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\$55.6 Million at Dana Mecum's 30th Original Spring Classic Smashing Success at Company's Landmark Anniversary Auction

WALWORTH, Wis. – May 24, 2017 – Mecum Auctions made history May 16-20 as 1,665 classic and collector cars from 37 states crossed the auction block for the company's 30th anniversary auction. With 1,208 vehicles hammering sold for an excellent 73-percent sell-through rate, the auction was deemed a smashing success and became the highest-grossing Original Spring Classic auction in the event's 30-year history as overall sales totals reached more than \$55.6 million.

Enthusiasm was through the roof as buyers, sellers and spectators from around the country poured through the gates at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis to join the Mecum family in celebrating 30 years of collector-car auctions. The entire city was abuzz with excitement leading up to the event as the anticipation continued to build over a lineup chock-full of news-worthy vehicles with novel-worthy backstories. Indianapolis locals flocked to the fairgrounds to see the amazing cars after reading the Mecum news that graced the front cover of the "Indianapolis Star" two different times during auction week.

Classic American muscle cars and Corvettes flooded the top sales with the amazing, one-family-owned "Vault Find" 'Vette selling for \$675,000. There wasn't a dry eye in the building as the car pulled onto the block as "Taps" played and the crowd stood with hands over hearts out of respect for the car's late original owner, a Vietnam Veteran and two-time Purple Heart honoree.

While Corvettes and muscle cars were prevalent, the top sellers were led by a \$1.45-million 1996 Porsche 911 GT2 EVO and a \$750,000 1967 Toyota 2000GT. Other top sellers included a 1963 Corvette Z06/N03 that brought \$410,000, while a 1970 Chevelle LS6 convertible brought \$385,000 and a rare Pastel Blue 1970 Mustang Boss 429 brought \$335,000. The full dozen private collections offered at the auction were extremely well received with two from the Virginia Muscle Car Collection landing among the top 10 sales including a 1969 Chevrolet Yenko Camaro that hammered for \$330,000 and a 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda that brought \$295,000. The no-reserve Bob McDorman Collection offering also did exceedingly well with the entire selection of cars and Road Art items bringing \$2.9 million in hammer sales.

The complete top 10 sales at Dana Mecum's 30th Original Spring Classic auction include (individual prices do not include buyer's premiums):

- 1. 1996 Porsche 911 GT2 EVO (Lot F192) at \$1,450,000
- 2. 1967 Toyota 2000GT (Lot S202) at \$750,000
- 3. 1967 Chevrolet Corvette 427/435 HP Coupe (Lot S111) at \$675,000
- 4. 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Z06/N03 (Lot T166) at \$410,000
- 5. 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6 Convertible (Lot S113) at \$385,000
- 6. 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Fastback (Lot S222) at \$335,000
- 7. 1969 Chevrolet Yenko Camaro (Lot F124) at \$330,000
- 8. 1967 Chevrolet Corvette 427/435 HP Convertible (Lot F113) at \$310,000
- 9. 2006 Ford GT (Lot F155) at \$300,000
- 10. 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda (Lot F130.1) at \$295,000

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anticipated 600-vehicle lineup, followed by a 1,000-car offering in Denver July 20-22. For more details on upcoming auctions, to consign a vehicle or to register as a bidder, visit Mecum.com or call (262) 275-5050.

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