

Friends ONLY let Friends Drive Chevys! - Bowtie All the Way!
The Robinson Family Chevrolet Collection

How does somebody become a car guy? For most people, you grow up around cars, racing, or had a family member that collected. So how does this happen, Tim Robinson's folks weren't car people? How did Tim get into Collecting Chevrolets? Tim started working at Ridge Runner Auto Salvage in Chadron, Nebraska in High School. Joel Schrack was the owner of the yard and known for his large collection of full-sized Chevrolets. Collectors would come from all over the United States to get the cars and parts they needed from Joel. Walking amongst all those Chevrolets and listening to car stories from Joel and customers, that was it, Tim was a Chevrolet man. Tim picked out a 1955 Chevrolet Belair out of the yard for his first car. Tim did not even get a paycheck, by choice, for a year, in exchange for the car and pulling parts in the yard to finish his 1955 Chevrolet. From then on, Tim was Chevrolet all the way and wore that Bowtie as a badge of honor.

If you talk to Tim, you'll learn Tim has, well, a bit of a wild streak. That 55 Chevrolet spent as much time racing on the road as driving. Tim had many wild nights racing by the old railroad in Chardon, Nebraska. Tim remembers a hot Hemi Cuda coming to town to race and beat'em all! Tim, while laughing his head off says, "I SMOKED HIM! My 1955 Chevy Blew his doors off!" I don't know if it is a badge of honor, but Tim will proudly tell you, he is the only person permanently banned from the burn-out contest in Chadron, Nebraska. Tim was the talk of the town and word got around his wild reputation and that hot 1955 Chevrolet.

Every car guy dreams of meeting a car gal. The planets were aligned! Tim met this sweet gal, and wouldn't know, Mary was a car gal. Mary's Dad, Ernie, was a Chevy guy and heavy into Tri-Fives. Tim's 1955 Chevy got his foot in the door and dating Ernie's daughter. Tim and Mary got married and that 1955 Chevrolet took them home from the church. Tim and Mary still have the 1955 Chevrolet today. The Robinson family grew bigger with kids and more Chevrolets. The Robinson's started to get more into Impalas, particularly 1967 427 Impalas and Tri-Five Chevrolets. The Robinson's traveled all over the United States searching for Impalas and other Full-Sized Chevrolets. The Chevrolets became part of the Robinson family. The Robinson family spend weekends going to shows and events and Each member of the Robinson family had their own Chevrolet and Classic Car Events were a family vacation. The Robinsons are well known in the National Impala Association for their Chevrolet Collection. The Robinson Collection has grown to over 400 Chevrolets with over 75% being Impalas from 1958 -1970. The Robinson Collection is still known as one of the United States largest Full Size Chevrolet Collections.

The Robinsons were enjoying the Classic Car hobby and actively adding more Chevrolets to the family collection. When they had a wrench thrown in their plans. The Robinson's would soon be fighting to save a part of their family, their beloved Chevrolets.

The Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska areas are expanding at a rapid pace with more people moving to the area. Developers are scrambling trying to meet the need for more housing and buying farmland for development. The farmland near the Robinson Family and Collection was sold to a Developer. This started a timeline and a string of hard decisions that would have to be made they weren't expecting.

The County sent the Robinsons a letter. The Robinsons were told they needed to do something with "Those old cars. Nobody will want to be near old cars and build a new home. There are plans for housing development in their area. "

For non-collectors, they just don't get it. The Classic Car Hobby is years of hard work hunting just that car, and why? Because they just don't make them anymore. For a Restorer, collector or Customizer, the only way to find classic car parts is to find an original car. The Robinsons were crushed. Their hearts were breaking and they went into high gear to save a part of their family- their Chevrolets. Countless hours spent at City and County Board meetings. Letters, and phone calls to board members, community leaders, and anyone that would help them. The Decision came down from the County, and it wasn't what The Robinson's wanted to hear. The Robinsons were told, and encouraged, to move, sell, or do something with the cars. The news was devastating. They weren't just cars to them, it was their Collection, part of their family.

The Robinson's made the difficult decision to have an auction. They called VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC, which conducted the famous Lambrecht Chevrolet Collection Auction in 2013, to sell their cars. Progress will be a double-edged sword. For the Robinson's they will sell part of their collection they spent years accumulating. For collectors and hobbyists across the United States and world, it will be a once in a lifetime event for their cars and parts they have been searching for.

The collection, which remains as one of the United States largest Full size Chevrolet Collection, and will be sold at auction on October 3rd, 2026, just outside Fremont, Nebraska. The Robinson Collection is approx. 350 Chevrolets and over 200 Impalas. Collections like this are not seen every day and a collection with over 200 Impalas is rare. The Robinsons have never sold any cars or parts off cars, and this will be a once in a lifetime chance for hobbyists.

VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC, will sell the Robinson collection in 1 big day. Oct. 3rd, 2026, at 9AM Live onsite with Online Bidding this amazing Chevrolet Collection will be sold. Gates will open at 7AM. Rain or Shine! There will be a preview on oct. 2nd, 2026 from 10-5pm giving everyone a chance to see this amazing automotive sight. While most of the Robinson collection is selling, the family still has that 1st 1955 Chevrolet and their personal Chevrolet collection they will take to shows and enjoy.

The Robinson's want their Chevrolets to go to collectors and enjoy them as much as they did. Collectors everywhere will be able to bid and buy their Chevrolet restorations, customs, and even the parts they have spent years hunting for.

So, plan to come to the Robinson Chevrolet Auction and bring a Chevrolet home! You won't want to miss this once in a lifetime auction of one of the United States largest Full Sized Chevrolet Collections with over 200 Impalas. Remember Friends only let Friends drive Chevrolets. See you at the auction.

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