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Is Your Collection Insured?

Some months ago there was quite a bit of talk on the Yahoo groups site concerning obtaining insurance for Plasticville collections. The discussion centered on obtaining what is termed a rider or supplement to a homeowners policy. A drawback to putting a rider on a homeowners policy is that most insurance companies require an itemized list stating the value of each piece. If you have ever gone through this type of exercise you know how time consuming itemizing a collection can be.

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Presidential Ponderings



Hello fellow PCA Members! Spring has sprung, and that means the return of outdoor flea markets and swap meets. We are always interested in hearing about your adventures in the trenches of Plasticville collecting. Spring is also the time for one of the TCA train meets in York. The next meet in York is scheduled for April 25 and 26. If you are planning to attend, please send me an e-mail, or give me a call. We can try to schedule an informal get-together for PCA Members. I'd sure like to put some names and faces together. Further information on the meet, and the TCA, can be found at www.traincollectors.org.

Next is a reminder to take advantage of the perks of being a PCA Member. Each Member is entitled to three free ads in each and every issue of "The Villager". You receive one "for sale", one "wanted", and one "for trade" ad in each issue as part of your membership dues. Many members have successfully used this forum (including myself).

Another PCA service to enhance your collecting experience is the PCA Trader page on the PCA web site. Just click on the link for "PCA Trader" to be taken to dozens of wanted and for sale ads. You may list your items here for free as well. Just send your ad to trader@plasticvilleusa.org.

Advertising in the Villager is an integral part of our financial stability. We have unexpectedly lost a few advertisers recently. The issue seems to be that they don't feel their ads are generating enough sales. Compared to many publications, our advertising rates are paltry, and more significantly, we reach a specialized group of hardcore Plasticville and train collectors. However, to drive the point home a little more, if you purchase from one of our advertisers, please be sure to tell them that you saw their ad in *The Villager*. If we can generate a little buzz, maybe we can lure back some advertisers. Perhaps you

know of a business that might like to advertise with us. If so, please contact John Niehaus.

There was a typo in the January issue of the Villager for the web site of the Antiques Almanac where an article on Plasticville was recently published. The correct web address is www.antiquesalmanac.com. Thanks to Joe Pianoforte for the heads up.

I received a report from Mark in NY about two drug stores he found. One was the 1853 version, mint in it's box and bag, that has tan sides, red doors, and a red roof. The other is of the standard black front version that came with a red roof. Does anyone else have either of these? We want to find out how rare, or how common these variations are.

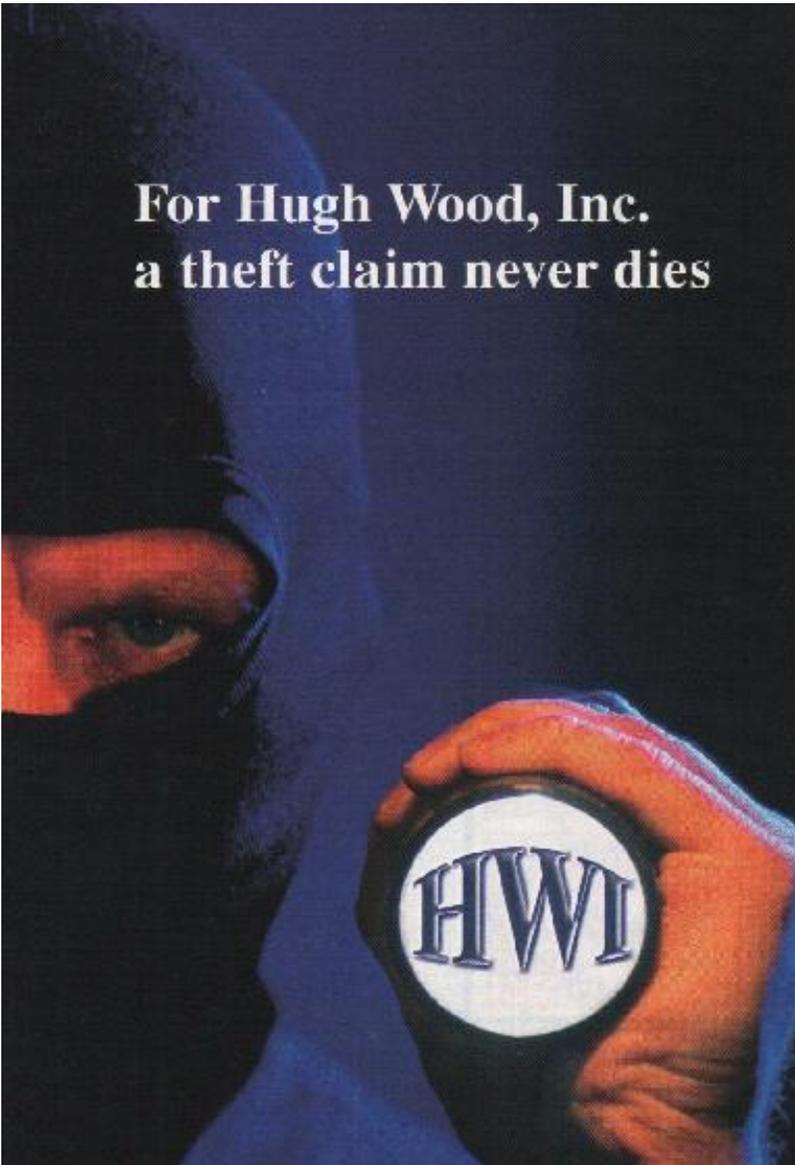
One of the extremely few perks of my job at the USFDA is the occasional opportunity to travel to Switzerland to do inspections of biologics production facilities. Well, I managed to run into a fan of Plasticville and HO trains on the flight back from Zurich. He just happened to be showing me some information for a steam train line running in Switzerland that he was promoting. That sparked a conversation of trains, model trains, and Plasticville. It just goes to show that you can find a fan just about anywhere!

The last item for discussion is the list of PCA Committees that can be found in this issue of the Villager. The PCA by-laws give the President the authority to form committees as issues arise. I have formed several committees to address various topics of interest that have come to my attention through the Yahoo Group, discussions with my fellow PCA Officers, and suggestions from Members. In future editions of *The Villager*, look for updates from the chairperson of each committee. If you have an idea for another committee, or would like to volunteer to be a member of a committee, just let me know and I will get you in touch with the right person.

Vice Presidential Insights

Well, summer is almost here (In Phoenix it arrived a few weeks ago) and time for Flea Markets, Garage Sales etc. in the never-ending quest to find something that no one else has! But that aside our organization is in need of some help from its members. As I think most of you know the PCA receives some of its operating funds through fees paid by advertisers in the Villager. Sadly, many of the advertisers who were in our Newsletter last year did not renew for this upcoming year. I would ask

all our members to please utilize the companies that continue to advertise in the Villager and mention where you saw their ad. Hopefully this will help keep our current advertisers and perhaps the word will spread that our Villager is an effective method of advertising for these companies and others. If you know of someone or a company that deals with Model Train related materials etc. and needs to advertise please tell them about the PCA Villager.



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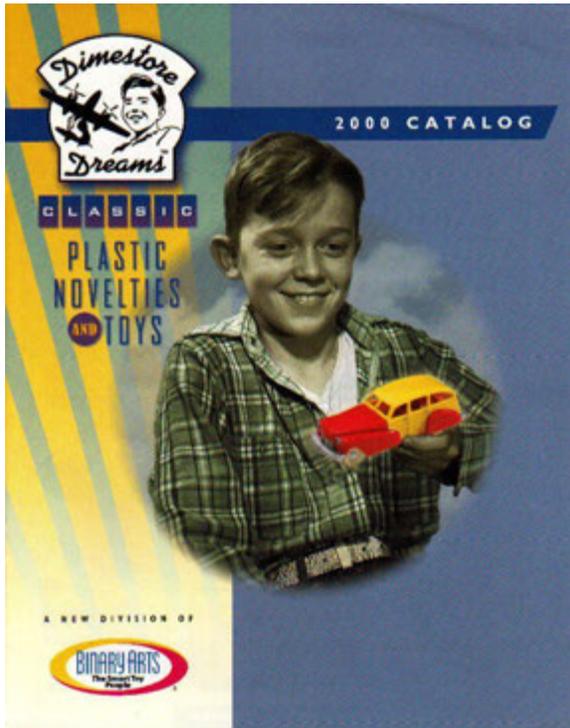
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An Interview with Bill Hanlon

Creator of the Dimstore Dreams line of 1/43 scale plastic vehicles

Fifty-five year old toy designer Bill Hanlon began collecting toys in 1965 and hasn't stopped since. While he collects many different categories of vintage toys, plastic toys from the 40s and 50s have always been his favorites. He fondly remembers going to toy shows in the 70s and 80s and picking up vintage plastic that nobody else wanted it. His plastic collection grew to over 10,000 pieces and he soon felt a desire to write a book on the subject. Finding a publisher wasn't easy because most toy collectors still frowned on toys made of plastic. Shiffer Publishing located in Atglen, PA decided to take a chance and within 18 months Hanlon's book PLASTIC TOYS – Dimstore Dreams of the 40s & 50s was published. This large coffee table book has over 1,000 color photos of over 1,200 classic plastic toys from what Hanlon calls the Golden Era. All of the toys in the book belong to the author and he was able to amass a huge reference library of vintage catalogs, most of which were given to him by former owners of toy companies he interviewed for the book.



2000 was the only year that the Dimstore Dreams line of vehicles had its own catalog. Only 10,000 copies of the 2000 catalog were printed.

Perhaps the greatest influence on Hanlon was Islyn Thomas, former General Manager of the Ideal Toy Novelty and Toy Company and owner of Thomas Manufacturing Co. one of the largest plastic toy manufacturers of the 40s and 50s. Thomas, who played a major role in the development of injection molded plastic toys in this country, took Hanlon under his wing in 1990 and as Hanlon tells it, became like a second father to him. He opened up his personal archives and gave Hanlon box after box of priceless reference material. Thomas, who passed away this May at the age of eighty-nine, will be greatly missed by all of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.



A bright yellow and blue convertible was one of the introductory year vehicles.

In 1995 Hanlon approached Thomas with the idea of reproducing classic plastic toys of the 40s and 50s. Thomas liked the idea and offered his support and encouragement. The injection molds to produce even a limited line of plastic toys would be expensive even if produced in China. The idea was eventually put on the back burner because of lack of funds.

Finally in 1999 Hanlon decided to quit his job as Product Development Manager for the DaMert Company a mid size toy company located in Berkeley, CA. He sold his pro-built woodie street rod to pay for the necessary tooling and was ready to start the tooling when he was approached by Binary Arts Corp., a competitor of DaMert. An agreement was quickly reached, whereby Hanlon's idea for a classic toy company would become a division of Binary Arts and Hanlon would share time between the two companies.

The name Dimstore Dreams (from Hanlon's book) was decided upon and the tooling was finally started. The line of fourteen different vehicles made its debut at the 2000 New York Toy Fair. The line was well received and everyone loved the quality of the vehicles and the wonderful packaging, which included period illustrations by nationally known artist Mark Erikson. First year sales were close to

\$800,000 thanks to two large customers, Restoration Hardware and Cracker Barrel restaurants.

2000 was the only year that Dimestore Dreams had its own catalog, which featured a Beaver Clever look-alike holding a station wagon on the front cover and a 1950 picture of Hanlon sitting on Santa Claus' lap on the back cover. The line was included in the 2001 Binary Arts catalog, making an original Dimestore Dreams catalog a collectible in its self. 10,000 catalogs were printed and only a few dozen remain in Hanlon's possession.

The original introduction included, an ambulance, taxi, sedan delivery, Fire Chief's car, convertible, station wagon, Police car, sedan, convertible with speedboat and trailer, station wagon with speedboat and trailer, spaceship, motorcycle and rider, motorcycle with sidecar and rider, and a service motorcycle and rider. All three motorcycles are exact copies of three of Thomas Toys most popular vehicles. Later in the year a station wagon with camper and canoe were made exclusively for Restoration Hardware and were featured on their summer 2000 catalog cover. The camper trailer and canoe are also both copies of once popular Thomas Toys.



The TV repair truck was one of the 2001 additions to the line. It, along with the other 2001 vehicles, was produced in limited numbers. The ladder behind the vehicle is held onto the roof with two small rubber bands barely visible behind the ladder.

An attractive corrugated point of purchase display that held thirty vehicles was also offered. One thousand of these displays were made.

Second year sales dropped dramatically and Hanlon attributes this to poor marketing and the fact that each vehicle was only offered in one color. Collectors would ask for the same vehicles in different colors, but their requests fell on deaf ears. Additional vehicles offered in 2001 included a pickup

truck, house trailer, TV repair truck, tow truck, U.S. Army Signal Corps truck, U.S. Army Ambulance, U.S. Army Military Police car, and a U.S. Army wrecker which were all produced in limited numbers.

Sales in 2002 further declined and the plans for a Bungalow Bar ice cream truck, milk truck, two additional utility trailers, a new cabin cruiser, and a Civil Defense truck with rooftop siren, were scrapped after the tooling models were made. A U.S. Army jeep and tank were also planned. Hanlon states that these would have been the best vehicles yet.

The Dimestore Dreams line now includes other types of retro toys, like the Kellogg's U.S. Navy Frogmen from 1955 and classic card games like Old Maid, Crazy Eights and Hearts, all of which feature original art from the 40s and 50s.



An ice cream truck was planned as a future offering. It never got past being molded in gray as a prototype.

The vehicle line will not be offered in 2003, but Hanlon still dreams of eventually reintroducing them. Such an undertaking is very expensive, and the number of potential customers for collectible vehicles, often doesn't justify the cost of the tooling.

Over the course of three years Hanlon had a very limited number of special vehicles molded for himself. These included black sedan deliveries, which he had hoped to convert into hearses, U.S. Army General Staff cars, and a U.S. Army Atomic Mobile Unit, which included the red camper trailer molded in olive drab with appropriate logo, pulled by a special U.S. Army sedan. Other limited color variations remain in Hanlon's personal collection destined to be highly collectible at some future date.

Hanlon also had a handful of construction kits produced that would allow the owner to mix and match body and chassis color combinations thus creating ones own line of vehicles. These kits in vacuum-formed trays had six different colored bodies and chassis' along with trailers, canoes, and speedboats.

Not one to be discouraged, Hanlon is proud of what he has accomplished and still gets emails praising the vehicle line and asking for more.

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O Gauge Railroading Magazine Recognizes the PCA

If you are not a subscriber to *O Gauge Railroading* magazine then you missed a very nice article in the April 2003 issue. Ed Boyle is the writer of the *Collectors Gallery* section of the magazine. His April article dealt with the color variations found in the Plasticville Ranch Houses. It was obvious from the article that Ed is either a collector of Plasticville or had some very good reference material when

creating the article. He listed some references at the end of his article, including contact information for the PCA. That listing has already generated requests for membership applications and the addition of one new member to the ranks of the PCA at this writing. Thanks to Ed Boyle and *O Gauge Railroading* magazine.

Committee Chairs

Various ad hoc committees have been formed over the past year. The chairs of these committees have volunteered their time to further enhance the value of your membership in the Plasticville Collectors Association. Please offer your comment or assistance wherever possible. These people need

the involvement of all of us if their committees are to succeed.

Below is the list of current committees. Each committee chair will have more information on their committee in the July issue of *The Villager*.

Photo committee – Al Pulitano – Doug Jines
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Toy collectors always speak about "The Big Toy Box At Sears" in reverential tones. When this nearly 1" thick book was published back in 1997 it was the first (and only time) that ALL of the boys' toys pages from the legendary Sears Christmas Wishbooks of the 1950's and 1960's had ever been reprinted in all their original full-color glory. Even the paper stock reproduced the original. But after the initial low-key sales push "The Big Toy Box At Sears" was soon forgotten and the remaining few copies stacked in a warehouse. What a find it was when we unearthed a stash of these incredible books, still sealed in their original shrinkwrap!

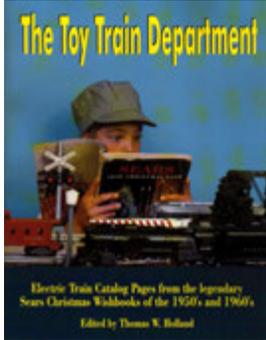
A huge 8 1/2" x 11" big and 584 pages thick, this massive volume contains all the toys collectors want to remember... Marx playsets, Lionel trains, Tonka trucks, robots, slot cars, G.I. Joe, cowboy and James Bond toys and pages and pages more. These books are collectibles themselves and are certain to increase in value.

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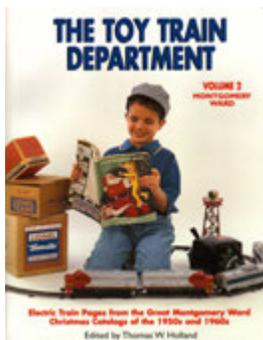
The Toy Train Department Electric Train Catalog Pages from the Legendary Sears Christmas Wishbooks of the 1950's and 1960's. This perfect bound book is the work of Windmill Press and edited by Tom Holland. It contains reproductions of all the pages from the

1950s and 1960s Sears Christmas Catalogs that contained illustrations of trains whether they were electric, wind up, battery powered or even hard rubber.

There are also many illustrations of single pieces of railroad rolling stock along with various accessories. One notices when looking through this book the almost total absence of Plasticville pieces. Plasticville only seems to have been offered by Sears for two or three years and even then in a very limited selection.

Each year's pages are prefaced with a short explanation of the changes seen in the offerings in the catalog for that year in comparison with the previous years. This alone makes this book interesting as the insights noted could be very easily overlooked in ones haste to view the catalog pages.

Looking through the pages was like taking a time machine back to the time when I lusted after some of the train sets shown in these catalogs. I spent an entire Saturday afternoon looking through the book and reminiscing. I highly recommend it for its nostalgia appeal if not for its invaluable reference value.



The Toy Train Department, Volume 2 Montgomery Ward. Electric Train Pages from the Great Montgomery Ward Catalogs of the 1950' and 1960s. The perfect bound book is a companion to *The Toy Train Department Electric Train Catalog Pages from the Legendary Sears*

Christmas Wishbooks of the 1950's and 1960's reviewed above. It is similar in format, including the

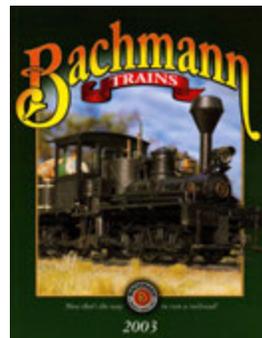
short introduction to each year's pages. The only difference is that this book reproduces the Montgomery Wards catalogs of the same era.

Plasticville pieces were offered as sets in some early 60s catalogs but Marx seemed to dominate in these catalogs. Lionel had very limited exposure also as both Marx and American Flyer seem to be the trains of choice in these catalogs.

Another Saturday afternoon was spent reading and reminiscing with this book. If you collect Marx trains or accessories then this book should definitely be on your bookshelf.

If you ever wanted to spend some time remembering you childhood Christmas desires for electric trains then these two books are for you.

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Bachmann Trains 2003, full line catalog. The Bachmann Trains 2003 full line catalog is now available. The catalog contains a complete listing of all train-related items Bachmann offers. The last third of the catalog is devoted to their Spectrum line of trains.

Plasticville is listed in three areas of the catalog depending on scale. N scale has illustrations of 29 buildings, bridges and grade crossings. All seem to be pre-assembled. This would make one believe that all N scale are now pre-assembled and that you better check your local hobby shop if you want the Plasticville unassembled units.

With over 45 different pieces illustrated, the HO section has more pieces offered than either N or O scale. Some of the pieces include a picnic set, park assortment, mini-water pump and a lighting kit.

There are 38 illustrations in the O Scale section. Conspicuously absent are the Motel, #45618 and the 50th Anniversary pieces. There are no new additions to the O scale line.

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ALONG THE “HO” LINE

The HO Ranch House

By Dominic St. John

In my previous article, for the January Villager, I listed the HO Cape Cod Houses and their colors. I have since found two more color combinations and I would like to add them to the list. These two houses have strengthened my theory as it relates to combinations that may be found in the later years. More on my theory later. You will find their pictures along with the HO Ranch Houses following the text.

This month I would like to add the HO Ranch House to the list. I don't presume to be an expert. I just wish to add my thought to the mix. Here is my attempt to solve the color puzzle by bringing forth these Ranches as I have found them. You will find that the Ranches, in the year's from 1953 through to 1956, share the same shades as the Capes. Those years' catalogues list the houses by their colors. Starting in the first year for HO, 1953, and continuing until 1956, the Ranch is listed as the HO-59 and found in three color combinations. Just as the HO-58 Cape Cod house the Ranch comes with a blue pastel roof, white walls and blue pastel doors & windows. Now the Ranch House has no windows, so for the sake of being factual I will no longer add the word “windows” to the descriptions. Also found with a white roof, yellow walls and white doors. Finally the last combination is the white roof, forest green (dark green) walls and white doors. All the Ranch House chimneys will match the wall color of its respective house. The boxes will have two colors stamped on their front side. All the first HO Ranches are seen on the top row in the photo.

In 1957 the Ranch House parts company with the Cape Cod. Now the Ranch is catalogued as the 2301 (HO-59). It is listed as coming in three color combinations. Only two of the three combinations still match the Cape. Where the Cape Cod is listed with a red roof the Ranch House is not. Instead the Ranch is listed and found with a white roof, green walls and white doors. The green is now turquoise and not the darker forest green that is found in the earlier kits. Returning are the white walls, yellow roof and white doors. Finally is the blue roof, white walls and blue doors again. Although, the blue is not the “pastel blue” as it was in the earlier catalogue, it still seems to be the same shade. The boxes now have just one color stamped on their front side. That color seems to describe

the wall shade of the kit. You will find the turquoise Ranch on the second row in the photo.

In 1958 the Ranch House is listed as the 2301 and with three single colors only. Along with the Cape Cod the colors are now GREEN, WHITE and YELLOW. Undoubtedly these are the wall colors as the houses now seem to come with different combinations for the roof and trim. The yellow houses I have found are just as the earlier kits are. Simple white roof and trim with yellow walls. I have to believe the yellow house is the leftover from the years before. They will soon disappear. The white house and blue trim has also been found. They, too, are probably left over. The blue trim will change as the white house has also been found with different colored roof and trim. The green (turquoise) house is now found with different trim colors also. In the photo you will see brown and grey trim shades. These boxes are also marked with one color on their front side but now it may describe the trim shades.

In the 1959 through 1961 catalogue the Ranch is still the 2301 but now it is listed “With

Trim.” The “Trim” described here are the accessories now included with the Ranch House kit. It is also listed in an assortment of color combinations. The trim supplied will include awnings, two small evergreen trees, patio & roof, patio furniture including one table with two chairs and one unpainted HO figure.

In the 1962 and 1963 catalogues the Ranch House gets a new number. It is now listed as the 2416 “With Trim” and an assortment of colors. The Ranch House as well as the Cape Cod is now available in the new Blister Pack type of packaging. The numbers are the 3415 for the Cape and 3416 for the Ranch in blister packs. The few 2416 Ranches that I own have no color stamped on the box. They are using the same turquoise walls with dark grey roof and doors.

From 1963 on, the Ranch House again gets a new number. It is now the 2618. It still comes with trim accessories but no longer does it include small trees or shrubbery. It isn't described in an assortment of colors either now. Just as the 2416 Cape Cod the 2618 Ranch House does not have a color stamped on the box. These last kits seem to come in just one color combination.



White walls with grey roof and doors are the norm here. You would have to believe cost cutting measures are in place to explain the changes made to the last kits.

In the photo you will find all the colors I have up to this point. Also you can see the two new Cape Cod combinations. That leaves me to explain my theory that I mentioned initially. When it comes to finding the Cape Cod kits in boxes I firmly believe that there is no right or wrong as to a color combination. In the years the kits are listed with an assortment of colors, you would have to think that any shade could be found with any trim color. The salmon shade Cape Cod house comes close to proving that theory. Having the salmon Cape Cod, in my collection, with two different roof and trim colors, white

and dark grey, and seeing it with turquoise roof and trim as well as brown, you can believe that any trim color would have been packaged with any house color. Why not? I would bet what ever color is in the parts bin at the time would have been packaged. We may never know for sure. There may be colors produced that will not be found. Until a complete catalogue of all the colors can be made we, will just have to go on with our theories.

If you would like to have a color image of the HO houses, either the Capes or the Ranches, please contact me at ho-line@snet.net. I would be happy to send them to any one with any interest. I am always willing to share information regarding the HO line.

Welcome New Members

The following individuals' names have been added to the Plasticville Collectors Association membership roster

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as of February 22, 2003. Their names are now listed in the on line roster.

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The following have applied for membership in the Plasticville Collectors Association. The names of all proposed members must be published for the review of the general membership before being accepted as members in accordance with the bylaws of the PCA. All names listed below will be added to the Plasticville

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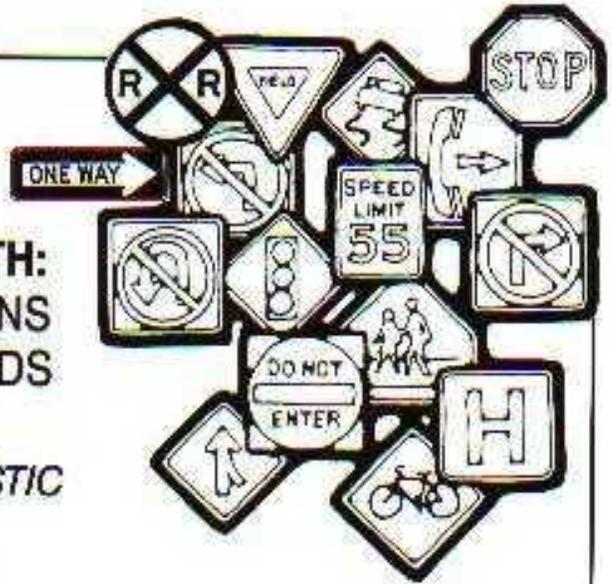
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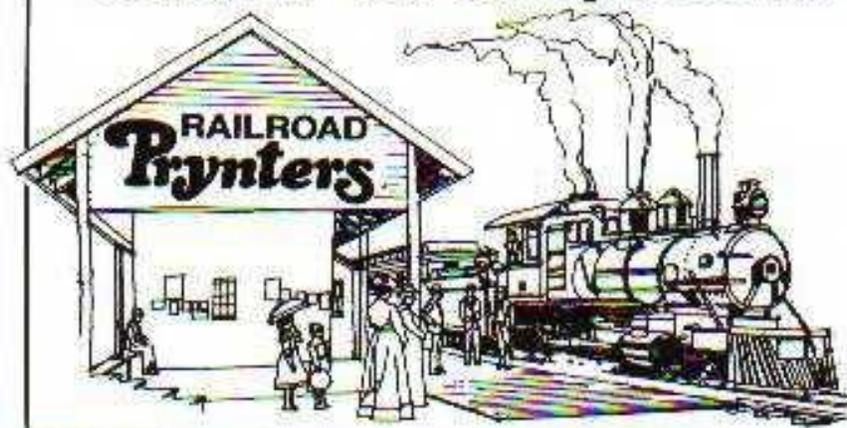
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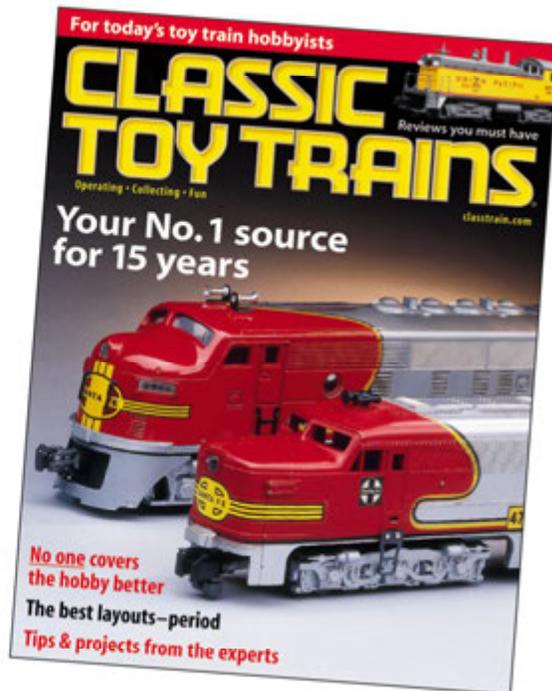
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Notes from the Secretary Treasurer

Incorrect Email addresses

Would the following people please send me their current email address? I send out memos to online members and the addresses listed for those below were

Ed McGuigan #02-179
Alan W Murray #02-84

Roster Corrections:

The correct street address for Raymond B Evans III (03-199) is 1047 Franklin St.

New address for Glenn Raymond (01-6) is 1106 11th St. NE, Auburn WA 98002 Phone: 235 333-6776

returned as an incorrect email address. Please help me help you get the most out of your PCA membership.

Robert T Rumfelt #01-57
Grant Bowers #02-90

The correct email address for Barbara Woods (02-165) is stevenbarbrn@adelphia.net



The building illustrated on the left is one that I have never seen listed on e-Bay. It looks like the Plasticville Colonial Mansion but with a metal base and the back removed so that it can be used as a dollhouse.

The house includes a green sofa, 3 green chairs, a tan coffee table, and a tan TV set for the living room. There are 4 white chairs and a round table for the dining room. The 2 bedrooms are a bit sparse containing only a double bed and an upright armoire in each room.

The box states, "19 pieces of beautiful furniture" but I have only been able to document 15 pieces plus a 4 figure "family".

This piece was featured in Issue #3 of the Plastic Village Gazette.

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I have many used walls for sale in excellent condition except for the ranch house, hobo shacks and railroad-work car. Prices are very reasonable plus shipping. Email me at gfuglewicz@aol.com or send a SASE to #02-93, Jerry Fuglewicz 11262 Sunrise Lane East Aurora, New York 14052. (Jan 04)

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Have 36 shoe boxes of assorted parts. Some large & small. Will trade for other parts or complete buildings.. #02-101 Paul Gurchik, , 203 Horseshoe Dr, Ebensburg, PA 15931 (Jan 04)

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search of. All I need is (4) sets of grandstands. I'll take built, no boxes, just grandstands. Doing a Rose Bowl parade in Plasticville but need original stands. Artktom@yahoo.com. #02-104, Art K Tom, 6866 N DeChelly Loop, Tucson, AZ 85741 (Oct 03)

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Wanted

Turquoise base and awning for mobile home. Turquoise front wall for Cape Cod house. White door for Cape Cod house. 3 brown maple tree stumps. Any empty Plasticville boxes. #02-101, Paul Gurchik, 203 Horseshoe Dr, Ebensburg, PA 15931 (Jan 04)

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Wanted O-S Plasticville grandstands, need 4, no bokes OK, built or unbuilt OK. I'll even take parts if that's all you have. Artktom@yahoo.com. #02-104, Art K Tom, 6866 N DeChelly Loop, Tucson, AZ 85741 (Oct 03)

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Wanted: Littleton/Kleeware, MarX plastic buildings. Boxed with no missing parts preferred. However also looking for parts. trainsfan@aol.com #00-2, Douglas Gilliatt, 956 W Sherri Dr, Gilbert, AZ, 85223 (Apr 03)

Wanted: Porch roof and porch floor for red w/dark grey roof LH4 2-story Colonial house. johnln@netins.net 3207 #00-3, John Niehaus, 601 SE Second St., Ankeny, IA 50021-3207 (Oct03)

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Upper walkway for the coaling station, cape cod front wall in salmon with white trim. #01-44, Steven A Brown, 1704 2nd St., Rensselaer, NY 12144

I am looking for any small marbled parts to the Hobo Shacks & RR Work Car. A brown marbled light and base

Send in your photos!

Did you see the picture of member Stan Troski and his grandson on page 13? It looks like it isn't all Plasticville with Stan. We bet it isn't with you either.

We are betting that there are those of you who collect other items besides Plasticville. We are betting there are some of you who have an interest in antiques. We know of members who own antique autos.

We know that some of you have excellent layouts using Plasticville buildings. How about pictures of a kitbashed building of which you are proud. We know of one person who has a large wall full of Marx pieces that most of us have never seen.

Send in your photos with a brief explanation to: Villager Editor, 601 SE Second Street, Ankeny, IA 50021-3207. That's what Stan did.

for the Watchman's Shanty, brown marbled spout for the Water Tank, gray marbled smokestack and sign for the Switch Tower. All O scale. Blueshing@hotmail.com #02-106, Brent Shingler, 1629 Kauai Ct, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 (Jul 03)

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CS-5 Dime Store roof (red). 1615 Water Tank ladder (brown). BN-1 Barn roof vent (white). BN-1 Barn horse weathervane (red). PD-1 Police Station chimney cap (green). 1629 Bungalow arbor fence (white). PH-1 Town Hall weathervane. SC-4 School House weathervane (red). 1960 Bank large canopy (green). 1407 Watchman's Shanty light (gray). jandjgott@juno.com #01-24, John Gottcent, 3912 W Oregon St, Evansville IN 47720 (Jul 03)

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