. Audi says this will be the largest gathering of Auto Unions since the '30s.

'The plan is to make the exhibition puristic, and the cars should be appreciated like sculptures,' said Peter Kober of Audi Tradition. For a publicity photocall in front of the old Reims pits, (below), the cars were joined by a

Büssing Typ 300 race transporter restored in 1999.

At *Family Silver* the Auto Unions will also be joined by three rivals. Mercedes-Benz will be showing the W25 that won the Eifelrennen in 1934, a W154, and a W25 Avus displayed without its streamliner body to expose its workings.

The exhibition runs from December 2 to March 31 at Audi Museum Mobile in Ingolstadt. Admission to Museum Mobile is just €2; tel +49 841 89 37575.

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CORVETTE HOMAGE

Duntov/Superformance has unveiled a new recreation of the 1963 Corvette Grand Sport, GM's wildest track car. The first cars will be delivered in mid-2010. More info at www.superformance.com.



CHAMPIONS PARADE

Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands played host to a free celebration of the F1 Championship-winning Brawn GP. Ross Brawn, who was there, said: 'We're glad to meet all the fans.' More info at www.mercedes-benzworld.co.uk



VETERANS RALLY

Top seller at Bonhams' auction of veteran cars on October 30 was this 1902 Panhard-Levassor Type A 7hp rear-entrance tonneau that raised £216,000 against an estimate of £120,000-150,000. Bonhams sold eight of nine veterans offered.

ULTIMATE THEME PARK

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, the world's first Ferrari theme park, opens in 2010 next to the Yas Marina circuit that hosted its first F1 race this year. It's claimed to be the world's largest indoor park, with the fastest rollercoaster at 120mph. More at www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com.

HAGI AND OCTANE JOIN FORCES

Analysts quantify classic values



TWO CLASSIC CAR enthusiasts have created sophisticated indexes that chart the classic car market in much the same way as the FTSE 100.

Finance and investment specialists Dietrich Hatlapa (left) and Hardy Sohanpal are the brains behind Historic Auto Group International (HAGI). The think tank, which includes *Octane's* market analyst Dave Selby, has created a series of classic car indices, comparing them with other asset classes such as gold.

Octane has teamed up with HAGI

to bring you the latest monthly indices and market summaries. This month in *The Market* (page 145) we kick off with the HAGI Top Index, and will follow that in coming months with marque-specific charts.

The live indices use a formula that ensures each model influences the index according to its market share. HAGI reveals that since 1980 classics have increased in value by an average of 12.6% per year, and that there was similar growth for 2009. More at www.historicautogroup.com.