

31ST YEAR

# CLASSIC CHEVY & CORVETTE SHOW

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2004

## THE BOB McDORMAN COLLECTION III

There are car shows and there are car shows...but there is only one Bob McDorman show. Saturday is an All Corvette show and Sunday is open to any pre-1980 GM car. The Corvette Concours d'Elegance is a 31-year tradition at Bob McDorman Chevrolet. Winning the Bob McDorman Concours d'Elegance has been referred to as "The BIG Event" and has carried with it a great deal of prestige. While winning the "Best of Show" is a tremendous achievement, they also have many other

classes, which allow all kinds of Corvettes to compete, and compete fairly. Whether you have a fanatically prepared and



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**Above:** All ages enjoy Bob's incredible collection!  
**Left:** Bob (on his Chevrolet golf cart) is always willing to tell you about the cars in his collection and their features.



CHEVROLET

*Friday*

\* Cruise-In

*Saturday*

\* All New NCRS Corvette Show  
(Columbus Chapter)

\* Cruise-In

\* Corvette Auction

*Sunday*

\* Classic Car Auction

\* All GM Classic Car Show

\* Corvette Concours d'Elegance

All Chevy Swap Meet

Gas Station Memorabilia

Neon Collection

ON DISPLAY ALL WEEKEND

THE BOB McDORMAN COLLECTION III

Corvettes (at  
least one for  
every year  
produced)

\* "Serial-Number-  
One" Collection

\* Indianapolis

Pace Cars

\* Bel Airs

\* Corvairs

\* Cameos

\* El Caminos

\* Camaros

\* Pickups

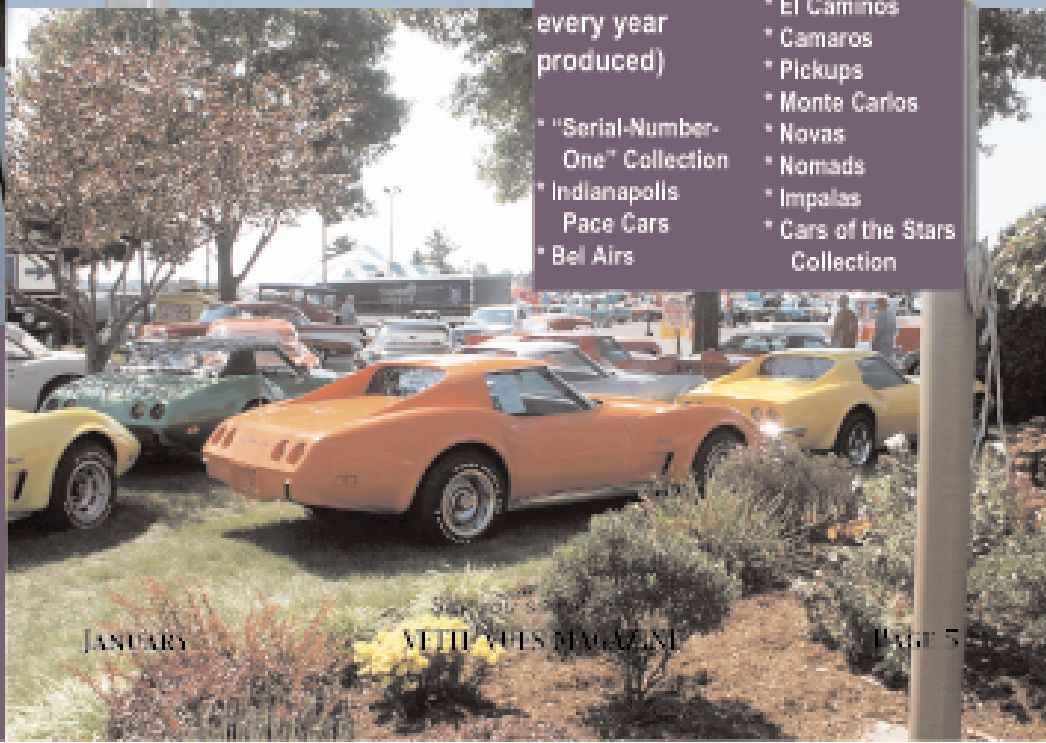
\* Monte Carlos

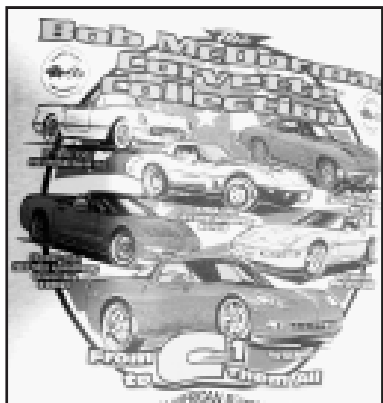
\* Novas

\* Nomads

\* Impalas

\* Cars of the Stars  
Collection





restored Corvette or a daily driver, there is a place for you in the McDorman Concours. New this year, the local NCRS chapter (HEART OF OHIO), held a show within the show on Saturday under the big top tent.

There is a good size swap meet both indoors and out with virtually anything you might need available.

If you are looking to buy or sell there are two auctions (Sunday Auction is for all kinds and makes of Collector cars including Corvettes and they also have an All-Corvette auction Saturday which obviously is for Corvettes only).

Peddicord Rice Auction Realty, Licensed Auctioneer, conducted the Auction.

There is a great selection of food vendors on the premises so it's easy to come and spend the day, which you will need to enjoy the vast 'museum'.

There was nightly cruise-ins with some of the greatest entertainment. Friday night, an all time favorite, Mike Albert "the Ultimate Elvis Tribute" performed and Saturday the Legendary McGuffey Lane performed, this being their first time at Bob McDorman's Classic Chevy & Corvette Show.

Now what makes this show so unique? Bob's Museum! At Bob McDorman's show you will see at least one of every year Corvette on display...a total of 115 Corvettes. They range from Serial-Number-One's, as well as other special serial numbers, Indianapolis Pace Cars (actually - every Chevrolet Pace car from 1948 through current), and other Pace Cars and Lap Cars, Styling/Concept Cars, and even Celebrity cars. Some of the "Cars of the Stars" include: Zora Duntov - 1955 Corvette "Mule Car", John Mellencamp - 1956 Corvette, George Strait - 1958 Corvette, Burt Reynolds - 1960 Corvette, Ricky Van Shelton - 1967 Corvette, Jim Lovell (Apollo 13 Astronaut) - 1968 Corvette, Dinah Shore - 1987 Corvette, Zora Duntov's last personal Corvette (1989), Miss America 1993 Leanza Cornett - 40th Anniversary Corvette, Mario Andretti - 1994 Corvette, Dolly Parton - 1968 Camaro, Alan Jackson - 1971 El Camino.

Bob also has an incredible collection of Bel Airs, Camaros, Cameos, Classic Chevy Trucks, Corvairs, El Caminos, El Caminos, Impalas, Monte Carlos, Nomads, Novas, SSR's (he owns serial #2,3,4,5 of the new SSR pickup). The total? 303 collector cars...and all of them GM. They are stored in eight buildings. They are not open for public viewing but once a year Bob brings them out for all to enjoy.

This massive undertaking is for a purpose. Bob and his wife Alice are very generous people and all realized proceeds for the weekend are

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Bob also has several other Chevrolet Star Cars such as this '68 Camaro once owned by Dolly Parton. He also owns Alan Jackson's '71 El Camino.

donated to Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. Once again showing the uniqueness of this couple, they just donated a \$25,000 van to the Children's Hospital the week before the show. To date, the show has donated over \$200,000 to the Hospital.

The automobile collection is incredible but Bob also has a vast collection of memorabilia from gas stations, automotive and transportation collectibles. He has old gas and oil signs, dealership signs, oilcans, anti-freeze water cans, auto parts

clocks, gas pumps, air meter equipment. You name it, any kind of automotive nostalgic items. He also has the most vast neon collection I have ever seen...over three million dollars worth. Oh, did I mention the large pedal car collection.

Just who is Bob McDorman? Bob was born and raised on a farm in Ohio in 1932. It didn't take him long to realize he had a great love for cars. He grew up and worked for his dad in his International Harvester dealership. The lure of cars was great and in 1952 and he went to work in a Buick-Pontiac-GMC dealership in London, Ohio. Working his way up to service manager and body shop manager, Bob was right where he wanted to be, by the cars. Later he went to work for a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealership as a used-car salesman, parts manager and used-car manager. Bob bought his first dealership in 1965 from Ralph Smith Chevrolet in Groveport, Ohio. He moved the dealership to the current site in 1968 after purchasing 33 acres. The site is also the home of the show.

Bob is truly a Corvette enthusiasts and a Corvette legend.

We will attempt to show you his museum in this issue but you need to see it in person to grasp the vastness of this collection. You will definitely want enjoy the Bob McDorman Collection III next year if you have not seen it yet. The dealership is located at 5885 Gender Rd (Corner of Rt. 33 & Gender Rd.), Canal Winchester, OH 43110, just outside of Columbus. Mark you calendars with next year's dates: September 9, 10 & 11, 2005.

*See you there!*



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## Cars of the Stars



Burt Reynolds 1960



Above: John Wayne's (The Duke) 1954 Polo White Convertible. There were 3,640 produced that year.



Mario Andretti's Corvette



Above: Jim Lovell, Apollo 13 Astronaut's Car



Above: Miss America 1993 Convertible - 40th Anniversary Car in Ruby Red. Formerly owned by Leanza Cornett - Miss America 1993



Zora Arkus Duntov's last personal Corvette

### 40th Anniversary Edition

Chevrolet introduced a special 40th Anniversary Edition Corvette in the 1993 model year. At the time, Corvette had recently celebrated an additional milestone: The one-millionth Corvette built on July 2, 1992. The 40th Anniversary package, available on all '93 models, included an exclusive Ruby Red exterior and interior, color-keyed wheel centers, headrest embroidery, and emblems on the hood, deck and side-gills.



Dinah Shore's 1987 Corvette



Johnny Carson's C4

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