

the podium at Auctions America was Ramsey Potts, whose announcing skills kept everyone's interest and added to the color and excitement of Auburn.

Crowds were strong throughout the three-day event. We counted a total of 346 vehicles crossing the block with 243 of those announced as sold for a 70 percent-plus sell-through rating. According to Auctions America, the entire sale generated in excess of \$10.2 million — up quite a bit over the 2016 Spring event.

Another side event was the car corral, which attracted about 300-350 vehicles offered for sale by private parties and dealers. Many of those attending the auction spent time in this section of the park and it was unofficially reported that about 150 of the cars offered there found new homes.

Auctions America's Spring Auburn sale is the kick-off of the collector car season in the Hoosier state, and Gould and his team's efforts paid off in the best-attended May sale in Auburn we have ever witnessed.

Signs, cars find new owners at second Egelseer Collection sale

B. Mitchell Carlson, reporting

HUSTISFORD, Wis. — Yvette VanDerBrink and her auction crew found themselves back in central Wisconsin to conduct another inventory reduction auction for car collector Alan Egelseer. As the retired owner of a successful automotive salvage operation, Egelseer decided he could part with a few more cars from his collection, both that he had at the time of his first auction two years ago and a few cars he acquired since then (funny how we just can't go cold turkey).

While two years ago the auction was dominated by cars and parts, the highlight this time was vintage signs and auto-

mobilia. Before the auction, he told *Old Cars Weekly*, "I was a bit hesitant to put the signs up for auction, as market seems to be all over the place. However, Yvette was certain that they would do well." Her intuition for vintage tin proved to be correct. By and large, the signs sold quite well. Interest and prices were strong both from on-site bidders and bidders online at Yvette's web partner, Proxibid.com.

As for the cars, they generally did well. The top sale of the day was a 1934 Ford convertible hammered sold to an on-site bidder for \$37,750. Six of the 16 automotive lots sold on-line, with one of the 1941 Cadillac series 62 convertibles selling to a buyer in India. Talk about having the world at your auction podium! It's also interesting to note that there were two 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertibles here. The second car also included a 1941 Cadillac Series 62 four-door sedan parts car, and if that wasn't enough parts, there was also a tent shelter full of yet more parts (although some were originally from the convertible) to go with the cars. For the winning bid of \$12,250, the on-site buyer may have got the best deal by the pound.

Our "Pick of the Sale" was one of the higher sales of the day, the 1940 Ford DeLuxe convertible. An older restoration resplendent in Mandarin Red, it was a car you couldn't go wrong with. As dealers say, there was "money on the table" at this price. However, it would also be a car that would do you proud at an event such as the Iola Car Show, Back to the 50's or the Woodward Dream Cruise.

After the cars sold, several rows of parts were auctioned to fill out a windswept yet generally pleasant spring day in rural Wisconsin. All 16 vehicular lots were declared sold. There was no on-site buyer's premium, but there was 8 percent fee for on-online bidders (not reflected in these results).

AUCTIONS AMERICA SPRING AUBURN

May 11-13
Auburn, Ind.

253 of 346 vehicles called sold, \$10,266,000 in total sales

Phil Skinner and Amanda Wheatley reporting

Price/Condition

1959 AMC Metropolitan Mk III 2d cpe 1489cc/55hp/4cyl/3spd	\$5,250 3
1934 American Bantam 2d cpe 747cc/22hp/4cyl/3spd	\$7,000 4
1960 Austin-Healey 3000 MkI/BT7 2d Rds 2912cc/127hp/6cyl/4spd	\$47,500 2
1969 Beaumont Custom Sport Deluxe 2d conv 350cid/300hp/V8/AT	\$28,000 2
1956 Bentley "S" 4d Sdn 4887cc/178hp/6cyl/AT/RHD	\$5,700 4
1953 Buick Super Estate 4d SW 322cid/170hp/V8/AT	\$31,000 3
1963 Buick Riviera 2d HT 401cid/325hp/V8/AT	\$25,500 3
1971 Buick GS-350 2d conv 350cid/300hp/V8/AT	\$7,000 2
1974 Buick Century Grand Sport 2d HT 455cid/255hp/V8/AT	\$4,900 2
1987 Buick Grand National 2d cpe 3.8L/245hp/Turbo/V6/AT	\$14,250 3
1987 Buick Grand National 2d cpe 3.8L/245hp/Turbo/V6/AT	\$11,250 3
1957 Cadillac Series 62 2d conv 365cid/300hp/V8/AT	\$57,000 2

1971 Cadillac Fleetwood El Deodora 4d SW 472cid/345 hp/V8/AT/(Evel Knievel orig owner)	\$13,000 3
1993 Cadillac Allante 2d conv 4.6L/295hp/V8/AT/2 tops	\$8,000 3
1936 Chevrolet Special Deluxe 2d cpe NOM 301cid/500hp/V8/AT/Gasser drag car/Mod.	\$9,500 4
1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe 4d Sed 216cid/90hp/6cyl/3spd	\$7,500 3
1950 Chevrolet Styleline 2d Club cpe 216cid/92hp/6cyl/3spd	\$11,100 3
1950 Chevrolet 3100 2d 1/2-ton PU 216cid/92hp/6cyl/3spd	\$17,500 3
1951 Chevrolet Indy 500 sprint car 2.8L/V6/AT	\$15,000 2
1951 Chevrolet 5700 2d COE 4-ton Car Hauler/Cummins 6cyl/Diesel/AT	\$38,000 2
1955 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d HT 265cid/162hp/V8/AT	\$28,250 2
1955 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d Sdn NOM 454cid/V8/4spd	\$25,500 2
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d conv 283cid/270hp/2x4-bbl/V8/AT	\$81,000 1
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d HT NOM 427cid/V8/AT/modified	\$20,500 2
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d HT NOM 327cid/V8/AT/modified	\$18,500 2
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Townsman 4d SW 283cid/220hp/V8/AT	\$10,750 3
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Nomad 2d SW NOM 350cid/V8/AT; modified	\$35,500 3
1960 Chevrolet Impala 2d HT 348cid/250hp/V8/AT/Fact. A/C/Cont. kit	\$31,500 2

1961 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d Sdn NOM 413cid "Stroker" V8/4spd/Mod	\$18,250 2
1962 Chevrolet Impala 2d HT 283cid/170hp/V8/AT	\$16,800 2
1962 Chevrolet Impala 2d HT NOM 468cid/V8/AT/modified	\$11,500 3
1963 Chevrolet Bel Air 2d Sdn NOM 350cid/V8/4spd	\$20,500 2
1964 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu SS 2d HT 327cid/300hp/V8/4spd	\$38,000 1
1964 Chevrolet C10 2d 1/2-ton PU 230cid/140hp/6cyl/3spd/stepsides sbx	\$11,500 4
1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 2d HT 396cid/325hp/V8/AT	\$29,000 2
1969 Chevrolet Camaro 2d conv 305cid/300hp/V8/AT/IPC replica	\$31,000 2
1969 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu 2d HT NOM 396cid/V8/4spd	\$33,500 2
1972 Chevrolet Camaro RS/Z-28 2d cpe LT1 350cid/300hp/V8/4spd	\$45,000 1
1973 Chevrolet C-10 Chevy Van 2d 1/2-ton Cargo Van 250cid/100hp/6cyl/VAT	\$8,000 3
1980 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 2d T-top cpe NOM 350cid/V8/AT/modified	\$17,750 2
1983 Chevrolet El Camino Conquista 2d PU 305cid/150hp/V8/AT	\$6,500 2
1983 Chevrolet C10 Scottsdale 2d 1/2-ton PU 350cid/155hp/V8/AT	\$5,000 3
1985 Chevrolet Camaro 2d T-top cpe 5.0L/250hp/V8/AT	\$11,500 2
1993 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2d 1/2-ton PU 5.7L/219hp/V8/AT/Choo-Choo El	\$9,500 2



Before selling cars, Yvette VanDerBrink and her crew spent several hours selling Egelseer's sign collection – all housed in one building on the walls and in the rafters.



The 1940 Ford Deluxe convertible was one of the finest designs ever to come from Ford's chief of design, E.T. Gregorie. It changed hands for \$31,000.



This nicely restored 1958 Cadillac Coupe DeVille changed hands at \$34,500.

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