

### First Monday Toy Auction

#### Monday 3rd April 2023 at 6:00pm



Featured item: Lot 137  
Böhlm HB13 Stirling Hot Air Engine

*Highlights include:*

- Hornby O-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, sets, buildings, track, and accessories
- More O-gauge from Bassett-Lowke, Brimtoy, Bing, JEP, and many other brands
- HO/OO-gauge from Lima, Roco, Fleischmann, Atlas, Airfix, and others, including locomotives, rolling stock, track, accessories, and power
- Hot air engines, live steam engines and steam accessories
- Minic tinplate & plastic vehicles
- Great selection of Spot-On diecast vehicles
- Large range of Dinky and Matchbox
- More vehicles from Corgi, Budgie, Franklin Mint, and others

We have a great auction for you this month.

We're starting off with **O-gauge**, and lots of it, including plenty of Hornby and many other British and European brands. There's also a good selection of **HO/OO** of all sorts, including some unusual Airfix sets that we haven't seen before.

Of special interest is the superb range of **hot air engines** from Böhlm and Wilesco. These are beautiful to look at and fun to run, and they're like new so you'll be the first to run them. They are part of this month's offering of stationary and steam engines and accessories, which includes a few other surprises.

In automobiles we have a lovely selection of diecast including **Dinky** and **Matchbox 1-75s**, and notably the collection of **Spot-On** – we don't often see so many Spot-On models in such good condition. Grab them while you can! There's also a good range of **Minic** clockwork and friction-drive vehicles, some larger scale cars, and a few tinplate toys.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, April 3rd, in our Auction Rooms at The Gear in Katoomba. All are welcome to attend. There is plenty of parking and refreshments are available.

If you can't join us in person, you can participate by sending us absentee bids before the auction, or bidding live online at [invaluable.com](http://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 on Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd April, 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

### Coming Up

As well as our regular First Monday Toy Auction every month, and our occasional mid-month "quiet" auctions, we have some **specialty auctions** coming up soon.

These will include "The Hidden Treasures of Leuralla" and "Dolls, Dolls & More Dolls". And that's all we're telling you for now. Stay tuned!

### Great Day in Corowa

A couple of weeks ago, the TPA team attended the **Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**. This is held every year (except during COVID) and is a big event in Corowa. It's a while since we were last there, so it was good to be able to go this year, set up our stand and offer our wares. Great location, great people, great weather, and a lot of fun. It was a popular event with large crowds, and many happy customers went home with toys, books and military models from TPA. We look forward to going again next year.

### Radio Plays in Katoomba

For the past 15 years or so, the **Blue Mountains Radio Players** have been performing radio plays in front of a live audience. These are often old-time plays from the 1930s to 1950s, but some are more recent, including a number of plays written by our esteemed colleague Barry Masters. Their next show will be on Sunday 30th April and will feature one of Barry's plays, "A Night at the El Morocco", so we encourage all our friends to attend if they can.

The performance starts at 2:30pm at the Palais Royale Hotel at 230 Katoomba Street, Katoomba. Tickets cost just \$15 which includes afternoon tea.

Sunday 30th April also happens to be one of the viewing days for the May auction at Trains, Planes and Automobiles. So come and visit us in the morning then pop down the road to be part of a radio play audience. It's always a great show and something you don't often see these days.

### Keith's Trivia

Here's this month's offering of obscure questions – no cheating!

1. What was colloquially known as the "Dockers' Umbrella"?
2. Is the person in charge of a hovercraft a "driver" or a "pilot"?
3. Who held Dinky Toys Collectors Licence No. 1?
4. Which royal launched the Oriana (famous for the P&O England to Australia route) in 1959?

And here are the obscure answers to last month's obscure questions:

1. Sir Thomas Bouch was most famous as the railway engineer who designed the Tay Bridge in Scotland which collapsed killing 75 people in 1879.

2. The plane in which Kingsford Smith disappeared was the "Lady Southern Cross".
3. The majority of engines used in the military version of the Austin Champ were manufactured by Austin.
4. The Bark "Endeavour" was originally named "Earl of Pembroke".

### **Easter Trading**

Our shop in Katoomba will be closed on Good Friday, April 7th, but open on Saturday 8th and Monday 10th.

Our regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We are also open on the Sunday before each auction, for an additional viewing day.

And remember, we don't just deal in toys and collectables, we also stock hobby supplies. Our extensive range of Humbrol and Tamiya paints has become very popular with customers, and we have glues, balsa, styrene, brass, and other materials. So for your hobby requirements – and toys and collectables – come and visit us if you can. Or call us on **(02) 4787 7974** or send us an email.

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