

MIKE SERRURIER – SALE OF DINKY MODELS BY CLOSED AUCTION

No	Model	Colour	Condition	Bid
273	Mini Van	Red	Repaint	
274	Mini Van	Blue/white	Repaint	
581	Horse Box	Maroon	Repaint	
973	Goods Yard Crane	Blue/yellow	Repaint	
128	Mbenz 600 Pullman	Maroon	Original	
288	Super Criterion Ambulance	White	Original	
141	Vauxhall Victor Ambulance	White	Repaint	
295	Atlas Kennebrake	Blue/grey	Original	
115	Plymouth Fury	Met/green	Original	
170	Lincoln Continental	Blue/white	Repaint	
280	Midland Mobile Bank	Silver/white	Original	
323	Triple Gang Mower	Red/yellow	Repaint	
322	Disc Harrow	Red/yellow	Repaint	
451	Trojan Dunlop	Red	Repaint	
903	Foden Tanker	Blue/blue	Repaint	
	Army 1ton Cargo	Green	Original	
413	Austin Wagon	Maroon	Repaint	
414	Dodge Rear Tipping	Orange/green	Repaint	
422	Fordson Thames Flat	Green	Repaint	
412	Dodge Market Gardeners	Green/yellow	Original	
449	Elcamino	Turquoise	Repaint	
181	Vw Beetle	Blue	Repaint	
182	Porsche 356a	White	Repaint	
480	Bedford Kodak	Yellow	Repaint	
185	Alfa Romeo	Red	Repaint	
30v	Jobs Dairy	Cream	Repaint	
30v	Express Dairy	Grey	Original	
435	Bedford Tipper	Yellow	Original	
434	Bedford Breakdown	White	Original	

Natal Diecast Model

Collectors

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**This edition is dedicated to the
memory of Geoff Sear.**

**A founder member and past Chairman of
NDMC.**

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Details of next meeting:

Date: Monday 26th September 2011
Venue: VCC Clubhouse, Kloof
Time: 17:30 for 18:00 'till we end
Cost: R20-00 for non-members
Subs due: R90-00 for the year.
R60-00 for Country Members
Theme: "The same model in different scales"

Dates to look out for:

Monday 26th September Natal Diecast Model Collectors Meeting
VCC - Kloof
Saturday 1st October Doll's Show - Berea Road Primary School
cnr Bellvue and Berea Road
Sunday 26th October Vintage Baynesfield Fair "Visual Delights"
Baynesfield Museum (On N3 - Exit 61 from DBN then R56 - Richmond area

SALE OF MODELS - RON GERSBANK COLLECTION

By John Winter

Many of our members will remember Ron Gersbank who now lives in Hout Bay, and who is still a member of our club. Ron has been involved in the collection of 1:43 scale models for 70 years, and he was jointly responsible for the formation of South Africa's first die cast collectors club C.A.R.S. (Collectors Automobile Replica Society) in JHB in the early 1970's, which was closely followed by M.A.P. (Mini Auto Pretoria) the N.M.T.C.C. (Natal Model Transport Collectors Club) - now our NDMC - and the Cape Die-Cast Club, of which he was chairman in the 1990's and is an Honorary Life Member.

Ron has decided because of space limitations and his recently changed focus, to now concentrate on only collecting British models. In keeping with this decision, he recently concluded the sale of 56 of his model BMW cars to the BMW CAR CLUB - SA. These BMW models were collected by Ron over many years.

Ron is an extremely well known and respected authority both locally and internationally on die cast models and over the last few months I have been buying directly from him and have been very impressed by the range of and quality of the cars he is disposing of ----- most are in mint condition and are boxed. Pricing is competitive and orders are fantastically packed to prevent damage. I will have a selection of models available at our next month end meeting for members to view. I will be handling the sales and distribution, queries, re orders, postage costs etc ----- I can be contacted on 083 2338583 or 031- 2626313 ---- my e mail is --- wint@telkomsa.net ----- 30 Aberfeldy Road Westville.

If you have any specific model in mind, please contact me directly and I will do my best to source it for you.

As you will agree, it is very difficult to find a good source of model vehicles with reliable back up and I hope that Ron, Terry Morgan and I can assist you.

CLOSED AUCTION– SEPTEMBER MEETING

Arthur Daugherty - Closed Auction of the remainder of the late Brian Couzen's collection of Dinky & Matchbox 75 series.

27f/344 Plymouth Estate car

38a Frazer Nash BMW

38c Lagonda

25m / 410 Bedford tipper – poor paint work

282 BOAC coach

25b/251 Aveling road roller

33w Mechanical horse & trailer

25a Green truck

22c Motor truck - repaint

30h / 253 Daimler ambulance – paint work poor

29c Leyland double decker bus, red repaint

29c Leyland double decker bus – green & cream repaint

62n Junkers JU 90 airliner – paint poor, 3 props good, 1 prop has only 2 blades

Long range bomber – paint poor – all props intact

CORGI

Massey Ferguson 65 tractor

MATCHBOX 75 series

No 31 Ford station wagon - mint - boxed

SOLIDO

Renault single decker bus - mint boxed

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Hi Folks !

It was with great sadness that we all learnt that our founder member and past Chairman Geoff Sear passed away on 29th August 2011, after a long illness.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go to his wife Marilynne, son Rowan and family.

Many members attended Geoff's Memorial Service, and we reminisced about our times together with him. A few memories were the same, e.g. his passion and knowledge about Dinky, and there were also several different memories, but what came out strongly was that he was a man who highly valued the attributes of integrity and honesty. (See Tribute to Geoff in this newsletter)

As a mark of respect, and as part of our tribute to Geoff, we will have a moment's silence in his memory at our meeting, and there is also not the customary pic on the front page of this newsletter, nor a cartoon. (Apologies also to Roy Joubert)

The theme for our July meeting was "Models of 1:1 Cars I've Owned" and there were some interesting models displayed by members.

Three Closed Auctions will be held at our September Meeting. See page 6 where Arthur Daugherty will continue selling Dinky's, Corgi's and Matchbox 75's - John Winter will be selling models on behalf of Ron Gersbank (see page 7) - and Mike Serrurier will be selling some of his Dinky models (see page 8).

This is a reminder that the theme for the annual Rod Guérin Diorama Competition in November is "Evolution of a Particular Car through the Ages"

See you at the next meeting,

Keep collecting

Philip

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TRIBUTE TO GEOFF SEAR.

It was with great sadness that our Natal Die Cast Model Collector members heard of the untimely passing away of Geoff on 29th August 2011.

On behalf of our members we all extend our heartfelt and sincere sympathy and condolences to his wife Marilynne, son Rowan and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Geoff will be greatly missed not only by his family, but by all of us at NDMC, and also by many other local and overseas model clubs where his expertise was well-known. As well, Geoff was recognised by many model collectors throughout the country as a Dinky authority, who gave us unstintingly and unselfishly both of his help and time.

Many members will recall that not only was Geoff a founder member of our model club, but among his other talents, his love for his favourite Dinky models and his extensive wealth of knowledge about Dinky will be long remembered by us all.

Members will also recall the support and commitment Geoff gave our model club with the frequent articles he wrote for our NDMC newsletter. Such was his passion for Dinky that Geoff was also a member of the Dinky Toy Collector's Association in the UK, and he frequently submitted articles which were published by the DTCA in their monthly journal from time to time.

Geoff really enjoyed his hobby – some would perhaps say his was an intense and fierce passion. As well as his extensive Dinky knowledge, Geoff also enjoyed restoring Dinky model cars which were damaged and play-worn, and would otherwise have been consigned to the scrap heap. And as Geoff said to me half-jokingly on several occasions “This really is a crazy hobby.”

Geoff was also a maker of model cars, and he made many resin models from scratch – these were appropriately called “Geoff Sear Models”. These resin models were generally of those cars not made by the normal model makers, and so these resin models won't be found or sold in your local shops - nor in

the hobbyist store down the road. These models were posted regularly to collectors both locally and overseas, where they were snapped up eagerly. And it probably won't be too surprising if these “Geoff Sear Models” become valuable collector's items in future.

Geoff really enjoyed assembling white metal kits, many of which needed enormous patience and skill to put together. When I visited him a few months ago he showed me the dis-assembled kit of a 1956 Morris Oxford Series II Traveller - which he'd just bought from Crossway in the UK - and the kit had arrived in so many small die-cast metal parts, that I simply couldn't count them all. The average collector would probably have baulked at the prospect of assembling such a multitude of tiny parts, but to Geoff this was no trouble at all, and a few days later, the model was assembled and painted, ready for his showcase.

Geoff was not only a founder member of our club in 1980, but also Chairman for 20 years. And what a huge wealth of knowledge he possessed - if collectors wanted to check a Dinky model number, or query a model price - or virtually any advice related to Dinky - they would most often turn to Geoff for assistance.

And it was only about 4 years ago, that Geoff decided to step down as Chairman of our model club, as his health started to deteriorate. But, he was not one to mangle or continually complain - and from time to time when he felt poorly, he would simply say - somewhat wryly - “I'm not a happy chappy today”. Despite the setback in his health, Geoff appeared to continue enthusiastically both with his normal work and his hobby, and he remained an active member of our club, attending most if not all of our meetings.

And as most of you know, Geoff has passed on many of his model making skills to his son Rowan – who for some years now has specialised in making working models of tug boats and other ships.

In closing I would like to say “Farewell Geoff – it was a privilege to have known you – your most valuable knowledge and help will be sorely missed by us all, and we will continue to value your cherished friendship over the years”