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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Collectors were all aboard during railroad auction

BY NANCY KELLY

MENOMINEE, Mich. — John DeBeck of JM Hobby Supply buys, sells, and trades railroad items and conducts large auctions every 3 to 4 months. Being a col-

lector himself, whenever the phone rings he is excited to find out what treasures await him. This online auction was hosted by Ihander Auctioneering. It generated exceptional results as it offered one-of-a-

Right: This Baltimore and Ohio Railroad nose herald in blue and gold was the only one in this sale. It finished with a high bid of \$1,100.

kind and rare railroad antiques and artifacts. Prices do not include the buyer's premium.

Each category consisted of numerous examples, all in pristine condition. But the lots that generated the most interest were the three Santa Fe Railroad Budd Car Hopi art wall plaques. These pieces were constructed of cast aluminum, measured approximately 28 inches tall, and were created for the El Capitan premier passenger trains



Right: "Warrior" was one of three Santa Fe Railroad Hopi art wall plaques. Constructed of cast aluminum. It reached \$2,400.

starting in 1954. Each piece reflected the spiritual themes and cultural heritage of the Hopi Indian tribe. They depicted human figures that were referred to as

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Above: This Baldwin Locomotive Works builder's plate from a Reading Railroad diesel locomotive sold for \$1,900.

FEATURE

Nomura Toys provided hours of interactive play

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Nomura Toys, also known by its initials "TN" for Toys Nomura, was a Japanese toy manufacturer that greatly helped shape Japan's toy industry in the years immedi-

ately following World War II and into the 1970s.

Eijiro Nomura founded Nomura Toys in the 1930s.

The late 1940s and early 1950s saw Nomura gain worldwide acceptance for its tin lithograph and other highly

innovative toys, such as wind-up friction toys. In the 1950s, Nomura led all Japanese toy makers with its production of tin-plate toys, which quickly made Nomura a household name in Japan and the United States where much of Nomura manufacturing was imported. These tin toys filled a wide spectrum of toy categories, including action figures, robots, cars and other vehicles, and mechanical and engineering toys. In the manufacturing of all of these toys, Nomura distinguished itself by producing the most detailed toys with clever mechanical features. At a time when "Made in Japan" meant "cheaply made," Nomura tin toys were revered for their quality, especially

Left: This rare, Nomura windup "Super-kun" space man was offered on eBay for \$2,110.

Right: Rare, early 1960s Nomura battery operated heavy-duty bulldozer with original box. This mint condition toy is valued at \$550.

the company's line of battery-operated toys.

In fact, Nomura Toys came to represent the new model of Japanese toy making. The company embraced the Japanese slogan *wakon yōsai*, which is translated as "Western technology and Japanese spirit."

Nomura's battery-operated toys, especially its line of construction toys, featured moving parts, colorful lithographed images, sound effects, and lights. Nomura's colorful construction trucks and bulldozers captivated children's imaginations in the 1950s, and, today, collectors are still fascinated by these colorful toys. Each Nomura construction toy has meticu-



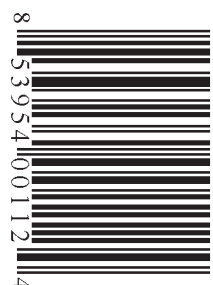
lous detailing of intricate design features. Nomura's dynamic, interactive toys quickly made the company a leading player in the world's toy market.

One of Nomura's earliest, but most iconic creations was the "Zoomer Robot" of the 1950s. This friendly robotic character

helped issue in the atomic age, and the rapid success of Zoomer Robot, with its wind-up mechanism, set the stage for Nomura's dominance in the toy industry for the next few decades.

Nomura produced a

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A large, dark wood chest of drawers with a decorative pediment and multiple drawers. The chest features a series of drawers with metal handles, arranged in a symmetrical fashion. The wood is dark and polished, showing signs of age and wear. The chest is positioned in a room with other furniture visible in the background.

A photograph of a red Coca-Cola vending machine and a red ice chest. The vending machine is on the left, featuring a glass display window showing a bottle of Coca-Cola and a sign that reads "COCA-COLA". Below the window is a coin slot and a button. The ice chest is on the right, with the Coca-Cola logo and "IN BOTTLES" printed on its side. The words "ICE COLD" are visible at the bottom of the chest.

A decorative metal table with a glass top and intricate scrollwork, set on a patterned rug. The table has a round top with a glass surface and a base made of ornate, dark metal. The rug is colorful and patterned, and there are some items on the table, including a small box and a bottle.

A wooden chest of drawers, likely a vintage piece, sits on a patterned rug. The chest has three drawers, and the words "LINEN & SILK" are painted in black on the front of the bottom drawer. A yellow cloth is draped over the top of the chest, and a black sock is visible on the right side.

A tall wooden cabinet with glass doors, containing various items including a decorative plate and books.

A large, heavy wooden cabinet, likely made of oak, featuring multiple drawers and doors with metal hardware. The cabinet is positioned in the background of the room.

A large pile of various items, including coins, small metal containers, and plastic bags, likely evidence from the investigation.

A photograph of a collection of postage stamps and covers. The central focus is a large sheet of 24 stamps arranged in a 4x6 grid. The stamps feature various designs, including portraits of men, landscapes, and abstract patterns. To the left of this sheet are several individual stamps and covers, including a large portrait of a man and a small cover with a red stamp. To the right is a vertical strip of stamps, including a large one with a portrait of a man and a small one with a red stamp. The entire collection is displayed on a light-colored surface.

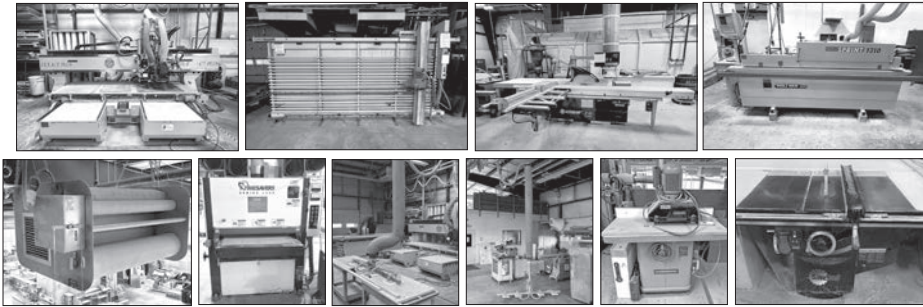
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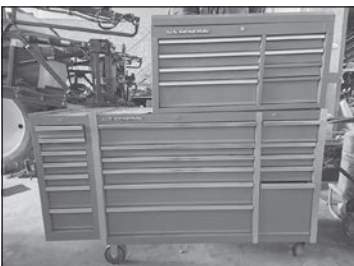
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Railroad

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“Father Sky”, “Sun”, and “Warrior”. Each one of these extremely rare items rose to a final bid of \$2,400.

The next fascinating category was builders’ plates. These cast or stamped metal plates served as unique identifiers for the locomotives with information on the builder’s name and location, serial number, and date of construction. There were 73 included in this auction, in various sizes, shapes, and logos. Most were salvaged from retired locomotives and are very desirable for railroad collectors. The highest earning example was the Baldwin Locomotive Works builder’s plate from a Reading Railroad diesel locomotive. It was dated July 1947 and was in excellent used condition. This five-sided emblem was claimed



Above: A Des Moines and Central Iowa Railway brass key was a very rare example that was claimed with a final bid of \$2,100.



Above: This figure was referred to as “Sun” and was one of three Santa Fe Railroad Hopi art wall plaques. Each one of these extremely rare items rose to a final bid of \$2,400.



Above: A unique Chicago and Alton Railroad framed montage that showed three different views of the inside of one of their parlor/dining cars earned a final bid of \$350.

with a final bid of \$1,900. Not far behind, there was a round Fairbanks-Morse Chicago builders plate dated January 1948. The detailed logo on the front and the excellent condition drove the final bid up to \$1,700. Rectangular, round, and diamond-shaped plates consistently performed well, with many earning several hundred dollars.

Another historic identifier was the locomotive nose herald. This round plate was located on the front, or nose, of the locomotive engine and could consist of decorative colors and graphics. There was a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad cast locomotive nose herald with the capital dome logo, done in B & O blue and gold paint. It measured 16.5 inches in diameter and was in excellent used condition. This attractive relic was claimed with a high bid of \$1,100. It was the only example in this sale.

Special keys were issued to railroad employees that served

various purposes and were very important to safeguard for security. Usually made of brass, these tools of the past are now precious collectibles for railroad buffs. A Des Moines and Central Iowa Railway brass key stamped DM&C IRY on the front and 64 on the back performed well. This was a very rare and highly sought after example, and the bidders did it justice, driving the final bid to \$2,100. The next highest earning example was the Midland Terminal Railway brass key, stamped with MT RY CO on the front. This railroad was founded in 1892 and abandoned in 1949. In fine original condition, it finished with a final bid of \$750. In all, shoppers had 129 lots with keys to choose from.

Another historically significant group consisted of the passes. Some were from railroads and some from steamships. Described as being about the size of baseball cards, these passes were issued for free transit to family and friends. Some displayed elaborate graphics and ornate handwriting and some were just plain and utilitarian. The selection of 195 lots consisted of some rare opportunities as well as lower-priced options for those just starting in the hobby. The San Antonio and Gulf Shore Railway 1897 pass made out to Mr. M Moore had a low pass number and was in excellent used condition. The railroad by this name only lasted four years, making this



Above: The San Antonio and Gulf Shore Railway only lasted four years, making this 1897 pass highly collectible. It finished strong with a final bid of \$550.

pass highly collectible. It finished strong with a final bid of \$550. A Rio Grande and Eagle RY 1897 pass and an extremely rare Missouri Pacific RR 1926 aluminum pass also finished at \$550. The Alexander and Rich Mountain Railroad 1897 pass was also very desirable. This railroad was only around from 1892-1899 and consisted of just 22 miles of track. It was claimed with a final bid of \$375.

Some interesting artwork options were also offered. There was a carefully assembled Chicago and Alton Railroad framed montage that showed three different views of the inside of one of their parlor/dining cars, two of the C & A logos, and the company phrase “The Only Way”. This unique selection earned a final bid of \$350. A mixed lot consisting of several calendars and maps from the mid-1900s finished at \$100. A poster of “Frenchy The Old Guide” from the 1920s promoted the Empire Builder and Oriental Limited passenger service for the Great Northern Railroad. It was taken home with a final bid of \$90.

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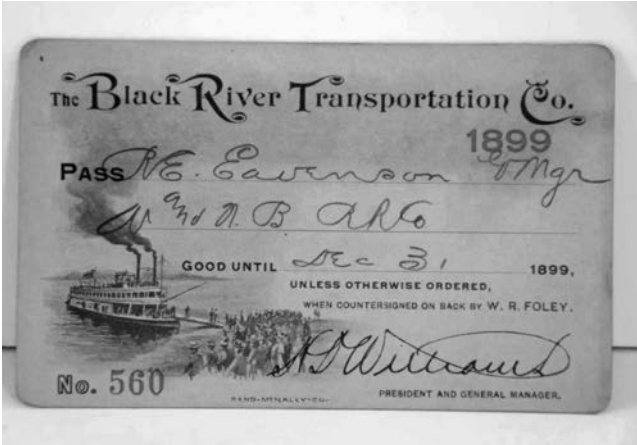
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Above: Due to its scarcity, this lovely Alexander and Rich Mountain Railroad 1897 pass was claimed with a final bid of \$375.



Above: Assigned by the Black River Transit Company, this was one of the few steamship passes. Dated 1899, it drew a final bid of \$80.

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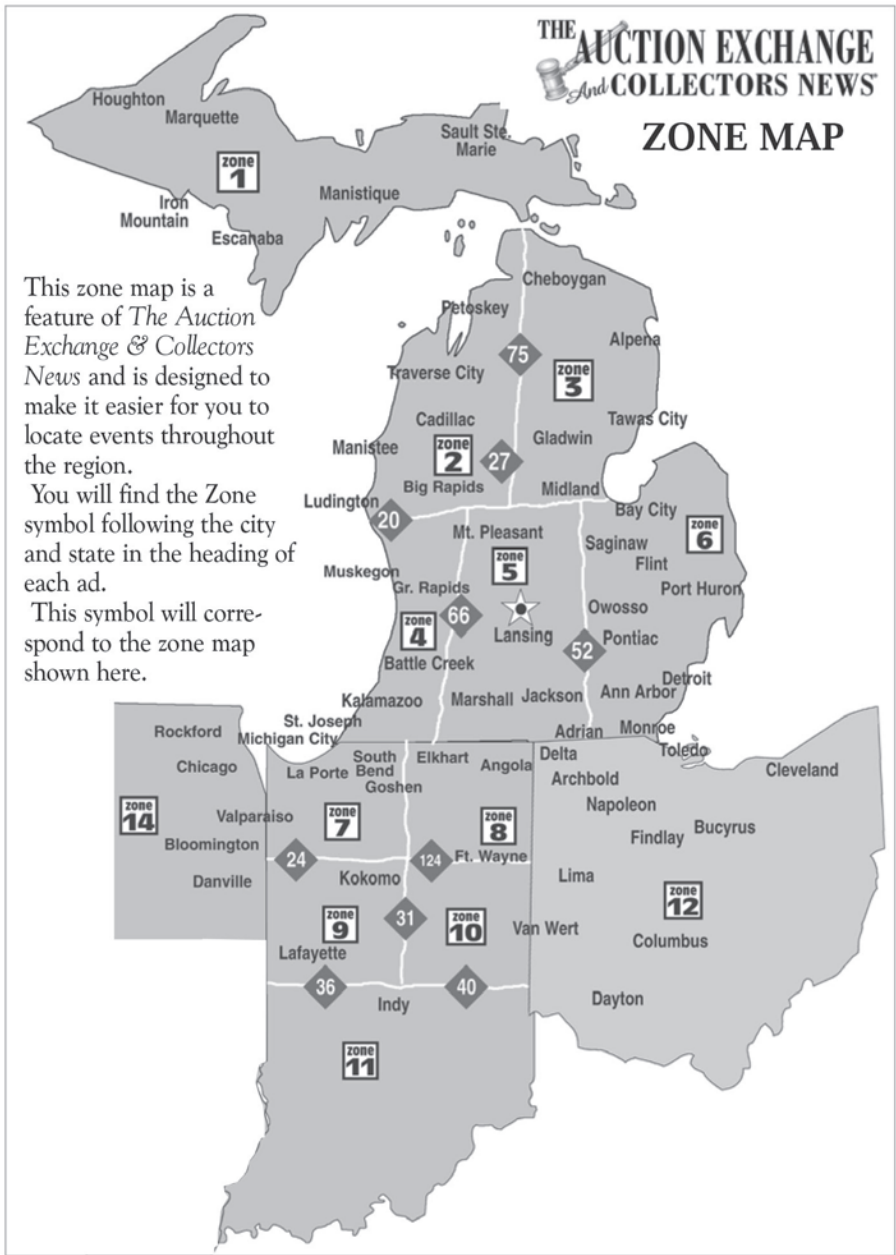
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large variety of mechanical and battery operated toy vehicles, including military vehicles, construction vehicles, and space vehicles.

During the 1950s, Nomura Toys sold in most Five & Dime stores as well as large department stores such as Sears, Roebuck and Company.

In the 1960s and '70s, Nomura Toys worked diligently to expand its toy line while keeping abreast of the newest innovations in toy making. During this period the company introduced many new lines of toys, including tin litho, licensed character toys from franchises such as "Ultraman" and "Astro Boy." When Nomura introduced Tetsujin (Iron

Above: This Nomura red Ford Skyline with retractable top, from 1959, is made of die cast metal and is valued at \$300.

Above: Nomura produced this Buick tin-litho, battery operated police car in 1952. With box, it is valued at \$160.

Man) 28, the company ushered in the era of Science Fiction robots. Reacting to the release of Robby the Robot, a fictional robot from the 1956 film Forbidden Planet, in the United States, Nomura released

Tetsujin 28, based on the 1956 book Manga, about a young Japanese boy who controls a giant robot named Tetsujin 28.

By the 1970s, the world toy industry was undergoing significant changes, including increased world competition from new toy companies, rising production costs, shifts in consumer toy preferences, and economic concerns as the world shifted into the Cold War between America and the Soviet Union, effecting import and exports costs world wide. Like many toy companies of the '70s, Nomura struggled to adapt and remain strong in a shrinking toy market.

Nomura Toys continued to struggle though tough times and dropping sales

Above: From the 1960s, this battery-operated Nomura "Magic Action" bulldozer comes with original box and is valued at \$150.

for another decade, but in 1992, Hasbro, the largest toy company in the world at that time, purchased Nomura Toys. For toy collectors around the world, Nomura Toys ended in 1992.

Above: Nomura bulldozer from the 1950s. This fabulous vintage tin toy, Number 642, from Japan is valued at \$125.

Above: Nomura battery operated US "Moon Traveler" Apollo spaceship from the 1960s. This toy is valued at \$160.

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deadline of Monday, December 29th at Noon.

See page 5 of the paper for issue dates and deadlines.



••••• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 9:00 AM •••••

SALESMAN SAMPLES: All kinds of horse-drawn including plows, Jones hay mower, cultivators, dump hay rakes & more; J.A. Hoffman horse-drawn fire hose carriage; wash machines; RARE barn beam drilling machine; cargo sleigh; silo; butter churn; more! **ADVERTISING SIGNS:** RARE 48"x72" lighted plastic Case Dealer Gold Seal Equipment -new in crate! Barn find!; 72" porc. John Deere Quality Farm Equipment; porc. Neon Case; Case 77 Modern Machines; Massey Harris Farming; wooden Wheeler's Shoeing Forge; H.P. Hood & Sons Milk; (2) neon IH International Harvesters; Emerson Brantingham Farm Machinery; Lawson Milk & Ice Cream; Duroc Hogs; many early framed paper lithos; plus lots more; **COUNTRY STORE • VET CABINETS:** Humphreys Veterinary Remedies cabinet, 1 of 2 known!; Dr Lesure's Famous Remedies vet cabinet; Dr A.C. Daniels vet cabinet; 5' J.E. Smith iron butcher's meat rack; tin horse advertising Equine Horse & Cattle Remedies; Dr LeGear's Dog Prescriptions cabinet; Stillwagons Medicated Food box; horseshoe display sign; plus more! **ANTIQUE ENGINES • SCALE MODEL TRACTORS:** Approx. 1/2 scale Rumley oil pull that runs with 1.5hp McCormick engine; custom made garden tractor size unstyled John Deere tractor; 1.5hp John Deere hit & miss engine; Economy 1.5hp hit & miss engine; Ferro 2-cycle inboard/outboard boat motor; **TOYS:** (2) Borden's horse-drawn milk delivery wagons; City Ice horse-drawn delivery wagon; various Rich Toys delivery wagons with horses; International 966 pedal tractor with duals; gold John Deere tractor & bull dozer; cast iron toys; **MISC ITEMS:** Collection of Coleman lanterns & items; farm primitives; bronze locomotive bell; pocket watches; cast iron strong boxes; (2) water current meters; Griswold skillets; 60"H boat anchor; DeLaval collectables; Barnes pedal router; parlor heating stove; caboose stove;

••••• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 4:30 PM •••••

All kinds of seed corn signs including 10'H Coker Hybrids; feed signs; misc. farm signs; Pioneer & Funks lighted clocks; Star Windmill poster; **FARM ITEMS • MISC ITEMS:** Buchs No.3 salesman sample corn sheller; 3-tine salesman sample hay fork; variety of hay cars; cast iron drill ends; cast iron seats; rope makers; RARE hand corn sheller & other corn shellers; farm wrenches; RARE fencing tools; hog oilers; (3) cone anvils; anvil with hardies; full body horse weathervane; hitching posts; more!

••••• SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 • 9:00 AM •••••

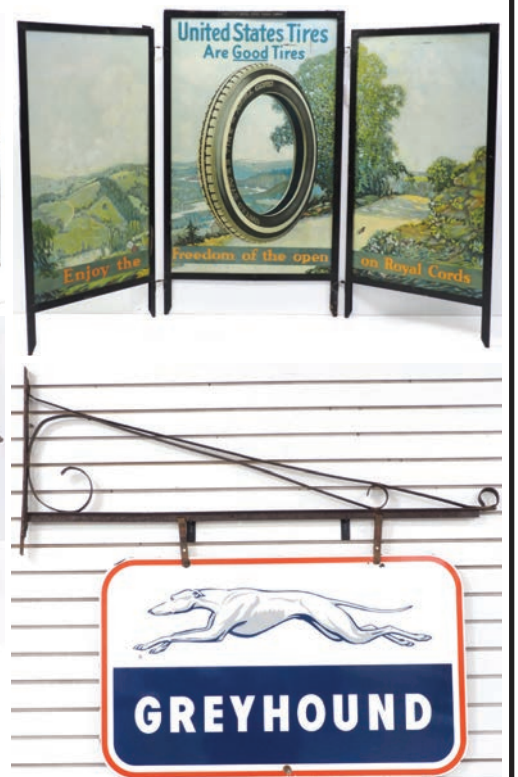
4 CUSHMANS: 1959 Cushman Eagle; 1960 Cushman Eagle; 1948 Cushman Civilian Airborne step-thru model; 1965 Cushman Trailster; **4 GUNS:** Winchester WSF Model 1892 .32 cal. serial #367806; Winchester WCF Model 1892 .38 cal. serial #806450; Winchester Model 1892 .35-20 cal. serial #693421; Remington .32 cal. rimfire; **ADVERTISING SIGNS:** **PETROLEUM:** 25" & 48" Shell Motor Oil; 72" 500 Platolene; 86" Texaco; 70" Phillips 66; Atlantic White Flash; 81" Mobiloil; Gulf Gasoline; Wolf's Head & Mobiloil curb signs; Socony Aircraft Oils; more! **OTHERS:** 11'L wood & sandstone Hook and Ladder No.1 Fire House -signed! WOW!; Lone Ranger Merita Bread; Greyhound; Star Cars; neon Red Goose Shoes; 72" porc. Mail Pouch Tobacco thermometer; 1911 United Sash & Door carved wooden trade sign; Studebaker Service; 97" wood & sandstone C.B. Ingalls Clothier-Boots-Shoes & Rubbers; 132" wood & sandstone E. Wallish Coffins-Caskets-Undertaking; variety of soda signs; (2) Ex-Lax thermometers; plus more! **ADVERTISING CLOCKS:** Several neon including Mopar Parts & Accessories; GMC Trucks; Mobilgas spinner; Osh Kosh B'Gosh Work Clothes; **PETROLEUM:** Gas Globes: Ashland White; Ashland Flying Octane; Texaco; Save More Regular System; Amoco; Illinois Farm Service; Gulf; **OTHER:** Wayne Model 70 gas pump restored to Sinclair; Eco Islander with Tireflator & light; Eco Tireflator Model O; Sinclair dinosaur statue; **COUNTRY STORE • OCCUPATIONAL SHAVING MUGS:** Early ice cream parlor table with seats & built in display case; various countertop & floor model display cases; coffee grinders; Phoenix Dye cabinet; collection of tobacco & coffee tins; spool cabinets; string holders; 87"L seed counter; Cherry Smash syrup dispenser; floor model dough box; NOS Acetylene Gas Generator in original shipping crate; occupational shaving mugs include cowboy, pig farmer, chickens, bull, steam engine, ears of corn & more! **TOYS • MECHANICAL BANKS:** J&E Stevens mechanical banks include Chief Big Moon, I Always Did 'Spise A Mule & Boy Scout Camp; Kyser & Rex boys stealing watermelons mechanical bank; Buddy L trucks; American Railroad Agency truck; Wyandotte trucks; Smith Miller trucks; more! **MISC ITEMS • EMMA SCHROCK PAINTINGS:** (5) Emma Schrock original paintings including The Auction, Grandpa's Clean House, Beautiful Snow & more; RARE pencil sharpeners; railroad engine headlight; Harley Davidson countertop display; plus SO MUCH MORE!



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old kitchen cabinet w/white enamel top; 10 & 8 place gun cabinets; Holton trombone; old violin; 10 totes full of Christmas bulbs & lights, some NIB; old Play Skol toys; quantity of picture puzzles; old pictures; Black Americana S&P; misc. small collectibles; misc. kitchen items. Craftsman pot belly caboose wood stove; Old Dietz RR lantern; Smoky Mt. gas smoker; WATER damaged-17 old dolls-Maas & Rowe carillons Vibrachime for parts; and more not listed.

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Can-shaped coin banks provide a place to store a pretty penny

BY RICHARD JUNGER

From an inauspicious beginning around 1910, advertising can coin banks became popular mid 20th century giveaways, and at one time nearly every American household had at least one in a bedroom, kitchen or wherever pockets and purses were emptied of coins. Sadly, few if any will ever contain a 2026 penny as U. S. penny

production recently ceased. Cans first came into commercial production in England in the early 1800s, but it was in America that the “tin” can, made originally of tinsplate but eventually containing no tin at all, became a part of the cultural fabric. The early tin can industry hit the big time with the formation of the Amer-

See Can-Shaped Coin Banks Page 14

Right: A&P was the world’s largest store chain over the first half of the 20th century and its prepackaged coffee brands were widely known. With the rise of national coffee advertising in the early 1930s, A&P used coin can banks to keep its various brands in front of the public. [Courtesy eBay]



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- 2015 Volvo VN
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- 2014 Freightliner Cascadia 125
- 2014 Peterbilt 365
- 2013 International Prostar
- 2012 Freightliner Columbia Glider 112
- 2011 International Prostar Premium
- 2010 Ford E-350 E350 Box
- 2007 Freightliner M2
- 2002 Peterbilt 330 Fuel Tanker
- 2001 Mack DM 690 S
- 2001 Peterbilt 357
- 2000 Western Star 4964
- 1999 Sterling Tandem Axle
- 1995 International 4900 Flatbed

TRAILERS

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FIXTURES: (6) 5' Showcases; Royal 210DX cash register; Peg board displays.

INVENTORY: Assorted semi-auto magazines; Reloading machines (used) and supplies; Assorted rifle & shotgun ammo; Ammo cans & wood boxes; Misc. military surplus items; (119rds) Incendiary 50 cal. ammo (reserve); Assorted gun sight mounting accessories; Simmons LaserMag 800 range finder; Rosscoby Riser Cam; Bushnell Videscope; Assorted rifle scopes; Holsters & cases; Assorted gun repair parts, new & used; Air rifles (used); Crossman 2100 Classic pump air gun *(NIB).

TOOLS: Assorted hand tools; Wilton bench vise; Coleman 1500-3000w power inverter; Palmgrin 8x10 dual force machine vise; Chicago Electric 115v spot welder; Machine slide plate.

OTHER ITEMS: Western Auto Salesman Sample shotgun shells; Barber chair;

Misc. signs & banners.

CONSIGNMENT: Diana Germany Air rifle model 34 *(NIB); Shooting Chrony Master Gamma w/ballistic printer; Osprey Global CPS-9x42IRF riflescope *(NIB); Asst. rifle magazines; Sonora 4x12x44 riflescope; NeStar spotting scope w/tri-pod *(NIB).

AMUNITION: Assorted ammo; Assorted reload slugs & balls.

COIN COLLECTION: Folder w/5 Roosevelt silver dimes, 62-S UNC; 1991, 94, 95, 97 American Eagle silver dollars, UNC; Lincoln wheat cents; Jefferson nickels 1939-61; Mercury dimes; Roosevelt dimes 1946-58; Washington silver quarters (fair); 1921 Morgan dollar; (9) \$1 Silver certificates; 1957A \$1 dollar bill.

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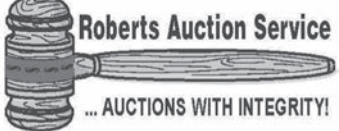
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Can-Shaped Coin Banks

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ican Can Company trust in 1901. Through the forced merger of dozens of smaller can companies, American Can became known as Canco, a nickname that reflected their monopoly status.

To break up the monopoly, the competing Continental Can Company (CCC) was founded in 1904. The two companies produced nearly two-thirds of all American cans at the peak of metal canning in the mid-20th century. In addition to everyday cans, both companies produced decorative and promotional tins. Most of them were distributed free as marketing giveaways to customers and dealers, serving both as advertising tools and functional banks.

The first "still" advertising can coin banks appeared around World War I. They were called still because they didn't move, unlike the highly popular mechanical banks of the day.

Most advertising can coin banks measured around 2.75 by 2 inches but many came in other sizes. Some featured machine lithographed advertising on their side while others used the same or similar paper labels as the regular cans. In general, the lithographed labels sell for more today but both remain desirable to collectors.

The Alaska Packers Association of San Francisco used a regular-sized can with a paper label color lithograph of a steam locomotive in the early 1910s as one of the first advertising can coin banks. Either the company or Canco produced empties with a coin slot on the top, creating a must have for modern day collectors. Normal condition cans sell for \$100 to \$150 and more perfect examples were priced at \$250 or more.

One of the earliest non-food advertising coin cans featured a lithographed label for Monarch paint, produced by the Chicago-based Martin-Senour Co. and manufactured by Canco. With the slogan "A

The Great Depression forced many families to serve water at meals instead of milk. Introduced in 1928, Bosco used a tin coin can bank to promote the healthful benefits of milk for children even if their parents couldn't afford it. [Courtesy Henry Ford museum]



few cents a day keeps your home bright and gay!", a nice looking example was sold on eBay for \$45 recently or priced for more in other places.

Another early coin can example had a screw top with a coin slot on the top and lithographed advertising for the Winston & Newell coffee company of Minneapolis. A good-looking example was sold on eBay for \$85. The can was manufactured by the General Can Co. of Chicago, eventually swallowed up by Canco.

Calumet Baking Powder, also headquartered in Chicago, obtained a patent for a novel advertising coin bank in 1924. The can had a Kewpie doll head sticking out on the top behind the coin slot on a regular paper label Canco can. A deposited coin bumped a wire inside the can and tipped the head as an acknowledgment of the coin. It represented a rare crossover between moving mechanical and still banks.

As their popularity spread during the 1920s and 1930s, advertising coin can banks became increasingly more common. As the slots typically

fit only smaller change but not quarters, half dollars or silver dollars, most ended up containing pennies.

Many of the giveaway coin cans advertised food and beverage items. The Henry Ford museum in Dearborn, Mich., has in its collection a circa 1930 Bosco tin can coin bank. The chocolate malt syrup Bosco was introduced in 1928 as a way to get Depression-era children to drink more milk. Similar examples as made by Canco have sold for \$50 to \$165 depending on condition.

Ocean Spray began canning cranberry sauce in 1930, a timesaving innovation for holiday cooks, and national distribution in 1940 was accompanied by Ocean Spray coin cans.

The A&P grocery store chain began selling vacuum packaged coffee in the early 20th century, but the company didn't rebrand its best selling brand "Eight O'Clock" until 1919. Thus began a series of four rectangular lithographed tin coin cans that were produced between the 1920s and 1950s.

The everyday Eight

O'Clock coffee was in a red can, the richer Bokar in a black, and the milder Red Circle in a yellow tin. All sell in the \$10 to \$25 range except for a rare and mysterious fourth green A&P bank, which it was said sold for \$100 or more when an example was located.

Oil Companies found the small coin cans a perfect medium to advertise their products, especially as giveaways. Cans with lithographed or paper labels that matched regular quart oil cans command higher prices among coin can collectors. As well, oil coin can collectors prefer rarer and more obscure oil brands or cans with interesting graphics and designs instead of better known brand names, as do regular oil can collectors.

One of the first oil-related advertising coin cans was a giveaway not long after the Dodge nameplate was purchased by Chrysler in 1928. The red barrel-shaped can with the Dodge logo promoted the fuel efficiency of Dodges over larger and more expensive cars, presumably including Chryslers. The cans first appeared around 1930 and were available as premiums until 1940. They sell for \$75 to \$150 depending on condition.

Koolmotor was a brand of Cities Service Oil Com-

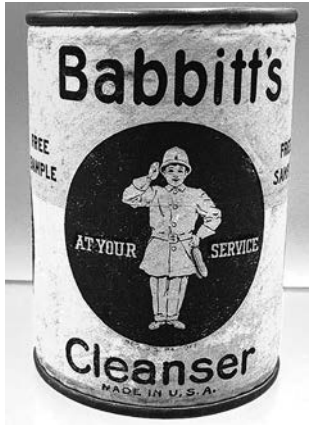


Above: Coffee cans were a natural for coin banks with the early 20th century invention of vacuum packed coffee. The cans, made by Continental Can, retail for between \$15 and \$60. Cities Services, later Citgo, also produced a variety of coin cans under their corporate name.

Sinclair's ubiquitous logo appeared on coin cans beginning in the 1930s as well. Featuring vibrant colors and their iconic brontosaurus graphic, the designs often featured slogans emphasizing the quality and reliability of Sinclair products. While more common compared to other oil coin cans, they still commanded from \$20 to \$100 in price.

Certain obscure brands commanded higher prices. The Cincinnati-based Tower Oil Company resold petroleum products dropped off at its Ohio River storage facility from 1934 to 1965. A can bank that looked like their quart oil cans and made by the Cincinnati-based Heekin Can Company sells for between \$75 and \$150 depending on condition. The Wolf's Head Oil Co., founded in Oil City, Pa., in 1879, distributed various coin cans during the late 1940s and 1950s. They sell for between \$20 and \$200.

Other products also used advertising coin can banks and are highly collectible. Personal product companies such as Men-



Above: Babbitt's Cleanser was one of the most popular early 20th century kitchen cleaners until author Sinclair Lewis used their name in his 1922 novel of business hubris, Babbitt. Renamed Bab-O it was eventually overtaken by competing products Ajax and Comet. [Courtesy eBay]

nen and Colgate produced coin banks, often in the shape of their toothpaste or talc containers, dating back to World War I. Rare, they sell for between \$55 and \$125. Equally old kitchen cleanser products such as Babbitt's, Gold Dust, Old Dutch and Sapolio Scouring Soap cleaned up from \$60 to \$160 and more.

Shoe companies gave away coin cans to their younger customers beginning in the 1920s. Poll-Parrot, Buster Brown and Red Goose tin coin cans retail between \$70 and \$175. Sherman-Williams gave away several coin bank varieties including one with their well known globe-drip logo that are still sell for between \$80 and \$175. Chicago-based Lucas Paints gave away paint can coin banks during the mid-20th century that sold for \$15 to \$150.

Union Carbide distributed an Eveready battery coin bank with its traditional Eveready red-bar label in the 1930s, worth \$60 to \$120. Even the Rival Dog Food Company issued as many as six different dog food can coin banks in the 1950s and 1960s. They can fetch as much as \$150.

Below: There were more than a dozen Tower Oil gas stations around the greater Cincinnati area in the 1940s to 1960s. No doubt they sold oil in metal quart cans and their can banks were probably a giveaway. [Courtesy eBay]

Below: Sinclair Oil started handing out dinosaur can coin banks at the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair, which featured a 2-ton animated dino model. It continued to the giveaways as it switched from glass to quart metal oil cans in the 1940s. [Courtesy Hollar and Hammer Auctions]



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