Famous Dick Johnson rear wing up for auction

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A rare, original rear wing from Dick Johnson's Ford EB Falcon has been put up for sale through Lloyds Auctions as part of Speedcafe.com's fundraising program for Motor Racing Ministries.

The wing (145cm long and 26cm wide), which has been donated by Luke L'Huillier from The Motorsport Trader, carries Falcon and Ford branding, and has been freshly autographed by Johnson himself.

A version of this wing famously collapsed while Johnson was travelling at close to 300 km/h on Bathurst's famous Conrod Straight during a sprint round of the Australian Touring Car Championship in 1995.

Ironically, Johnson was being interviewed by legendary Channel 7 commentator Mike Raymond at the time and the piece of footage is part of touring car racing folklore.



All proceeds from this auction will go to Speedcafe.com's charity, Motor Racing Ministries, and fans have the opportunity to bid on the item until 19:00 AEST on Tuesday, August 10 (CLICK HERE to bid).

Johnson confirmed the uniqueness of the article which he signed at his Yatala workshop in Queensland this week.

"I think this wing might have been out of the same batch as that one that collapsed at Bathurst," said Johnson.

"I am sure we would have decommissioned it straight away and that's why it is still pretty much in one piece.

"It is quite incredible how light this wing is. When one lets go at almost 300 km/h as you are coming into The Chase on Conrod Straight, it is something you don't forget in a hurry, I can tell you that.

"It has a couple of chips and dings after years of storage and I am sure it will make a great piece in someone's collection.

"It is terrific that it has resurfaced after all these years and that it is being auctioned to raise money for Motor Racing Ministries, who do a great job in our sport."



Established in 2015, The Motorsport Trader buys, sells and specialises in consignment sales of all things motorsport memorabilia, according to L'Huillier.

"We think the Speedcafe.com auctions for Motor Racing Ministries have been a terrific initiative and we are happy to be involved," said L'Huillier.

"Obviously the nature of our business means we have the ability to contribute items of interest and we would encourage others to do the same."

Speedcafe.com founder Brett 'Crusher' Murray said he was delighted to continue the Motor Racing Ministries auction series with the Dick Johnson wing.

"Dick's rear wing is a really cool piece and I am sure someone will enjoy it and maybe do something pretty creative with it," said Murray.

"It was encouraging to get a call from Luke (L'Huillier) offering up the wing in support of Motor Racing Ministries and it would be great if we continued to get similar support from the industry and individuals.



Lloyds Auctions, a Speedcafe.com Platinum Partner, provides all the infrastructure, logistics and shipping and charge a zero percent buyers premium for the monthly auctions, which means 100 percent of all monies raised go directly to Motor Racing Ministries.

The monthly auctions are part of a commitment from Speedcafe.com to Motor Racing Ministries, which also includes permanent space on the site's homepage where people can donate directly to the cause.

The role and function of the motorsport chaplains goes unnoticed or recognised the majority of the time as they help guide drivers, teams, officials, volunteers, the public and families through many critical periods when there are severe accidents or injury as a result of competition.

Since its inception in 1986, Motor Racing Ministries chaplains have attended more than 14,000 motorsport events in Australia across every one of the sport's disciplines.

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- Two tyres from Jamie Whincup's 2009 championship-winning car \$4700
- Four rare Michelin posters \$2136
- A front guard from Craig Lowndes' 2009 Vodafone Supercar \$1250
- Four signed Bob Jane posters \$587
- Four signed Allan Moffat ads \$1675
- A second set of four Moffat ads \$552
- Two rear tyres from Lowndes' last full-time drive at Newcastle (2018) \$4220
- An Armor All pole helmet signed by pole winners from 2005 to 2015 \$5700
- A 2007 Supercars signed Monopoly board \$2900
- An Alain Menu Bathurst 1000 race suit \$601
- Signed Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 helmet \$10,323.
- Four qualifying shootout tyres from the 2020 Bathurst 1000-winning Holden \$5,430
- Scott McLaughlin trophy \$7300
- Proceeds from the sale of Brett 'Crusher' Murray's autobiography \$4480

If anyone has a unique item they would like to donate to one of these monthly auctions, please contact us at info@speedcafe.com.