

N *The Annual Fall Sale*
November 21-22, 2025
CHOICE TOYS, BANKS, HOLIDAY ITEMS



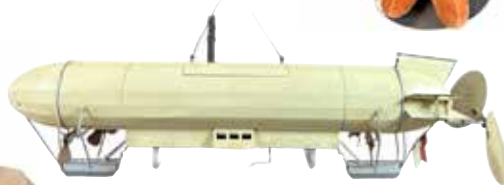


The Annual Fall Auction delivers a trove of fantastic toys, banks and holiday antiques from premier collections

Featured: David Bausch fine posters & automobilia, Dale Buchardt's Ives & AMRR trains, Marklins, Steno Tonelli's Japanese tin, a Florida collector's spotless cast iron, Richard Mueller's lithographed paper-on-wood toys



VINELAND, N.J. – Bertoia's Annual Fall Auction is always one of the most highly-anticipated events of the year for collectors of toys, banks, advertising or holiday antiques. The lineup of featured collections in this year's edition, which is slated for November 21-22, offers bidders a level of quality and variety that rivals anything seen in Bertoia's past pre-Thanksgiving sales. The opening session is packed with rare toys, banks and trains; while the artful selection chosen for Day 2 will usher in the gift-giving season with beautiful Christmas and other holiday antiques, as well as early 20th-century advertising and posters.



A collection of vintage toys. At the top left is a blue toy car with yellow wheels, labeled 'BLUE BIRD' on its side, next to its original box which features the text 'CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S BLUE BIRD'. Below the car is a yellow toy truck with 'Yellow Delivery' written on its side. To the right of the truck is a large, brown, articulated toy figure of a man in a suit and hat, holding a black baton. At the bottom left, a small black toy figure of a person wearing a yellow hat is visible.

An absolutely stunning collection of cast-iron automotive toys came to Bertoia's in such immaculate condition, the task of assessing them for the auction catalog proved to be a challenge to even the company's president and principal auctioneer, Michael Bertoia. "You just don't see cast-iron toy collections whose contents are so close to being flawless that there's no other way to accurately describe them than 'mint,' or at the very least, 'near mint.' Cast iron fans are going to pounce on them. They really do live up to the standard of 'unplayed-with' condition."



Leading the cast iron highlights are an incredible Arcade "Hathaway's Bread & Cake" truck and several outstanding taxi cabs, some of which are even accompanied by their factory boxes. Several choice figural cast-iron doorstops will take the spotlight, along with a dozen or so premium-quality cast-iron horse-drawn toys from a Florida collector. That particular grouping is led by a fine and highly-desirable Pratt & Letchworth combination wagon.

Lithographed paper-on-wood toys featuring boats, trains, carriages and more come from the late Richard Mueller collection. A member of the Antique Toy Collectors Club and host of the New Orleans toy convention, Richard collected vintage pull toys and accumulated one of the largest collections in the world.



A white horse is harnessed to a green and red steam-powered agricultural machine, possibly a portable engine or pump. The machine features large red spoked wheels, a green boiler, and a tall chimney. The horse is in motion, pulling the machine forward.

Two vintage tin toys are displayed side-by-side. On the left is a horse-drawn carriage with a green body, large spoked wheels, and a horse figure on top. On the right is a red truck with a green cylindrical tank, white wheels, and a driver's compartment.



A collection of vintage toys. On the left is a blue plastic boat set with a Batman figure and a box featuring a Batman logo and a figure. In the center is a large, rectangular tin for 'MORTIMER SNERD the DRUMMER' by LOUIS MARX, featuring a cartoon illustration of Mortimer Snerd. On the right is a small figurine of Mortimer Snerd in a blue and white outfit, holding a circular sign that reads 'MORTIMER SNERD HOME TOWN BAND'.



The parade of collections continues with more blue-ribbon consignments sourced from both sides of the Atlantic. From the UK comes the second round of Tony Cuff's toys, including a sizable fleet of German boats and battleships, and English-outline trains. The expansive American train category is highlighted by Dale Buchardt's Ives trains, a high-grade selection of boxed Lionel sets and colorful trolleys; and early 2-inch-gauge American trains by notable manufacturers such as Carlisle & Finch of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Knapp of New York City.

European tin automotive and wind-up toys form a sizable category featured on Day 1, as do Japanese tinplate autos of the 1950s and '60s. Among the postwar Japanese vehicles expected to make a big splash are a dazzling Lincoln Imperial and a large and spectacular Atom race car. Also to be auctioned are a rare space rocket, superhero-themed toys; and from Italian theatrical set designer and longtime collector Steno Tonelli, some very nice Ventura and Ingap toys.

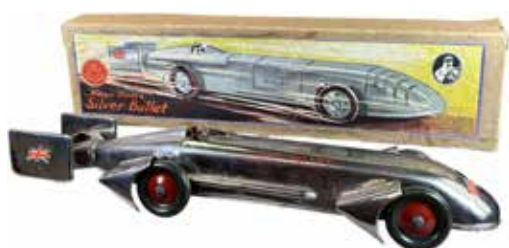


Day 2 of the November 21-22 auction will be a festive affair, as it is specifically for the sale of antiques with a Christmas, Halloween or other distinct seasonal theme. At every holiday sale hosted by the Bertoia family, guests find the atmosphere lively and welcoming, and there's always an assurance that some of the rarest and best of all known examples will be waiting to be discovered. The November 22nd session is anchored by highlights from the advanced collection that was built over several decades by the late Ed DeGarbolewski and his wife Brenda. Ed and Brenda's comprehensive Christmas cache includes Santas, noddies, reindeer, sleighs, belsnickles, ornaments and trees; plus wonderful skittles sets, Heubach bisque candy containers, artful terracotta items, and more. Also included are holiday items from the collection of Jerry & Darla Arnold.

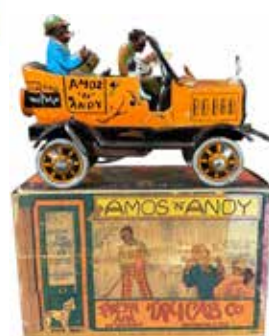


David Bausch, or “Dave,” as he is known to his many friends in the toy hobby, is a man with formidable credentials, both in his professional life and his avocation. He’s a retired Lehigh County, Pennsylvania politician, a lifelong toy collector, ATCA member, and founder of the venerable Allentown Antique Toy Show & Sale, which is now in its 47th year. As Dave remarked in the April 1983 Antique Toy World cover story, “There is a joy in owning and sharing a collection with others.” Luckily for all of us in the hobby, this is the year in which Dave has chosen to share his collection in the most literal sense.

At Bertoia’s Automobilia sale held on August 22nd of this year, collectors got their first glimpse into Dave’s world through a diverse assemblage of motoring-related figurines, trophies, awards, objets de vertu, and gentlemen’s desktop novelties. Also at that auction, Bertoia’s presented Part I of his vast collection of fine posters, prints and other artworks associated with transportation. Part II of his extensive archive of art posters was reserved for Day 2 of the November 21-22 Annual Fall Auction, and it will be worth the wait.



It is an impressive holding, and while there's an automotive theme throughout, some of the French posters are doubly exciting because they cross over into the holiday realm as advertisements for toy stores at Christmastime. Two of them even depict Santa Claus behind the wheel of an early automobile – how perfect is that? Each and every one of the posters is large and vibrant. In today's marketplace, such posters are very much in demand, and not just in Europe and the United States. All over the world, interior designers, owners of high-end restaurants and bistros, museum curators and private collectors avidly pursue these astonishingly-beautiful creations from a period of time when the greats of lithographic art were at their peak.



Bertoia's November 21-22, 2025 Annual Fall Auction will be held live at the company's gallery located at 2141 DeMarco Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360, starting at 10AM ET. Auction goods may be previewed the week before the sale by appointment only. In addition to live gallery bidding, remote bidding options include absentee, by phone, or live online through Bertoia Live, LiveAuctioneers or Invaluable.

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