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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

10 empty Corgi boxes drew collectors at Freeland Auction Service

BY KARIN MILLIMAN

FREELAND, Mich. — Toy lovers know that sometimes the box can be as valuable as the toy itself or perhaps even more valuable.

That was the case when Freeland Auction Services sold the toy collection of Dr. Wallace Pike from Swartz Creek, Mich. He had collected dozens of Corgi, Matchbox, Lesney, Dinky, Solido, Tekno and other vintage die cast toy. There were 200 lots sold during the three-hour online auction.

The highest bid went to 10 empty Corgi toy boxes. These were the original Corgi boxes and were in excellent condition. No cars were included. A James Bond Aston Martin box from the “Goldfinger” movie was included in this grouping. There was also a James Bond Toyota box from the film “You Only Live Once.” An ice cream van, a Chevrolet fire chief’s car, a Heinkel-X economy car, and a Land Rover helped to add to the excitement over this lot of boxes. The final bid price was an impressive \$160 for a lot of boxes with no cars.

Being sold with the original packaging was a 1948 Ford Coupe die cast toy. It was number ten in the Auto Buff series. These boxes weren’t very interesting. They were plain brown with a flowery-looking border in brown and simply said, “Brooklin Models.” But the surprise inside was the beauty of the exact replica of the car. This one was in excellent condition and the plainer brown box with the car was sold for \$50.

Made in red, white, and blue was a Corgi car transporter.



Above: A 1049 Buick Roadmaster still had all the original packaging and sold for a bid price of \$50.



Right: This stack of empty boxes brought a surprisingly high bid of \$160 recently at the Freeland Auction Services online auction.

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Above Left: Bahne skateboard with Cadillac Wheels, circa 1970s, that was offered on eBay for \$1,800. Above Middle: Vintage, circa 1950s, skateboard with metal wheels that is valued at \$85. Above Right: Rare “Surf Skater” skateboard, made in Norfolk, VA, circa 1940s – ‘50s, that is valued at \$500.

Surf the sidewalks on a vintage skateboard

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

The history of skateboarding is almost as interesting as collecting the vintage boards. Most historians agree skateboarding began in California in the late 1940s or early ‘50s. While no one truly knows who made the first skateboard, Bill Richards, a Los Angeles surf shop owner, commissioned the Chicago Roller Skate Company to produce the first manufactured skateboards using skate wheels, which were attached to rectangular wooden boards. When Richards first began marketing his new sport board, he called the sport “Sidewalk Surfing” because early skateboarders copied the styles and maneuvers of surfers, and they skateboarded barefoot, which was



Left: Two “Surf Skater” skateboards, 1940s – ‘50s, valued at \$200 each.

referred to as “losing nine.”

Accordingly, the first skateboards were either wood boards or wooden boxes with a T-handle with roller skate wheels attached to the bottom of the board. The T-handle was actually attached to the nose, sometimes called crate scooters, giving the board a rudimentary handle to grasp, more like a child’s scooter than a skateboard. But skateboarders quickly got rid of the T-bar, and skateboards made of planks and wheels emerged.

Primitive skateboards continued through the 1950s, but by the 1960s, some surfboard manufacturers (such as Hobie, Kips’, and

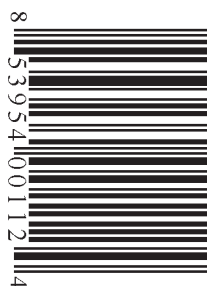
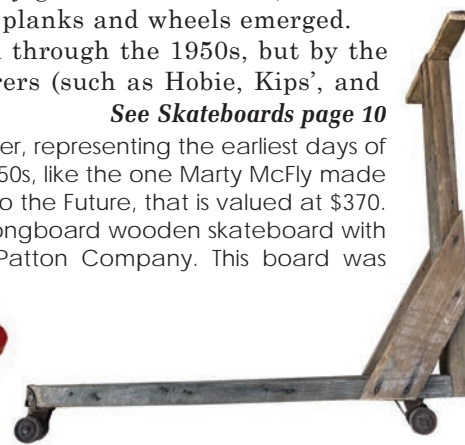
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Right: Homemade skateboard scooter, representing the earliest days of skateboarding, with handle, circa 1950s, like the one Marty McFly made famous in Back to the Future, that is valued at \$370.

Below: Vintage, 1960s, “Road Surfer” Longboard wooden skateboard with foot brake manufactured by Moen Patton Company. This board was offered on eBay for \$500.



Left: “Ski Trek” skateboard with aluminum body and Pure Justice wheels that is valued at \$588 and would make an “eyepiece” for any collection. Below: Official Tresco “Skee-Skate” which was ran ads calling the board, “The skateboard that started it all.” This 1960s board is valued at \$200.



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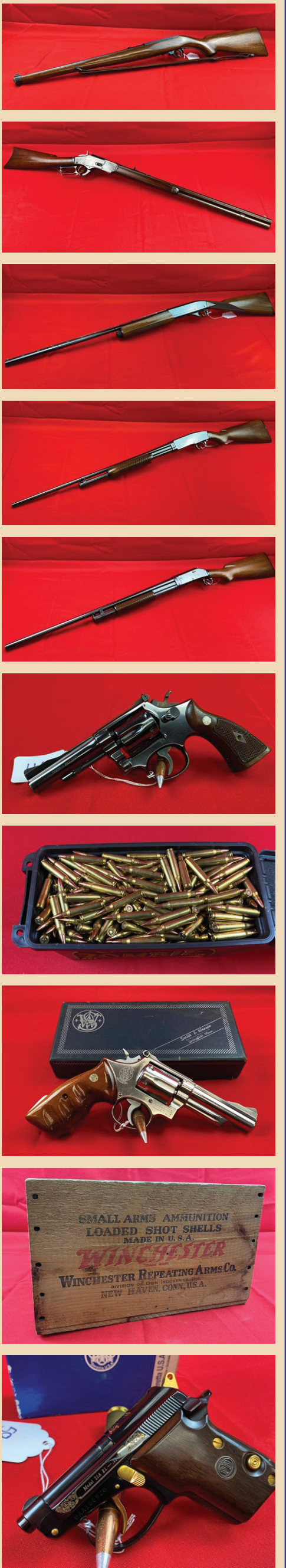
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Golf show hit a hole in one for visitors and exhibitors

BY JIM DAVIS

DUBLIN, Ohio — Nearly 100 golf memorabilia enthusiasts gathered in Dublin Jan. 7-8, for the Columbus Golf Collectibles Show, hosted by Gary and Susan Wyckhoff of Huntsville. Both members of the Golf Heritage Society, they have hosted the show since 2015.

This year's show, at the Hilton Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, attracted more than 50 exhibitors.

Among the exhibitors was Dr. Michael Hurdzan, a golf course architect of some renown — his Erin Hills Golf Course near Milwaukee, Wis., was the site for the U.S. Open in 2017 — who had a table with a variety of books. Hurdzan's office on Old Henderson Road in Columbus, is a treasure of golf artifacts itself, from books to posters, golf clubs and more from which he annually

brings in a sampling for sale. "It is an enjoyable show," he said, "and I love seeing again friends and fellow collectors."

Some of these hail from as far as Texas and the Carolinas, some from New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Some, like Bob Muir of Pittsburgh, confess that he does not expect to sell much. For him, the real value of the show are the connections he makes, the opportunity to see what others bring and, like Hurdzan, the chance to catch up with old friends.

Hickory golf clubs seemed by far the items in most abundance, still the visitor could select from small silver collectibles such as cigarette cases, hat pins, brooches and the like, to gorgeous ceramics from the likes of Spode, Gerz, Royal Doulton, and O'Hara, and even lovely examples of classic clubs from the 1960s-1980s.

There were posters fea-

turing modern heroes like Tiger Woods, Jack and Arnie to the legendary stars of the distant past such as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and Harry Vardon. One display of colorful golf ball boxes caught the eye, as did a handsome set of golf statuettes made by Endurance LTD, a now defunct maker of sports figurines from Dunfermline in Scotland.

Some items could be had for a mere handful of dollars while others, such as rare clubs, golf balls and books, might have the potential buyer and seller locked in serious negotiations for a few minutes.

One fellow left the room several times with bundles of hickory golf clubs that he presumably will repair and re-sell. Another found an early club made by a manufacturer that he collects.

"It's a hickory-shafted mashie made by the Vulcan

Company of Portsmouth, Ohio," Paul O'Neill said. "I'm from Portsmouth and I collect these. I was very happy to find it."

Modern putter designer Bobby Grace was seen in the room, offering some of his own clubs, some of which fetch handsome prices in four figures, but also gathering information for a project that charts the evolution of the wedge, or sand wedge. "One of the collectors in here has some prime examples," Grace said, "and I'm lucky he is willing to share photos and information about them."

Wyckhoff said he plans to host the show again next year, same place and around the same time in early January. Meanwhile, for those keen to get into the robust hobby of golf collecting, check out the Golf Heritage Society at www.golfheritage.org.



Above: Golf Heritage Society members Jim Jeselnick (Indiana), left, and George Petro (New York) shake hands in front a new display banner celebrating the Society's 50th anniversary.

Freeland

FROM PAGE 1

This was a big Bedford tractor unit and was in good condition. This older Corgi die cast was a hard to find toy, and its colors made it stand out. The cab was red, and the double-decker trailer on the back showed off one white one and one blue. The selling price on this patriotic die cast toy was \$40.

Small but mighty were the pocket packs. They were ready to spring to action and soar down the straight track at top speeds. These three very unusual pocket packs were paired with a vintage Tekno Denmark car and sold as a lot of four. Two of the pocket pack cars still retained the original clear plastic top that protected them. The wide tires and motors exposed were a real draw to collectors. This group of four die cast brought a final bid price of \$35.

Any Star Trek fan would have loved to get their hands on the 1976 U.S.S. Enterprise Dinky

toy sold at this auction. Made in England for Paramount television, this vintage die cast was in great condition. It was an exact duplicate of the famous Enterprise. The shuttle was hanging on below the spaceship which had the name proudly marked on the perimeter. This toy brought a final bid price of \$25, probably to be set upon a shelf and displayed.

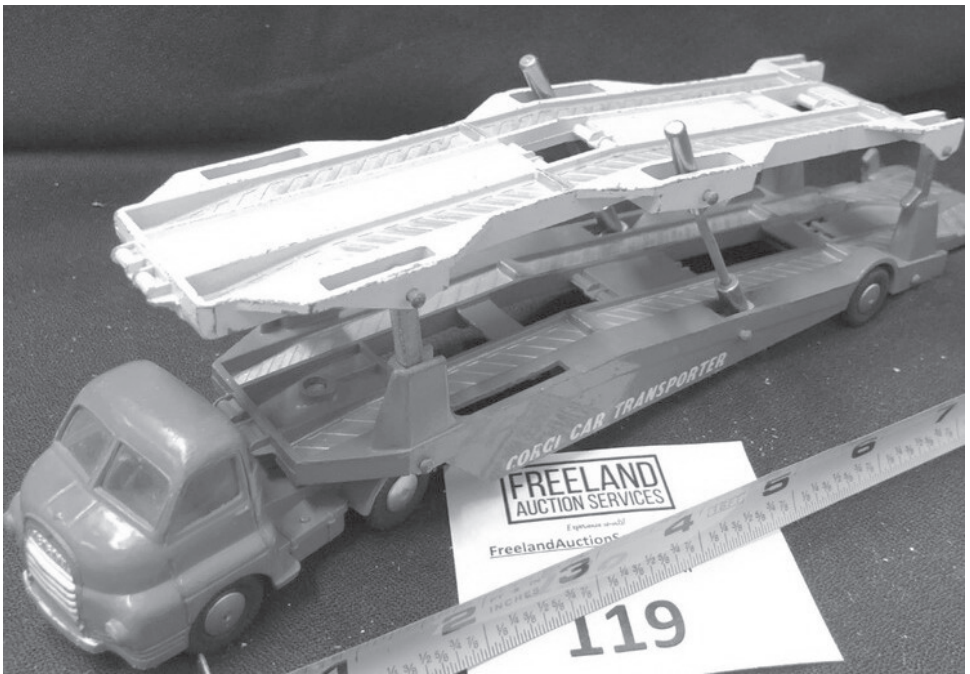
A Bat boat? Yes — Batman had a boat. Made by Glastron, the Bat boat was in the basic black and red color scheme. This one was a bit unusual in that it still had its windshield. This was the one piece that was almost always lost on this toy. This boat was meant to be mobile, fast, and deadly. The Bat boat had glowing bat eyes, the red flashing Bat beacon, a glowing Bat signal in the tail fin, and of course, hatches for the Batzooka. This unique and famous Corgi toy brought a high bid price of \$18.

Quite unique was a Corgi-made Mercedes-Benz 240D automobile

with a camping trailer. This piece opened up a whole world of imaginary camping trips, pulling a home behind. So, no more roughing it and sleeping on the ground and cooking over an open fire. One could now go inside the camper and feel like they were home, while enjoying a complete getaway. The final bid price of \$18 made this piece a real bargain.

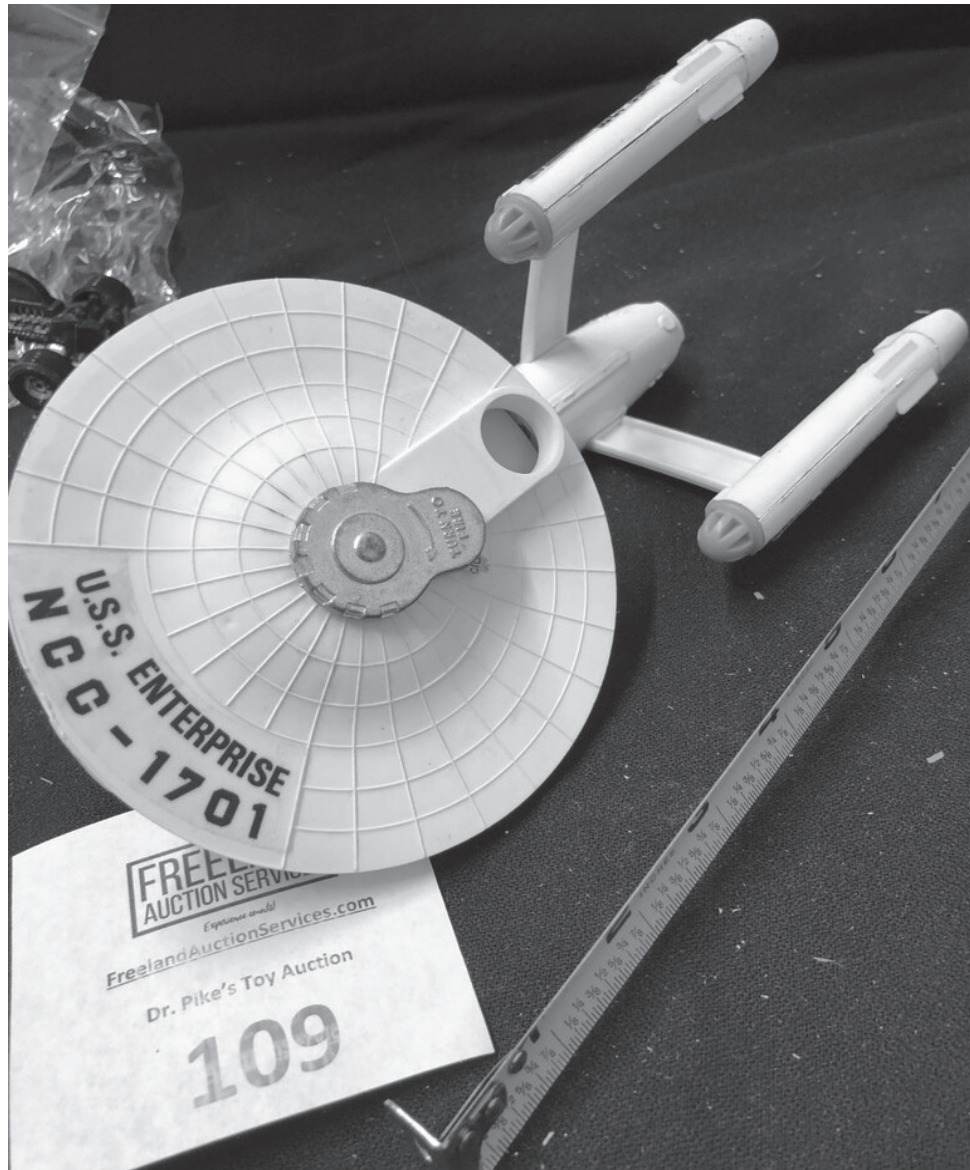
Corgi made airplanes too. A Concorde plane made in Great Britain was in good condition. Made in the die cast material, this white flying beauty went for a bid price of \$24. You could see all the passenger windows along both sides and with some imagination, this toy could take you soaring to any place you wanted to be. It was marked "British Airways" on the side, just below the long row of windows

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Above: This was a patriotic car transporter unit, showing off the colors of red, white, and blue sold for \$40.

Below: From 1976, this Star Trek piece is easily recognizable by both fans and non-fans of this famous series. It sold for \$25.



Below: Sold as a lot, these three pocket packs and a Tekno car, rolled away with a bid of \$35.

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Left: Louis Vuitton Malletier, commonly known as Louis Vuitton, is a French fashion house of luxury goods company. Highlighted within their promotional snow globe are replicas of their exquisite luggage and hand bags. (photo submitted)

Collectors are falling for snow globes

BY DOUG GRAVES

The snow globe (sometimes called a snow dome, water globe or snowstorm) is an object that simultaneously evokes holiday cheer and, for some, an eye-roll-worthy sensation. Snow gloves are irresistible for their promise of brief, easy entertainment. In addition, there's an added visual delight of miniatures in each globe. To many the globes were a reminder of a place once visited.

Hard to believe, these often-bought and soon thereafter discarded, hand-held holiday items are now worth a pretty penny or two. These treasures feature diverse scenes, ranging from the typical holiday souvenirs to more eclectic collectibles featuring Christmas scenes, Disney characters, popular icons, animals, military figures, historical scenes and others.

Early globe makers made the inside figures of porcelain, bone, metals, minerals, rubber or wax. The snow, or 'flitter' as it was called, could have been ground rice, wax, soap, sand, bone fragments, meerschaum, metal flakes or sawdust. The bases that held the globes have been of stone, marble, ceramic or wood.

"Snow globes are widely collectible," says Dr. Lori Verderame, well known antique appraiser. "While they were once reserved as a seasonal, winter collectible, the snow globe has become a popular keepsake year round."

The oldest known description of a snow globe-like object comes from an 1880 U.S. Commissioners report on the 1878 Paris Universal Exposition, where a local glassware company showcased a group of "paper weights of hollow balls" filled with water, containing a man with an umbrella. Also at the Expo were snow globes that contained a small scale model of the newly unveiled Eiffel Tower inside.

The objects also contained white powder that fell in imitation of a snow storm when turned upside down. Such glass-domed paperweights were popular in the late 1800s, but this appears to be the first to include such a playful feature.

However, it an Austrian man named Erwin Perzy who is widely considered to be its proper "inventor," albeit accidentally. That year was 1900 and Perzy was just 24 years old at the time and he was specializing in designing and repairing medical tools. When local doctors asked him for better light in their operating room, he got to work.

Though doctors had electric light bulbs at the time, the newly introduced light bulbs didn't produce much light. Perzy needed a way to make the light brighter. He had noticed shoemakers were using water-filled balls or water globes to magnify the light of a candle. Perzy tried this too, but the light was still not bright enough.

He tried flakes of metal, but they sank too quickly. One day he found a white powder (semolina, used for baby food) and poured it into the glass globe. It got soaked by the water and floated very slowly to the base of the globe. This effect reminded him of a snowfall, giving him the basic idea for inventing a snow globe.

One day, for fun, he put a pewter model of a tiny church into the water-filled ball, then added the white semolina flakes. The result was the look of snowfall that delighted those who saw it. A friend of his took the invention to his store, where it was sold immediately. And the snow globe was born.

Perzy added a miniature diorama in his globe, which for the first 40 years of production was always a church. After World War II he incorporated different designs, such as Christmas trees and snowmen. His company is now run by his great-grandson (Erwin Perzy III) and offers 350 different designs. Today, the company produces more than 300,000 snow globes each year.



Above Left: Ida Red of Tulsa, Oklahoma, produced this snow globe that contains a music box that plays Bob Will's song "Take Me Back To Tulsa". This globe features some of Tulsa's iconic landmarks including The Golden Driller, The Tulsa Train Depot, Cain's Ballroom, Route 66, BOL Tower, Philtower, BOK Center, ORU's Praying Hands and Boston Avenue Church. This modern table piece will fetch up to \$100. (photo submitted). Above Middle: Standing 11 inches tall and 7 inches wide is this Disney musical snow globe depicting Peter Pan with its You Can Fly pirate ship. It includes a music box which plays "You Can Fly." (photo submitted).

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Skateboards

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Makaha) began manufacturing skateboards. These skateboards resembled surfboards, making them easy to promote and sell to the surfing communities in Southern California.

In 1963, Larry Stevenson, owner of Makaha, sponsored, perhaps, the earliest skateboard competition. This was held at Pier Avenue Junior High School in Hermosa Beach, California. And in 1964, Surf's Up, a popular '60s television show, featured skateboarders on the

show, helping to promote the new and exciting sidewalk sport.

Finally, in 1964, John Severson published the first skateboarding magazine, The Quarterly Skateboarder. Severson wrote in his first editorial, "The history of skateboarding is being made now. You are the pioneers." Sadly, the magazine closed after four issues, possibly because of a warning Severson had issued, "Already, there are storm clouds on the horizon with opponents of the sport talking about bans and restrictions." Severson resumed publication in 1975, calling his new magazine Skateboarder.

The first television broadcast of a skateboarding competition was in 1965—the National Skateboarding Championships held in Anaheim, California.

Skateboarding hung around as a sport, but it did not take off because the wheels of skateboards were either metal, like old roller skates, or made of clay, which chipped, cracked, and exploded. Then, in the early 1970s Frank Nasworthy developed a skateboard wheel made of polyurethane. Nasworthy called his company Cadillac Wheels since his boards had the Cadillac of all wheels on

them. Cadillac Wheels improved performance, traction, and thrills, so riders, both surfers and non-surfers, flocked to the new skateboards. And modern skateboarding was here to stay with most of the skateboards for the next 30 years or so being made of maple plywood.

Since that time, new magazines have been released, skateboard parks have developed, and manufacturers have built skateboards from exotic composite materials, such as aluminum and fiberglass. Around the year 2000, collectors started to look seriously at the older, first edition

skateboards. While speed and gadgetry attract young skateboarders, old, vintage skateboards are now being hung in homes, offices, and businesses as skateboarders look back on nearly 70 years of skateboarding history.

John Severson was right about one thing, "The history of skateboarding is being made now," and the skateboards of today will be the collector items of tomorrow! Carson Guo proved this correct when, in January 2019, the 17-year-old skateboarder from Vancouver, paid \$800,000 at a Sotheby's Auction in New York City for the 248-piece skate-



Above: The Quarterly Skateboarder, Volume 1, Number 1, cover only, that is in great condition and valued at \$12.

board collection owned, at the time, by Ryan Fuller, proving, forever, skateboard collecting, like the board itself, has gone completely gnarly!

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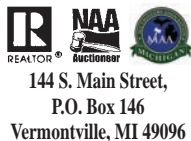
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SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, 9:30 AM

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LARGE ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 11:00 AM (Please Note Time)

LOCATION: 3675 W. TUPPER LAKE RD. (Livestock Arena)

LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN zone 4

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Unique super cruiser 2 wheel bike; oak secretary (nds. work); 2 buffets; metal wheels; museum quality authentic CHERT Native American drill pointe - 5½ long; showcases of smalls incl. knives, lighters, etc.; **TOYS:** Incl. Pin Ball machine (boom-boom); cast iron elephant; 2-1960's elec. football & hockey games; Hot Wheel & die cast vehicles; Tootsie toys; Lone Ranger pistol holster; & **more!** Lg. collection books/magazines incl.: 1920 & 23 Fordson tractor manuals; 1872 Webbs monitor Masonic Blue Lodge; auto books 1917-Modern Gasoline Auto, 1920 Farm Life magazine; rare 1892 Gleasons Horse book; 60's" Boxing magazines, manuals; rare boxing magazines; classic books; horse/dog training VHS tapes; Daisy butter churn; car repair books; Evis scrapbook; sports cards incl. Tigers; paper ephemera incl. Valentine, post-cards, Post cereal premiums; photos & **more!** Metal ice cream sign; wood crates; helicopter model kit; transistor radios; fishing items incl. lures; poles; tackle boxes; ice fishing items; Fenwick wood stream sport seat #9050; camping tents; sleeping bags; Coleman heater lamp; military (Vietnam Era - WWII) uniforms - clothing - medals - compasses - canteens - dufflebag, **more!** DVD's; board games incl. Uncle Wileys; clocks, **more!** **HOUSEHOLD:** Nice dining room table & 4 chairs - Hon Co.; Airide 4 wheel electric scooter for inside/outside - **must see!** 3 wheel bike; wood toy chest; blankets; afghans; sleeping bags - youth - nice; ski boots; downhill & cross country skis; sled; **more!** **TOOLS & MISC.:** 7" wet tile saw; Ryobi miter saw; Milwaukee SawZall; Porter Cable sander; concrete drills; ladder jacks; misc. tools; 16 ga. Paslode cordless angled finish nails w/case & battery; Makita power drill & charger; Cabela gun cases; Bob Allen Gun Club shotgun bag; shotgun shell bullet maker; car parts; Klein fish tape; wet/dry car vac; hardware military cold weather gear; snow shovels; & **more!**

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HOLLAND, MICHIGAN 49423 zone 4

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FURNITURE: Kitchen set natural & white; bar stools; Charbroil infrared gas grill; large wire birdcage; antique trunk; various benches; New England wall clock.

COLLECTOR / HOUSEHOLD: Pioneer Seed Corn wall clock; Elgin pocket watch (working); Westclox Scotty pocket watch (2); (3) 10K gold men's rings; (1) sterling man's ring; men's Jamis Allegro bike; various milk cans; wrought-iron weather vane; metal curtain rods; collection of approx. 40 metal banks; glass pcs. for stained glass projects; cast-iron pedestal bird feeder; wood nail kegs; berry lugs; Eagle Claw mesh fish basket; wood carved walking sticks; nesting Pyrex bowl set; various Pyrex and Corning Ware casseroles; Corelle dishes; Makasa figurines; lighted houses; electric heater; Pfaltzgraff Winterberry dishes and accessories; kitchen utensils; Bunn coffee maker; Dyson motorhead vac; Orbek vacuum; linens; Farberware pans; JD & farm pictures; mini license plate collection; binoculars; Seattle Seahawks waste basket; granite coffeepot; key ring collection in display cabinet; blue canning jars; heavy cardboard beer cases - PBR, Pfeiffer, Busch; jewelry boxes; live trap; Danbury Mint picture plates - Farm Memories, Pheasant collection; Schwinn Airdyne exercise bike; vintage croquet set; Werner stepladders; – PLUS MUCH MORE.

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The Auction Exchange & Collectors News

12-drawer library cabinet filed away a \$210 bid at Midland Bid Junkies

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

MIDLAND, Mich. — Good marketing starts with a catchy name - and in today's world, the internet address to match. Lynnae Osborne's Midland Bid Junkies (midlandbidjunkies.com) plainly has both.

Osborne has been an avid part of the auction industry for over a decade. Michigan buyers and sellers know her from her auction house. The industry recognizes her professional chops as a graduate of the Reppert School of Auctioneering and through her service on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Auctioneers Association.

Midland Bid Junkies conducts onsite auctions and online sales via a private-labeled version of HiBid. They hold everything from regular monthly auctions to moving/downsizing sales, estate sales, liquidations, and cleanouts. They held their final 2021 monthly auction at their Midland Mall location at the old Younker's store. It was an online-only auction aimed at local buyers, as no shipping was available. While it was a year-end wrap-up, it was not a small affair. Over 800 lots of furniture, home decor, media,

and even clothing, were on the block.

Plenty of furniture was available. One of the pieces - a 12-drawer library cabinet - picked up the auction's highest bid of \$210. Lovers of mid-century-style furnishings had a good handful to chase. Ten pieces of modestly-priced modernist and retro-style furniture were available. Among them was a 36-inch Danish modern shelving unit, in good condition that sold for \$76. To pair with it was a 55-inch Danish modern credenza that sold for \$54. Selling for an amazing \$6 was a blonde Heywood-Wakefield style drop leaf dining table, which opened to over six feet.

Home decor spanned the usual array, ranging from lamps and accent pieces to wall art and glassware. A 64 by 77 inch Pendleton wool blanket in like-new condition sold for \$78. A pair of 21-inch metal wall axes hit \$36. A beautiful cobalt blue 11 1/2-inch Blenko decanter with topper, in good condition, also reached \$36.

Appealing to local riders were 40 lots with Harley-Davidson merchandise. Among the merchandise were three leather Harley jackets. One, a zipper-front,

XL, in almost-new condition was snagged for \$45. The other two - one a zipper-front large, the other a medium - both in good condition, went for \$38 and \$28 respectively. Other Harley-Davidson items included: a large Midway gloss-black helmet with zippered neck cover and storage bag sold for \$29; a pair of lady's auburn harness stud boots in like-new condition was grabbed for \$16; and, a large gray zippered raincoat with storage bag went for \$15.

Cutlery and knives were a prominent category, with nearly three-dozen lots offered. Most of the pieces were new - like the pair of Copperhead Creek pocket knives that sold for \$12, as well as five lots with Whitetail Cutlery knives that averaged \$6 each. A vintage lot, pairing a primitive knife and chopper, made it to \$12.

Media came in the form of collectible magazines, vintage vinyl, and cassettes, as well as CDs and DVDs. Picking up the highest sum in the category, at \$150, was a collection of 201960s/1970s Michigan State sports programs. There were two lots of Playboy magazines. One containing 26 editions from

the 1990s sold for \$26, while a lot with 21 editions from the early 2000s went for \$23. Two lots of vintage records came up. A box with approximately two-dozen mixed albums sold for \$9. A bidder snagged another lot of sixteen mainly 70s-era albums for just \$4.

Just in time for the holiday gifting were more than 75 lots featuring vintage and new toys. Twenty-one of the lots were popular Funko Pop toys, new in the box. The highest bid of \$17 went for a Red Hood Super Heroes, #236. Winning bids dropped to as low as \$3 for a #18 Conan O'Brien Figure.

On the holiday decoration front, an eight-piece lot of Hallmark ornaments, that included a decorated tree, lighthouse, Barbie Corvette, along with Disney and Bugs Bunny figures made it to \$37. A new-in-box 1997 Little People Santa's sleigh was won for \$17. For anyone setting up that wintertime scene under the tree, six lots of Garfield's Christmas Village buildings landed an average of \$11 each.

For information on Midland Bid Junkies' upcoming sales visit <https://midlandbidjunkies.com/>



Above: Three Harley-Davidson leather jackets were sold. The highest went for \$45.



Below: Five motorcycle helmets were auctioned. This Harley-Davidson Midway helmet sold for \$29.



Right: Nearly two-dozen pop culture Funko items were available. Winning bids ranged from \$3 to \$17

Left: This Little People Santa set (\$17) would be perfect under someone's tree.

Below: There were numerous pocket knives and other cutlery from which to choose. Much of it was new-in-box.



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