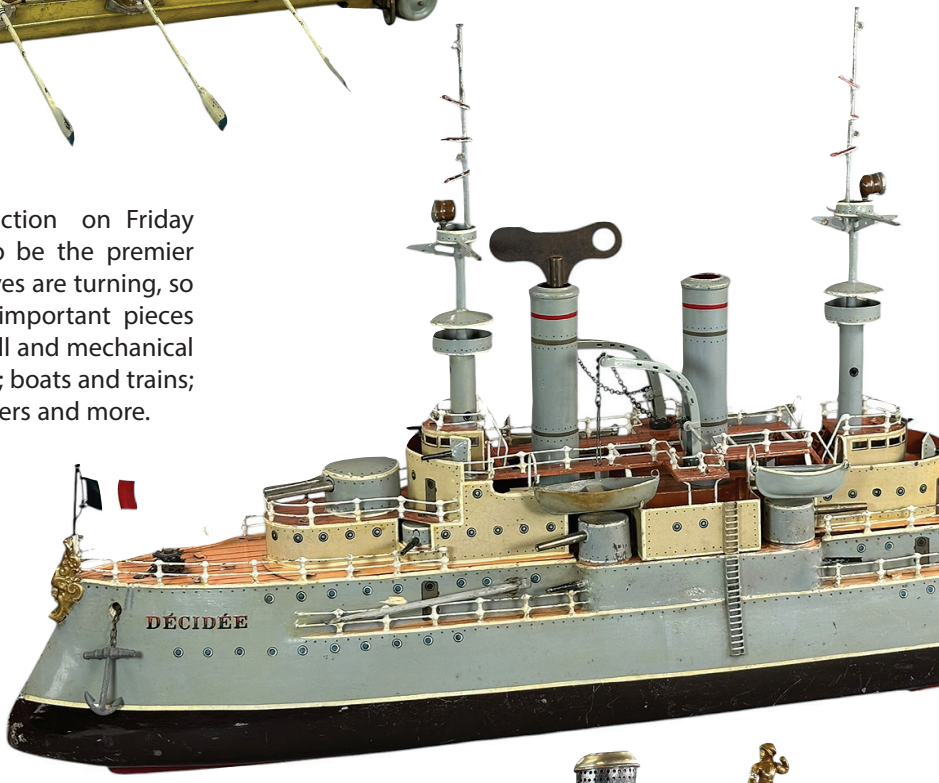
# ANTIQUE TOY WORLD



# Bertoia's Fall Auction, November 13-14, Features Pressed Steel and Pedal Cars; Cast Iron Toys and Figures; Boats and Trains; Japanese Toy Cars; Mechanical and Still Banks; Salesman Samples; Patent Models; Britains Toy Soldiers



VINELAND, N.J. – Bertoia's annual Fall Auction on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, promises to be the premier collectibles auction of the season. As autumn leaves are turning, so are collectors turning their attention to rare and important pieces to fill their collections. Items up for bid include still and mechanical banks; pressed steel and pedal cars; figural cast iron; boats and trains; Japanese toy cars; patent models; Britains toy soldiers and more.



























The name Allan Joy might ring a bell with attendees of past Bertoia auctions. He assembled an outstanding collection and when it was sold by Bertoia in the 1990s, it was the front-page story in Antique Toy World, under the headline "Hidden Treasures." Not long afterward, Allan began another collection, of world-class cast iron toys. "Nearly everything he acquired is in mint or near mint condition and unplayed, still in the box," said Michael Bertoia, the president of Bertoia Auctions.





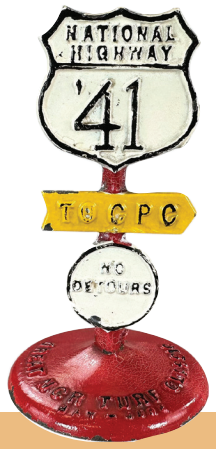






























Toys from the Allan Joy collection will feature stellar motorcycles, including the unassembled and boxed Indian Armored cycle or the near-mint Hubley Crash Car; and dozens of unused iron miniatures, to include miniature paperweights, Hubley miniatures, and bottle openers, including very rare Preppies, a super condition Black Caddy bottle opener, and other examples where the bottle opener is cleverly designed into the body of the piece. Also offered will be blinking eye clocks and eye-popping automotive toys.

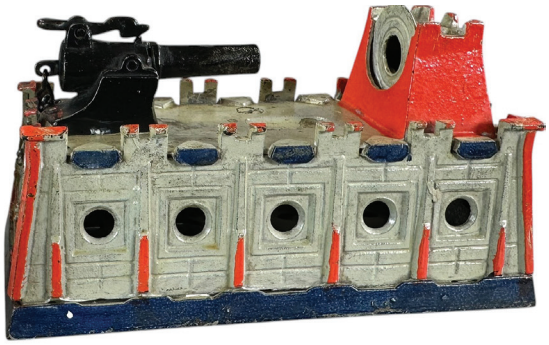






























Cast iron doorstops from another consignor will also pique bidder interest. Examples include a Hubley full-figure giraffe, and "the best Uncle Sam doorstop I've ever seen – very patriotic," Michael Bertoia said.

More than 70 cast iron still and mechanical banks will cross the auction block, with highlights that include one of the finest known Hold the Fort mechanical banks, fresh from an estate; one of only a few known San Gabriel Mission still banks; a boxed William Tell bank; mint condition Hubley banks; original brass patterns and more.
































Up for bid will be early German toy steam engines, to include horizontal steam plants and vertical steam engines from the likes of Marklin, Bing and Carette, as well as a dozen great precision engineering models. Highlights include a rare Marklin triple-boiler steam plant, one of only a few known; a twin-cylinder steam engine engineer's model; a large live steam traction engine model; and a live steam railway crane engineer's model.





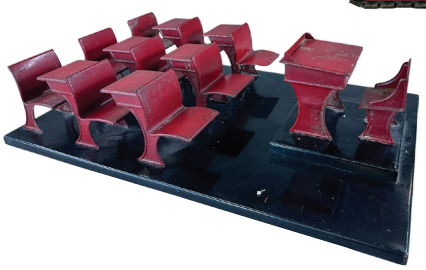
A fabulous assortment of American and European trains will be sold during the Friday session. European makers will include Marklin, Bing, Schoenner, Ernst Plank, Biaggi and Elletren. Featured will be examples in the desirable Gauge 3 down to 0 Gauge. American manufacturers will include Voltamp, Lionel, Fans of Disneyana will be pleased to know the auction contains a small but very clean assortment of comic characters, headlined by exceptionally well-preserved and boxed celluloid Mickey Mouse toys. Also sold will be whimsical character dolls and wind-up tin toys of Popeye, Howdy Doody and others. The boxed celluloid Betty Boop is certain to draw international attention.











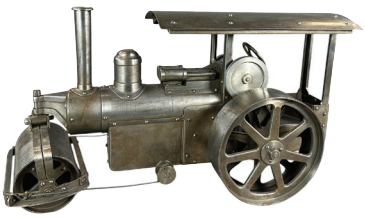






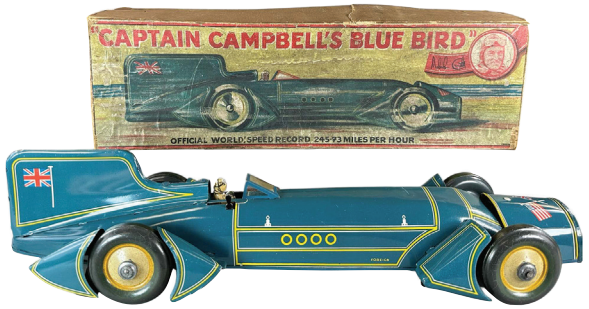

















Dozens of pedal cars from upstate New York will be sold in conjunction with a Chicago-based Buddy L collection, one of the finest Bertoia Auctions has ever handled. The list of highlights is lengthy and includes some of the cleanest pressed steel with boxes to be found. They include Buddy L prototypes, varied pedal car styles from luxury autos to early race cars, plus shiny tether cars.









The Lenny Hummel Japanese auto collection, which debuted in August 2026, will take center stage with dozens of high-grade buying opportunities, most of them retaining their original boxes. Standout Japanese toy cars include a 1956 Marusan Ford, a 1953 Alps Packard sedan, a 1962 Asahi ATC Chrysler Imperial, an Alps Lincoln Futura, and a Rock Valley tin 1958 Chrysler New Yorker. The November sale will also debut the Joe Wallis collection of Britains toy soldiers. Joe was widely known throughout the world as an author and foremost expert in the field. His Britains collection represents some of the finest boxed examples known.

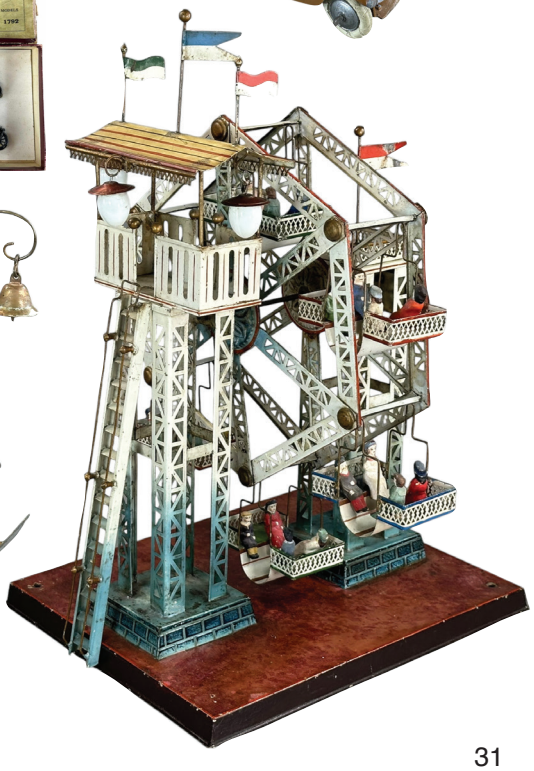


















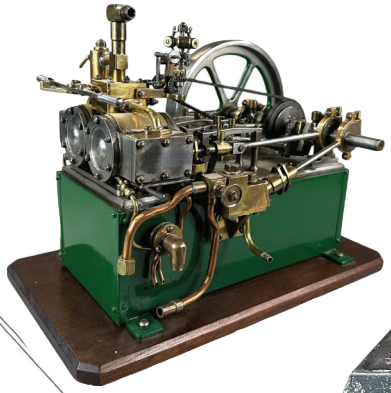


An impressive collection of salesman samples and authentic patent models will be sold. The collection of nearly 100 examples is the largest selection Bertoia Auctions has ever handled in one sale. Models and miniatures range from farming apparatus to machinery parts. This is a very cool collection, and a slice of American history and innovation.






German tin toys and boats will make a splash, led by a fabulous Marklin battleship from the Malcolm Forbes sale. Additional standout pieces include a boxed Gunthermann Bluebird racer; a hand-painted Bing Tonneau with figures from the Donald Kaufman Collection; and an eight-man clockwork scull.

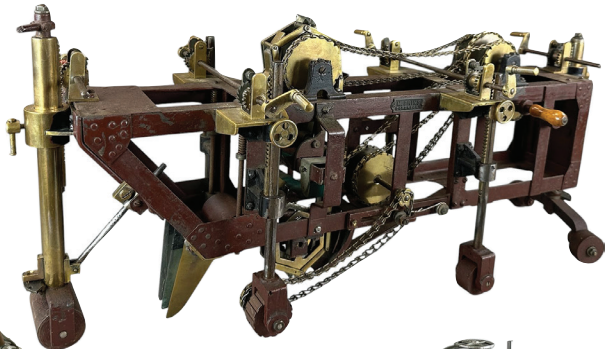




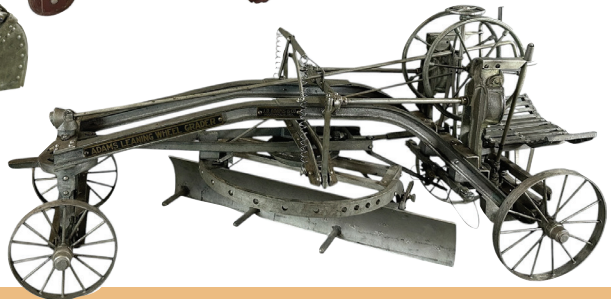















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