

AUCTION INFORMATION

THE AUCTION



Stagecoach Stop USA is a family dream come true. In the early 1960's the Bahlau family (BayLow) of Jackson, Michigan began collecting antiques and artifacts from all over the U.S. and Canada. Collecting became a family hobby, the extent of which ranged from general store items to horse drawn vehicles and everything in between. It grew to a point where storage became a problem.

There was a growing desire by everyone in the family to share this great collection with the public! In 1965 the decision was made to find a suitable site for a museum and gift shop. It was decided to locate in the Irish Hills of Southwest Michigan, a known tourist area for over 50 years. With their life savings at stake, Fred and Dorothy Bahlau started construction. At that time they had no way of knowing that their hobby would become one of Michigan's most visited attractions.

Thus, the beginning of Stagecoach Stop USA - Michigan's Village of the 1800's, The Golden Nugget restaurant, The Dwight D. Eisenhower Railroad Car Museum, and Irish Hills Fudge Factory.

What started as a family hobby has blossomed into a year round business playing host to over 100,000 visitors each year from all over the globe.

The entire Bahlau family has made tourism and hospitality their life. By assembling their collection in a manner which young and old can enjoy, they have preserved a piece of our American Heritage.

With Western villages no longer as popular as they once were, and with retirement looming, the Bahlau Family has decided to close the Stagecoach Stop USA.

AUCTION DATES

Saturday & Sunday, May 30th & 31st at 9:30 a.m. each day

AUCTION LOCATION

Located on US-12, 8 miles west of Clinton, Michigan, in the midst of Southeast Michigan's beautiful Irish Hills. Nearby are numerous motel and camping accommodations, more than 50 crystal-clear lakes, and enough entertaining and historical attractions to fill a whole vacation with fun and relaxation. One hour west of Detroit and near Jackson, Michigan.



AIR TRAVEL

Detroit's Metro Airport is one hour east of Stagecoach Stop.

CAR RENTAL

HERTZ	800-654-3131	AVIS	800-331-1212
BUDGET	800-527-0700	NATIONAL.....	800-227-7368
DOLLAR	800-421-9633	ALAMO	800-327-9633

(Call travel agent for local car rental)

TRAVEL AGENCY

Adventure Travel is the official travel agent for all NORTON Auctions. Competent, trustworthy and economical service for all plane, train, hotel and car reservations. Phone 877-617-9990 or 517-279-7243. Advise you are attending a NORTON Auction for prompt service.

TERMS

Our terms are strictly adhered to, so come prepared! All items must be paid for in full on day of sale! No items can be removed until settled for in full. Payment must be made by cash, certified or cashier's check. **NO** company or personal checks will be accepted **UNLESS** accompanied by a letter of credit from your bank which **GUARANTEES** your check up to a specific amount! All items are sold as is, where is, without any warranties whatsoever whether expressed or implied. Buyer is responsible for any and all applicable taxes. Your banker may FAX a letter of credit to 517-279-9191 for prior approval.

Although statements made in this catalog and those made by the auctioneer have come from what are thought to be reliable sources, purchaser must understand he is buying property entirely upon his own examination and opinion. Any announcements made sale day take precedence over printed matter, regarding condition and description of enclosed items.

NORTON AUCTIONEERS Pearl at Monroe Coldwater, MI 49036 RE: (Bidder's Name)	YOUR BANK LETTERHEAD	DATE _____
SAMPLE		
Dear Sirs: This letter will serve as notification that our bank will irrevocably honor and guarantee payment of any check written by (Your Name) up to the amount of (\$ Amount to be Guaranteed) and drawn on this bank's account number (Your Account Number). This guarantee is for purchases at your Auction held in Irish Hills, Onsted, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st, 2009.		
Sincerely,		
_____ Bank Officer's Signature & Title		
Phone _____	Home Phone _____	

BUYER'S PREMIUM

A premium of 10% (ten percent) of the successful bid price will be added to the bid as part of the total price.

REGISTRATION

You may register for a buyers number during the preview inspection hours. Be sure to bring your bank letter of guarantee if it has not already been sent to our offices!

SALES TAX

No sales tax will be charged as this is considered a casual sale.

PREVIEW INSPECTION

Friday, May 29th from 1-6 p.m. and auction mornings at 8:00 a.m.

INFORMATION

Rick or Fred Bahlau at (517) 467-7277, Rick's home at (517) 467-2824 or David A. Norton at Norton Auctioneers (517) 279-9063

REMOVAL

Nothing may be removed until paid for in full. Small items may be removed starting at 3:00 pm each day, until dusk. Buyers of larger items will be given one week for removal, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. NOTE: While the auction is in progress, nothing may be removed from the general area or building where auction is being conducted.

ABSENTEE BIDDING

See requirements on our website: nortonauctioneers.com.

DISMANTLING • REMOVAL • TRANSPORTATION

Sid Truitt713-834-5223
Mr. Truitt is able to transport Railroad Car.

LODGING

Auction Host Headquarters

On-site Stagecoach Stop rooms for rent, call (517) 467-2300

Also, Brooklyn Super 8, (517) 592-0888

Jackson, MI motels:

Motel 6517-789-7186

Super 8517-788-8780

Hampton Inn517-789-5151

also, W.T. Hayes State Park, Irish Hills is very close.