

Checklist for Life.. The Wally Brandjord Collection

You would think that making lists is only for grocery shopping, but for Wally Brandjord his checklist set what he wanted to do in life. Now that would seem unusual, but if you meet Wally, it would make sense. He is a man that has always had a plan in life. Since Wally was 10 years old, he was always moving 100mph and had a checklist of things he wanted to do and own. One of the things that Wally loved was cars. Wally bought his first car, a 1957 Chevrolet Belair, at 16 years old and he still has that car today. That was the 1st thing he checked off his checklist of life.

Wally grew up on the family farm by Souris, North Dakota. Growing up on a farm, Pickup trucks were a standard for working on the farm. The square body Chevrolets and GMC trucks were a favorite. Wally spent a lot of time racing around the backroads of North Dakota and having fun with speed. Wally went off to college and got MBA in Business and this set him up for checking off the rest of his checklist. The Farm had been through many challenges like many farmers and in the 1980's oil helped save the farm. The farm has been in the family for 4 generations and Wally is the care-taker of the family farm. That was another Check off the list.

Wally bought a fire and safety company in Minot, North Dakota that was not doing well and developed the business back to profitability and sold it. This started him on his way to check the rest of his things off his life's list. That love of cars and pickups never got out of his system and Wally always wanted to own a Chevrolet Dealership. That sale of the business helped him mark this off his list and now has ownership in several Chevrolet Dealerships. As a farmer, Green was key to his farming operation. Wally also got involved in John Deere Implement Stores and now owns Several marks that one off his Checklist of life. Things were going great and farming was rolling along. There were some more things to check off his checklist of life and one of them he found and was not expecting. Wally went into Farm Credit to talk about some money for farming, and not only did he come out with some cash, but a wife. He met his wife Tracey at the Farm Credit and they got married. Soon after they were married the kids started and he had the family he always wanted. Baseball games, Hockey, time with family, and all that comes with kids. His life was full and another check off the list.

Wally never gave up on that love of vehicles and started collecting Chevrolet and GMC Square Body Pickups and Muscle Cars. The kids had fun with the cars and trips to the big auctions and all that goes with them was a good family time. Things were getting checked off the list of life one at a time. In 2022, Wally had an event that was not on his checklist. He had a health scare that sent him on a quick trip to Mayo clinic. Wally is still doctoring and decided that he should take some things off his list. Wally has decided to sell his collection of approx.. 80 square body Chevrolet/GMC pickups, Muscle Cars, Broncos, Blazers and more on July 22nd, 2023 at 10 at the Bottineau, North Dakota Chevrolet Dealership. The auction will be held live onsite and online. This collection has everything from an original 1970 Ford Boss 302 Mustang to Many Square Body Pickups, desirable Chevrolet K5 Blazers, and more. VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC will conduct the auction and a full catalog, pictures, videos, and details for the auction can be found on the website www.vanderbrinkauctions.com. While Wally is still doing treatments and checking things off his list, his life is full of friends and family that are helping him through this unexpected checkmark. If you are a collector, you will not want to miss this amazing collection. I do not think you will ever see so many Square Body pickups in one spot. It is truly amazing. So come and check out the Brandjord Collection and bid and buy on these fabulous trucks and cars and spend the time to talk cars with Wally. See you at the auction.