

The Ken "Pinky" Seefert Collection

The Seeferts loved hunting for treasures. Ken was also a hot rodder and loved old cars. His wife and him would look all over the country for unique antiques, collector cars, and more and pack them away. I met this man about 6 years ago and went to his home to talk about an auction. We went down in the sheds and looked at the cars and came back to the house. We talked about an auction and then he said, "Well, I just don't think I can do it." What? He said, "I'll call you later and we'll figure it out." "Well, I suppose he wasn't ready. So many guys like to be surrounded by their treasures and walk through the barns and taking in all the memories that they represent. Well, that call finally came, but it was from the daughter. Mr. Seefert had passed away and he had me in his will to sell his collection. What an honor. So, we started to get a plan together with the kids to sell the collection. There were rooms full of antiques and collectibles, buildings full of tractors, parts, and cars. So much that it would take many auctions and time to sell the collection. With probate deadlines looming, it was apparent that 2 auction companies would work on selling the collection. VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC took on the challenge of selling the automotive, gas and oil collectibles, motorcycles, and antique tractors. Inventory was started and plans for a live and online auction were in place until the Coronavirus. Covid-19, what was this and how would this affect our auction. Soon it became apparent that Governor Walz's guidelines were not going to auction friendly, even though deemed essential. The auction was converted to online only and with plans for shipping and utilizing guidelines in place. With probate court and other legal situations, the auction must still go on. Estates need to be settled and people's lives still need to continue. Luckily, VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC has been conducting online auctions since 2004 with their auctions. So, the transition to Online Only was put into place.

Day by Day, following guidelines, it was interesting to conduct inventory and work to complete the auction on time for the deadlines. The collection has many unique and rare cars, tractors, and more. Tucked away under afghans and blankets, was a 1961 Mercedes Benz 190SL Roadster. This car belonged to a high school friend who had it new and drove it from the cities to college at Berkley in California. Ken bought the car from his friend. The car is a virtual time capsule and is mostly all original except for some touch up on the paint. This luxury barn-find is a rare and coveted car for collectors and is up for bidding in the online only auction. It isn't the only rare car in the collection. There is a 1923 Chalmers Motor Company Touring Car, and a 1947 Hudson, "Big Boy", pickup. Less than 3000 of these unique pickups were made. There is a vintage 1937 Ford Hotrod, and a wonderful 1975 Ford Bronco 4x4 that is all original except for some pinstripe and ready for off roading. The collection has an assortment of motorcycles, antique tractors, and a collection of CJ series Jeeps that will make great projects. Ken wasn't limited to vehicles, there is also an assortment of steam tractors including a Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller. Yvette VanDerBrink is thrilled to be working with the collection and also able to help the family settle their estate with the use of technology and online bidding. VanDerBrink Auctions works to develop a plan for your auction needs and conditions.

When Yvette and the family were digging through the mountains of collectibles, there were gas and oil collectibles including signs and cans. The collection has antique toys, pedal cars, and an assortment of car parts. The Seeferts had an eye for the unique and this auction has something for everyone. There will be a preview with a sign-up on the website. The bidding has already started and a link is on the website www.vanderbrinkauctions.com. Everything is selling no reserve and you won't want to miss this wonderful collection of Ken "Pinky" Seefert. So check out the catalog and bid on these rare and wonderful collector cars and more. For more info and other auctions www.vanderbrinkauctions.com or 605-201-7005.