

## Media Release

# HIGHLIGHTS OF “THE WORLD’S LARGEST TOY TRAIN COLLECTION” UP FOR BIDS AT RM’S MICHIGAN FALL CLASSIC CAR AUCTION

## Michigan International Fall Classic Car Auction

September 1

*An impressive collection of vintage toy and model trains, accessories and railroad nostalgia from Richard & Linda Kughn’s famed Madison Hardware and private collections to sell at “no reserve”, held in conjunction with RM Classic Car Auction featuring 400 rare classic, muscle and sports cars at Novi Expo Center, Novi, MI – Sept. 24 - 26.*

YPSILANTI, Michigan (September 10, 2004) – RM Classic Car Productions along with Richard and Linda Kughn, are pleased to announce a third offering from the famed Madison Hardware store in New York City, the world’s largest and oldest Lionel train dealer. More than fifteen tractor-trailer loads of rare and desirable Lionel products were transferred from this historical New York hardware and hobby shop to the Kughn’s downtown Detroit storage building in the late 1980’s.

This special sale features over 1600 lots of collectable toy and model trains, accessories and play sets from America’s premier toy makers such as Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, Gilbert and others. “This is a great opportunity to own a piece of Mr. Kughn’s amazing collection that will certainly make a great investment you can really enjoy,” remarks RM founder Rob Myers. Many of the rarest items in this sale came directly from Mr. Kughn’s private storage room at the Detroit location affectionately known as, “The Cage”.

*Some of the interesting highlights from over 1,600 lots include:*

- Rare Pre- & Post-War Trains and Accessories - Hundreds of train engines, rolling stock and parts from Lionel, American Flyer, Ives, Williams, KMT, K-Line, ROW Industries and others.
- Lionel Factory Prototypes – Large selection of one-of-a-kind pre-production prototype locomotives, freight and passenger cars and accessories direct from Lionel’s factory floor.
- Collectable Train Sets - Hundreds of complete train sets and accessories in various gauges, most in their original packaging, from America’s legendary toy manufacturers Lionel and American Flyer. Also large selection of toy science kits and construction sets from 1940’s, 50’s & 60’s.

Madison Hardware Collection Part III will be held in conjunction with RM’s Michigan International Fall Classic Car Auction, featuring over 400 classic, sports and muscle cars, held indoors at the Novi Expo Center in Novi, Michigan on September 24, 25, and 26. Tickets are \$17 person for a weekend pass. Good for both events. (Children under 12 free.) Interested bidders for this sale can bid online, by proxy or in person. To register for bidding or for more information visit: [www.rmauctions.com](http://www.rmauctions.com)

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that tracks classic auto auction sales worldwide, for selling the top five autos based on final hammer prices in 2002/2003 and six of the top ten. For additional information on RM Auctions Inc., please call (800) 211-4371 or visit the company web site at [www.rmauctions.com](http://www.rmauctions.com)