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Has it really finally happened? Has the price of collectible cars really come back to earth? According to Peter Bohr in this month's cover story, the frenzy of speculation has finally subsided and the investment sharks are beginning to wash up on shore, wiped out. Good. Now maybe the rest of us have a chance. Also this month, "The 300-Horsepower Club," a high-powered comparison among the sports-car elite; a look at the eclectic mix of the Tokyo auto show; and Porsche racers at Paul Ricard.

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