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# NUTS & BOLTS

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## ONGOING CRUISE-IN WEDNESDAYS AT MCDONALD'S



Walter Schwegler points out details of his gem-like Rodeck 427.



Anthony Britnell's Chevy is another jewel and a favorite at the show.

**More pictures on last 2 pages.**





# Behind the wheel at the 2015 Mecum Auction in Denver Colorado

Submitted by Tom Locascio

Yeah! That's my smiling face piloting the mighty 2007 Maserati Quattro Porte to the podium last year at the 2015 Mecum Denver Auction.

The Denver Thunderbird club has the honor of driving incredible machines from the display area, to the auction podium, and back to a holding area. I got the opportunity through my car loving Colorado friend Keith Schultz, a Subaru guy with T-Bird connections.



One has a bit of time before being towed to a queue for the podium. What kind of tranny is here? Does the ty-wrapped secured key reach the ignition? The owner may show up as well with special instructions such as "the fuel pump is enabled by this hidden switch below the ashtray". There is an air quality Marshal making sure attending Humans are not overly gassed so cars are only driven the 30 feet on to the podium and back to a holding area.



My buddy Keith at the helm of this giant 58 Imperial

The following story depicts my adventure from car assignment, to bidding podium, and return. My ride is a special one: a 1969 Pontiac Trans Am Ram Air IV. At the viewing area I am quite lucky to be assigned to this one.



The queue tail





Queue “pushers at work

All in all you are with your assigned car for about an hour. Plenty of time to enjoy the sights and drool.



Plenty of hazards along to way to the podium



Lots to see while slowly being pushed to the podium. At this point buyers and sellers are asking questions and giving last minute instructions.



Finally at the head of the queue.



Last minute detailing.



No one in the peanut gallery seems to notice the rare and special vehicle I’m about to start and drive up to the red carpet. Last minute questions are asked like “how does the engine sound” or “where do you think the bidding will end up”. I am not able to answer these questions.



The classic in front of me is now on the block

I had a fabulous 2 day blast. The 8 to 10 hours a day went fast. Below are some of the cars I drove over those 2 days.



The bidding begins



A giant interior ogling camera swings towards me on a telescoping boom. While checking if there was spinach in my teeth I missed the final hammer price but heard later it was a featured car and went for big dough.



Keith Queuing in a very cool ride

I've been invited again this year as well and I will be behind the wheel once more this July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - Tom

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## This month's Name That Engine

Features an all American line up, nine V8s and one flathead V12.



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Answers appear on the next page.

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- 1 She's real fine my.....
- 2 37 Lincoln Zephyr V12
- 3 54 Stude 232 CI V8
- 4 1991 LT5
- 5 Chrysler 426 Hemi
- 6 Chrysler cross ram 413
- 7 Dodge Max Wedge 413
- 8 Dodge SRT Hellcat
- 9 Blown GT 500 Cobra
- 10 Plymouth Golden

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**Don't forget to sign up for the big show!**

**All the details are on our web page.**

## Call for newsletter submissions!

I know most of you are chilling out in other parts of the country as this is the “off season”. I however do not wish to be accused of narcissism because I provide most of the material for this newsletter. Please send pictures and descriptions of cars you may have “back there” and I can feature them or any other topic you may deem consistent with having a fun and informative newsletter. We could use some feedback on the newsletter and website as well. This is your

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newsletter, it should reflect all of our members.



Attached is a picture of my Dad's first car, a 1925 Dodge Business coupe. The picture was taken on the family farm in southern Minnesota in the late 1920s. My grandfather Edward Srsen, whom I am named after, and my grandmother, Frances Srsen, are in the picture. Note the buggy behind the car.

Submitted by Ed Srsen, our sole contributor this month!



**And finally, more pictures from the McDonald's Wednesday show.**

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