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Unconventional 1931 Trojan RE Arrives at Lane Motor Museum

Nashville, TN, June 7, 2006. Lane Motor Museum has acquired another “unique” vehicle to add to its ever growing collection. A 1931 Trojan RE automobile was a rare example of an unconventional, and in many ways old-fashioned design which sold well and had a loyal following among British motorists.

The first Trojan model was produced in 1913 with a focus on simplicity of driving and maintenance. In 1922, 100 cars were ordered by Leyland Motors and over the next seven years, 16,800 Trojan passenger cars and vans were produced. At the 1929 Motor Show, Trojan introduced the RE model which is a 1488cc, 2-stroke, 3-speed manual vehicle. The Trojan RE model was produced from 1930-1934.

During WWII, the Trojan factory turned to war production manufacturing bomb racks, carriers and containers in which goods could be dropped to troops by parachute. Post War, the factory concentrated on vans and from 1960-1965 the Heinkel bubble car (similar to the BMW Isetta) was made and sold under the name “Trojan 200”. The company built Formula 500 racing cars until 1973.

The 1931 Trojan RE is one of many British vehicles currently on display at the Museum. Other models from Great Britain include: 1948 Morgan 3-wheeler, 1949 MG TC midget roadster, 1964 Scootacar MK II DeLuxe, 1965 Peel P50, 1965 Peel Trident, 1969 Austin-Mini, 1971 Morris Mini, 1980 Midas Bronze, and a 2001 Liege.

About Lane Motor Museum

Lane Motor Museum showcases approximately 150 unique cars and motorcycles from around the world. Cars on display represent countries from Asia, Europe, North and South America, and date from 1922 to 2003. Highlights of the Museum include the largest Czechoslovakian vehicle collection outside Europe, microcars, amphibious vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, competition

cars, and prototypes. The Museum also offers a display of automotive art, a play area for children, and a gift shop.

Lane Motor Museum welcomes guests Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday; Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (55+), and free for children 17 and under. Group rates are available. Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike just minutes from downtown Nashville. For more information on the Museum, call (615) 742-7445 or visit the website at www.lanemotormuseum.org

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