

## The Besser Collection Auction

The Ozarks area of Missouri has been a big tourist spot full of country Music shows, Fishing, Camping, and beautiful scenery. But Bolivar, Missouri has one of the Ozark area's best kept secrets, The Besser collection. The Besser Boys grew up riding in the back seat of their family car and spotting cars white going back and forth from Kansas City. They loved the style and yes, the speed that the cars had. Mark Besser married his High School sweetheart Diane in a 1966 Nova II and little did Diane know what she was in for. The couple started their collection with a 1937 Chevrolet. Mark and Diane traveled all over the United States finding unique and rare additions to their new hobby. They started with Pickups and Trucks, and then graduated into the cars. Once they started buying cars, it seemed like an endless buffet of choices. They bought much of their collection from private individuals and not only did they purchase a vehicle, but enjoyed the history that came with the find. Mark and Diane, along with their 2 girls, started an Antique Mall called Karlin Lane, which features some of the areas greatest assortment of antiques. The Besser Collection created an added attraction to the mall and is open to the public for them to enjoy, free. Mark and Diane have been married 35 years and also operate Besser Cabinets for 29 years. Their goal was to have a collection that had a diverse assortment of collector cars and feature some of the finest of each example of automotive history. This collection does that and excites you the minute you walk into the brightly displayed room full of gas pumps, Gas and Oil signs, along with a vast assortment of memorabilia and pedal cars. There are muscle cars including a 1964 Pontiac GTO convertible that boasts a 389 V-8 with factory Tri-Power, 4 speed, numbers matching, protecto-plate, and what a looker. In the corner is a 1969 Cobra with a 428 Cobra Jet, R code, Ringed DriveShaft, 4spd, fully documented, a bronze 1968 Chevrolet Corvette with a fast 390hp 427 V-8, Full Tank Sticker, perfect, and shifting magic a 4 speed. Rare 1963 Olds Star Fire with the Rare Turbo charged Aluminum V-8, a True Survivor. 1967 Impala SS 2dr HT, 41,000 original miles and fully documented, 396 4spd car. This collection seems to cover all eras of automotive history and progression. **1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible**, 427 V-8, R Code, 2-4bbl, 4spd, Tourquoise, White top. Randy Besser, Mark's Brother, is a key player also in the collection. He ads

much of the professional touch and work in the restorations, with his brother. Randy also collects and Restores Muscle Cars, and shares the love for the old iron.

The era of true elegance and beauty features a 1938 DeSoto Cabriolet Rumble Seat Coupe, Rare 1930 Auburn Cabriolet w/Golf door, 1925 Nash Roadster, are just a few examples of automotive elegance in the Besser Collection. What collection wouldn't be complete without several tons of fun and class a 1955 Cadillac original car.

The Besser Collection started with trucks and the Besser's have some of the finest and rarest examples. A 1922 ArmLeder Truck, 1920 Packard 2 ton truck, 1918 All American Truck with factory 8-1 box, 1921 Sampson, 1916 Hawkeye, the list goes on. There is also a nice showing of the history of the pickup truck, that American favorite. Several classics such as a 1937 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup, a 1934 Dodge Brothers Black beauty, a 1930 Rugby/Durrant Express Truck, and classic style of a 1938 Willys ½ ton pickup, 1939 Studebaker Coupe Express Truck, and fabulous Stainless of a 1938 Hudson Terra-Plane Coupe Truck.

Among the Besser collection are some of the finest and rarest vehicles that have been offered for auction including a 1947 Crosley 1/4 ton pickup, a Rare 1940 Austin Bantam ¼ ton pickup, 1934 American Austin ¼ ton pickup, and a beautiful 1942 Crosley Woody panel Pickup. Pint sized rarity that would be a great investment and excellent addition to any museum or collection.

The Collection also has Exotics and features a Rare 1951 Jaguar XK 120 Roadster seated next to a beautiful 1953 Nash Healy Roadster. These cars a true investment and examples of a fine motorcars.

The Besser's have a 1956 Ford Thunderbird that is nice survivor and was owned and driven by actor Gregory Peck. What collection wouldn't be complete without some unfinished projects and survivors. These will also be offered at the auction such as a 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 1963 Willys Jeep FC170, 1947 GMC ½ ton Pickup, Rare 1948 Chevrolet Canopy Truck, 1923 Pierce Arrow Truck, and some others.

The Bessers Collection also offers an excellent assortment of restored Gas Pumps, Signs, gas and oil memorabilia, along with pedal cars. They will even offer several Car haulers, if you forget your trailer.

VanDerBrink Auctions, will offer the Besser Collection at No Reserve to the public July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10 on site at the Karlin Lane Antiques and their Car Museum in Bolivar, Missouri. If you are looking for museum quality restoration, rare vehicles for investment, than you won't want to miss this auction. There will be a preview Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 8PM and you can browse through the antique mall

for more treasures to buy. This collection truly offers to the automotive lover some of the finest examples in one place of automotive history. Collector Cars are always a good investment and keeps our automotive history alive for future generations to enjoy. So mark your calendars, and plan now to spend the day with us in Bolivar, Missouri for the Mark and Diane Besser Collection auction. For more information, inventory, pictures, and other auctions check our website at [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) or call VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC , Yvette VanDerbrink- Auctioneer at 605-201-7005 or 507-673-2517. You come see us, you here!