

**“The Schuchardt’s Last Show”**  
**The Schuchardt Collection Auction**

Who would have thought that one ingenious idea would change the course of history and man. That simple combustion engine started the industrial revolution and changed our social lives forever. From that moment on we became a nation on the move. The automobile let us travel to new and wonderful places and made the world a smaller place. Horses were replaced by horsepower and started many changes to come. There were many ideas for the new automobile, but one man, Henry Ford, started the mass produced Vehicles and allowed the World to become mobile. He developed many of the early Letter Series and then came the Model T Ford. Les Schuchard was one of the men that fell under the spell of the new transportation. Every since he was a kid, he marveled at this fabulous new machine.

Les Schuchard knew the area and all the farmers while working for the Black Hills Power Company. One of his first vehicles that he bought was a 1923 Ford Model T. He bought it from a farmer and this started his collecting. Les Also bought some Gold Claims in the Black Hills and with a lot of hard work, soon the claims started to pay off some. This allowed him to pursue his dream of collecting those fabulous vehicles he read about and grew up with. He married the love of his wife Delores and they started their family. They settled in Spearfish, South Dakota and a home near Spearfish Creek. Delores soon also enjoyed the vehicles and they spent many trips chasing for vehicles all over the U.S. Like Les Said, “you gotta know someone, and amazing how much you learn over a sandwich and coffee.” He had many friends like Skip Hobson, Cyclic, Homer Edminston, and many other car enthusiasts. It was all about the chase and the hunt for the unique and different. The crew spent lots of time going to auctions, pilgrimages to the Hershey Swap Meet, and Chichishaw, Oklahoma Pre-War Swap meet. Les was instrumental in starting the Black Hills Model T club in 1981 with 30-35 families and is still active today and will helping with the auction.

Les and Delores and the family enjoyed taking their treasures to Car Shows. One of his goals was to get many of the early Brass Fords. He worked hard to find many of the Early Fords and his collection include a Rare 1903 Ford Model a Rear Entry Tonneau Running like Henry Ford Planned. The Collection includes most all of the Early Letter Series includes 2- 1904 Ford Model AC’s and one with many articles of documentation. There is also a Ford Model C, Ford Model F, Ford Model N, Ford Model R, Ford Model S, and of course those wonderful Model T’s and a perfect 1934 Ford Coupe. There is also a Depression Era Model T that looks like it came straight out of the movie Grapes of Wrath. Soon he added electric and Steam to the collection. The collection is not only the Ford Letter Cars, but includes a 1908 Anderson Model B High-Wheeler, 1905 Cadillac Model E Runabout, 1908 Electric Vehicle Company Victoria Phaeton, Maxwells, Ramblers, REO, and more. Les also has accumulated a nice assortment of Early Brass parts, Memorabilia, and much more.

Les and Delores have been through many adventures and even tragedy. Their home was swept away in the Rapid City Flood and Les rebuilt the home for his family. Les and his wife have decided to sell their collection of beautiful cars, parts, and memorabilia. His beloved wife Delores and he are in their golden years and Les will be selling his collection to take care of his Bride and himself to stay in their home with their memories by hiring some in-house help to take care of them in the Golden Years.

**VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC will be selling the Schuchardt Collection at the Former Passion Play Grounds in the beautiful Hills of Spearfish, South Dakota on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There will be a Social and Celebration for the Schuchardt's last Car show on Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. VanDerBrink Auctions and the Schuchardt Family invite you all to come and enjoy their collection and talk cars at their Last Car Show. The Schuchardt's want their collection to go to collectors that will enjoy them as much as they have and develop their own memories. All Vehicles and parts will be sold at NO Reserve with No Buyer's Premium for ON-Site Bidders. Bidders may also bid on the phone, on-line through [www.proxibid.com](http://www.proxibid.com), or absentee Bid. VanDerBrink Auctions and the Schuchardt family want you to come and bid on these exceptionally Rare vehicles and bid for your chance of automotive history. Yvette VanDerBrink, Owner of VanDerBrink Auctions, says this is an exceptional collection and will be an auction that you won't want to miss this auction. VanDerBrink Auctions says that this auction has something for everyone from a 1913 Harley Davidson to many beautiful Brass Era Cars. Make sure to come to the social and talk to Les, a walking wealth of early automotive history and attend their last Car show. For more information on this auction call VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC at 605-201-7005 or check the website for many pictures, video, inventory, and more auctions. [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) .**