



## INVITATION TO THE "SPECIAL COLLECTION"

Dear Mr. Hendry,

On behalf of Bloomington Gold Corvettes U.S.A., I am pleased to inform you that your 1968 Corvette V.I.N. 194378S417431 has been selected to appear in the "SPECIAL COLLECTION". The "SPECIAL COLLECTION" is one of the feature attractions at America's number one Corvette Show. This years show will take place June 23 to 26, 1988.

The "SPECIAL COLLECTION" has become known as the most prestigious event that a Corvette can participate in. Being a part of the "SPECIAL COLLECTION" is by invitation only. This years show will feature L-88s and will also contain the "SPECIAL COLLECTION" Silver Salute to the 1963's. Represented among the 34 to 38 cars will be some of the fastest, most unusual and rare special interest Corvettes ever to gather at one place at one time.

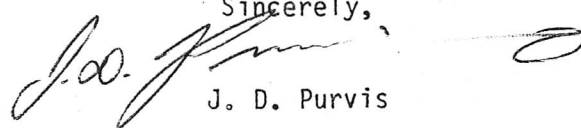
The public display is a museum like setting which groups the cars in ways that are attractive and facilitates easy public viewing. A tasteful floor barrier surrounds each group of cars and also serves as the easel on which information is placed that concerns each car. The Collection is shown in the ballroom of the Bone Student Center at the Illinois State University, highly secure, climate controlled, with great lighting and music.

Being a part of this entertaining and spectacular show brings many benefits to both the cars and their owners. A significant amount of national public recognition, and a definite upward appreciation in the value of the cars inducted into the "SPECIAL COLLECTION". You will receive a unique document to commemorate the cars appearance in the Collection as well as the "SPECIAL COLLECTION" pin. Your car will also be an integral part of any group photograph, poster or panoramic view that is produced to commemorate the historic event.

We want you to be a part of it.

Within the next few days you will receive the information forms and directions to the location.

J.D. Purvis  
10755 Larsen  
Overland Park, Kansas  
Phone (913) 469-8001 or (913) 341-1485

Sincerely,  
  
J. D. Purvis  
Director "SPECIAL COLLECTION"

# The Bloomington Gold "Special Collection"

Includes America's rarest, most unusual Corvettes of special interest,  
historic significance or ultra quality of preservation and restoration.

The 19 68 Corvette, Serial No. 194378S417431

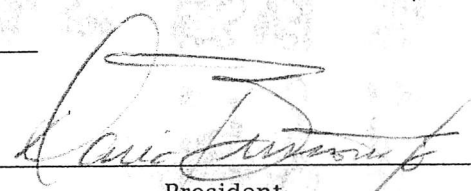
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is one of the very few Corvettes in the United States selected to be  
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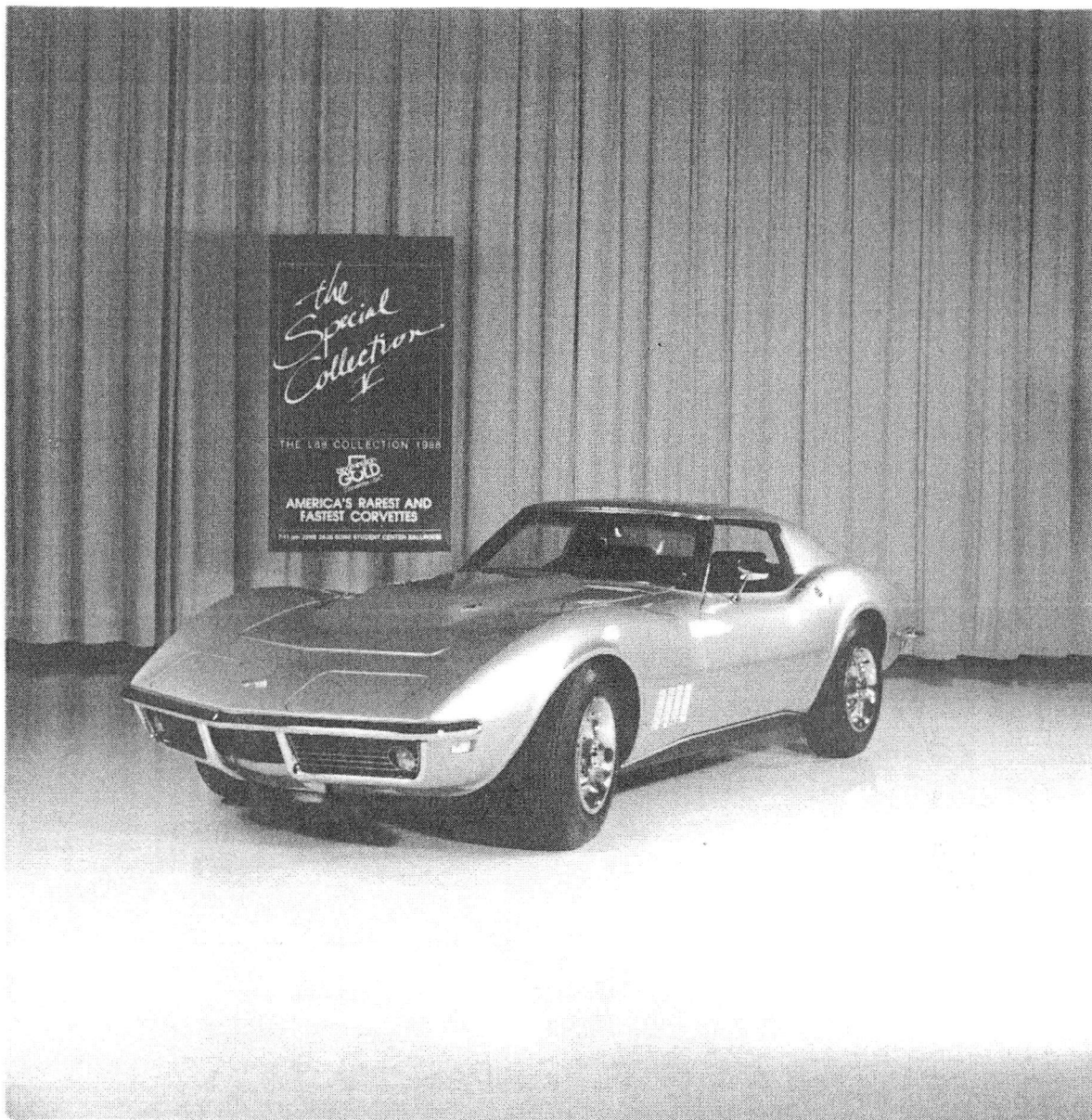
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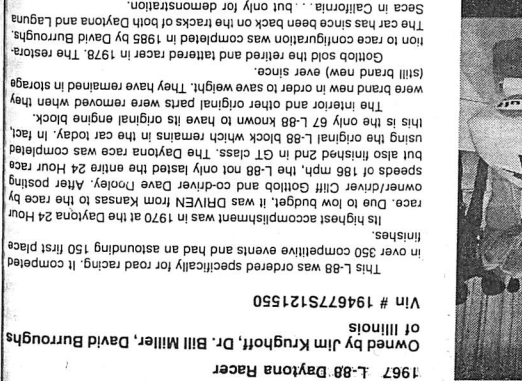
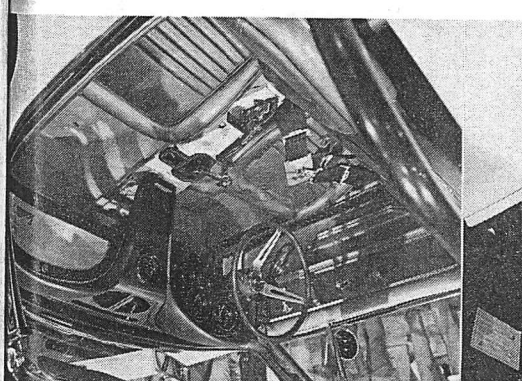
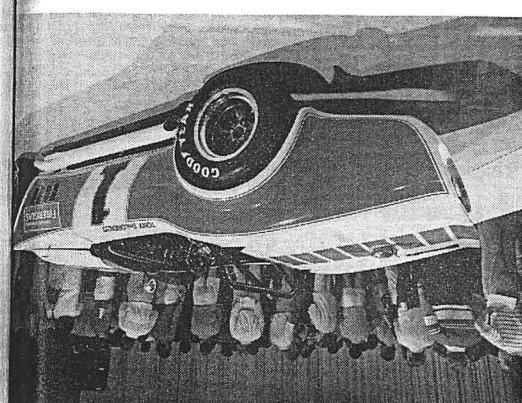
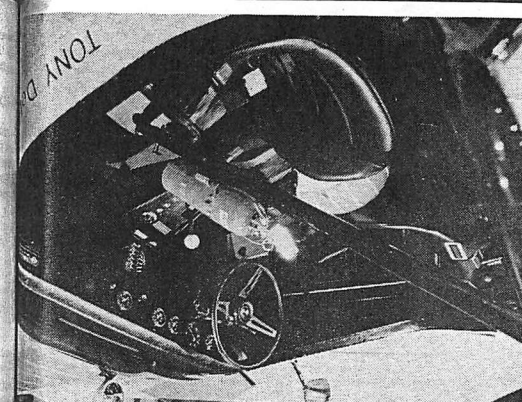


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**1967 L-88 Daytona Racer**  
Owned by Jim Krughoff, Dr. Bill Miller, David Burroughs of Illinois  
Vin # 194677S121550

This L-88 was ordered specifically for road racing. It competed in over 350 competitive events and had an astounding 150 first place finishes.  
Its highest accomplishment was in 1970 at the Daytona 24 Hour race. Due to low budget, it was DRIVEN from Kansas to the race by owner-driver Cliff Gottlob and co-driver Dave Prooley. After posting speeds of 186 mph, the L-88 not only lasted the entire 24 hour race but also finished 2nd in GT class. The Daytona race was completed using the original L-88 block which remains in the car today. In fact, this is the only 67 L-88 known to have its original engine block.  
The interior and other original parts were removed when they were brand new in order to save weight. They have remained in storage (still brand new) ever since.  
Gottlob sold the retired and battered racer in 1978. The restoration to race configuration was completed in 1985 by David Burroughs. The car has since been back on the tracks of both Daytona and Laguna Seca in California... but only for demonstration.

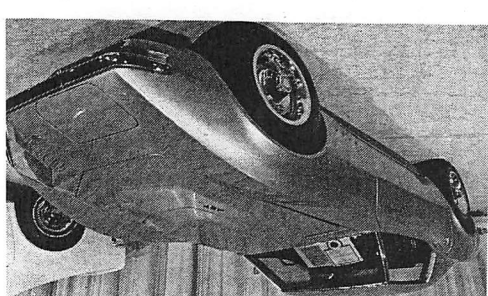
At the 1968 New Car Show for Chevrolet dealers, Darrell Millisor of Millisor Chevrolet in Bala Center, Ohio, ordered two new L-88's, one bronze and one silver for two brothers. After many production delays both cars were driven daily as the boys finished high school and then college. The bronze car was sold to Bob McDorman for his collection. The silver L-88 later sold to a newspaper reporter in Darlance, Ohio. and is now presently owned by Ernie Hendry.  
After 16 years, in 1987, the two cars were reunited again in the field of Bloomington, where during certification, the similarity in serial numbers was noted. They are now reunited again in this year's "SPECIAL COLLECTION".  
A State of the Art restoration has brought the car to its original factory delivered condition. It has its original L-88 engine and complete paperwork and history of the car.  
This car was Gold Certified at Bloomington in 1987. It was recently photographed for the 1989 Corvette Calendar.

**1968 L-88 Coupe**  
Owned by Dr. Ernie Hendry of Fort Myers, Florida  
Vin # 194378S417431



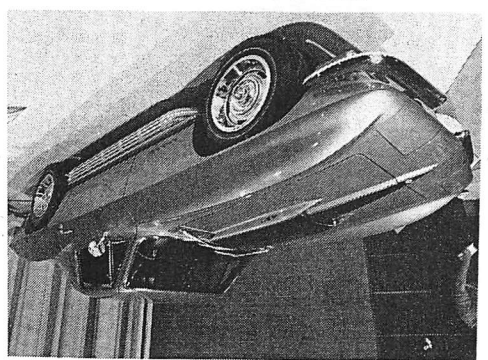
Introduced in early 1967 by Corvette News with the caption "Priced with Caution", the L-88 series was launched. It further stated: "A new super-performance engine has joined the 67 Corvette coral of high-performance power plants. Designed only as an engine for use by qualified, competitive racing groups, a number of radically different features have been adopted to Corvette's already potent 427 cubic inch V8 to make it a "real swinger" for performance buffs."  
This early serial number L-88, 17 076, was ordered by East Chevrolet in Seaford, N.Y., but transferred to it to be delivered to a customer at Giles Chevrolet in Long Island, N.Y.. Chevrolet entered the order on February 16, 1967 and built the car body on April 25, 1967. In addition to the L-88 package, the car was also ordered with tilted glass and side pipes.  
Upon delivery, the car was then modified for circuit racing with the addition of a roll bar, large shoulder harness and other safety equipment. This is the original factory body, which has never been off the frame and was in unblemished good condition for restoring. Fortunately, the car was refitted from racing before serious body damage.  
The present owner purchased the car in 1979 in Canada. Several years of personal restoration resulted in a Bloomington Gold award in 1985. It has not been shown since.

**1967 L-88 Coupe**  
Owned by Gerald Chouinard of Aurora, Illinois  
Vin # 19437S117076



Corvette advertising said of the 1968 Corvette, "It has got to be one of the most desirable cars ever built." The ad called it the "perpetual emotion machine."  
This very well documented 1968 International Blue L-88 was produced on May 29, 1968 and was delivered to its first owner by Jack Manton Chevrolet in Worthington, Ohio on June 6, 1968.  
Though it had five, the fifth in Miami, it wasn't hard for 40-mile radius of Columbus, Ohio. They knew that they had something special. The car has retained its original block, transmission, rear end, interior, protective plate, tank sticker, warranty book, owners manual and a copy of the Corvette order sheet.  
Options ordered for the car included the L-88 engine package, limited glass, telescopic steering wheel, special off road exhaust and wheel covers.  
In 1987, the car was purchased by Ron Lowenthal, in a totally disassembled state and the restoration was started almost immediately. Almost all the original parts were there.  
This is the first time that this beautiful 31,000 mile car has been put on display.

**1968 L-88 Coupe**  
Owned by Ron Lowenthal of Miami, Florida  
Vin # 194378S420801



The 12 mile car. Purchased new in Seattle, college senior Steve Smith dreamed of turning his 67 L-88 into a dragster. He traded it from Alan Green Chevrolet to a warehouse, drove it about 176 of a mile around the block and shut it off. It was never driven again. The chassis and underbody were painted with white epoxy, decals were added and it was slated to receive a one-piece Dana rear end.  
After eight years, the project was abandoned. The dream disintegrated. The car never got completed and it never left the warehouse until 1975 when Smith finally sold the car. Lincoln Auto Salvage bought it and sold it to a buyer in Minneapolis who tried to restore the car. The exterior red paint and the black interior are untouched. "Everything not painted red" and to restore the chassis and underbody ing hours were needed to carefully remove all the white epoxy from to its 12 mile factory authentic condition.  
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**1967 L-88 12 Mile Coupe**  
Owned by Jim Krughoff and David Burroughs of Illinois  
Vin # 19437S116945

