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LIFETIME COLLECTION OF AUTOMOTIVE NOSTALGIA BREAKS NEW RECORDS AT AUCTION

Private Collection of Tom & Marlene Stackhouse

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RM Auctions Sells Private Collection of Thomas & Marlene Stackhouse Setting Multiple Sales Records For Automotive Memorabilia

BLLENHEIM, Ontario, Canada (September 30, 2005) – The Thomas and Marlene Stackhouse collection represented one of the largest and most significant collections of automotive memorabilia and petroliana ever offered for auction in North America. The recent, no-reserve sale hosted by RM Auctions at the Stackhouse homestead in Delhi, Ontario generated over \$2 million and established many new sales records.

The four-day auction included the sale of approximately 28 classic vehicles, over 2,000 lots of rare automotive mascots, tin advertising signs, vintage toys, an impressive variety of original petroliana which included signs, globes, gas pumps and many other unique collectables.

International interest in the sale attracted collectors from as far away as Belgium and Vancouver, BC due to the impressive condition and rarity of the items – many which surpassed the original catalog price estimates.

Carl Bomstead, noted auction specialist for Sports Car Market Magazine, remarked, “the exceptional condition of the tin signs was the key reason for the strong prices at this sale.” “Interest in the automobilia collector market is growing and indications are this trend will continue,” adds Rob Myers, founder of Ontario based RM Auctions.

Some of the sale highlights included:

- Lot 3218 - Double-sided porcelain Cadillac V8 dealer sign \$25,300 (est. \$5,000 – \$6,000)
- Lot 3214 - Goodrich Tires metal dealer sign with Canadian Mountie \$23,000 (est. \$9,000 – \$11,000)
- Lot 3492 - Shell Clearvision double gas pump w/ original globes \$17,250 (est. \$7,000 – \$9,000)
- Lot 3204 - En-Ar-Co Motor Oil sign on pedestal \$16,675 (est. \$8,000 – \$10,000)
- Lot 4232 - Red Indian Double Neon Electric Wall Clock \$7,475 (est. \$3,500 – \$4,500)
- Lot 2335 - En-Ar-Co Motor Oil display rack \$4,715 (est. \$2,500 – \$3,000)
- Lot 2437 - Original metal Sealed Shell Motor Oil sign \$4,000 (est. \$1,800 – \$2,000)
- Lot 2583 - Early 1900's tin policeman stop indicator \$3,500 (est. \$300 – \$450)
- Lot 3275 - 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Convertible \$77,000 (est. \$50,000 – \$60,000)
- Lot 3276 - 1955 Ford Crown Victoria Glasstop – California car \$63,800 (est. \$35,000 – \$40,000)
- Lot 3272 - 1971 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 Convertible – 58k original miles \$46,750 (est. \$35,000 – \$40,000)

Complete sale results of the Stackhouse sale can be found online at: www.rmauctions.com

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