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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB MECUM AUCTION



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Keith E. Jacobson

MECUM...Talk with any auto enthusiast and they know exactly what you are talking about. The car lover in me would rather go to a Mecum Auction than spend a day at Disney World.

Entering the venue, for my first time ever, there are rows and rows of cool cars, trucks, and motorcycles lined up everywhere. All waiting for their shot on the auction block.

Picture walking into a room and seeing a flock of Superbirds in assorted colors. Close by "The Split Window Colorama Collection" there is one of every color 1963 Corvette Split Window Coupe. While recovering from that you encounter a long line of 427 Corvettes. Just WOW!!!

There are so many special cars to see, some will probably end up in museums, others in private collections, and many may become car show queens or daily drivers. What an opportunity to see so many in one place during this event!

The pictures tell the story, but only to a point. Nothing beats live and in person. Standing in the auction area and seeing how fast the vehicles move across the auction block is incredible. Just around the corner are lanes of cars and trucks waiting to move into position. After 25 years Mecum has the process down pat and every thing moves like a very well oiled machine.

If you didn't make it this year, they will be back in 2025. Definitely add this to your bucket list.

Yes in the end it all comes down to the numbers: Village Vettes Corvette Club ... 56 cars and 77 people.

"SEE YOU ON THE ROAD"



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The World's Most Expensive Pedal Car?

Story by Keith E. Jacobson



At a big event like Mecum Kissimmee there are some special moments. One of the best was when a 1953 Corvette pedal car by Factory GM went up on the block for auction. The Mecum staff's signatures were on the pedal car.

This little car was donated to Caring Kids Cancer (CKC) to raise money for their charity. So far it has been auctioned 18 times with each buyer donating it back to the charity to be auctioned again.

At Kissimmee on Thursday it brought in \$50,000, on Friday \$40,000, and on Saturday \$100,000. Being auctioned for the

past two years the car has raised \$623,000 for CKC.

Mecum has a 13 year relationship with CKC and have raised in excess of 13 million dollars for the cause.

Curing Kids Cancer was started in 2005 by Grainne Owen, co-founder and President along with her husband Clay Owen, at their kitchen table.

They lost their son Killian, at the age of 9, on July 27, 2003 due to Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. The charity was created in honor of his memory. It has raised 28 million dollars to date.

The goal is for the C1 to raise \$1,000,000 and then be retired. The National Corvette Museum has requested that the car be put on display. Arrangements haven't been finalized, but it is likely that the car will be loaned for permanent display.

For more information on Curing kids Cancer check out their web site at <https://curingkidscancer.org>.

A big thank you to Grainne Owen for taking the time to speak with Village Vettes Corvette Club and providing information on this worthy cause.

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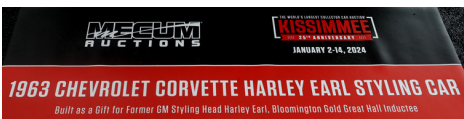
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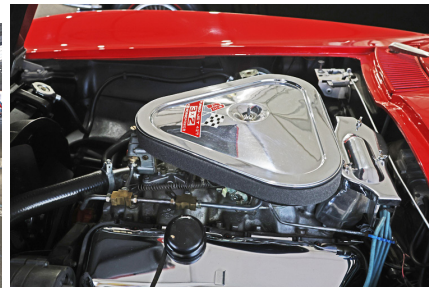
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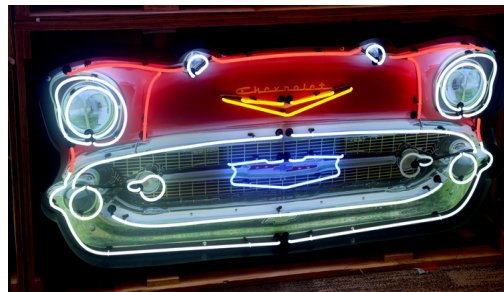
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Saturday, January 13, 2024 - Kissimmee 2024
\$168
1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Coupe
The Only Known Rally Red on Red 1967 L88, 1 of 20 Produced for 1967



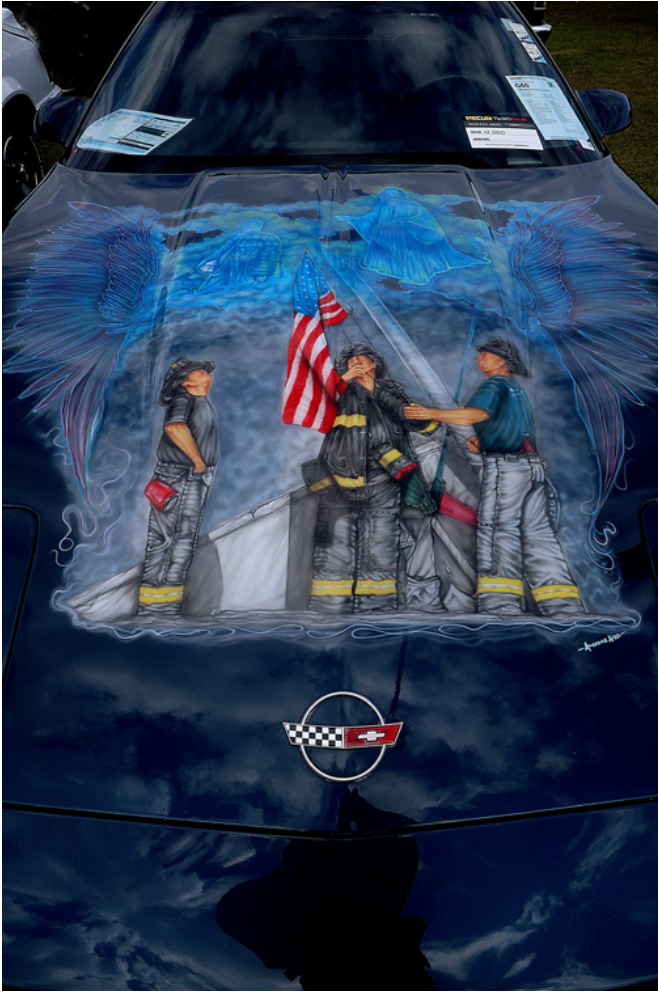
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MECUM'S 25th FLORIDA ANNIVERSARY

By Keith E. Jacobson

Village Vettes Corvette Club was invited, by David Morton, Manager of Communications and Event Marketing, to Mecum Auction's first annual Corvette Day on January 11, at their Kissimmee (FL) auction.

In the end it's all about the numbers:

\$275 million dollars in sales - the most dollars ever achieved at a collector car auction

4,383 vehicles - the most vehicles ever offered at a collector car auction

Three consecutive years of \$200 million plus results

Top ten cars sold:

1963 Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spyder	17,875,000
1966 Ford GT MK I road car	6,930,000
2004 Enzo Ferrari	4,510,000
1965 Shelby 427 Competition Cobra	4,180,000
1992 Ferrari F40	3,410,000
1958 Ferrari 250 GT "Tour de France" Alloy Berlinetta	2,805,000
1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 S.E.F.A.C.	2,800,000
1967 and 1969 The first and last Corvette L88 production	2,585,000
Corvettes offered together as one lot	
1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda convertible	2,145,000
1956 Mercedse-Benz 300SL Gullwing	2,035,000

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Top ten corvettes sold:

1967 and 1969 The first and last Corvette L88 production 2,585,000

Corvettes offered together as one lot

1963 Corvette ZO6/NO3 Split window coupe 935,000

1963 Corvette Harley Earl styling car 803,000

1963 Corvette ZO6 770,000

1953 Kendig-It CF1 Custom Roadster #5 770,000

1969 L88 convertible 495,000

1962 Corvette convertible 456,000

1963 Split window coupe 412,000

1963 Corvette ZO6 385,000

1958 Corvette convertible 363,000

1963 Corvette Split window coupe 352,000

Overall sales for the top 11 was \$ 8,326,000

Corvettes lead all models with over 450 sold

All numbers accurate at time of publication