

First Monday Toy Auction

April 5th 2021

Highlights include:

- Large range of Matchbox 1-75 vehicles including one of the rarest Matchbox models you'll ever see
- Matchbox Yesteryears and Super Kings
- Large collection of Schuco tinplate clockwork cars
- Other tin toys including robots
- Pressed steel toys including a Cyclops pedal car
- Minichamps 1:18 scale F1 racing cars
- Australian 1:43 scale cars from Trax and Classic Carlectables
- Other cars including Corgi, Lledo and Hot Wheels
- Stationary steam engines and accessories



Featured item: Lot 241
Rare Matchbox No. 5a Green London Bus

This month is full of cars, lots and lots of them. Our First Monday Toy Auction consists mostly of cars, plus another instalment of **steam engines**, a good range of **tin toys**, a smattering of **planes and boats**, and a few **wooden toys** including a rare Tri-ang organ grinder.

Of special interest is the excellent collection of **Schuco vehicles**, most in unusually good condition and most boxed. This collection includes several "Varianto" vehicles and track, as well as many different types of clockwork models.

Also noteworthy is the range of 1:18 scale **F1 racing cars** from Minichamps and Exoto. These are beautiful models, all in great condition and all boxed.

If you buy lots of cars this month, you'll need somewhere to store them, so check out Lot 207, the set of five wooden **display cabinets**. These are also very special.

But the major attraction in this auction is our featured item, the **Matchbox No. 5a Green Bus**. This was issued specially for the Australian market in 1954 and there are not many still around, which makes it very rare. In fact, it is only the third we have come across in the past decade or so, and we have never heard of one in such good condition. It's a great opportunity for investors and collectors alike.

And there are more cars coming... just two weeks later we'll be holding the first of our **British Model Cars** auctions – see below for more details. Sorry there's nothing for the train enthusiasts this time, but we'll make it up to you in May.

The First Monday Toy Auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, April 5th, in our Auction Rooms at The Gearin in Katoomba. We have **limited space for floor bidders**, so if you would like to attend this auction, it is essential that you contact us beforehand to **make a booking**.

You can also participate by sending us absentee bids before the auction, or bidding live online at invaluable.com. Telephone bidding is also available by prior arrangement on lots starting at \$200 or more.

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms next Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on the auction day next Monday from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call us on (02) 4787 7974 or send us an email.

THIS MONTH'S NEWS FROM TPA

April Auctions

April is a big month for auctions at Trains, Planes & Automobiles.

We've seen a lot of toys and collectables since our first auction in 2005, and next Monday night we will be conducting our **150th auction**. We might celebrate with a little bubbly.

Then two weeks later we'll be holding the first of our **British Model Cars** auctions, which will feature an extraordinary range of Dinky, Corgi, Spot-On and Minic. These are from the Adrian Nash collection, which includes the most extensive Dinky collection we've ever seen. There are many rare items and most are in very good to excellent condition.

Since this is a special auction, we are producing a full-colour **souvenir catalogue**, which is available for \$20 per copy. Those who purchase a catalogue will also receive a list of realised prices, which we will send you after the auction. Please contact us to order your copy.

British Model Cars Part 1 will be a daytime auction starting at 10:00am on Sunday 18th April. Full details will be available on our website antiquetoys.com.au from Tuesday 6th April. As always, these will include a full online listing with pictures, and a printable PDF catalogue (which is nowhere near as nice as the souvenir catalogue).

At The Gearin

After several years of silence, live music returned to The Gearin recently at our coffee shop "On the Soul Side", with an afternoon concert featuring the band *Misty Mountain Accord*. The house was packed and the coffee flowed freely, so it was a great success which we expect to become a regular event.

On the Soul Side is just about to celebrate its 1st anniversary, having opened its doors on Easter Monday last year. During the past 12 months, it has become a popular spot for locals and visitors, who all enjoy the great coffee, toasties, Turkish stacks and hand-made ice-cream, not to mention the eclectic decor. Check it out next time you visit Katoomba. On the Soul Side is open Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 2:00pm, and Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Don't forget that The Gearin also offers **affordable accommodation**, so if you're coming to one of our auctions you could make a weekend of it and have a pleasant break in the Beautiful Blue Mountains. Check out thegearin.com.au for rates.

Happy Easter

From all of us at TPA, we extend our best wishes to you for a safe and happy Easter break, and don't forget to return on Easter Monday for our First Monday Toy Auction! For your toy and hobby needs, you're always welcome to visit our shop on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Or call us on **(02) 4787 7974** or send us an email.

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