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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

1969 Camaro runs to \$169,500 at Steffen Group

BY KARIN
MILLIMAN

WARREN, Ind. — Bob and Roxanna Seabolt collected some excellent automobiles during their lives together. This lifetime collection was the highlight of a recent online auction by the Steffen Group. These beauties could be viewed in person in Warren, Ind., or you could watch YouTube videos to hear them run before you placed a bid. And the bids came in quickly with seemingly no limit to the amount of money that would be spent to become the next proud owner of one of these drivable pieces of history.

The top seller was a



Above: The beautiful silver on this bullet made the 1967 Corvette Coupe shine in the sun and in the money category, selling for \$72,000.

1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS L78 convertible. It featured a high-performance 5000-point certification, and came with Bob Harris specialty documentation and a valuation letter. It had a 396/375-horsepower engine to move it down the road. Also, it boasted RS-SS power steering and brakes and a three-

speed automatic transmission. It also had a 12-bolt rear end. It was an actual survivor vehicle with the original drivetrain. The body was in museum condition, with both the paint and the interior. The authentic orange-and-black paint combination made it look ready for the racetrack or



Above: The authentic orange and black paint job on this 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible made this vehicle appear to be a racing machine. It brought the top-selling price at \$169,500.

for display. This automobile was one of only 4,889 produced. The odometer read 42,297 miles. It raced to a new home with a \$169,500 bid.

A 1967 Chevrolet Corvette coupe came with a factory tri-power 427

engine with 400 horsepower. The four-speed transmission gave it a boost of “go-power” as it blew by. With factory air conditioning, it had power steering and power brakes. It did have non-matching numbers,

more than likely from the new motor that was installed in 1987. This silver beauty was purchased from a family friend of the Seabolts in 2005, who had owned the car since

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FEATURE

Mrs. Claus has done more than just bake cookies



BY LARRY
LEMASTERS

It has been said that behind every great man there is a great woman. This statement is particularly true of Santa Claus. For all of his fame, Santa would just be an old bachelor living with a lot of elves if it wasn't for one great woman — Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. Claus, unlike her husband Santa Claus had no precedent in folklore history when, in 1849, James Rees, a Philadelphia-based Christian missionary, wrote about her in his short story “A Christmas Legend.” In the story, an old man and woman, both carrying bundles on their backs, seek shelter in a home on Christmas Eve.

Left: 1919 postcard showing an early Mrs. Claus as she wishes Santa a safe journey on Christmas Eve.



Above: 1987 Tom Clark gnome Mrs. Santa Claus.

On Christmas morning, the children of the house find an abundance of gifts that were left for them. Soon the old couple is revealed to be the homeowners' long-lost oldest daughter and her husband, not “old Santa Claus and his wife.” Mrs. Claus' first name, in the story, is Gertrude, but she likes to be called Jessica.

Mrs. Claus is mentioned several more



Above: Vintage, 1950s NAPCO Santa and Mrs. Claus ceramic salt & pepper shakers.

times in the 1880s in several different literary works, including in a Christmas musical held at the State Lunatic Asylum in Utica, New York, in 1854.

In 1878, she is illustrated as the “Keeper

of the Naughty-or-Nice” ledger in the story “Lill Travels in Santa Claus Land.” It seems that Mrs. Claus did a lot more at the North Pole than just bake cookies. The author,

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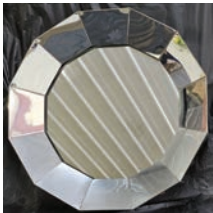
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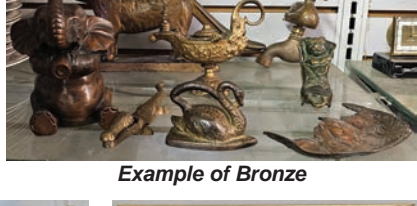
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Example of Bronze



Vintage Double Wedding Ring Quilt



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1920s Signed Bronze Elephant Sculpture



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Antique Victorian Walnut Cylinder Desk



Antique Mahogany Carved Heron Figural Table



Carved Mahogany Table



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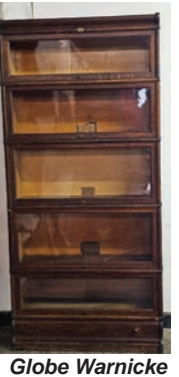
Capo di Monte Porcelain Figural Lamp



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Steffen Group

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1987. The engine block was stamped incorrectly, but the automobile did come with the old block and the proper documents. The odometer read 57,636 on this sleek beauty, with red-lined tires and fancy chrome trim. The hammer didn't mark this one sold until bidding reached \$72,000, making it second place on the money list.

Bringing in a bid of \$65,000, a 1959 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe was a real collector's piece. This was a survivor with a 283 engine and a 185-horsepower automatic. It had power steering, power brakes, and a single exhaust. The numbers matched on this one, and it had the original paint. The Seabolts had purchased this two-door silver beauty in 2006. The odometer showed 19,999, and this one was showroom-ready. The body shape, with wings on its back, made it appear as if it could take flight at any moment.

A 1965 Chevrolet Corvette convertible was shiny black with a tan convertible top. It was made for speed with the 454 engine and a four-speed transmission. The numbers did not match. It had a new hood, engine, and new suspension springs. This one had a traditional feel with no power steering or brakes. It had Kelsey Hayes knock-off rims, and the odometer showed 54,574. It brought \$38,250.

Dropping the price down to \$36,250 was a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Clone. It was painted cream and looked very sleek in the bright sunshine. It had a 396 engine under the hood, which produced 360 horsepower, and a four-speed transmission to move it down the road. It was an SS tribute car and was



Above: A Chevrolet Camaro RS Convertible sold for \$30,000 and was gorgeous, with its gold-and-black paint job.

purchased by the Seabolts in 1982. The odometer read 56,461.

Sporting a very different look from a different time was a car built in 2006 but which looked like a 1934 Ford Coupe. This one was painted a deep black color that glowed under the sun. It had a 350 Chevrolet. Ivan Slain and Wayne Hawk had been given credit for doing this fantastic job. It had a fiberglass body. Under the hood was an automatic transmission with power rack-and-pinion steering. It had power windows and a power trunk. It also had air conditioning. Part of the sleek look could be attributed to the suicide doors. With the odometer reading 17,456, this one was a piece to be driven and shown to the world. It brought \$35,250.

A gold-and-black Chevrolet Camaro RS convertible came in with a bid of \$30,000. This 1967 blast from the past had a 350 automatic power glide transmission. It also had the convenience of power steering. With American Racing rims and new tires, this one presented a gorgeous picture of the past. It had non-matching numbers, but that didn't detract from its appeal for those interested in a sportier-looking ride. It was purchased by the Seabolts in 2018. The odometer read 33,738 miles.

Everyone knows an automobile collector is going to have some great items that naturally go



Above: This Chevrolet sign announced to everyone where the heartstrings were on the Seabolt property and sold for \$3,250.

along with this hobby. The Seabolts were no different. They had a backyard buddy for the essential times that the vehicle had to be lifted to work on it. This one was an automatic lift with a maximum lifting weight of 7000 pounds. It was made in the United States and worked just fine. It sold for \$3,850.

And of course, there is always a special engine just waiting on the right vehicle to come around. A 1967 to 1971 Chevrolet engine, a 427/435, was in demand and didn't sell until bidding reached \$7,550.

A neon Chevrolet sign on a pole sold for \$3,250. The pole was 15 feet above ground, with the sign measuring approximately 70 by 31 by 22 by 18 inches. The sign said "Chevrolet" and was custom-made by the Johnson Brothers in South Whitley, Ind.

Bringing an impressive bid of \$3,100, a dog-eared Gulf sign was double-sided. It was a pole sign bragging an impressive 6 feet in diameter. It came on a



Above: Gulf signs are pretty standard, but this double-sided one was in great shape and sold for \$3,100.



Above: The wings on the rear of this 1959 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe made it appear it was ready for take-off. It sold for \$65,000.



Above: A black beauty, this 2006 made 1934 Ford Coupe, had suicide doors and sold for \$35,250.



Above: 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible didn't come with the comforts we take for granted today. No power steering or brakes, but this just upped the appeal of this black beauty. It sold for \$38,250.



Above: This 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle brought a bid of \$36,250 and looked like a real beauty with the sun gleaming off the cream-colored paint job.

12-foot cast-iron base.

The Steffen Group did a fantastic job of selling off this automotive collection. The videos of the automobiles were clear and showed what each one could do. You can check out their upcoming auctions on steffengrp.com/auctions.



Above: A backyard buddy is essential when owning a great automobile collection. This one brought a bid of \$3,850.



Above: Selling for \$7,550, this 1967-1971 Chevrolet engine was a 427/435.

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Fri., Jan. 23, Stantons Auctioneers, Firearm, *Hastings, MI*

ZONE 8

Mon., Dec. 29, Chupp Auctions & Real Estate LLC, Coin, Toy, Misc., *Shipshewana, IN*
Wed., Jan. 7, Strawser/Real Estate Sails, Inc., Antique Estate, *Wolcottville, IN*

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-Walk in Oven

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A large industrial machine, likely a lathe or mill, with a control panel and a large metal workpiece being machined. The machine is grey and yellow, with a control panel featuring various buttons and a digital display. A large metal workpiece is being machined, and a basket of metal parts is visible in the background.



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Mrs. Claus

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Ellis Towne, told the story of little Lill, who describes her imaginary visit to Santa's office, which, by the way, is not located in the Arctic at the North Pole.

However, it wasn't until 10 years, 1889, later that Mrs. Claus became a Christmas staple when Katharine Lee Bates wrote about her in the poem "Goody Santa Claus on Sleigh Ride." "Goody" is short for "Goodwife." In the poem, Mrs. Claus cajoles Santa into giving her a Christmas Eve sleigh ride. Mrs. Claus helps Santa by steadying the reindeer while Santa delivers toys down the chimneys. At one house, Santa allows Mrs. Claus to descend the chimney with the toys. She sees how tattered the poor child's stocking is, and she mends it before filling it with toys. Once back at the North Pole, Mrs. Claus announces that she is the "gladdest of the glad" because she has had her "own sweet will."

Nearly from her creation, Mrs. Claus has



Above: Vintage Artoria Limoges box, No. 666, with Santa and Mrs. Claus; \$160.

been depicted as a heavy-set, kindly, white-haired, elderly woman, who loves baking cookies. She oversees all of Santa's elves and sometimes aids in toy production.

Mrs. Claus has since appeared in story, film, television, and other media. She was brought into modern popularity in the 1960s children's book "How Mrs. Santa Claus Saved Christmas" by Pulitzer Prize-winning

author Phyllis McGinley.

Today, Mrs. Claus is commonly seen in cartoons, on greeting cards, in knick-knacks such as Christmas tree ornaments, dolls, and salt and pepper shakers. She is also in storybooks, in seasonal school plays and pageants, in parades, and in department store "Santa Lands" as a character adjacent to Santa Claus. She is also found in television



Above: 1878 illustration of Mrs. Claus, revealed as the Keeper of the naughty-or-nice ledger in "Lill in Santa Claus Land" by Ellis Towne.

programs, and live action and animated films that deal with Christmas and the world of Santa Claus.

Mrs. Claus has been depicted several times in movies. Her first appearance was in the classic 1964 movie "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," where she was played by Doris Rich. Other actresses to play Mrs. Claus are June Lockhart (The Night They Saved Christmas, 1984), Judy Cornwell (Santa Claus: The Movie, 1985), Elizabeth Mitchell

(The Santa Clause 2, 2002), and Miranda Richardson (Fred Claus, 2007).

Mrs. Claus was also portrayed by Angela Lansbury in the 1996 television musical Mrs. Santa Claus. DVDs of this movie have been offered on eBay for as much as \$150.

Ceramic Christmas ornaments of Mrs. Claus include Danbury Mint, Tom Clark, Limoges, and Hallmark. Early "Made in Japan" ornaments, 1950s & '60s, depicting



Above: Signed, 1997 "Mrs. Claus's Story" by Hallmark Ornament Studio Edition; \$135.

Mrs. Claus have a strong following among collectors and often sell for \$100 or more.

Japanese robot car sells for \$233,700 at Morphy's

DENVER, Pa. — Morphy's November 11-13 Toys & General Collectibles Auction launched a sweet honeymoon trip for a Japanese robot car that soared to an astronomical winning bid of \$233,700. Extraordinarily rare and possibly one of only two known that retain their original pictorial boxes, the sensational fantasy toy known to space toy collec-

tors as the "Honeymoon Car" led a stellar 1,375-lot auction lineup that totaled \$1.66 million.

Made by ET (Japan), the silver convertible was complete and all original, with a blue windshield, large grille and tailfins typical of midcentury American cars. Why it is known in the toy-collecting hobby as the "Honeymoon Car" is unclear — even more so when considering one lithographed robot serves as the driver, while the other rides along as a passenger in the backseat, engrossed in a TV screen broadcasting an outer-space scene. Not exactly a love match! Undoubtedly, the colorful lithographed box added a tremendous amount to its desirability factor, perhaps even doubling the value of the elusive postwar gem. The box lid is lavishly illustrated in full color, with a depiction of the sleek convertible against a setting reminiscent of Chicago's Lake Shore Drive. The lot attracted 37 bids before selling to a U.S.-based buyer for almost three times its high estimate. To put things into perspective, this toy, which rolled out of Morphy's gallery for \$233,700, is more valuable than a 2026 Tesla Roadster, whose base price is expected to be around \$200,000.

Another visitor from a faraway galaxy, a very rare Yonezawa (Japan) battery-operated Jupiter Robot arrived with its orig-

inal pictorial box with all inserts and its correct plastic remote control. The toy showed no cracking whatsoever to its dome. This fine example of a coveted, boxed Jupiter sold at the midpoint of its estimate range, for \$29,520.

A fellow who knows everything about toys, Santa Claus, made his presence known in the form of a wonderful 4 foot-tall Villeroy & Boch terracotta figure. The three-dimensional depiction of the holiday gift-giver holding a fir Christmas tree is documented in the German manufacturer's catalog from the year 1900 and may have been intended for display in a larger department store's window. It was obvious that the artists behind the piece paid extraordinary attention to detail during every stop of the creative process. The original paint they applied had mellowed very nicely over the past 125 years, only adding to the beauty of the figure's facial features. The figure sold for \$86,200.

Morphy's toy sales have rapidly become known as an outstanding source for vintage sports cards. In the November sale, top money was paid for a complete set of 1959 Topps baseball cards. Totaling 572 cards, approximately 80 percent of which have already been graded, the selection included such highlights as a Willie Mays All-Star card No. 563 in PSA Mint 9 condition and



Above: Rare Yonezawa (Japan) battery-operated Jupiter Robot in original pictorial box with all inserts, and correct plastic remote control. Sold at the midpoint of its estimate range, for \$29,520.

approximately 35 Hall of Famers in PSA NM to Mint 8 condition, including a No. 10 Mickey Mantle and No. 514 Bob Gibson rookie card. A fabulous set that took the original owner years of dedicated searching to complete, it sold well above its high estimate, for \$67,650.

Another great find for some lucky bidder was an incredibly rare 1955 Topps baseball cello pack graded PSA 6. One of few examples known and in NM condition, it sold near the top of its estimate range, for \$33,600.

From the world of superheroes, a circa-1940 Marx Superman Rollover Plane was offered together with its colorful, profusely-illustrated original box. The toy itself was also all original, including its back fins, and its condition was graded Excellent. It sold for \$5,412.

Morphy's team was pleased to welcome the



Above: Extraordinarily rare ET (Japan) tin friction 'Honeymoon' Robot Car, one of possibly only two in existence that retain their original pictorial boxes. It was the top lot selling for \$233,700 against an estimate of \$40,000-\$80,000.

worldwide contingent of toy soldier collectors who, for decades, had followed the late Ray Haradin's Old Toy Soldier Auctions. As the new steward of auctions conducted for the OTSA brand, Morphy's allocated 500 lots of military and civilian sets, figures and accessories to the Nov. 13 session. A boxed W Britain 12th Lancers "Prince of Wales Own" Set No. 4 with bugler and officer figures, manufactured 1893-1896, sold for \$5,904.

Holiday collectors were "all in" on 61 lots of vintage Christmas and Halloween goodies. A rare composition Halloween "Lettuce Man" candy con-

tainer shaped as a lamp with a built-in candle holder proved irresistible. Its esoteric design included facial figures carved into the lamp's shade, with translucent paper-insert-covered eyes, nose and toothy smile that had survived many decades in fine, undamaged condition. A prize for any collector of Halloween antiques or "veggie people," the rare collectible sold for \$20,910. Additionally, a group lot of eight delightful Halloween jack-o-lanterns in various colors with a variety of expressions sold for \$9,225.

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Above: Villeroy & Boch (Germany) 48 inch terracotta Santa figure with fir Christmas tree. It sold for \$86,100. All images courtesy of Morphy Auctions

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