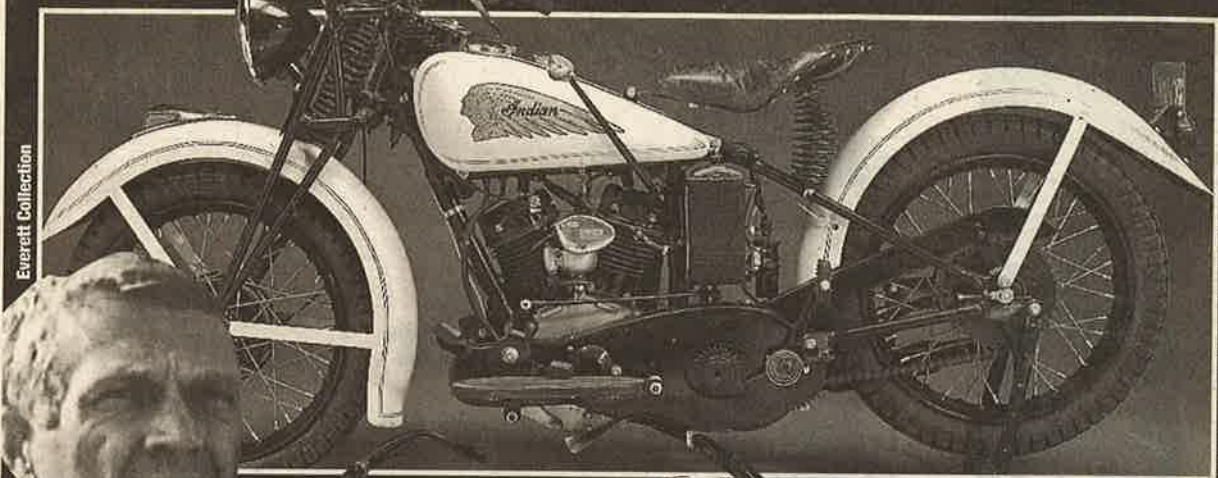


McQueen cool up for bid

Everett Collection



Fans can bid on Steve McQueen's 1934 Indian Scout (top), the shades he wore in "The Thomas Crown Affair" and his credit card — but the bike he rode in "The Great Escape" (left) is off limits.



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Steve McQueen's prized personal possessions could go faster than a speeding "Bullitt" when a host of items formerly owned by Hollywood's King of Cool heads for the auction block.

Fans will get a chance to get decked out in the macho attire of the popular actor, who died at age 50 in 1980, including his motorcycle jacket and the trademark blue sunglasses he wore in "The Thomas Crown Affair" — or even ride off on one of his motorbikes.

There are old toys, a credit card and a pen knife, "bits you may pick up for a few dollars that, because they belonged to [him], could go for thousands," said Bonhams & Butterfields' Mark Osborne, who's running the Nov. 11 auction in Los Angeles.

The items are being put up by McQueen's third wife, Barbara McQueen Brunsvold.

"McQueen is perhaps best known for his motorcycle getaway in 1963's "The Great Escape," and while none of the

available bikes was used

in a film, he rode

the up-for-bid

1929 Harley-

Davidson

Model B and

1934 Indian

Scout, both

expected to

fetch at least

\$30,000. The

third, a 1920

Indian, wasn't

street legal, but, as

Osborne noted, "that

wouldn't have stopped

Steve McQueen."

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