## "There's Gold in Them There Hills!" -The Gary Kuchar Collection

There's Gold in them there hills! The Black Hills of South Dakota are known for tales of the Wild West. The infamous "Dead Man's Hand" and Wild Bill Hickhock, Calamity Jane, Sioux Indians, and Pioneers searching for their fortunes in Gold. But for Gary Kuchar, his treasure isn't Gold but Iron that Gary has "dug up", Yee Ha, approx. 80 Classic Cars.

Gary Started his search for old iron has a little kid in Nebraska. Gary's Mother was fixing an old Pedal car for him. She had just painted it and came back and Gary had wiped off the seat and was riding it around the basement. From then on, he was car crazy. Gary got his first car, a 1942 Dodge, and he used to beat those Chevrolets and Fords with his old Dodge. Gary built his 1<sup>st</sup> Hotrod From a Ford Model A Sportster. He cut down the top and threw on some 1946 Ford Wheels and raced up and down the country roads. After Graduating from High School in 1955, Gary went to Trades School and learned to be a Body Man. His first job was at the Ford garage as a painter. This fueled his passion to build Hotrods and a means to do it. Gary had heard about the Hotrod Craze in California and packed up his young wife and headed to California. Gary worked as a body man and loved the car culture. But the farm was calling him back and he went back to Nebraska to the family farm. Gary took over the operation and farmed for about 20 years and still did body work on the side. Soon, he was looking for a change and sold the farm to his cousin.

Gary has worked as a body man at a Ford Garage, Rambler Garage, but his favorite was a Chrysler Dealership. Gary loved seeing the years of change arriving on the trucks from Road Runners to Challengers. He got divorced, and well, another marriage, and he heading to find his treasure I the Black Hills of South Dakota. Now Gary is a History Buff, and his choice of home, is fitting his wild nature. His home is tucked amongst the Granite Cliffs and tall Pines. The Internet was also becoming a thing and this allowed him to "mine the web" for his "Iron" treasures. The web was full of Classic Cars and he bought a trailer and started buying them from all over the area and United States. Gary has had lots of adventures buying caars and pulling his trailer around the United States, but now at 84 years young. Gary has decided to sell his collection. It's not that he is parking the trailer, but he has more cars than time and he can't restore them all. So it's time for them to go to other collectors and for them to enjoy. Yvette VanDerBrink, VanDerBrink Auctions will sell the cars in an Online Only Auction. Gary is a wealth of information and a truly car crazy guy. His mind is so full of car trivia and he favors the Fords and Chryslers. The Collection is full of Fords and Many Chryslers including Big Fin Cars. The cars are everything from older restored to projects and parts cars. The Collection has a rare 1971 AMC AMX that has the 401 V8. The 1966 Ford Mustang GT Fastback would make a fine addition to your collection. The collection has everything from Many big finned MOPARS to a 1955 Chevrolet Belair 2dr HT that belonged to family. There are approx. 80 vehicles that are being offered up in the auction. Because the cars are tucked up by Gary's home in the Black Hills, the auction will be Online Only and can also be viewed for buyers by appointment. When people When you walk around Gary's Collection, you start to see some of his fun personality. There's a UFO crash sight, a car full of Baby dolls, and characters that greet you as you come up the winding road to the collection. The trip to see this collection and buy one of Gary's cars is worth the trip and truly "gold in them there Hills"

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