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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Buckeye railroad show celebrates its 75th running

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

COLUMBUS, Ohio — On Dec. 7, Golden Spike Enterprises marked a milestone with the 75th Buckeye Model Train and Railroad Artifacts Show. From a strong start, Golden Spike has evolved into the premier organizer of railroad shows across the United States. The biannual Columbus event has grown steadily along with it.

The story began in Columbus some 30 years ago. Charles Miller, one of the organizers, recalled that the first show was a success, with 150 tables and about 1,000 attendees. “People were a lot younger then,” he chuckled, noting the railroad hobby’s older following. This round, there were 325 tables and 1,500



Above: Railroad uniforms and accessories including badges and buttons are available throughout the show. These two caps were priced at \$175 each.

attendees expected. Golden Spike has expanded into a multi-state affair, hosting shows not only in Columbus but also in Atlanta, Gaithersburg, Maryland, and two Florida locations: Deland and Jacksonville. Miller and a small team organize the events and are vendors themselves.

Railroad shows draw a dedicated crowd of sellers and attendees. Conversations often unfold matter-of-factly about times spent on the

Norfolk Southern, or about the intricacies of couplers and traction motors. Even model train enthusiasts can be overheard passionately debating the merits of one scale over another.

Golden Spike takes pride in the loyal community of buyers and sellers it has built over the years. A major draw is the high-quality, often rare, merchandise available. The attendees tend to be

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Above: Model engines and cars in all scales were available. This MTH “O” scale Lackawanna locomotive and tender was priced at \$240.

FEATURE

Belsnickel visited the naughty children

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

The name “Belsnickel” is a compilation of two German words — “bels,” which means “fur” and “nickel,” which refers to St. Nicholas, so the term Belsnickel actually means “a fur clad St. Nicholas.”

Belsnickel, spelled a variety of ways, is a crotchety, fur-clad figure that brought Christmas presents to people in the southwestern area of Germany.

Left: This antique, circa 1920s, papier-mâché Belsnickel depicts the tortured face of a man who switches children. This grouchy figure is valued at \$1,450.

This area included the Rhine Valley, the Saarland, and the Odenwald area of Baden-Württemberg. Belsnickel is a Father Christmas-type figure that lived in the time of St. Nicholas and emerged in German folklore as the original European woodsy Christmas figure.

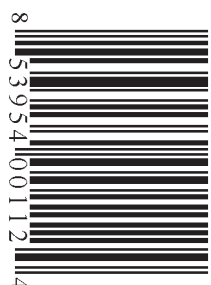
Historians believe Belsnickel evolved from an older Germanic figure — Knecht Ruprecht, a companion of St. Nicholas. However, unlike Knecht Ruprecht and other St. Nicholas’ followers, Belsnickel is a loner and does not follow St. Nicholas. Belsnickel visits families alone and often in a threatening or

Right: Historically accurate Belsnickel wearing a black mask and carry a hazel switch. He is valued at \$600.

scary manner. Belsnickel sometimes resembles Krampus, an anti-St. Nicholas figure who is often depicted as black and evil with a hairy body, horns, hooves, and fangs.

The more traditional Belsnickel is a woodland man, wearing furs and, occasionally, a mask with a long tongue protruding. Belsnickel is often ragged appearing with torn, dirty clothing, and he is depicted carrying a switch torn from a tree that he uses to beat

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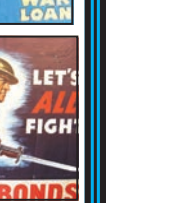
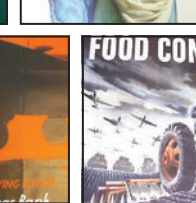
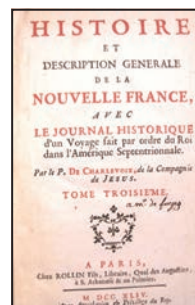
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Trains

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from an older generation, many of whom grew up during railroading's golden era, whether they rode or worked on the rails or were introduced to model trains by family members. Thankfully, parents and grandparents still bring children to see the displays, helping to keep the hobby alive.

Among the longtime exhibitors was Vic Paynter from Indiana, a specialist in restoring railroad artifacts, especially Climax cocktail smokers. The pedestal tables with ashtrays and drink slots were originally made in Indianapolis and are perfect for a home bar. At his booth, Painter displayed a Pullman-branded example and one from the Chesapeake &



Above: Set pieces to outfit a train display ranged from pre-war to modern. This circa-1930s Marx tinlitho Union Station was priced nicely at just \$25.

Ohio. "I've restored over 200 of these," he said.

George and Liane Seyk from Chicago have sold at the Columbus show for about 15 years. Their tables filled with popular railroad china and silver caught plenty of attention. Pondering the crowd, George remarked, "The people here are serious buyers." When asked what drew them to selling

railroad tableware, George became nostalgic, recalling childhood train travels. "I like the historical context, and there's a certain beauty to it," he said, adding, "and it's a hobby we can enjoy together."

Some dealers were newer to the scene, such as husband and wife artists David and Line Tutwiler from Chicago, who have participated for just a few years. David often focuses on railroad and transportation themes, including commissions for Disney and LucasFilm studios and works displayed at the National Railway Historical Society.

Another addition was Jack Wall from Pittsburgh. The former railroad supply worker began collecting in 2004 before selling on Etsy and eventually at the Columbus show. Among his wares was a unique Aerotrains plate. With the ease of someone well-versed in rail history, he quickly pointed out, "There were only two Aerotrains built."

Of course, it's the mer-



Above: Builder's plaques like this one (\$1,200) are rare, coveted collectibles.

chandise that takes center stage. Whether searching for a model train engine, railroad artifact, or railroad painting, guests were eager to find that unique item. The room was divided into sections for railroad artifacts and model train gear, allowing attendees to focus on the area of their interest.

Of all the artifacts available, train lanterns and lights seemed to be most prolific, with prices varying from about \$65 to several hundred dollars. Next up was railroad china and silver, ranging from familiar B&O Railroad dining ware priced as low as \$15 to rarer pieces with high three-figure price tags. Other popular items included conductor uniforms, caps, buttons, and items like tickets and tokens.

Adding to the array were signs, train crests, and builder's plates, priced from under \$100 for small signs to over \$1,000 for crests and railroad crossing signs. For advertising collectors with limited funds, there was plenty of ephemera, ranging from timetables and train matchbooks costing as little as \$2 to locomotive operator manuals that could be purchased for \$10-\$25. Collectible railroad books were also popular, ranging from \$2-\$50 depending on title and condition.

Turning to model trains, a main attraction was several working train displays in multiple scales, intended to enthrall families and encourage an interest in model railroading. For those looking to build or expand their own layouts, there was a wide range of engines, cars, tracks, buildings, and accessories, including everything from pre-war Lionel engines to modern MTH sets.

Since airlines, buses, and steamships were often allied with railroads, a variety of related merchandise was also available. Examples included Pere Marquette rail ferry china, seen in two booths, priced from \$140-\$375. Another table had a fleet of assembled plastic model World War



Above: Chicago artist David Tutwiler's transportation-themed paintings capture the spirit of the rails, ushering in a new generation of collectible art.



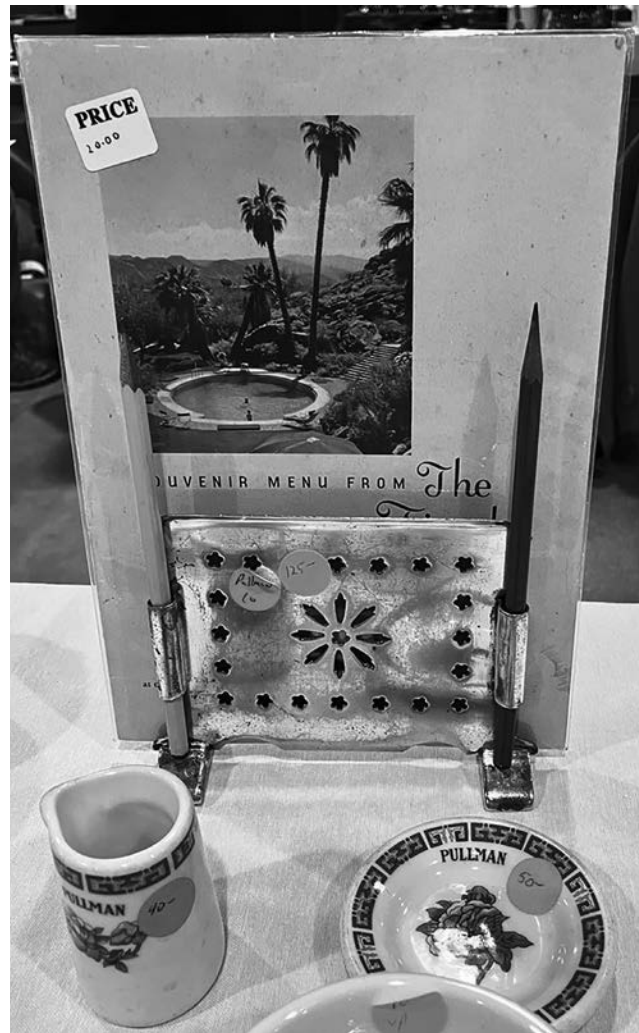
Above: Many artifacts came from station yards and railroad offices, like this phone and ringer set from the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad (\$190).



Above: Originally made in Indianapolis, these restored Climax Cocktail Smokers included a Pullman (\$1,000) and C&O (\$1,500).



Above: Railway cocktail glasses were reasonably priced, starting around \$10 each.



Above: Ephemera included popular dining car menus, like this 1949 example from the Fiesta Car on the Rock Island Railway.

II airplanes for \$10. Another vendor offered a brochure for the President's Conference Committee (PCC) streamline trolley for \$10.

Despite challenges from the multi-year renovation at the fairgrounds, which caused parking issues, and probably got

things off to a slow start, the show was a resounding success and marked a noteworthy accomplishment for Golden Spike. The next show will return to the Ohio Expo Center on April 26. For more details, visit Golden Spike Enterprises at www.gserr.com.



Above: Many vendors had railroad lights. This table held an Erie example priced at \$150, a Northern Pacific for \$275, and a North Ohio Traction & Light Co. for \$425.

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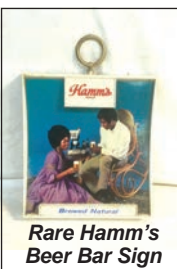
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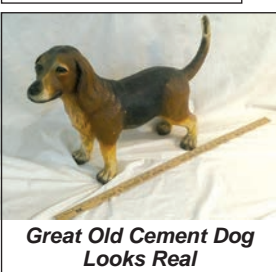
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SAT. MORNING, JANUARY 11, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
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 HASTINGS, MI

Now accepting additional quality antiques and collectibles to round out this auction which already includes antique furniture, stack bookcases, a large collection of banks, a huge collection of jewelry (sterling, costume) including many sought after makers (an estimated 1,000 pieces to be sold). Fountain pens, watches, compacts, match safes, paperweights, 50 hat pins and holders, clocks, pottery, glassware, china, and more. Lionel trains and collectibles. Contact us early to have your items included in this upcoming event. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged on all items sold.




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FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025 @ 8:00 AM
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FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3RD, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
 LOCATION: 1437 FISHER ROAD, HASTINGS, MI **zone 4**

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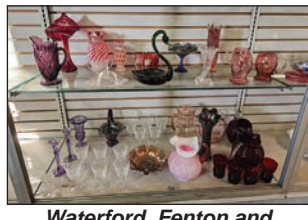
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Thomas Kinkade Picture



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Belsnickel

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naughty children with. He also carries pocketfuls of candies, nuts, cakes, and hand-carved toys for good little boys and girls.

The folk tales of Belsnickel followed

German immigrants to America, and Jacob Brown of Allegany County, Maryland, documented the "Beltznickle" tradition and folklore in his book Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. Around 1830 Brown wrote, "we did not hear of Santa Claus. Instead, the tradition called for a

visit by a different character altogether" a fur clad woodland man named Belsnickel.

Whether in Germany or America, Belsnickel was sometimes called the "Christmas woman." Children told tales of Belsnickel suddenly appearing, and regardless of whether the Christmas figure was male or female, Belsnickel always carried a hazel switch, which was supposed to carry some type of Christmas charm as well as leaving stripes upon the backs of unfriendly children.

Belsnickel, like Santa, made his rounds at night, a few hours after darkness fell. He was usually disguised, especially about the face, where, as already mentioned, he wore a mask. Often Belsnickel's clothing was female garb,

Left: Belsnickel figure resting on a papier-mâché log. Marked "Germany," this figure is valued at \$115.



Above: Huge, 16-inch tall Pennsylvania red-ware Belsnickel, circa 1986, that is valued at \$625.

turning the figure into a woman with masculine features and force.

Depending on the tales that were told, Belsnickel would carry an ample sack about his shoulders, filled with cakes, fruits, and nuts. Belsnickel's left hand would scatter his sweet presents upon the floor, porch, or earth, and as the excited children scrambled to pick up all of the sweets they could, his right hand would ply the hazel switch upon the children's backs, making his yearly visits both a treat and a trick. It was said that no matter how hard Belsnickel switched a child, not a sound was ever heard. That may have been the switch's charm.

As German people immigrated to Pennsylvania in the early 1800s, they brought their German myths with them, including Belsnickel. Pennsylvania Germans believed Belsnickel visited homes about 1-2 weeks before Christmas, checking on the behavior of boys and girls. Belsnickel always seemed to scare the children because he always knew if a child had been bad or good. Some Pennsylvania children



Above: A German papier-mâché Belsnickel figure with sleigh, circa 1900, that was offered on eBay for \$4,899.

swore that Belsnickel would make them sing or answer questions before throwing them sweets, and it was a painful time for any child that could not answer the questions correctly.

An 1853 article in a London magazine described the Pennsylvania "Pelsnichol" as dressing in skins and identical with "Krishkinkle." But most people of the early Victorian Era believed Krishkinkle rewarded good children and Pelsnichol punished bad children.



Above: Hand carved, wooden Belsnickel, circa 1800s, that is over 24 inches in height and valued at \$2,000.



Above: This five inch tall Belsnickel figurine was made in Germany and is valued at \$192.



Above: A black Belsnickel figure, on skis, from Germany, circa 1900, that is valued at \$4,000.

ESTATES & MOVING AUCTION! SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

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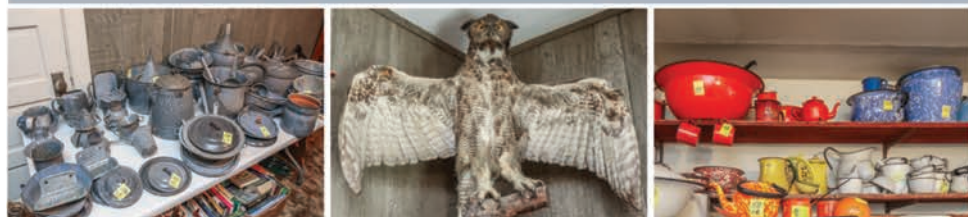
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