

Need for Speed- Ron Clemens Auction

Healthy competition builds character and success. Everyone remembers the first time that they experience speed. For some it's a scary experience and others it becomes their drug of choice. Speed gets the hair on your back to stand up and the adrenaline levels max out with the RPM's. Ron has been working with cars since he was 12 years old. While he was growing up, he was always hanging around the local gas station, so they said, "If you are going to hang around, you might as well be working." Ron worked at that gas station from 12 years old till he did bulk deliveries and managed the station at 22 years old. With this earned money he bought a 1935 Ford Coupe. This wasn't his first car and wouldn't be his last, and he's been trading and building cars to this day. He traded that 1935 Ford for a 1966 Chevelle and that got him hooked on speed. That Chevelle SS was fast. With just some minor adjustments, this stock SS would fly and gained Ron more extra money. There was no turning left for this racer, he tried dirt track once, but that was enough. The drag strip was where he tested his skill as a builder and a driver. He won his first drag race in 1967 with that 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS and kept wanting to go faster.

Ron also began restoring cars in 1969 at a local Body Shop and learned a lot of skills hands on. He got married and gained a new hobby- kids. The need for speed took him all the way up to the Super Gas in 1995 at Topeka, Kansas and his skill at racing and building took him all over the Midwest. Ron has had many cars including a Boss 429 Mustang, MOPARS, but he always goes back to Chevrolet. Several of his builds have been featured in Late Great Chevy, Super Chevy, and other publications. Ron and his family enjoy racing and hunting for cars. Ron bought and sold several businesses and managed propane for Ferrell Gas. This traveling while doing propane gave him some avenues for finding cars. Ron figures that he has bought and sold hundreds of classic cars.

John Force is Ron's favorite racer and it's John business sense and need for speed, too that keeps Ron still doing racing in his 70's. The collection being sold has several of his Street to Strip Customs and wonderful restorations. There are also collectibles and a variety of High performance parts including Pro-Charger motors, parts, GM big block, Ford, MOPAR, and more. Ron has decided to scale back his collection and not leave it to be a burden for his family to sell. He also wants to tell the stories and see where all the things he collected over the years goes.

VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC will sell the Clemens Collection on June 16th, 2018 at his home in Basehor, Kansas minutes from the Kansas City Race Track. Everything will be sold NO Reserve to the Highest bidder and this will be your chance to get one of these fabulous cars. The collection has something for everyone and will be on-site and also on-line for bidders. Several Rare Cars are featured including a 1966 Dodge Coronet 500 426 HEMI Coupe that is certified 1 of 136 built with these options. The collection has a NCRS Top Flight 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Coupe, 1966 Chevrolet Nova Coupe, Fabulous Hot Rods and Street to Strip Gassers. Just like any collector comes items for the Man Cave. The auction will have signs, hoists, tool boxes, and more collectibles. There is also a variety of Rare Drag Racing and GM Big Block parts. Ron has restored a variety of Tri-Five cars and there is an assortment of NOS parts for them. This is a great opportunity for great cars and wonderful collectibles. For more info www.vanderbrinkauctions.com or call 605-201-7005. So, if you have that need for speed, we'll see you in Kansas at the Clemens Collection.

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