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## Buyers snag last bits of car collection at Lambrecht Chevrolet auction

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The crowd gathers around a 1958 Chevy Cameo pickup Saturday as Yvette VanDerBrink, in the back with a microphone, calls out bids. The auction of historic cars wrapped up Sunday. Gross proceeds haven't been revealed.

**Photos:** [More from the auction](#)

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Doug Koehler purchased a piece of his past Sunday after he outbid his competitors at a vintage car auction in Pierce, Neb., and landed the 1966 Chevrolet Impala that he once owned.

Koehler, of Norfolk, Neb., paid \$15,500 to be reunited with the vehicle.

"It's way more than I wanted to pay, but I got it back," Koehler said Sunday.

The red Impala was among the last cars to go from the rare collection of Ray Lambrecht, a retired Chevrolet dealer. Thousands of car enthusiasts flocked to the weekend sale. An estimated 15,000 people attended Saturday.

Omaha-based Proxibid handled online bidding from some 3,000 registered bidders.

Buyers paid premium prices for the vehicles, many of which had never been sold but spent decades in fields or sheds.

VanDerBrink Auctions declined to disclose gross proceeds from the sale of cars, parts and memorabilia.

Koehler spent much of his weekend at the sale before getting a chance at the Impala about 5 p.m. Sunday. The auction wrapped up about an hour and a half later.

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