

News from Trains, Planes & Automobiles September 2025

First Monday Toy Auction Monday 1st September 2025 at 6:00pm

Highlights include:

- OO-gauge from Hornby, Triang, and Trix
- Australian HO-gauge locomotives and rolling stock
- Other HO-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, and accessories
- O-gauge including Hornby
- Lots of tin toys including Australian and Japanese
- Robots and sci-fi toys
- Cars, trucks, and buses
- Circus vehicles and accessories including Corgi and Oxford Diecast
- Farm figures and accessories from Britains and others
- Dolls and children's toys
- Train and toy books



Featured item: Lot 355 Corgi Gift Set No. 23 "Chipperfields Circus"

Our First Monday Toy Auction for September offers a great assortment of toys and collectables.

We've seen a lot of **tin toys** recently, which have been very popular, and we have plenty more this time, including cars & trucks, animals, gramophones, games, and a great assortment of fun toys of various kinds.

This auction features a good range of **circus items**, mainly diecast vehicles from Corgi, Oxford, and Editions Atlas, also some sets and a couple of carousels. Most of these are in lovely condition and very collectable.

Another feature is the range of **farm toys**, including animal figures, vehicles, and accessories.

We have a selection of **robots** and other **sci-fi items**, and some film & TV related toys, including a collection of modern Batmobiles.

There's another instalment of **dolls & soft toys**, along with various children's toys, and some interesting toy & doll collecting books.

And for the railway fans, we have a good selection of trains in **HO/OO-gauge and O-gauge**, including Australian HO and some very nice Tri-ang OO sets, also railway books.

It's quite a mixture this month, catering for a wide variety of interests.

The auction starts at 6:00pm next Monday, September 1st, 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 August and Monday 1st September, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and before the auction from 5:00pm.

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

This year's **Blue Mountains Sustainability Festival** is coming up on Saturday September 6th. The festival offers a fun, feel-good day all about sustainable living, with events around Katoomba and Leura including workshops, talks, market stalls, a shopping trail, and live events that celebrate eco-friendly choices and local creativity. Find out how to join the fun at resilientbluemountains.org.

Later this month, the TPA team will be attending the **Clarendon Classic Rally** on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September. This is a weekend of antique machinery, steam engines, cars, trucks, tractors, model exhibits, bus rides, and entertainments.

It's a great time for all the family, so come and see us at our stand and join in the fun at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds in Clarendon. For further information, visit sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com.

Layouts for Sale

We occasionally come across entire railway layouts looking for a new home, and we're happy to try to find them one.

We currently have a very nice HO layout complete with scenery and buildings, to suit a medium size room. It will take a bit of work putting back together, but it will be worth the effort. We have also been offered one or two others which are still in situ and available for inspection.

So whether you're looking to expand or just starting out, this might be what you need. If you're interested in buying – or selling – a layout, give Keith a call on 0412 228 891.

Keith's Trivia

Here is our usual monthly round of obscure and trivial questions.

- 1. Which manufacturer made the LNER railcar named "Phenomena"?
- 2. What famous aircraft was based on and originally called the "Model 44 Excalibur"?
- 3. One time the world's largest manufacturer of diecast model toy cars, named after the nickname of the company founder's daughter, what were they called?
- 4. Who was Disney's second-richest duck, Uncle Scrooge being the richest?

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

- 1. "The Movie Star Locomotive" was Sierra No. 3, a 19th-century 4-6-0 steam loco preserved and owned by the State of California.
- 2. A US B52 dropped four atomic bombs on Spain, in 1966. One landed in the Mediterranean Sea, and three landed near the fishing village of Palomares, southern Spain.
- 3. Cecil Kimber was credited with making the first MG car.

4. Australian 25 cent coins were introduced in 2016.

Warming Up in the Mountains

Spring is just about upon us and the blossoms are already putting on a lovely display. The temperatures are rising, though some say there is more snow to come. Either way, it's a lovely time of year to visit the **Beautiful Blue Mountains**.

When you do, you must of course come and see us at **Trains, Planes and Automobiles** in Katoomba. Our shop is open on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We have a great range of toys and collectables to peruse, and auction viewing is always available on the Saturday and Monday before each auction.

Also our coffee shop "On the Soul Side" is open every day except Saturday, offering good food and wonderful coffee, with regular live music and evening events.

At The Gearin we also provide affordable accommodation, with special rates for our auction customers!

So there are just a few of the good reasons why you should come and visit us. We'd love to see you.

From the team at Trains, Planes & Automobiles.

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