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The “Last” 1967 Corvette Sting Ray produced will cross the auction block in Scottsdale

July 12, 1967 was a milestone in the history of Corvettes, as it marked the end of the C2 series production, widely regarded by collectors and enthusiasts as the greatest Corvette design. The last Sting Ray rolled off the line just five short years after production began.

The Silver Pearl Corvette Coupe boasts an L-36 427 cubic inch/390 horsepower engine, factory air conditioning, side dual exhaust, power steering, telescopic steering column, four speed manual transmission, 3.55 positraction axle, M-21 close ratio transmission, AM/FM radio, tinted glass, a black interior and red stripe tires.

Documented as VIN #22,940, the last C2 series Corvette also became the last 427 cid mid-year big block ever built, the last mid-year air conditioned coupe and the last mid-year to offer factory side exhaust. According to some collectors, the sum of these “lasts,” with regard to this specific vehicle, makes it one of the most desired classic Corvettes in the world.

From its inception, the car has grown exponentially in value. The most notable leap in price was in the last 10 years. Collector Bill Mock purchased the car in 1995 for \$22,940 (\$1 per sequential VIN number). In 2005, ProTeam Classic Corvette Collection and Sales acquired the car for \$229,400 (\$10 per sequential VIN number).

While in ProTeam’s possession, the “Last” has undergone an extensive rapid-fire rotisserie body-off restoration at Nabers Brothers Restoration in Houston. The Corvette shell was stripped to its raw form where necessary preparations were made for the next process involving removing the body so that the frame could be dipped to remove all traces of rust and old paint, bringing the frame to its original factory condition.

Additionally, its history and notoriety have been fast forwarded under the 18 month ownership of ProTeam. Since the car’s restoration, it has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including “Top Flight” certification from the National Corvette Restorers Society, Bloomington GoldCertification® and a Lion’s Award from this year’s Meadow Brook Concourse d’Elegance.

Its impressive list of accolades and extraordinary culmination of “lasts” has garnered attention from automobile aficionados and Corvette enthusiasts alike including the bigwigs at Fox Cable Group’s SPEED. The network will showcase a six-part mini-series entitled “The Last Sting Ray,” detailing the life, times and restoration of this car. The show, scheduled to begin airing Dec. 7 will be part of the popular American Muscle Car programming lineup.

A car collector’s dream, the “Last” Corvette comes with exclusivity, a finely documented history and the most sought-after combination of horsepower and options, and now you have the opportunity to own it. ProTeam will auction the “Last” at no reserve in Scottsdale. Initial estimates have this car selling for as much as seven figures.

ProTeam will donate \$40,000 from the sale of the “Last” to the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation to help in the fight against Amyloidosis.

Additionally, ProTeam is using the “Last” to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Valley Inc. In a contest, the parties are asking what the public thinks the “Last” will sell for at Barrett Jackson. The individual who comes closest to the final bid price will win \$25,000. The Ronald McDonald

House benefits from the contest's \$5 entry fee.

Terry Michaelis, president of ProTeam has participated in Barrett Jackson Auctions since the mid-70s. The company continues to bring their special cars to the auction block because of the great results they receive.

For more information about the "Last," visit www.LastCorvette.com.

ProTeam Classic Corvette Collection and Sales, based in Napoleon, Ohio, showcases the largest inventory of classic Corvettes in the world. Almost \$20 million worth of Corvettes are displayed in 90,000 square feet of showrooms and restoration facilities in Napoleon, Ohio, and Auburn, Ind., with nearly 200 classic Corvettes on display at any time. For additional information, contact ProTeam at P.O. Box 606, Napoleon, Ohio 43545, call 888.592.5086 or visit www.ProteamCorvette.com.

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