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## eBay's biggest fans



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World's Greatest eBay Enthusiast



## collectibles

### ■ Rollin' for the record

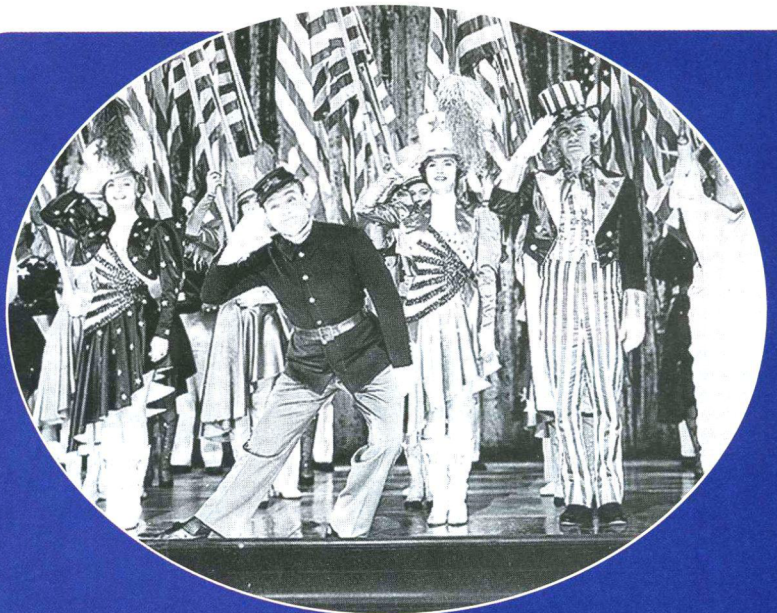
For 38-year-old Kevin Cook of Colorado Springs, Colo., getting into the *Guinness Book of World Records* would be like rolling the ultimate Yahtzee.

Cook, who's amassed a collection of 4,210 dice since he bought a shoebox full of them from an old pawn shop in 1977 to get his hobby rolling, has already received word back from Guinness that he has the world's largest collection of dice, but needs to get mentioned in print as part of the process. (That's where we come in.)

Cook said that realizing a record would not have been possible without eBay, where he's bought the last 2,000 items in his collection, which he has insured for \$15,000. His favorites are miniature poker dice (shown) because they are so unique.

"I have only seen two sets in 23 years, and I have them both," he boasted.

And the set of chocolate dice from Japan has got to be the weirdest piece in the lot. (Hmm ... does chocolate get better with age?)



## on the block

### ■ A dandy of an Oscar

James Cagney's 1942 Academy Award for Best Actor — the only Oscar he ever received — will hit the auction block at William Doyle Galleries in New York ([www.doylenewyork.com](http://www.doylenewyork.com)) on Sept. 27

Perhaps best-remembered for his gangster roles, Cagney was most successful as a song-and-dance man in *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, and the award for the role could fetch between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Other highlights of the sale include Cagney's 1961 Bentley S2 four-door (\$30,000 to \$40,000) and a 6.42-carat octagonal-cut diamond in platinum engagement ring worn by Cagney's wife Francis (\$25,000 to \$35,000).

## tickets

### ■ Spooktacular sale

What better way to spend Halloween night than at a costume ball in the ominous shadows of Dracula's famed Transylvania castle? That's exactly

what one lucky eBay buyer will be doing after paying \$4,000 for an 11-day trip to Romania, following the same path Dracula character Jonathan Harker did (minus the imprisonment in the castle and the other scary stuff — we hope).

