

## ATOMIC ENERGIZER



POWERED BY A 2-liter Honda engine, the Ariel Atom ([www.arielmotor.co.uk](http://www.arielmotor.co.uk)) will accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 2.9 seconds, faster than any sports car can. And because it weighs only 1,000 pounds—thanks to the absence of doors, a windscreen, and body panels—it offers better braking and cornering than, among others, the BMW M3, formerly the favorite car of Rob Sloman. "It's an exceptional driving experience, and it never fails to draw a crowd," says Sloman, one of a handful of Americans who own the \$37,000, British-built Atom. For street certification purposes, American owners might want to follow the lead of Sloman, who treated the Atom as a kit car, shipping the chassis from the plant in England and then purchasing the engine locally. —MATTHEW STIBBE

## SOTHEBY'S AT SPEED

AMONG THE LOTS at Sotheby's ([www.sothebys.com](http://www.sothebys.com)) May 23 auction at the Ferrari facility in Maranello, Italy, will be an F2004 that Michael Schumacher

drove to victory five times during the 2004 Formula One circuit. The offering will mark the first time a car from the most recent F/1 season has been

auctioned, and Sotheby's estimates that the vehicle could command as much as \$2 million. Rivaling the Schumacher car for bidders' attention will be a 1958 Ferrari 412 S that was raced by Phil Hill and carries a presale estimate of more than \$10 million. The auction also will include various classic and modern Maseratis, most notably the MC12 that in 2004 won the marque's first championship race in 37 years. The car is expected to sell for at least \$1.5 million.

—SHEILA GIBSON STOODLEY



## DATEBOOK

### Aviator's Wheels

Along with classic, sports, and concept cars, the Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach Collector Car Auction offers the chance to bid on Howard Hughes' 1953 Buick Roadmaster, April 1–3 in West Palm Beach, Fla. 480.421.6694 [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com)



### Paper Trail

Art spanning five centuries, from Rembrandt to Picasso and Hirst, papers the walls of the Royal Academy's galleries during the 20th anniversary of the London Original Print Fair, April 20–24. +44.207.439.2000 [www.londonprintfair.com](http://www.londonprintfair.com)

### Eastern Affluence

The Haughton International Asian Art Fair draws the top dealers from Asia, April 1–6 in New York City. 212.877.0202 [www.haughton.com](http://www.haughton.com)

### German History

Techno Classica Essen, billed as the largest indoor classic car show in the world, examines the evolution of Mercedes-Benz, April 7–10 in Essen, Germany. +49.24.07.173.00 [www.siha.de](http://www.siha.de)

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