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**PROTEAM'S 'LAST' CORVETTE EARNS LION AWARD DURING  
ANNUAL 'PARADE OF ELEGANCE'**

NAPOLEON, Ohio – Perhaps it isn't a Picasso or a Renoir, but ProTeam's "Last™" Corvette was deemed a masterpiece, earning the prestigious Meadow Brook Hall Lion Award at this year's Concours d'Elegance.

"The real honor is to be invited to this internationally renowned event. Winning the award is quite humbling," said Terry Michaelis, president of ProTeam Classic Corvette Collection and Sales.

While some car events judge strictly on a vehicle's condition and the quality of restoration, Meadow Brook judges look at a classic car as a work of art, judging on style, proportions, colors, textures and other visual elements which set them apart from their contemporaries. This manner of judging follows the original French tradition of an artful presentation of a vehicle.

To earn the Meadow Brook Hall Lion Award, the "Last" bested many automobiles in its category – K – which featured sports cars from the 1956 to 1969 era, including:

- 1964 Porsche Carrera 2 GS Cabriolet
- 1958 MG A Roadster
- 1968 Jaguar XKE 4.2 OTS Roadster
- 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL

- 1958 Jaguar XK 150 DHC
- 1962 Daimler SP250 Roadster
- 1965 Austin Healey 3000 Convertible
- 1970 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL Roadster
- 1959 Aston Martin DB2/4
- 1959 BMW 507

The Meadow Brook award will be added to the “Last’s” already expansive collection of accolades, including “Top Flight” certification from the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) and the coveted Bloomington Gold Certification, which it acquired in June 2006.

The “Last” is the 186,981<sup>st</sup> produced by General Motors and is documented as the last 1967 Corvette (VIN #22940) of the C2 series production – widely regarded by collectors and enthusiasts as the greatest Corvette design. It is also the last factory 427 cid mid-year big-block ever built.

Due to its extraordinary culmination of “lasts,” the car has been drawing large crowds as it is displayed at high-profile venues across the country and will be the subject of a mini-series, which includes footage of the Meadow Brook Concours, on the Fox Cable Group’s SPEED. The series, entitled “The Last Sting Ray,” is scheduled to air November/December 2006 as part of the popular “American Muscle Car” programming lineup.

“I’ve never been in the midst of that many priceless automobiles. There were literally hundreds of them on that field,” said Stan Rarden, producer of the “The Last Sting Ray,” about Meadow Brook Concours.

ProTeam plans to sell the car, and its memorabilia, at no reserve at the famed Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., in January 2007. Initial estimates have the “Last” selling for as much as seven figures.

For more information about the “Last,” visit [www.lastcorvette.com](http://www.lastcorvette.com).

### **About ProTeam**

ProTeam Classic Corvette Collection and Sales, based in Napoleon, Ohio, showcases the largest inventory of classic Corvettes in the world. Almost \$20 million worth of Corvettes are displayed in 90,000 square feet of showrooms and restoration facilities in Napoleon and Auburn, Ind., with nearly 200 classic Corvettes on display at any time. For additional information, contact ProTeam at P.O. Box 606, Napoleon, Ohio 43545, call 888.592.5086 or visit [www.proteamcorvette.com](http://www.proteamcorvette.com).

### **About Meadow Brook Concours d’Elegance**

In its 28th year, the Meadow Brook Concours d’Elegance is one of the largest and most prestigious classic car shows in the world. It commands the presence of some of the world’s foremost car collectors, auto executives, auto enthusiasts and automotive media. It takes place at scenic Meadow Brook Hall, an automotive mansion on the campus of Oakland University, which is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. Proceeds from the event go to Oakland University and the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall. For more information, visit [www.meadowbrookconcours.org](http://www.meadowbrookconcours.org).

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