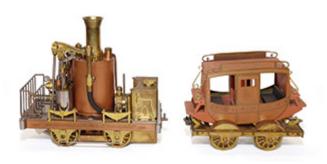


News from Trains, Planes & Automobiles December 2024

First Monday Toy Auction Monday 2nd December 2024 at 6:00pm

Highlights include:

- Another instalment of the Peter Norton car collection including Micro Models, Corgi, Trax, and lots of European racing cars
- Live steam including stationary engines, vehicles, 1-gauge locomotives, and the "African Queen"
- More 1-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, and accessories
- Good range of O-gauge including Australian
- Selection of Jim Beam novelty whiskey decanters
- Tinplate toys including Japanese



Featured item: Lot 358
Aster 1-gauge live steam brass "Grasshopper" 0-4-0
Locomotive and Coach

We have a great variety of toys and collectables this month.

For the car lovers, there's another instalment from the Peter Norton collection, including lots of **European racing cars**, **Micro Models**, **Marklin**, **Corgi**, an excellent selection of Australian **Trax**, and many other brands.

There are plenty of other cars from other collections, including modern **Matchbox**, **Lledo**, and **Bburago**, all as new and ideal for Christmas presents!

We also have a fine selection of **tinplate toys**, including many Japanese cars and other vehicles, some Australian toys, and also a bit of Minic.

For the **garden railway** enthusiasts, we have a good range of **1-gauge** including locomotives, rolling stock, figures, and accessories. Of special note is the group of very nice **live steam locomotives**, including our featured item, the lovely Aster "grasshopper".

For the **O-gauge** buffs, there are some **Ferris red rattlers** and a few other Australian items, also European and American models from **Bing**, **Marklin**, **Marx**, and others.

Also in live steam we have a **Hornby 3½" Stevenson's Rocket**, a few stationary engines, traction engines, full-size steam whistles and other accessories, and the beautiful **"African Queen"** live steam boat from Wilesco.

And there are various other interesting things, including more of the popular **Jim Beam decanters**, a couple of **gramophones**, and some records.

It's a good mixture with plenty of Christmas gift ideas – for yourself or your loved ones.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, December 2nd, in our Auction Rooms at The Gearin 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.

The lots can be viewed in our Auction Rooms on Saturday 30th November and Monday 2nd December, 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 in 2025

Another year full of auctions has gone by, and we'll have plenty more next year.

There will be more 1-gauge from the **Jim and Jennifer Walker collection**, and we have other collections you haven't seen yet, so there's a lot to look forward to next year. We've run out of space again and we have so many toys and collectables for you, we'll squeeze as many auctions into 2025 as we can.

Keith's Trivia

It's time for our last batch of trivia for the year.

- 1. What railway station in the UK has the longest official station name?
- 2. What 1934 race did the F168 Comet aeroplane win?
- 3. What ended in Sydney on 25th February 1961?
- 4. What iconic structure was sold for scrap metal in 1930?

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

- 1. The "Micheline" railway carriages had rubber tyres, not steel wheels, and were made by the Michelin Tyre Company.
- 2. The Tasman Empire Airways flying boats operated between Sydney and Auckland, sometimes stopping at Wellington (NZ), at one time with 12 weekly services.
- 3. The first "Mille Miglia" was run in 1927. The winner was an OM665 driven by Ferdinando Minoja and Giuseppe Morandi, taking just over 21 hours.
- 4. A "nerf bar" is usually fitted to the side of a racing car for protecting the car and driver. The bar can also act as a step for the driver and passenger.

For the answers to this month's questions... you'll have to wait until February!

Christmas Opening Times

We'll be taking a break over Christmas and New Year to recharge our batteries and wind our springs. We will be open as usual on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, up until Saturday 21st December. Then we'll have a rest and open again on Monday 6th January.

Before we close, be sure to visit us if you can. We have a lot of toys, collectables, hobby supplies and other fun things in our Katoomba shop, including many great ideas for Christmas presents. We'll also be holding our regular street markets on Sunday 1st, 15th and 22nd December – more opportunities for presents.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers and friends for your business and support throughout 2024. Thanks also to all the staff and helpers at Trains, Planes and Automobiles.

From all of us here, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

From the team at Trains, Planes & Automobiles.



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