



## JULY/AUGUST 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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## FEATURED SERIES

### MECUM AUTO AUCTIONS: MUSCLE CARS & MORE – Des Moines, IA

*LIVE Auto Auctions Air July 17-18*

- *Friday, July 17 at 6 PM*
- *Saturday, July 18 at 2 PM*

The cars are the stars and it's the excitement and energy of live auction action – the chant of the auctioneer calling the bids and the ring men working the crowd to procure bids – that draws viewers into the **MECUM AUTO AUCTIONS: MUSCLE CARS & MORE** live event. The fine-car auction industry has evolved around the multi-day marathon for years, and Mecum sells more cars every year than any other auction company. Viewers watch as bidders wheel and deal their way into some of the most prized cars on the Mecum line.

### ISLE OF MAN TT - TV-PG

*Series Premieres Monday, July 13 at 9PM*

**Isle of Man TT** is an annual two week event held on a self ruled island off the coast of the United Kingdom. Nine different classes of motorcycles with amateur and professional riders compete against the clock. Riders compete on the country roads of the country roads of the Isle of Man's 34-mile circuit, through villages and farmland, reaching speeds in excess of 180 mph.

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| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, July 13<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 1: Practice Session</b><br>Round-up of the practice sessions from this year's Isle of Man TT. Who's looking good this year, and will anyone be able to beat the current lap record of 17.21 minutes set by 14-time winner John McGuinness in 2007.   |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, July 20<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 2: Races</b><br>With the first days racing cancelled due to Rain, we take a look behind the scenes as the riders prepare for the greatest challenge in motorcycling.   |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, July 27<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 3: Dainese Superbike TT Race</b><br>It's the 102nd Isle of Man TT, set on the picturesque Island in the Irish Sea. The action gets going with one the weeks highlights the Superbike TT Race. Riders race 6 laps of the grueling 37 ¾ mile circuit, which starts in the Island's capital, Douglas, and goes through towns, villages and mountains. The riders to watch are Britain's John McGuinness, Guy Martin and Steve Plater, and New Zealand's Bruce Anstey. |

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| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, August 3<br/>9 PM</b>  | <b>Episode 4: Relentless Supersport Junior TT Race 1</b><br>Highlights of the Relentless Supersport Junior TT Race 1. The bikes are limited to 600cc in this race, but it's no less exciting than 1000 cc! A technical infringement on Bruce Anstey's bike meant that Steve Plater scored his maiden win here last year. Can the New Zealander get revenge this year and add to his impressive tally of TT wins? |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, August 10<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 5: Title TBA</b><br>Highlights of the Superstock Race, where the TT's leading Solo riders take on the Mountain course on 1000cc machines. While the sidecars will also be tackling 3 laps of the 37 mile course in their first race.  |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, August 17<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 6: Title TBA</b><br>The riders return to the 600cc bikes for Supersport Race 2, can Ian Hutchinson repeat his victory in race 1.  |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, August 24<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 7: Pokerstars Senior TT Race</b><br>It's the big finale, the Senior TT Race, 6 laps of the Mountain Course. After his victory in the Superbike race, John McGuinness is the man to beat. Ian Hutchinson, Steve Plater, Guy Martin and Bruce Anstey will all be out to achieve that.   |
| <b>World Premiere<br/>Monday, August 31<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 8: Highlights Part 1</b><br>A look back over the first part of an exciting week's racing on the unique 37 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> mile mountain course. Beginning with the Superbikes TT, 6 laps of excitement with all the big names on the start line.  |

#### **STREET CUSTOMS: BERLIN – TV-PG**

##### ***New Episodes Premiere Sunday, July 12 at 9 PM***

Ryan Friedlinghaus and his crew at West Coast Customs create some of the most extraordinary cars ever built on television. While MTV's Pimp My Ride showcased their fun side and TLC's Street Customs demonstrated how West Coast Customs is a premier custom car shop in the United States, **STREET CUSTOMS: BERLIN** documents Friedlinghaus' next endeavor to be the top custom car shop across the pond with a new facility in Berlin. This six-part series chronicles the projects, the obstacles and the craftsmanship of Friedlinghaus' enterprise in the shadow of traditional German engineering. From finding a place for his new headquarters to searching out mechanics who can match up to the high standards of his "car couture" and most importantly, finding new clients who want their cars to be customized, Ryan certainly has his work cut out for him.

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| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Sunday, July 12<br/>9 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 4: The Style Police</b><br>Ryan and Alex are approached by a modeling agent who wants to put up a big fashion show at the West Coast Customs Berlin shop. Its an unusual request, but Ryan agrees, hoping it will give them some exposure to new clients.   |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Sunday, July 19th<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 5: Gift on Wheels</b><br>Business is still slow at West Coast Customs Berlin. The shop is up and running, but there are just no customers. So Ryan, Alex and Toby decide to build a car to represent WCC at the Potsdam Motorshow. But what kind of car should it be? Ryan takes Big Dane to check out some Audis downtown. |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Sunday, July 26th<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 6: Shop or Drop</b><br>West Coast Customs Berlin has come a long way. Ryan's goal to establish a business in Germany, with the potential to become a key player in the European Custom Car market, seems to be within reach.  |

## THUNDER RACES 2 – TV-G

### *Season 2 Premieres Friday, July 3rd at 10 PM*

In this fast-paced, high-adrenaline series, competitors battle each other to be the team named **THUNDER RACES 2** champions. Host Adrian Simpson gives each team a sum of money and a tactical goal, then watches as the contestants spend two grueling days in and out of junkyards and under the hood transforming their vehicles into big, bad racing cars. Competition is fierce throughout the two days of car building, during which friendships, design ability, engineering and driving knowledge are put through a series of difficult challenges. When the time comes for the contestants to put their cars to the ultimate test and to compete over a challenging extreme racecourse of mud, sand, brick walls and rivers, the first team to cross the finish line is crowned champions.

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| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, July 3<br/>10 PM</b>    | <b>Episode 4: Submersible</b><br>The blue team consists of engineers. The red team is made up of marine engineers from Hampshire. The green team is banger boys from Surrey. The theme of this challenge is water. The teams must create a vehicle that cannot only complete a five-mile off road course, but can also go through a 60-foot long, 7-foot deep tank. The vehicles must run along the bottom completely submerged.   |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, July 10<br/>10 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 5: 360 Degrees Cars</b><br>The red team is from Essex, the green team from Hertfordshire and the blue team is from Dorset. The challenge is to take an old banger and turn it into a roaring racer with precise handling capabilities. The machine will also have to turn on its own link, 360 degrees.   |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, July 24<br/>10 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 6: Ball and Socket</b><br>A team of three Darren's shares the same name and a passion for 4x4 off-road racing. From Manchester, the Northern Blues, drive trucks and vans by day and their spare time race Mini stock cars and hot Fords. Finally, team green, consists of a mechanical engineer, piping engineer and an ex-airplane engineer. The 'Ball and Socket Challenge' requires them to take one perfectly good car, chop it in half and reconnect the two halves using an articulated ball and socket joint. Not only will the cars swivel around that central pivot, they'll also be steered from a dump truck. |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, July 31<br/>10 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 7: Dune Racer</b><br>Viewers meet the teams -- all from the armed forces. In this challenge, they must turn their rusty old wrecks into sand-dune rocket racers. The course on a beach in South Wales consists of a circuit of deadly dune and flat out flats with a trip to the seaside thrown in.   |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, August 7<br/>10 PM</b>  | <b>Episode 8: White Van Man</b><br>Team one, the Custom Car Boys, is from Oxfordshire, the Banger Car Racers, are from Essex and two lads and their dad make up the third team from Leicestershire. The challenge is to take an unassuming ordinary van, add massive tractor tires, rip off the roof and create a top monster truck.   |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, August 14<br/>10 PM</b> | <b>Episode 9: 16 Wheeler</b><br>The blue team consists of three psychiatric nurses from Oxfordshire, the red team is made of motor sport enthusiasts from southeast England and the green team has three champion rally drivers from up north. The challenge is to convert their second hand buys into all action-driving machines - but the vehicles must also carry a car around the course and contain eight axles. The teams must take their old bangers and extend them by six axles. This make for 16 wheels in total, eight of which construct a platform on the back.  |

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| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Friday, August 21<br/>10 PM</b> | <b>Episode 10: Amphi Car</b><br>It's the Thunder Races all Winners Final. 27 turbo charged teams have bought, built and raced against each other to reach this point, and host Adrian Simpson must select the three fuel injected teams who'll race against each other for the top prize in car conversion history -- the Thunder Races All Winners Trophy. They have two days to convert a boat into a car and create the ultimate amphibious vehicle. |
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#### **WHEELER DEALERS 4 – TV-G**

***Season 4 Premieres Tuesday, July 7 at 8PM***

In this series of **WHEELER DEALERS 4**, viewers join auto enthusiast Mike Brewer and acclaimed mechanic Edd China as they attempt mechanical makeovers on some of the most prestigious classic cars in history. Each episode takes viewers under the hood with Brewer and China as they do their best to fix up these one-time gems and make them roadworthy again.

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| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Tuesday, July 7<br/>8 and 8:30 PM</b> | <b>Season 4, Episodes 11 and 12: Lexus LS 400 – 1993 – 4000CC</b><br>Auto expert Mike Brewer buys a 1993 Lexus LS400 which he soon passes into the capable hands of mechanic Edd China. |
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#### **CHOP SHOP: LONDON GARAGE – TV-PG**

***Series Premieres Thursday, July 9 at 9PM***

Building on the success of the on-screen relationship and extraordinary feats of transformation seen in Bangla Bangers, Chop Shop sees Bernie and Leepu re-locating to London's vibrant East End - one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse districts in western Europe.

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| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, July 9<br/>9 PM</b>    | <b>Episode 1: Car Fireworks</b><br>Car Fireworks. A fire in the workshop gets temperatures soaring as Bernie and Leepu work around the clock trying desperately to salvage as much as possible from the wreckage.      |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, July 16<br/>9 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 2: Phoenix Car</b><br>Tensions rise when Leepu decides he wants to redesign the car they're working on. Does the team have enough time to get the aptly named 'Sumo' ready in time?                         |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, July 23<br/>9 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 3: Super Surfer</b><br>Sumo 2 is finally finished and up for auction. Bernie estimates the car will sell for £25,000, but when the final bid comes in at only £9,700 tempers are frayed and morale is beat. |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, July 30<br/>9 PM</b>   | <b>Episode 4: Angel Car</b><br>Bernie and Leepu create a wedding super car for the Mella street festival, celebrating the Bangladesh New Year. But can this car make it down the aisle in time?                        |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, August 6<br/>9 PM</b>  | <b>Episode 5: Tiger Car</b><br>The team work around the clock to get Leepu's scrap Jaguar design ready for the Goodwood Festival of Speed. But can this 'crouching tiger' replica create a roar?                       |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, August 13<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 6: Angry Frog</b><br>Leepu wants to try and save the planet by making a green car that runs on old curry oil. But all Bernie cares about is whether this car will be able to line his pockets.              |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, August 20</b>          | <b>Episode: 7: Boy Racer</b><br>Saving the planet is yesterdays dream and the team turns their attentions to   |

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| <b>9 PM</b>   | creating a car that is all about raw power, sexy bodywork and eardrum bursting sound systems.  |
| <b>U.S. Premiere<br/>Thursday, August 27<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 8: London Garage</b><br>In London's East End, Bernie and Leepu start work on a classic MGB Roadster. Can they keep their cool and have it ready in time to race at the Brighton Speed Trials? |

**CLASSIC AUTOS: THE PARIS AUCTION – TV-G**

***Premieres Saturday August 29 at 9 PM***

Join one of the world's most prestigious international auction houses, Bonhams, for their first auction of 2009. With exclusive access, we see how a major auction works and follow the fortunes of a select number of important motor cars.

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| <b>World Premiere<br/>Saturday, August 29<br/>9 PM</b> | <b>Episode 1</b><br>In this program one we see some classic Lotus racers, a Maserati commissioned by the Shah of Iran and a 1918 Bugatti made for French national hero and aviator Roland Garros that breaks through it's pre-sale estimate by a seven figure sum! |
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