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ONE-OF-A-KIND CLASSIC TRUCKS

Iowa Museum Houses Some Very Rare Trucks

You've never seen anything like some of the classic trucks housed in Lloyd Van Horn's Truck Museum just north of Mason City, Iowa.

Three large buildings are filled with some of the nation's oldest commercial type vehicles, including several that are believed to be the only ones in existence.

We heard about Van Horn's collection, put together over more than 34 years, from other classic truck collectors and decided to find out for ourselves what all the fuss was about.

Here are some of the more fascinating trucks in Van Horn's vast collection.

1910 Beyster-Detroit

Built by the Beyster-Detroit company of Detroit, Mich., in 1910 and 1911, this 1,200-lb. light delivery truck was powered by a 4-cyl. 25 hp engine and cone clutch with selective sliding transmission and double chain drive. It features high wooden wheels with soft rubber tires and enough brass to make a general jealous, including radiator, search light and side lights. It was totally restored four years ago after being purchased at an estate auction in Michigan. This is thought to be the only one left in existence.

1910 Buick Model 2

This commercial vehicle was Buick's first attempt at truck building. It's powered by a 22 hp 2-cyl. opposed engine mounted under the driver's seat and a 2-speed planetary transmission and double chain drive. The Model 2 came in both a 92 and a 100-in. wheelbase. This truck was totally restored when purchased in Hershey, Pa., five years ago. Very few of these trucks are left.

1916 Buick Model D4

This truck was Buick's second attempt at truck building. Several thousand of the Model D3 and D4 were built up until 1918. They featured 4-cyl. engines, 2.3 and 3.6 liters, respectively. Van Horn located this truck in Marion, Ohio, where it had sat in pieces in a garage for over 25 years. Restoration was one of the museum's bigger projects.

1927 Woods

The Woods plant was in Havlock, Neb., near Lincoln. The only Woods truck known to have survived, this one was totally restored when purchased in Newton, Iowa, nine years ago.

It's housed in the museum's "gasoline alley", a long row of gas trucks dating from 1916 to 1937 as well as displays of memorabilia from early gas stations.

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Fascinating Facts About Famous Inventions

The following items were sent to us by Inventors Digest Magazine, which is the best publication on the market for anyone with an invention that they want to patent or market (call 1-800-838-8808 for a sample issue of the magazine).

- The inventor of the **World Wide Web**, British-born Tim Berners-Lee, never made money on his invention, which revolutionized the computer world. In 1989 he envisioned a way to link documents on the Internet using "hypertext" so "surfers" could jump from one document to another through highlighted words. Berners-Lee decided not to patent his technology since he feared that, if he did patent it, use of the Web would be too expensive and would therefore not become used worldwide. He therefore passed up a fortune so the world could learn and communicate.

- **Power steering** was invented by independent inventor Francis W. Davis. As chief engineer in the 1920s of the truck division of the Pierce Arrow Motor Car Company, he saw how hard it was to steer heavy vehicles. Davis left his job, rented a small engineering shop in Waltham, Mass., and developed the first hydraulic power steering system.

- Melting ice cream inspired the invention of the **outboard motor**. It was a lovely August day and Ole Evinrude was rowing his boat to his favorite island picnic spot. As he rowed, he watched his ice cream melt and wished he had a faster way to get to the island. At that moment the idea for the outboard motor was born.

- The first **Apple** computer was built in Steve Jobs' parents' garage. College students Jobs and his partner Steve Wozniak worked furiously in that garage assembling comput-

ers for fellow students and were totally unprepared for their first commercial order for 50 computers. To raise the needed \$1,300 for parts, Jobs sold his old VW bus and Wozniak sold his Hewlett Packard calculator. The next year - 1977 - Apple sales hit \$800,000 and the company went on to become a Fortune 500 company in a record five years.

- The formulas for **Coca-Cola** and **Silly Putty** have never been patented. These trade secrets are shared only with selected trustworthy company employees, and while there have been many attempts to duplicate these products, so far, no one has been successful.

Hot Products With Humble Beginnings

- While attempting to develop a super strong glue, 3M employee Spencer Silver acciden-

tally developed a glue that was so weak it would barely hold two pieces of paper together. However, his colleague Art Fry needed the glue. Fry sang with his church choir and marked the pages of his hymnal with small scraps of paper that often fell out. He used Silver's glue to hold the papers in place. Today we call this invention **Post-it Notes**.

- The **Eveready Battery** began as an invention called the "electric flowerpot", which was a tube with a battery and light bulb inside. The idea was to fasten this gizmo to the side of a flowerpot so it would illuminate the flowers from the bottom. The idea died on the vine and the businessman who licensed the flower pot, Conrad Huber, was left with a pile of useless tubes - until he found a way to market them as batteries to light the world.