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ProTeam Corvettes Go 3 for 3 at Bloomington Benchmark Judging

Napoleon, Ohio - - ProTeam Corvettes won not one, not two, but three Benchmark awards at the June 2013 Bloomington Gold event held in Champaign, Illinois. This feat is a rare jewel among Corvette hobbyists and unheard of when considering they were judged from one collection in the same weekend.

Bloomingtongold.com defines the BENCHMARK Certification® as the ultimate standard for unrestored vehicles. Fewer than 200 Corvettes over that period have earned the right to the award since 1991 and for good reason.

BENCHMARK could just as easily be called the IRON MAN for the gauntlet the car must pass though in the short 48-hour period. To gain entry into the field, the Corvette must first be deemed at least 51% original, complete a road course, demonstrate its originality and then be called BLOOMINGTON SURVIVOR before moving onto GOLD judging. There the car must be judged (95%) alongside the pampered restored cars and then earn GOLD. This combination wins the elusive BLOOMINGTON GOLD BENCHMARK. A phenomenal success for three very special original unrestored Corvettes.

ProTeam's world famous collection three Corvettes up to the task were a **Red/Black 1963 Fuelie Z06 Split Window Coupe**; a **Daytona Blue 1963 Export Right Hand Drive Fuelie Z06 Split Window Coupe** that was an ex-GM Holden show car that served duty at the Melbourne and Sydney Motor Shows in Australia; and a **White/Green 435hp 1967 Convertible** from Allen Green Chevrolet of Seattle, Washington.

A combination of low miles and a "massage" back to life by the ProTeam shop and these cars had little trouble on the road and through the operations checks. Note that this is no afternoon in the sun with the hushed tones and static displays of other shows. The BENCHMARK judging creates its own energy. If not by the atmosphere but by the people who live these cars. "These shows need more energy and I gave them my two dollars and two cents worth." Terry Michaelis, ProTeam president, made this comment before his signature burnout as he approached the awards ceremony to the cheers of the spectators. "Burn baby burn!"

These three BENCHMARK Corvettes as well three barns of L88s, LS6s, muscle, and Sunday drivers are on display in ProTeam's world famous classic Corvette collection in Napoleon, Ohio. The inventory of 1953 to 2008 Corvettes is open to the public in climate controlled indoor showrooms. Many of these Corvettes have been beautifully restored to like-new condition and carry prestigious honors such as the Bloomington Gold Certification, NCRS Top Flight award, and the Triple Crown designation. ProTeam Corvette is recognized as the nation's leader in classic Corvette sales, service & restoration selling an estimated 10,000+ Corvettes over the past four decades. Email: proteam@proteamcorvette.com or on the web: www.proteam-corvette.com

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