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Trio of Rare Santa Car Toys at DFW Elite Toy Museum Antique 1920s Santa Car by Fisher Recently Acquired



December 16, 2010 – Fort Worth, TX – As your children open their latest electronic gadgets at Christmas time, do you ever wonder what the cutting-edge toys were like almost 100 years ago? Now you can see some at the <u>DFW Elite Toy Museum</u> in Fort Worth.

The museum has recently acquired an extremely rare toy Christmas car. The tin car was manufactured by German toymaker Fischer in 1912. The toy is one of the rarest example of tin litho autos with Santa at the wheel. The toy is notable for its extensive graphic detail and die-cut stamping depicting teddy bears and toys on the sides of the vehicle. The back seat contains a small feather tree.

"This <u>Fischer Santa car</u> is a wonderful addition to the museum," said Rodney Ross, curator of the antique toy museum. "We already have two <u>pre-World War II toy cars</u> that feature Santa at the wheel. We'd been searching for this one to complete our trio, so it is a very satisfying acquisition for us."

One of the other Santa cars is a Japanese-made CK car, which was also quite a coup for the museum. According to Ron Sturgeon, owner of the museum and <u>Ft Worth commercial property</u> developer, the <u>CK Santa car</u> is one of the rarest items in his extensive collection of automotive toys.

The other <u>Santa car was made by German toymaker Tippco</u>. "Very few of these Tippco toys survived World War II, as you can imagine," said Sturgeon. "We know that a car similar to the Tippco was seen in a shop in Ethiopia in the 1980s, and another was discovered in Cairo around the same time. To have all three of these antique Santa toys under the same roof in Texas is thrilling for any collector."

The experience of seeing the three Santa cars should be thrilling for visitors to the museum as well, from serious collectors to small children. Take some time out from Christmas shopping to stop by the museum and appreciate these toys from another era.

To see the Christmas cars and the entire collection in person, stop by DFW Elite Toy Museum at 5940 Eden in Fort Worth. The museum is open from 9 to 5 on weekdays. The museum accepts <u>donations</u> <u>of antique toys</u> for those wishing to preserve a collection and leave a legacy.

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Cutline: The rare 1920s Fischer Father Christmas Car, Tippco Santa Car, and CK Santa car are all on display this holiday season at DFW Elite Toy Museum in Fort Worth, TX (Photo credit R Ross – Ft Worth).