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'LAST' CORVETTE STING RAY CONQUERS LAS VEGAS
ProTeam's Stunning '67 is Toast of 2006 SEMA Show

NAPOLEON, Ohio – ProTeam Classic Corvette Collection and Sales' famed "Last"™ Corvette Sting Ray was among hundreds of premier automobiles on display at this year's Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas (Oct. 31–Nov. 3).

The 1967 Sting Ray – the last C2 series Corvette ever produced – was the centerpiece of the Barrett-Jackson Auction Company's display at SEMA where it enjoyed celebrity-like status thanks to a year-long marketing blitz that has positioned the historically significant vehicle to break sales records at the famed Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz. Industry experts estimate ProTeam's celebrated Sting Ray will fetch seven figures when it is auctioned at No Reserve on Saturday, Jan. 20.

During its week in Las Vegas, the "Last" was featured on the front page of the business section of *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* while ProTeam President Terry Michaelis was interviewed by SPEED for special SEMA Show programming that will air in prime time beginning Dec. 3. Michaelis also appeared on the Friday, Nov. 3, morning edition of the *Las Vegas News* as hosted by Fox Channel 5 KVVU-TV personality Dave Hall.

Meanwhile at SEMA, Restoration Productions filmed segments of the sixth and final episode of its original mini-series chronicling the "Last." Entitled "The Last Sting Ray," the documentary is scheduled to begin airing Dec. 7 on SPEED, but in a special "sneak preview," SPEED will air all six episodes back-to-back, beginning at 8 p.m. E.T.

on Nov. 24. “The Last Sting Ray” will be the climax of a day-after-Thanksgiving *American Musclecar* marathon on SPEED.

Following the SEMA Show, ProTeam’s “Last” Corvette Sting Ray headed for Los Angeles and a guest appearance on KTLA-TV, as well as several magazine feature shoots. The much-traveled Sting Ray also will grace the cover of *Motor Trend Classic* magazine’s Dec. 2006/Jan. 2007 issue and is the subject of an eight page feature article within.

“The reaction to the ‘Last’ at SEMA was phenomenal,” said Michaelis. “We’re anxious to see how the atmosphere around the car translates to the auction block come January.”

The “Last” is documented as the last 1967 Corvette (VIN #22940) of the C2 series production – widely regarded by collectors and enthusiasts as the greatest Corvette design. It is also the last factory 427 cid mid-year big-block ever built.

ProTeam acquired the “Last” in June 2005, since then, the vehicle has completed an extensive restoration at Nabers Brothers Restoration in Houston, was granted “Top Flight” certification from the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS), GoldCertification® at the 2006 Bloomington Gold Corvette Show and was the recipient of a Lion Award at the August Meadow Brook Concours d’Elegance. It is expected to win a “Triple Crown” at the Chicago VetteFest next week.

Due to its extraordinary culmination of lasts, the car has been drawing large crowds as it is displayed at high-profile venues across the country.

About ProTeam

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.

About The Barrett-Jackson Auction Company

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