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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

1963 split-window Corvette drove \$120,000 at Kraft event

BY RICHARD JUNGER

VALPARAISO, Ind. — General Motors design chief Bill Mitchell was convinced that his 1963 Corvette Sting Ray needed a shark-like profile to make it the ultimate automotive statement. To that effect, he designed a split back window in the

coupe model, almost like a shark's spine.

Automotive design aficionados were enchanted, but drivers were not. They couldn't see out the side-by-side windows, creating a real visibility danger. The '64 'Vette returned to a single back window.

One of only 10,594 split-window Corvettes

ever produced sold for \$120,000 at a Kraft Auction's 50th anniversary event in late January. Prices do not include the buyer's premium. Auctioneer Jonathan Kraft rated it as a "great buy."

The car was equipped with a factory 327-cu.-in. V8 and 4-speed manual transmission. The '63 was

also the first Corvette to have independent rear suspension although European production cars had been using them for years.

A slightly older GM product was second top seller. A bright red 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible sold for \$83,000. It was equipped with a factory-ordered 283-cu.-in. V8, 2-speed Powerglide automatic, several rare-for-the-day power features, and only 13,794 indicated miles.

The auction also featured a wide variety of more traditional classic cars. A restored 1933 Packard Super Eight convertible sedan was gavel-

Left: A 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray coupe with an experimental split back window design sold for \$120,000. [Courtesy of Kraft Auction Service]



Above: A 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible sold for \$83,000. [Courtesy of Kraft Auction Service]

eled at \$81,000. It featured a two-tone cream and khaki exterior with a caramel leather interior, wood trim, and Packard's classic body style. A restored 1930 Cadillac 353 convertible coupe with 353-cu.-in. V8, 3-speed "Clashless" synchronized transmission with two-toned red body was originally sold and delivered in Los Angeles. Spending its early life in southern California contributed to this car's condition and final hammer price of \$70,000.

Unlike Packard and

Cadillac, Pierce-Arrow was a Depression-era luxury car fatality, going out of business in 1938. A restored 1929 Model 133 cream and black touring car sold for \$62,500. It featured a dual-cowl phaeton design, essentially two separate passenger compartments, and a unique tonneau shield to protect rear passengers from stones and road dust.

The giant 462-cu.-in V-8 could move the heavy coachwork body up to 90 mph, not quite as fast as

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FEATURE

Collectors still feel the heat of collecting Hot Wheels

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Elliott Handler, who founded Hot Wheels in 1968, was determined to create the "coolest" toy car ever made. To do this, he teamed with a General

Motors car designer and a rocket scientist to design and build the best performing scale model car in America. Hot Wheels became the first trackable toy car.

When Handler saw the first prototype of his new

toy car rolling across a workbench, he exclaimed, "Those are some hot wheels!" The name "Hot Wheels" stuck, and a new, legendary brand of toy car was invented. It wasn't long before Hot Wheels was one of the best-selling toys in the world.

Handler was already a toy maker when the concept for Hot Wheels came to him, and he had true inspiration for the new vehicle toy. Handler's son, Kenneth, inspired Handler's creation of Hot Wheels when, one day, Handler saw Kenneth playing with Matchbox cars. Handler instantly thought his son and other children deserved a better toy car to play with.

He studied Matchbox cars and came to realize that Matchbox focused on

scale models of real vehicles, which made the toys fun replicas of real cars instead of imaginary vehicles. Handler started sketching cars with exaggerated "hot rod"-type bodies that had big red tires, hood blowers, and flame paint jobs. Rick Irons, a Mattel employee, created the flame logo that became synonymous with Hot Wheels. Jack Ryan, a friend and fellow engineer helped Handler design the first 16 Hot Wheels cars that were unveiled at the 1968 New York City Toy Fair.

Handler not only invented the hottest selling toy car, he marketed it through hottest growing American toy company — Mattel, which he also owned. Elliot Handler and Harold "Matt" Matson founded



Above: Only two, 1969 pink Beach Bomb Volkswagen buses are known to exist. These are the most expensive Hot Wheels cars ever produced, and they are valued at \$175,000.

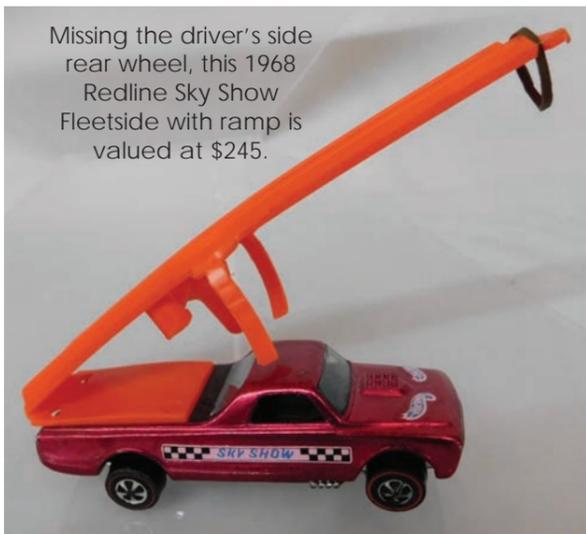
Mattel in 1945, taking the company's name from parts of the owner's names—"Matt" and "el." By 1950, Handler along with his wife Ruth bought out Matson and the husband and wife team became the sole owners of Mattel.

American automobile manufacturers saw the advantage of allowing

Hot Wheels to make scale models of their cars, using the original design blueprints and detailing standard on the cars.

Mattel originally sold Hot Wheels as boys' toys, but the company quickly saw how attractive these small cars were to collec-

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Missing the driver's side rear wheel, this 1968 Redline Sky Show Fleetside with ramp is valued at \$245.



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Caleb DeKorne and Aaron Peters win top honors at MAA

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. — Caleb DeKorne of Kent City, Mich., was crowned the 2026 Michigan Auctioneer Champion during a competitive contest held Jan. 30 at the Michigan Auctioneers Association's 75th Anniversary Conference in Mt. Pleasant.

Aaron Peters of Elida, Ohio, was crowned the 2026 Michigan Ringman Champion during the conference.

Grant Phipps of Plain City, Ohio, earned First Runner-Up honors in the Auctioneer Championship, while Ben Herrera of Liberty, Ind., was named Second Runner-Up.

DeKorne's victory reflects years of dedication to the auction profession. He first attended an auction with his older brother, Joe, at the age of 15, and was immediately captivated by the rhythm of the auction chant. After weeks of practicing on his

own, he began attending as many auctions as possible, eventually working for Art Smith Auctioneers, the company where his passion for auctioneering was born.

In June 2016, DeKorne attended the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa, a transformative nine-day program that honed his skills and cemented his career path. After a brief hiatus to support his family's beekeeping business, he returned to auctions in 2022, working extensively for Art and Noah Smith and pursuing a career as a contract auctioneer.

Today, DeKorne conducts over 100 auctions annually across Michigan, including farm, estate, and benefit auctions, as well as two weekly livestock sales. He attributes his success to mentors, colleagues, and family members who provided guidance, constructive



Above: Aaron Peters of Elida, Ohio, was crowned the 2026 Michigan Ringman Champion during the conference.



Above: Caleb DeKorne selling in the finals of the Michigan Auctioneer Championship.

feedback, and support along the way, including Art and Noah Smith, the late Kelly Merryman, and Ed Leist.

"Caleb's skill, professionalism, and dedication to his craft make him a true champion in every sense," said an MAA representative. "His respect for clients, bidders, and the auction process exemplifies the values of the Michigan Auctioneers Association."

Owen Leist of Boyne City, Mich., earned First

Runner-Up honors in the Ringman contest, while Tay Tobey of Greenville, Mich., was named Second Runner-Up.

Peters' championship win marks a significant milestone in a career built on persistence, passion, and a deep respect for the auction profession. Growing up attending auctions alongside his father and grandfather, Peters developed an early appreciation for the fast-paced energy of the auction ring and the relation-

ships formed through the auction process. Those early experiences, combined with his strong agricultural background as an FFA State Degree recipient, laid the foundation for a lifelong calling.

"This win is especially meaningful," Peters said, "because it represents years of learning, refining my skills, and staying committed to doing the job the right way."

Prior to claiming the Michigan Ringman Championship, Peters earned recognition as a two-time Ohio State Bid Calling Finalist (2022, 2023), a Michigan Auctioneer Championship Finalist (2024), and 2nd Runner-Up in the Michigan Ringman Championship in 2025. His steady progression through the ranks underscores the dedication that ultimately led to his championship performance in 2026.

Specializing in real estate, estate sales, charity events, firearms, heavy equipment, agricultural

auctions, business liquidations, and consignment auctions, Peters is known for his versatility, professionalism, and calm presence in the ring. Beyond technical skill, colleagues and clients alike recognize him for a people-first approach that helps individuals and families navigate major life transitions with confidence.

Auctioneering is a true family affair for Peters. His wife and son work alongside him, sharing the same commitment to service and integrity. Outside the auction world, the Peters family enjoys farming, hunting, and spending time together—values that mirror the work ethic and community focus he brings to every auction.

"Aaron understands that behind every bid is a person and a story," said an MAA representative. "That perspective, combined with championship-level skill, is what makes him an outstanding Ringman and ambassador for the profession."



Above: Michigan Auctioneer Champion is always one of the highlights of the Michigan Auctioneers Association's annual conference. This year the winners were (from left to right) Ben Herrera (second runner up), Caleb DeKorne (champion) and Grant Phipps (first runner up).



Above: Ringman champions were named at the Michigan Auctioneers Association Conference. From left to right: Tay Tobey (Second Runner-Up), Aaron Peters (Champion) and Owen Leist (First Runner-Up)

Hot Wheels

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tors. To sell more Hot Wheels, Mattel began manufacturing limited edition cars that collectors eagerly sought.

The Original 16 or "Sweet Sixteen" as collectors call them included Custom Cougar, Custom Mustang, Custom T-Bird, Custom Camaro, Silhouette, Deora, Custom Barracuda, Custom Firebird, Custom Fleetside, Ford J-Car, Custom Corvette, Python, Beatnik Bandit, Custom Eldorado, Hot Heap, and Custom Volkswagen. These toy cars possessed



Above: Redline wheels make this 1968 Hot Wheels purple corvette high collectible. It is valued at \$290.

the Mattel Toy Numbers 6205 - 6220.

In 2018, Hot Wheels celebrated its 50th Anniversary, which Car and Driver magazine dedicated an entire article to — The Most Valuable Hot Wheels Cars Ever. Writers Andrew Wendler and Austin Irwin wrote,

"If this list doesn't make you double-check your personal collection, you might be crazy."

According to the article, in order, the 20 most valuable Hot Wheels cars for the first 50 years and their values are the 1968 brown Custom Camaro (\$3,000), 1968 white Custom Camaro (\$3,000), 1977 white Z-Whiz (\$3,000), 1974 blue Rodger Dodger (\$3,000), 1972 pink Superfine Turbine (\$3,500), 1969 Red Baron with white interior (\$3,500), 1972 green Open Fire (\$4,000), 1971 red Olds 442 with black interior (\$4,500), 1968 pink Beatnik Bandit (\$5,000), 1970 red Ferrari

Left: A funky 1969 Hot Wheels Red Baron with dark interior. Valued at \$500.



Above: Vintage, 1969 aqua Hot Wheels Demon Car. This model, advertised on eBay as having "the wrong engine," is valued at \$200.

312P with white interior (\$5,000), 1971 purple Bye Focal Spectraflame (\$6,000), 1969 Cheetah Base with Python Body (\$6,000), 1969 brown '31 Woody (\$8,000), 1969 blue Ed Shaver AMX (\$10,000), 1971 purple Olds 442 (\$12,000), 1969 brown Custom Charger (\$13,000), 1969 Mighty Maverick on Mad Maverick base (\$15,000), 1968 Over Chrome Camaro (\$25,000), 2008 diamond-encrusted 40th Anniversary Hot Wheels Car (\$140,000), and the most valuable Hot Wheels

toy car ever produced—the 1969 Beach Bomb Volkswagen that is valued at an incredible \$175,000.

Some Hot Wheels collectors limit their collections to original, Redline Hot Wheels cars, which were manufactured by Mattel between 1968 and 1977. A key feature on Redline cars was the red stripe painted on their wheels. Redline Hot Wheels cars are highly sought after by collectors for their quality, unique "Spectraflame" paint, and design innovations.

Since 1968, Mattel has sold some of its Hot Wheels dies to other toy companies once Mattel was finished manufacturing that model, so companies other than Mattel have reproduced Hot Wheels cars.



Above: An original 1/64th scale 1968 Custom Barracuda. This vintage Hot Wheels car is valued at \$450.



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 Preview: Fri., Feb. 27th, 2026 from 11am to 4pm.
LOCATION: THE AUCTION BLOCK, 5590W US HWY 2.
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FIREARMS & AMMO:** Winchester-mod 1894 (1899) .30WCF, NIB mod 94 "Legendary Lawman" comm .30/30, mod 72 .22 short, mod 69 .22 short. **Kimber**-NIB mod 1911 Custom .45acp, NIB Mirco 9mm. (2) NIB Heritage "Rough Rider" .22lr, NIB Mosin Nagant w/orig bayonet 7.62x54, Enfield mod MK I .303Br, NIB Taurus mod 856 .38spl, **Mossberg**-mod 185D-B .20ga, mod 715T .22lr, SXS's, muzzleloaders, and more. **Ammo (factory & reloads)**-.22lr, .25-20, 7.62x25, 9mm, .38spl, 380, .44mag, .45acp, .243, .270, .30/06, 7.62x54, 7.62x39, .30/30, .338 and more. Misc empty brass calibers

SPORTING & TOOLS: Snowshoes-Snowcrast, Lac Megantic. Flats of misc gun parts/cleaning items, cleaning kits, **Traps**-Oneida foot, mole. Flats of misc hand tools, **Taxidermy**-whitetail shoulder, ducks, whitetail antler, snapper turtle, impala, coyote pelt, moose antlers. **Knives/Axes**-Case XX bowie, Winchester, Buck, machetes, fantasy, filet, fixed & folding. **Fishing**-C. Christensen decoy, misc lures, reels, flats of tackle, flies, landing nets, Flats of MI paper hunting licenses, misc holsters/gun belts/gun cases, **Air Guns**-Crosman, Daisy Red Ryder, Benjamin, break barrel, NIB Power Line pistol. **Scopes**-Tasco, Glenfield, Galaxy, Barska spotting. Jerry cans, HM wooden sled, "soap box derby" car, Jai Alai cesta, **Belt Buckles**-Ruger, Remington, Colt, Budweiser, **Long Tools**-axes, broad axe, pickeroons, pick axes, adz. S&W tear gas can, **OB Motors**-1940s Evinrude 5.4hp, 1930s 2hp.

MISC & COLLECTIBLES: Coins-Am Eagles (MS69 & 70, '20/'21/'22), **Morgan** \$'s-'04o MS63, '21 MS64, '85o MS63, '21d MS63. **Cents**-1840s/50s Lg, '45 wheat MS66, '58 FE, **Indian**'s-'59 & '64. Teens & 20' Wheat, bags of '43 steel. 1860s 2-cent coins, 3-cent coins, **Nickels**-Sheild, Liberty, Buffalo, BU War. 1890s Barber qtrs, Barber 1/2's, '76cc Seated Lib dime. Flats of books (mixed genres), **Lanterns**-Coleman, Dietz, Coleman Quick Lite. CI-#8 pan w/heat ring, melting pots, treadle base, NIB Dutch oven, (2) pelicans. antique telephones, **Military**-Burgess mine detector, NIB boots, patches, fatigues, trench art, compasses, gas mask kits, framed patches, water bladders. glass carboys, **Signs**-Old Gold, Sun Oil Co., Bell Telephone, Sinclair, Texaco, No Wheeled vehicles, wildlife refuge, Det. Tigers. St of MI pins & badges, Soo Line \$ clip, **Furniture-Clocks**-1920s Hallock time, 1920s Ansonia "Gingerbread" mantel, Gilbert Eastlake mantel, Ger cuckoo. Display cabs, 1940s oak secretary w/pigeon holes & candle stands, metal locker, marble top "dry sink", marble top side tbl, 1900s store scale, 1900s locks w/orig keys, Harley Davidson mem, 4-sided overhead stoplight, cherry burls, **Artwork**-Disney, M. Monroe, Colt Firearms. **Toys**-Fisher Price "little people", 1940s Am Flyer train set, Blue Comet train set, flats of misc comic books, NIB banks. **Musical Instruments**-mandolin, Psaltery, trombone, clarinet, flute. Brass spittoons, **Rocks/Minerals**-float copper, shale, iron ore, amethyst, quartz. Munising HP bowl set, 1940s Marx train set, bird houses, vintage MI license plates, copper boiler w/lid

TERMS: Cash, Check w/ID, Debit/Credit card (4% Fee). All Items sold as is w/no warranties.
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LOCATION: 5655 N. Alamando Rd., Coleman, MI 48618

zone 3



2005 Ford F-350 4-Door Pickup 6.0 Powerstroke Diesel, 195,000 Miles, Tow Package • **2010 Dodge Challenger RT** 5.7 Hemi, 6-Speed Manual Trans, 117,000 Miles • **1983 Pontiac Firebird** T-Top, 5.7 Engine, 5-Speed Manual Trans • **2003 Jayco 2x33 Toy Hauler Camper** • **Spray Foam Insulation Unit** 26' 1987 Wells Fargo Gooseneck Enclosed Trailer w/PMC PH2 Proportion Spray Foam Machine, 35KW Diesel Generator, 140-Gal Air Compressor w/200' Air Hose, Complete Unit Ready To Be Used • **Dune Buggy** • **4x5 Utility Trailer** • **Shop Tools, Mechanics Tools, & Related** Atlas 12' 11,000# Car Lift • Master 48" Shop Floor Fan • Baker Scaffold • Exhaust Stands • Diesel 400,000 BTU Torpedo Heater • Engine Stand • Oil Drain Pan • Transmission Jack • Master 140,000 BTU Diesel Torpedo Heater • Table Saw • Pancake Air Compressor • Knaack Jobsite Toolbox • Drywall Stilts • Gooseneck Plate • (15+) Bags Cellulose Insulation • Insulation Baffles • Gooseneck Hitch Attachment • Schumacher Battery Charger • Cut 50 Plasma Cutter • Bolt Bin • Roll Around



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BLOOMVILLE, OHIO 44818

zone 12

INSPECTION: Thurs., Feb. 26th • 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

CASE IH FARM EQUIPMENT

(6) TRACTORS

'95 Case-IH 7240 MFWD, 18 Spd. PS Trans., 7110 2WD CHA Dul PTO, '57 FARMALL 450, Gas, TA, '41 FARMALL M, Gas, 540 PTO.

HARVEST EQUIPMENT AND GRAIN CART

'09 Case-IH 7088 Combine, Mud Hog 4WD, 900/60R32 Fronts, 540/60R30 Rears, Power Fold Bins, AFS Pro Monitor, 3017E./ 2213S. Hrs., '13 Case-IH 3020 Platform, 30', Single Pt., '10 Case-IH 3206 Corn Head, 6R-30; (2) UNVERFERHT HT30, J&M 525 GRAIN CART, w/14" Corner Grain Auger.

GRAIN TRUCKS AND TRAILER

'04 INTL. 9200i, Cummins 855 Big Cam Eng., Auto Trans, Air Ride, S.S. Fuel Tanks, Tandem Axle w/Cheater, Metal 20' Bed w/ Wood Floor, Twin Cyl. Hoist, Roll Tarp, 525,191mi., (VIN: 2HSCEAPR85C033165); '85 INTL. S-1900, w/466 Turbo Dsl. Eng., 10 Spd., 20' Bed, Steel Sides, Wood Floor, Twin Screw, Roll Tarp, Has Newer Eng., Clutch, Radiator; '79 Chevrolet C-70, 360 Gas Eng. Twin Cyl. Hoist, 18' Grain Bed, 27,112 Original Mi.; '86 GMC 7000 Topkick.

PLANTING AND TILLAGE

Case-IH 900 Cyclo-Air Planter; Case-IH 5400 No-Till Drill; INTL. 710 5-16" Toggle Trip, Semi-Mtd Plow; INTL. 720, 6-18 Btm, On-Land, Auto Reset; Landoll Mod. 2200 Weatherproofer II, 5 Shank; Case-IH 3900 Disk, 25"

2 ROTARY CHOPPERS

BUSH HOG 12215 Batwing, 15', Hyd. Fold, 1,000 PTO, Like New, WOODS 214

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Etc. 1984 Honda Big Red Trike.

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LOCATION: 3220 ALFRED AVENUE

DIRECTIONS: N. Grand River Ave 5 blocks east of Waverly Rd or 1.3 miles NW on Martin Luther King Blvd to Alfred Ave.

LANSING, MI 48906 zone 5

*I have no further use for the following household items and auto:
NOTE: Sale will be held outside, please dress warm!*

AUTO: 2010 Volkswagen Golf w/26,500 miles.

HOUSEHOLD: LG X Boom mini Hi-F- system, NIB; 5 Stained glass table lamps; Hissène 40" TV (3/24); Dyson Universal vacuum; Large assortment of deco items; B&D compact refrigerator;



Pensive & Blythe; Costume jewelry; 1882 German Family Bible; Asst. wall metal artworks; Blue & white ceramics.

OTHER ITEMS: Cosco painter's stepladder; Asst. yard tools; B&D battery lawn mower; Worx snowblower; Large quantity

Round pedestal dining table; Kitchen work cart; Bissell Quick Steam carpet cleaner; Hoover Power Dash pet carpet cleaner; Igloo 4 bottle wine cooler, NIB; Asst. cookware, dishes, utensils; 5 Folding bookshelves; Round oak pedestal dining table 4/4 pressed back chairs; Snack table set, NIB; Fisher Jr. stereo radio; Asst. pottery, glassware, ceramics; LG 40" TV; GE portable dishwasher; Asst. women's clothing, shoes, hats; Asst. new items in boxes.

OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: Walnut marble-top parlor table; 9 Brass candle holders, 2 elephants, Buddha figure; Opalescent hobnail glassware; Rattan high chair; Ceramic Arts Studio figurines: 2 Encore; Lady, 2 Duck vases,

of miscellaneous items.
CONSIGNMENT: Wicker baskets; Pictures; Antique table lamp; Wrought-iron floor lamp; Ephemera paper goods; Old books; Smalls; Commode; Primitive bench; Hat boxes w/old hats; Spoon carved commode; Armchair; Floor lamp; Old Monopoly game pieces; Empire dresser; Plank blanket chest; Wood toolbox; Oak dinette table w/2 chairs; Oak corner shelf.

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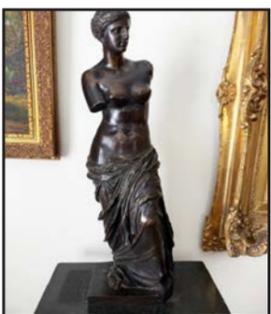
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Day 1 February 26th - 4pm CST

400+ Lots of Watches and Fine Jewelry Auction

Auction Highlights: 12 Vintage Rolex Watches including 3 President Day-Date Watches w/ Boxes, 2- Stainless Datejusts, Ladies Two-Tones and more; Panerai Luminor Automatic Watch, NIB; Fabulous 18K White Gold Large Diamond Ladies Watch; Collection of Gold Pocket Watches; MontBlanc Pens; Louis Vuitton Hobo Bag; 400+ Lots of Gold, Platinum and Sterling Jewelry including Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires, and Other Stones... One of the finest selections of jewelry we have ever offered at auction before!



Day 2 February 27th - 10am CST

1000+ Lots Coins, Currency and Bullion Auction

Auction Highlights: 30+ Ounces of Gold Coins and Bullion; Platinum Coins; 290+ Ounces of Sterling Ingot Bars; 2023 500-Coin South Africa 1 oz Silver Kruggerand Monster Box; Rare 1952 and 1954 George VI South Africa 11-Coin Proof Set With Gold Coins; 400+ Morgan Dollars including 1893-S PCGS, 5- Carson City GSA Boxes, 20 Carson Cities, Numerous Key Dates and Graded Dollars; 200+ Peace Dollars including Complete Sets and Graded Coins; Trade Dollars; Great Selection of Currency including Series Of 1899 United States \$5 Large Size "Chief-Running Antelope", Series Of 1907 United States \$5 Large Size "Woodchopper", National Bank Notes, Large Notes, Gold and Silver Certificates, and More; 250+ Ounces of Sterling Franklin Mint Sterling Coins; \$1000 FV US 90% Silver including Walking, Barber, and Franklin Halves, Washington and Standing Liberty Quarters, Barber, Mercury and Roosevelt Dimes; 600+ Proof and Uncirculated US Silver Eagles; Foreign Silver Coins; Indian Head and Lincoln Cents; Capped Bust Half Dollars; Type Coins; Complete Coin Book Sets; Confederate States of America Notes; and Much More!



Day 3 February 28th - 10am CST

900+ Lots of Fine and Decorative Arts Auction

Auction Highlights: 50+ Lots of Sterling Silver including Flatware Sets, Serving Pieces, Great Selection of Antique Lighting including Tiffany, Duffner & Kimberley, Handel, Pairpoint, Quezal, Charles Lotton, and more; Antique Clocks; Collection of Whiskey; 100+ Bronze Statues including Life Sized Bear, Lions, Elk, Water Fountains, Remington, Russell, Life Sized Figural Woman Lamps, and so many more; 200+ Pieces of Original Art including 4- Frank Dudley Oil Paintings including Exhibition "Butterfly Weed", T.C. Steele landscape, George Ames Aldrich, Numerous Other Dunes Paintings, Paul T. Sargent, George Cermak, Armand Merizon, and Many More Listed Artist; Selection of Antique Furniture; Country Store; Black Americana; Stoneware; Brass Bells; Selection of Vintage Guitars and Musical Instruments; Musical Instruments; Outstanding Collection of Audio Equipment and Speakers including McIntosh, Dynaco, Tube Amps, Fisher, Marantz, Sansui, Pair Of Original Rare JBL Hartsfields "Holy Grail" 3-Way Speakers, and more; Collection of Vintage Leica Cameras and Lenses; LeRoy Neiman Serigraphs; Native American Collection; Religious Art; Oriental Collection; Great Selection of Glass, Pottery and Other Porcelain Pieces; and Much More!



Day 4 March 1st - 10am CST

Elmer's Lock and Safe Museum Auction

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the competing Duisenberg Model J. Still, the Pierce-Arrow engine was larger than most modern V8s,

including Corvettes, looking more like a diesel truck or locomotive engine.

A 1960 Cadillac Series 62 convertible came in at \$59,000, a good price considering that it had

received \$48,000 in repairs in late 2024. The light blue vehicle had vestiges of tail fins and just about power everything, including its light-blue convertible top. Not far behind was a rebuilt bright red 1961 Mercedes-Benz 190SL roadster touring car. It featured a 1.9 L four-cylinder engine and four-speed transmission and was gaveled at \$57,500. There was a minimum amount of rust, an Achilles' heel for 190SLs in general and was highly popular among Hollywood types, especially those who preferred European styling.

The latest car to crack the auction's top selling

list was a 2016 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, netting \$53,000. The Plum Crazy pearl coat exterior hid a 6.2 L supercharged HEMI V8 with a top speed of near 200 mph. SRT stood for Street & Racing Technology, and the vehicle, which may have sold for less than its original sticker price, was essentially a factory-built hot rod with warranty.

Kraft has a reputation for premium child-sized cars, and their 50th anniversary auction was no exception. Top seller was a circa 2020 Bugatti Baby II electric miniature car that sold for \$50,000. Modeled after the iconic



Above: The 1960 Cadillac Series 62 convertible was another parade car. At an auction price of \$59,000, it was a form of extravagance, not transportation. [Courtesy of Kraft Auction Service]



Above: A 1933 Packard Super Eight convertible sedan was gaveled at \$81,000. Nicknamed "the moving throne room", it could transform from formal limo to open-air parade car in minutes. [Courtesy of Kraft Auction Service]

1920s Bugatti Type 35 Grand Pix racer, it had multiple speeds for children and adults, disc brakes, working headlights, and was produced and licensed by Bugatti's UK heritage partner.

A restored Steiff Little Mobil pedal car sold at \$21,500. Dating to around

1930, the German pedal car was made by the same company that invented the teddy bear. A restored American National pedal car with rear suspension, full fenders and spare tires sold for \$16,000.

A small group of motor-

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- Consignments accepted until: **March 2nd**
- Preview date: **March 6th 4 pm - 6pm**
- Auction ends on: **March 16th Pick up 17th 2-6pm**

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- Auction concludes on: **April 13th** Pick up **April 16th** from 2pm - 6pm

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Kraft

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cycles attracted a different set of buyers. The top seller was a 1919 Cleveland Strap-tank that sold for \$15,000. The design, which featured a gas tank held by metal straps rather than welds,

was like many other early motorcycles, a cross between bicycle and motorbike. Cleveland was a major manufacturer in that day, in the same category as Pope, Harley Davidson, and Indian.

An extremely scarce 1961 Harley-Davidson Topper 61AH "Scootaway" was an unexpected top

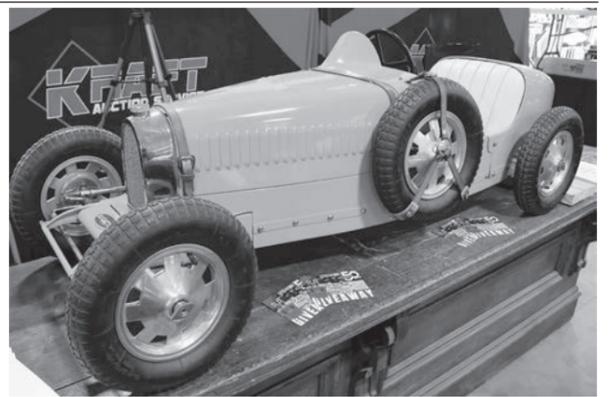
seller at \$8,000. 1950s America was flooded with cheap Italian and Japanese scooters and this was Harley's failed answer. Underpowered and the exact opposite of every other Harley, dealers didn't like selling it, especially with the optional sidecar featured on the auction model, and Harley mechanics didn't know how to fix it, with rubber drive belts instead of chains.

A 1971 Harley-Davidson FX Super Glide replica zoomed off at \$7,500. The bike that reinvented Harley, the Super Glide was the company's first factory custom motorcycle. Armed with a 1200 cc engine, it barely broke a sweat at the standard 55 mph speed limit of the energy-starved 1970s with the look and sound of earlier Harleys. It ranks with a

'57 Chevy or Mustang GT in defining its era.

Not far from being a similar icon, a restored 1972 Suzuki GT750 was auctioned at \$6,500. If the Harley Super Glide was the symbol of the 1970s American motorcycle culture, then the GT750 was the arrival of Japanese technological dominance. With a smaller 738cc engine and water cooling, it had better gas mileage and a faster top speed than the Harley. A circa 1976 Harley-Davidson bicycle sold for \$500.

The auction also featured more than two dozen rebuilt or custom made large-sized neon signs. Staged in one of Kraft's famous "wall of lights" displays, the advertising created a glowing corridor among other items, a neon canyon in a cold winter day.



Above: A circa 2020 Bugatti Baby II electric miniature car sold for \$50,000.



Above: Kraft truck and tractor division manager Adam Floyd next to the running board of a 1930 Cadillac 353 convertible coup. The restored car sold at auction for \$70,000.

The top selling sign was a 6-by-6-foot vintage Mobil porcelain with added neon and flashing Pegasus. Hammered at \$10,000, the original single-sided sign, with some porcelain loss, had a new metal box housing and added neon tubing. Pegasus made the sign one of the most popular 20th-century roadside advertising images and

added to the original sign's Art Deco design.

A similarly sized, restored, and customized porcelain Texaco sign sold for \$8,500

Kraft has future auctions planned at its various northern Indiana locations. Details can be found at <https://bid.kraftauctions.com/auctions/>

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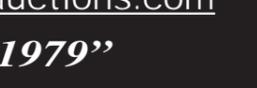
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Vintage PC magazines still compute for collectors

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

Long before laptops became fixtures of daily life, computer magazines guided readers through the confusing early years of personal computing. In the 1970s and 1980s, they were essential reading for anyone trying to understand, use, or even justify owning a personal computer.

Ultimately, many of these periodicals disappeared and were discarded or recycled when technologies moved on. Today, surviving issues are prized for their detailed information, bold advertising, and first appearances of both iconic brands and companies that flickered before fading. Preserved issues are now seen as important artifacts, capturing the attention of collectors interested in the dawn of personal computing.

Journalism in the PC industry can be traced to 1974, when Popular Electronics featured the Altair 8800 on its January edition cover. Widely regarded as the first true micro-computer, the Altair issue represented the emergence of regular magazine coverage of personal computers.

At the time, "personal" computers weren't much more than a notion. The technology, while exciting, was embryonic and hard to understand, attracting mainly engineers and tinkerers. Devices were often sold as kits, programming was done by the owner, and accessories like storage or even keyboards had to be cobbled together from multiple manufacturers. Specialty computer magazines arrived, helping experimenters turn the technology into something usable. While often primitive in their

Below: Rainbow, published to support Tandy's Color Computer, was one of the many periodicals dedicated to specific models. Issues sell for around \$10-\$15



Above: This 1977 edition of Byte contained a historic interview with Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak about the release of the Apple II computer. It sold for \$74.95.

own right, these early publications were the primary conduit for knowledge, with pages filled with circuit diagrams, reader-submitted code, and advice on working a homebrew computer.

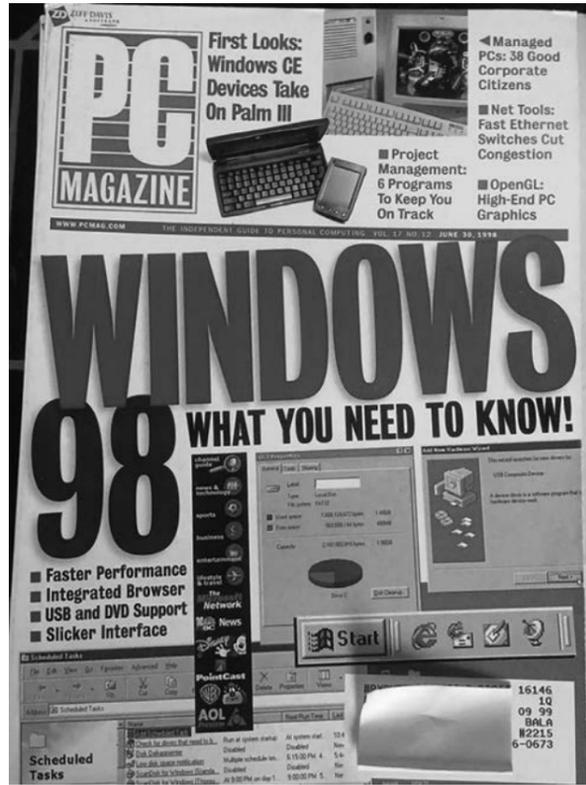
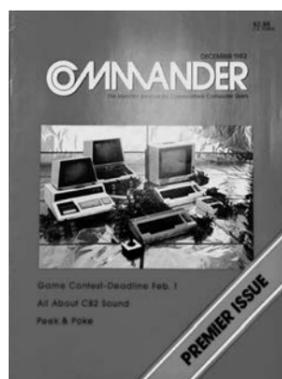
By the late 1970s, technology had improved, and computers were becoming more capable and user-friendly. Computer magazines from that era offer a glimpse into a time when personal computing was transitioning from workshop hobby to capturing more mainstream interest. Things really changed in 1977, when the first Apple II computer was released. Unlike earlier machines, the Apple II was a fully turn-key device that didn't require extensive familiarity with electronics or machine code. Soon after, other manufacturers like

Tandy and Commodore began selling their own "plug-and-play" computers, aimed at consumers rather than hobbyist tinkerers.

Though billed as turn-key, those groundbreaking models were rarely as simple or intuitive as advertised. Early adopters relied on computer magazines for essential guidance, step-by-step tutorials, programming examples, and troubleshooting tips. In many cases, a single monthly issue offered more practical value than the machine's original documentation.

Enthusiasts also turned to their pages for information on new computer arrivals, accessories like printers and modems, and for programs intended to make their computers even more useful. These magazines made personal computing approachable for neophyte users such as families, students, and even small business owners. Many issues devoted pages to fundamental concepts like memory, hardware, and software and what they meant in everyday language. Often, they had complete programs

Below: Commander Magazine supported the Commodore-using community. This premier issue from 1982 (\$20) featured the Commodore PET, VIC-20, and C-64 on its cover.



Above: After the 1980s, computer magazines generally emphasized professional settings - like this 1998 PC Magazine with its spotlight on Windows 98 and the workplace.

that could be typed in by hand. Without the information provided in their pages, the adoption of personal computers would have been slower and far less successful.

As the personal computer gained even more traction as the decade transitioned into the 1980s, computer magazines grew in number, sophistication, and influence. Many covered the entire industry, profiling all the popular manufacturers and equipment. Others were devoted to specific platforms such as

Apple II, Atari, Commodore 64, TRS-80 mirroring the loyalties of their readers.

Over time, these magazines evolved in style and substance along with the machines they featured. Full-color covers, striking ads, and bold graphics defined the period, while increasingly professional reporting reflected computers' expanding role in both consumer and professional settings. Hardware and software remained central; entertainment gradually peeled off into its own sector, as PC mag-

azines concentrated on practical guidance for home, school, and work. Articles increasingly focused on real-world uses from writing term papers and learning new languages to managing finances and organizing projects.

By the late 1980s, personal computing had largely left its hobbyist phase and become an essential tool in offices and educational settings. IBM-compatible systems dominated, and Microsoft software was standard. As computer literacy increased and machines became commonplace, users no longer relied on magazines for basic instruction. Editorial focus shifted away from consumer needs toward professional settings, with an emphasis on product comparisons, workplace tasks, and industry news. For collectors, 1988 marks a turning point—the end of the era when personal computing, and the journalism surrounding it, were shaped primarily by individual use rather than commercial interests.

In the decade that followed, computers no longer needed introduction. They were fully embedded in work, school, and home life. Basic literacy was assumed, and support increasingly migrated to emerging online networks rather than printed pages. The role periodicals once

See *Vintage PC Magazines* Page 18

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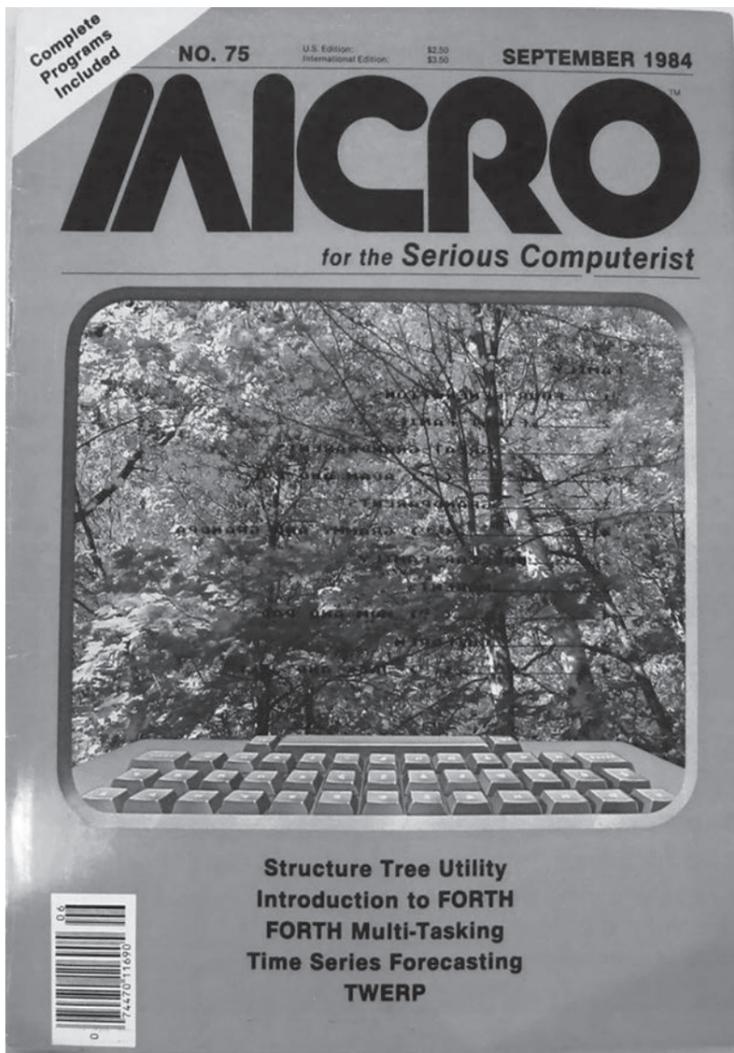

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served — interpreting a new and uncertain technology — gradually diminished. Many titles ceased publication or went online; others reduced their frequency or narrowed their scope. In 2023, the last two American consumer-oriented computer magazines ceased print publication, marking the final chapter in a medium that guided PC users for decades. Few paper editions were saved, making surviving issues especially valuable to today's collectors.

From the 1970s until the dawn of the 21st century, some 200 different computer magazines were published. Collectors have a wealth of choices. Those general-interest publications that covered the industry as a whole like BYTE and Popular Computing were cornerstones for serious computer enthusiasts. There were others like Compute! and Creative Computing, which were more consumer-friendly, prized for their BASIC program listings. Other titles like PC Magazine and PC World offered guidance to both home and office users.

Magazines that focused on specific platforms helped owners get the most out of their specific machines. There were publications for every brand: ANTIC covered Atari computers, Commodore User catered to Commodore fans, Mac Life focused on Apple's Macintosh, and 80 Micro specialized in Radio Shack's Tandy line — with many other titles serving the additional models that dotted the early personal-computer landscape.

Still others zoomed in on particular technologies, giving enthusiasts a deeper understanding of how their computers worked. Linux Journal explored the Linux operating system, while 6809 Journal examined machines built around the 6809 microprocessor, including the Tandy Color Computer.



Above: The MICRO 6502 Journal covered the popular 6502 and 6809 processors that ran computers like Atari and several Tandy models. This 1984 edition sold for less than \$5.

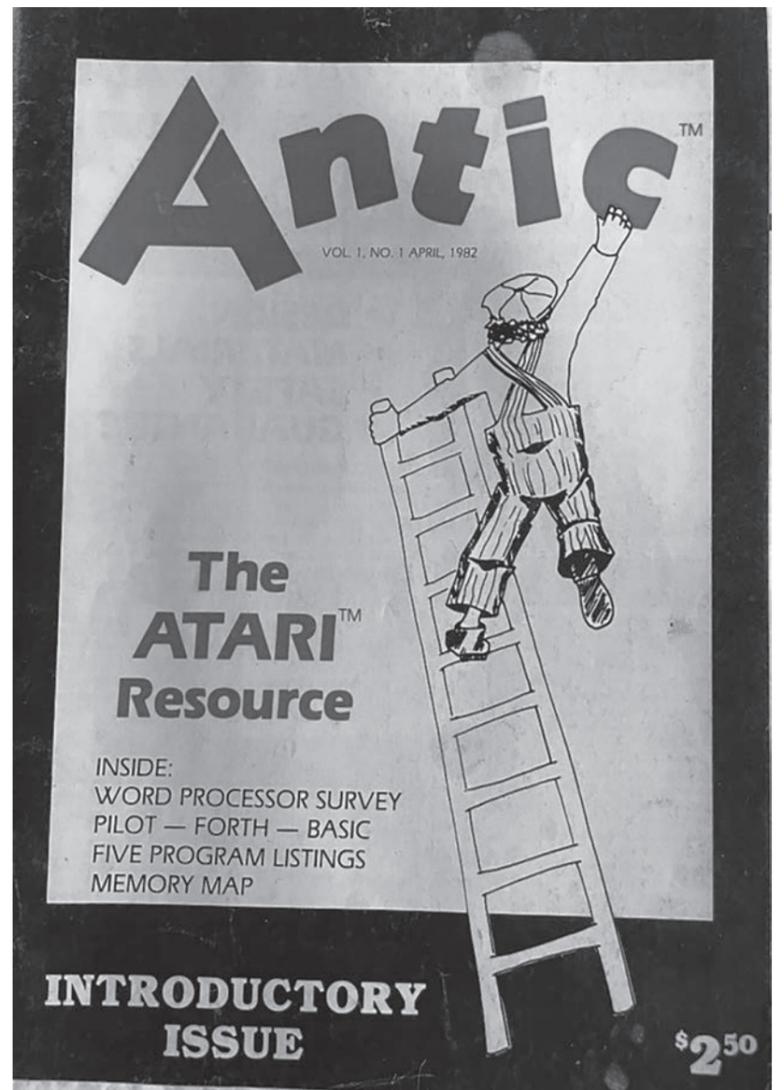
For retro computer enthusiasts, the value of these magazines is clear. They're windows into the formative years of personal computing, packed with instruction, equipment reviews, interviews with key figures like Steve Jobs, and vintage advertising that shows how computers were marketed and used. But they are more than just nostalgic curiosities, they preserve hard-to-find knowledge, from tips and tutorials to full programs awaiting input. For collectors or anyone running or restoring old machines, these magazines are wellsprings of information.

Collectors approach these magazines in different ways. Some seek publications tied to machines they own or admire, hoping to complete a personal collection or to locate issues with programs they want.

Others are drawn to perusing the evolution of the industry. Some favor the earliest magazines that introduced groundbreaking technology, while others look for issues tied to later innovations, from Windows-type interfaces to the first inklings of the Internet.

Fortunately, computer magazines aren't so coveted that they command meteoric prices. Expect to pay under \$20 for the typical issue. Early 1970s publications, obscure titles, first editions, and magazines covering significant topics can be more sought-after, with some running \$100 or more. Condition matters, but is usually only significant for rarer editions; enthusiasts merely prefer magazines that are intact and readable. For most, the appeal lies in their usability, content, and insights, rather than potential investment value.

Sourcing vintage computer magazines spans a surprisingly wide landscape, stretching from physical spac-



Above: An April 1982 premiere edition of Atari Antic magazine, in good shape, was available for \$50.

Right: Creative Computing was one of the general interest magazines popular in the mid-1980s. This 1984 edition (\$8) covered multiple platforms, software, and even enhancements like memory cards.

es to online marketplaces. Collectors often scour used bookstores and gaming resale shops, where forgotten issues sometimes turn up alongside old manuals and software. Vintage computer shows, ephemera fairs, and electronics events like amateur radio hamfests are often fertile ground.

As time marches forward, more old computer magazines are discarded. Even though many back issues have been scanned and are available as PDFs, collectors still like original paper copies. They offer a tangible, authentic experience that digital versions can't rep-



licate. Each issue is a paper time capsule, preserving the insights, practical instruction, and energy of personal computing's early years.

While nothing replaces an original issue, many digitized computer magazines are available to browse, at: www.retro-magazines.net.



Left: Sometimes, magazines were supplied with disks loaded with software. Today, a disk sans magazine will run around \$10 while a sealed issue, complete with the software, will run about \$25.



Vintage computer magazines are often sold in lots. This set of five 1984 Family Computing editions was available for \$10.

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