

Collezione Ritsema

Nel 2009 a Roma mi è stato offerto un lotto di molti modelli, alcuni molto originali, realizzati con pezzi Meccano; il venditore mi disse che li aveva acquistati in Olanda ad un'asta che riguardava una enorme collezione di modelli e pezzi Meccano o simili. In effetti tutti i modelli erano contraddistinti da una etichetta metallica con scritto "Ab Ritsema Hilversund Holland".

Chi li aveva fatti era chiaramente un costruttore e non un collezionista, in quanto vi era un uso sullo stesso modello di parti Meccano delle epoche più diverse, spesso un mix con parti non Meccano o il taglio di pezzi per adattarli alle esigenze del modello; i pezzi erano quasi tutti Meccano, ma usati ed in buona parte riverniciati.



Acquistati questi modelli ho iniziato a revisionarli e modificarli per renderli pienamente funzionanti. Allo stesso tempo mi sono voluto documentare sulla persona che aveva realizzato tutti questi modelli.

Sono anche entrato in contatto con Jan Ringnalda del Meccano Gilde Nederland che mi ha inviato queste brevi note su Mr. Ab Ritsema.

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So in the nineteen seventies he closed down the factory, even in case of his age.

Then he start with advertisements in local papers asking for Meccano parts and stating make a lot of models.

Every Year I give him a hand, when he build up his models for an exposition in the Dutch Military Air force Museum at Soesterberg, special for the cranes in the different cranes.

In case of his age, I thought his kids, sold everything by an auction."

Mr. Ritsema è morto nel 2010 all'età di 90 anni.

Tutti i modelli sono costruiti con la caratteristica di poter funzionare per lunghi periodi, come i Display Models, quindi rinforzando i supporti degli assi, usando motori commerciali con riduttore ...

Il ciclista e l'orologio a pendolo non fanno parte della mia collezione.

Ritsema Collection

In 2009 in Rome I was offered a lot of many models, some very original, made with Meccano pieces; the seller told me that he had bought them at an auction in the Netherlands which involved a huge collection of models and Meccano pieces or similar. In fact, all models were marked by a metal label that says "Ab Ritsema Hilversund Holland".

Who had made them was clearly a manufacturer and not a collector, as there was a use on the same model of Meccano parts of different ages, often a mix with no-Meccano parts or cutting pieces to fit the needs of the model; the pieces were nearly all Meccano, but used and largely repainted. Once purchased these models I started to review them and modify them to make them fully operational. At the same time I wanted to document the person who had made all these models. I am also entered into contact with Mr. Jan Ringnalda of Meccano Gilde Nederland, who sent me these short notes on Mr. Ab Ritsema.

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All models are constructed with the characteristic of being able to operate for long periods, as the Display Models, thus reinforcing the supports of the axes, using commercial engine with reducer, ...

The cyclist and the grandfather clock are not part of my collection.

