

I started my collection in 1999 when I purchased a 1929 A Model Ford Roadster Hot Rod. Something I have dreamed about since I was about 17. I still had three kids at school and a mortgage you couldn't fire a rocket over, you know, pretty typical for most blokes my age at the time. I had a single car garage, which my wife used (I parked in the street) so my brand new Hot Rod ended up on the back patio, outdoor furniture pushed firmly up against the fence. Well, that wasn't going to last long. I had an old timber and fibro shed up the back yard which wasn't big enough for the Rod so I put an advertisement in the Sunday Times for a "Free Shed"-- come and take it away and built a 7x10 metre shed to house the Rod. Little did I know where that was going to lead? The shed was big enough for three cars and the Rod looked pretty lonely up there. One of my kids bought me an old one gallon Ampol Petrol tin at a swap meet somewhere and away we went. I became a regular at all the swap meets in Perth, pretty much grabbing everything I could lay my hands on. The 1937 Oldsmobile came out of Victoria in 2002. Now with two cars in the back shed and a work bench etc, my collection of "stuff" was starting to take over. I added another 40 square meters to the shed and it was looking kind of empty again, so in 2008 the 1951 BUICK Super Sedan turned up. However, I've gone full circle, I had three cars in the shed, but the "stuff" gradually pushed the BUICK back into my garage and my daily driver is back out in the street where it was 20 years ago. Our youngest daughter left home in 2013, so I managed to sneak a 1948 International KB1 Pickup into her parking spot, and only being on a quarter acre block, I'm just about at capacity. The shed is now pretty well full with "stuff" so I have moved down to the Garage on the house and that is just about chockers as well. I am still collecting "stuff" and bloody loving it and look forward every quarter to receiving my ACCA Magazine so I can see what goodies everyone else is collecting. Harold

