

# The Villager

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## Reflections of a successful e-Bay bidder

The question arises over and over as to whether e-Bay is a bane or a boon. Whether it is a monster out of control or a means by which those who are not able to attend swap meets can obtain desired additions to their collection. I, for one, appreciate the fact that it exists. E-Bay has allowed me to greatly enhance my Plasticville and Lionel collections along with acquiring items related to my other hobbies.

My first experience started in November of 1997. I was searching for seat belts for my 1967 Volkswagen beetle on a news group and came across a posting stating that a Volkswagen magazine ad was available on e-Bay. I had no idea as to what e-Bay was but investigated anyway. I didn't bid on the ad but I did register.

Since that day I have purchased nearly 700 items on e-Bay and have had only minor problems. Here are some of the methods I use to be relatively sure that my buying experiences will be good.

**Be informed.** Buy a good Plasticville reference book before you start bidding. There are reference books available that list Plasticville items along with their descriptions. It is a worthwhile investment.

Watch what the various pieces of Plasticville in which you are interested are selling for on e-Bay. Note the condition along with the price. Then bid accordingly.

**Read the auction description carefully.** Many sellers add short phrases such as *seems complete* or as *best I can tell*. Phrases like those are a warning that the item may not be complete. Again, don't assume the piece is complete.

Another phrase to be on the lookout for is *AS IS*. The seller is telling you up front that once you have won the auction the item is yours, period. You have no recourse if the item does not meet with your expectations upon its arrival at your home.

**Note the feedback rating of the seller.** Don't buy from someone with a low feedback rating. I make it a policy to bid on items where the seller has no less than a 98% feedback rating. Even then, I check out the actual feedback comments.

If there has been negative feedback given in the past month or so, I will find that feedback comment and see

what was said by the buyer and what the response is of the seller. Certain sellers with a high feedback rating have not had me bid on their items because their comments to negative feedback gave me a perceived attitude of arrogance on their part.

I also will not generally bid on items from a seller that has a large amount of negative feedback even if he still has a high overall feedback rating. Anyone with a negative count of over 20 is probably not going to see me bidding on their items.

**Ask questions of the seller.** Don't assume anything. Ask the seller questions well before the auction closes. Don't wait until the last minute to ask your questions. Give the seller a minimum of 24 hours to give you a reply. Most sellers will respond to your question in 24 hours or less. Make it a point to bid on an item only if after you have asked the seller a question you get a response.

**Post a message on the Yahoo Plasticville Group.** Should time permit and the question is of a general nature this is one of the easiest ways to get information in a timely manner. The Yahoo Plasticville Group is one of the most responsive groups I have seen.

**Contact the seller if you have a problem with the item received.** Always contact the seller first upon receipt of the item if it does not meet your expectations. Most sellers want to ensure that you are a happy buyer and will work with you to that end.

My strategy with a seller who sends something less than anticipated is to send him a message stating my perceived problem with the item and asking how he feels we can resolve the problem in a mutually satisfactory manner. Most of the time the seller will offer to take the item back with a refund of your bid, plus shipping costs both ways. Some will offer a partial refund instead of returning the item. I have left negative feedback only once after contacting the seller and not coming to a mutually satisfactory conclusion of the auction.

E-Bay is here and it doesn't look as if it is going to go away in the very near future. With a little bit of care you too can be as successful bidder.

## From the President's Desk



Hello to all fellow PCA Members. There are now 215 of us! The last few months were very busy for a variety of reasons; personal, work, and PCA. On the personal front, our second child, another boy, was born on 05/27/03. As many of you know, caring for two children is not double the work, it's more like quadruple. Still, we are very happy with Andrew Thomas, and he and mommy are doing well.

There were many ongoing discussions over the last few months on several topics. The HO interest group had a flurry of e-mails going back and forth regarding early issues and early lines such as Beemak Village and Matchbox Village. This was followed by an intense discussion about the 1953-A HO catalog and a presumed 1952 flyer announcing the HO line. With help from Sheldon Wotring, we were able to upload scans of both of these documents to the Plasticville HO web page. Just go to the PCA site and click on Plasticville, then Plasticville HO information. While you are there, check out the extensive database put together by Bruce Batten. Bruce pulled on data from his own collection, his catalogs, and catalogs provided by me and Shirley Hunter. The result is an impressive amount of information that we will use to build the HO web page. Bruce is asking anyone who can contribute more information to the database to contact him directly (e-mail on the HO page). If you don't have internet access, please contact Bruce by mail so that your views can be heard. I also thank Dominic SanGiovanni for sending several nice pictures of early HO Plasticville items, and Charlie Gilliatt for treating us to some pictures of Beemak/Matchbox Village items. If you subscribe to the Plastic Village Gazette, see Issue #4 for an informative article on HO Plasticville by Shirley Hunter, and keep checking the PCA HO Plasticville web page for more information throughout the summer.

Have you seen our Marx web page recently? If not, I highly recommend that you visit it as soon as possible. Ed Berg, a serious Marx collector, was kind enough to provide us with an extensive amount of information. Included is an introduction to collecting Marx plastic, as well as an extended listing of items that includes Marx plastic accessories. Thanks Ed! We used Ed's information to help us completely redesign the entire Marx site. Thanks also to Wayne Beachy who was kind enough to provide us with some additional pictures of Marx items.

York Notes: In April, I attended the TCA Eastern Division's famous "York Meet" in York, PA. It was the first time I went to the York meet, and I was quite impressed; even a bit overwhelmed. There were several very large halls filled to capacity with trains, trains, and more trains. There was even some Plasticville! Throughout my wanderings around the site, I ran into

several PCA members. It was great to match some names and faces together. Thanks to Bob Persing, Ken Doctor, Joe Endicott, Gerry Fuglewicz, George Sottung, Shirley Hunter, and Bill Nole for taking the time to talk about Plasticville, the PCA, and other topics. Despite what Shirley may say, I did not stand her up for lunch, I simply didn't know where I was going! Now that I know my way around, it won't happen again. I know there were a few other PCA members at York as well, and perhaps in the future we can have a more formal gathering. Finally, let me give you a quick idea of the prices of a few items I saw. Some items I didn't look at very closely: Davy Crockett Log Cabin, no bag or box: \$245, 2 turnpikes with decent boxes, one for \$50, and one for \$85, dark gray police dept in a nice box: \$10, GO-3 gas station in a nice box: \$10, another GO-3 with box: \$30, Marx Station with box, no signs: \$30, Marx Church with weak box: \$30, Grandstand with nice box: \$350, Autumn Trees in great box, \$475, Town Hall (1776) with great box: \$65, GO-3 Cheltenham Station, nice box: \$100, diner with chrome trim and nice box: \$40, Interceptor Squadron in excellent box: \$400, farm buildings and animals with bad box: \$35, School House with bad box: \$22, dark blue ranch house in nice box: \$275, V-10 vehicle unit in original box: \$350, and a runway only for the international airport: \$95. I even saw a Plasticville box car, the one from Allied Model Trains, going for \$100. You can see that prices vary from item to item, and it's quite possible to find decent bargains. It's possible to find very rare items, but of course you will pay dearly for them. I hope to see you there in October!

ePCA update: As most of you now know, the ePCA is the future of the PCA. The main purpose of the ePCA initiative is to provide our newsletter in an on-line format only. I don't need to go into the details of our finances yet again, but an on-line newsletter will save us a bundle, and thus help to keep our dues low. By the end of this year we will assign each member a username and password for accessing the "Members Only" section of the PCA web site. You can request a username and password at any time from John Niehaus (secretary@plasticvilleusa.org). At some point, maybe next year, we will just have to bite the bullet and have one or two of our quarterly newsletters available on-line only. Eventually, all newsletters will be electronic. I think we have effectively worked out any potential bugs in the ePCA program, and I don't expect too many problems in the future. For members without internet access, we will continue to send the newsletters by mail.

Well, that concludes my latest ramblings. I hope you like the new name of this column. I think it sounds a little more "Presidential". Thanks to Mike Cedro for suggesting the name!

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### Vice Presidential Insights

Well, summer has arrived with a vengeance here in Phoenix. I am sure that most of our members are probably doing what I have been doing. That is hitting the antique stores, auctions and garage sales, when I can looking for anything that is train related (Model or otherwise). What makes this hobby so great is the "finding" of a hidden treasure. I think that it would be a wonderful idea (this might have been suggested in the past) that the members submit their best "Discovery" story for possible publication. So here goes mine, although it is about Lionel trains I think it is a great story and speaks why you should always be alert, as you never know where you will make that discovery.

Years ago I was visiting my Mother in the small and I mean small town of Clinton KY. My son Charlie who was a baby, his Mother and I were all packed up in our Dodge Omni and ready to head back to Chicago. On the way out of town I spied a 4X8 sheet of plywood leaning

up against the city jail! Well, the Jailer (he lived upstairs) was having a garage sale and it was his train board when he was a child. Imagine my surprise when he showed be the cardboard box that contained the trains that belonged to the track. I had to keep a straight face when he told me he wanted \$20.00 for the set and board.

That is how I got my Lionel "Pumpkin" General set. It still sets on my shelves and always makes a great story to tell visitors how it arrived at my house. And no I did not strap the board on top of the Omni. I declined taking it.

And, remember the PCA receives some of its operating funds thru fees paid by advertisers in the Villager. I would like to ask again all our members to utilize the companies that continue to advertise in the Villager and mention where you saw their ad.

### Publication Schedule Change

Your next issue of *The Villager* will be dated November 2003 instead of October 2003. The publication schedule is being changed to enable us to report on any activities the PCA may engage in at the semi-annual York, PA TCA train meets.

The schedule change also means we will be able to publish an edition closer to Christmas, a popular time of

year for Plasticville enthusiasts. This change will also give the publication staff a little break by not having an edition in January, thus easing their holiday duties somewhat.

The newsletters for the year 2004 will be dated February, May, August, and November.

### Andrew Thomas Kutza



Congratulations to our President Joe Kutza and his wife upon the arrival of their new son, Andrew Thomas Kutza

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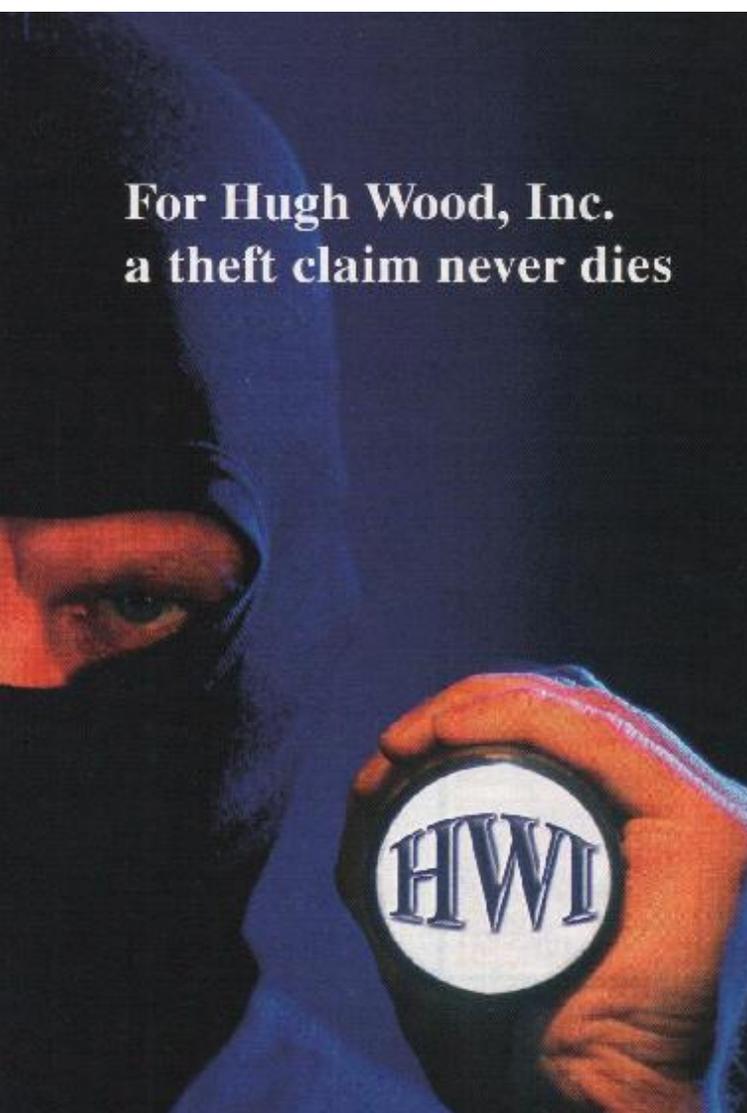
Born: 05/27/03, at 11:07am.

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## The Kleeware Story

by Harry Kleeman

The Kleeman family began making plastics in 1938, buying six Reed Prentice injection-moulding machines from the USA. They were installed in a factory in Welwyn Garden City, together with compression moulding machines, under the management of my father Max Kleeman. They made combs from cellulose acetate and ashtrays from phenol and urea. Polystyrene was still a rarity. They first used the tradename Kabroid and later Kleeware.

During the war the factory turned out combs for the Forces and radio parts for the MOD. Afterwards, production turned to hair slides, toothbrushes (a disaster, later sold to Addis), toys and housewares. The capacity in Welwyn was not enough so they moved to a munitions factory in Aycliffe, Co. Durham. First they had to put in windows - munitions factories don't have any. At its peak there were fifty injection moulding machines and staff assembling a big range of toys. Much was copied from the USA and later, through royalty agreements, US designs were made here by borrowing the tools. A few weeks moulding was enough to satisfy the British market for a year. However, a design team was built up and at one time there were 6 or 7 people engaged in inventing toys or carving prototype models from acetate or Perspex.

We engaged one eccentric toy inventor who cooked up some clever clockwork designs, but we parted company when he was evicted by Aycliffe council because he kept coal in the bath and repaired his motorcycle in the lounge!

Finally he fell foul of the police because he had an illegal collection of guns. He did invent a very good toy gun which shot ping pong balls, as well as some ingenious clockwork toys.

I joined the company after the Army in a very junior capacity but promotion, helped by nepotism, made me director of the Aycliffe plant eventually. We sold toys and housewares to Woolworths in great quantities and exported them round the world. We sold the business to our main competitor, Rosedale, in 1959 (ironically the year my first child was born) because by then we had a flourishing raw materials business through the acquisition

of Erinoid and we felt we could not compete with our customers.

It was at a talk by Colin Williamson that I was inspired to see if I could collect any of the old Kleeware items. My first foray to the Portobello Road netted an army truck - I was delighted.

Since then I have discovered the 'Collectors' Gazette' devoted entirely to old toys and have visited many Toy Fairs. I now have quite a collection of



dolls' furniture, model trucks and 'planes, construction kits, money boxes and many more. My latest find is a beautiful toy castle which my grandson helped me assemble.

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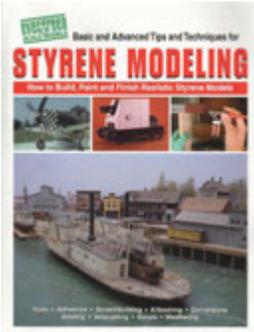
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## Literature Review



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Chapter one details why styrene is such a good medium for modeling. It is the only chapter that is not loaded with handy tips, tricks, and numerous illustrations.

A full chapter is devoted to what one should have in a nicely equipped styrene workshop.

Two chapters instruct and illustrate how to work with strip and sheet styrene to build box structures.

There are tips on how to super detail everyday styrene kits that you may purchase at a hobby shop.

The one part of the book that really caught my eye is a chart of common scale conversions. How often have

you wanted to scale up or down a drawing to a different scale?

There are also formulas for accurately determining the true scale of a drawing and for calculating enlargement and reduction percentages. The chart and the formulas alone are worth the \$14.95 price of this book to me.

Not only does this book deal directly with modeling in styrene but it also contains numerous tips on selecting a correct airbrush and how to use it effectively. It also illustrates ways to enhance your models through the addition of decals and other small additions that will make your model a standout.

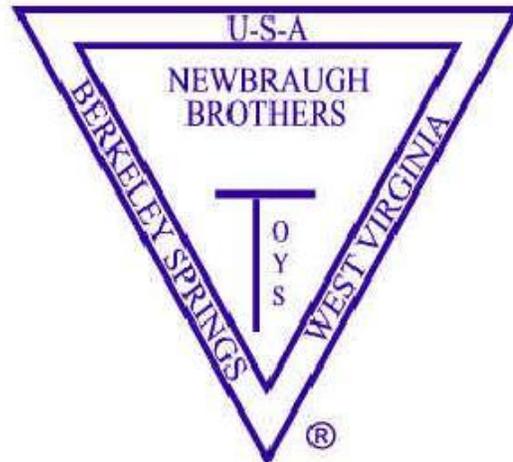
This book is very heavily illustrated and is very easy to read. I would recommend it to anyone who intends to add additional detail to any model whether it is styrene or not. It should be on every kitbasher's bookshelf.

The book should be available at your favorite hobby store or you may purchase it directly from Evergreen Scale Models, 18620-F 141<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, Woodinville WA 98702. Their toll free order phone is 877-376-9099. There is a \$3.00 shipping and handling charge if ordering directly from Evergreen Scale Models.

The advertisement is set against a background of a brick wall. At the top, the word 'BRICK-IT' is written in large, bold, black, hand-drawn letters. Below this, a white rectangular box with a black border contains the text 'useable in both S AND O GAUGE'. Underneath the box, the text 'FIVE COLORS OF BRICK BUILDING PAPER AND TWO COLORS OF ROOF SHINGLE PAPER IN BIG' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, '10 1/4" X 16" SHEETS; SEND SASE FOR SAMPLES.' is written in the same bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom left, 'WSR PRODUCTS' is written in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. To the right of this, the contact information 'P.O. BOX 62, COLCHESTER, CT 06415 860-267-8543' is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font.

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# ALONG THE “HO” LINE

## The HO GAS STATIONS

By Dominic St. John

It's vacation time. The kids are out of school. Pack the car. Hit the road to your favorite amusement park. For me it was 1960. We're going to take a trip to Story Town in Lake George, New York. Ironic that my favorite childhood memory brings me to the very place that has ties to the Plasticville name. I had no idea back then. Today it is hard to forget.

My memory tells me that we first rode from New Haven to Rye New York. It was the "Freedom Land" amusement park where we started our trip. From there we went north to the parks in the Lake George area. Along the way we stopped for gas. Fuel may have been cheap back then, but riding in a 56 Caddy still wasn't the most efficient way to travel. I also have a faint memory of our

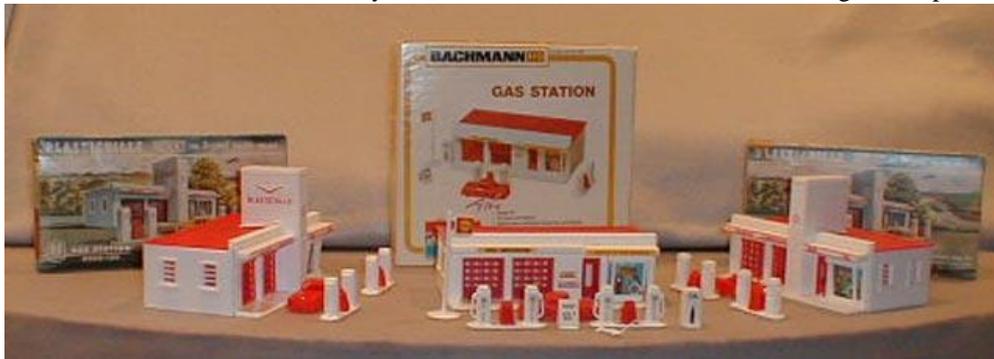
stopping for the night and sleeping in a motel along the highway. It is funny just what I can remember from over forty years ago. I was

very young during those trips. I know that of all the parks, we visited, Story Town was my very favorite. So much so that when my wife and I married, in 1975, Lake George was the only place to go. Of course Story Town was on the agenda.

I thought that the Plasticville HO gas stations would be a nice place to start this trip

Here is one more area where, I believe, the HO line parts company with the larger scale. The only O&S scale gas stations I have seen always share the same colors. The body of the kit is white while the roof and doors will be red. The HO kit is also found in the same combination. They are also found in a few more shades. I have been able to add three different shades to my collection. In the following photos you will see the kits as I have gotten them. You will also see the boxes that they came in. If you wish to have a color photo of these items, or any others that I may have listed in any earlier Villager, please contact me at ho-line@snet.net. I would be happy to share with anyone who asks.

The HO Gas Station appears, I believe, in the 1959 catalogue. That is one year catalogue I don't have. It is not in my 1958 book. It does appear, however, in the 1960 catalogue. It is not described as "NEW" which is the common way the new additions to the line are listed, so I have to suspect that it was new for the 1959 year. The kit is the 2608 Gas Station with Auto. These early kits will come with two islands, each having two gas pumps and oil can display. The cans are red in color. They are used to hold the islands together as they come in two halves. Also included with the kit is one HO Plasticville car. The car should match the color of the roof and doors. That is my experience. These early kits have two different variations that I have found. Looking at the photo you can see the



difference in the center section which rises above the roof. One kit has the Plasticville name embossed under a large "V". The other kit has

the name missing from the mold. I have more kits with the name than without. No matter which type you may have that distinct roof line is soon to disappear.

The Gas Stations don't change until the 1966 catalogue. In that year they are still listed as the 2608 Gas Station. Now, though, they are described as "Newly Designed". These kits are now packaged with gas pumps, car, oil racks, soda machine, small sign, large sign pole and a floor jack. You also get a sheet of full color decals (stickers) for company insignia, service area signs and rest rooms. As you can see, in the photo, the roof is now flat. There is no longer that great looking center section rising above the roof. It's sad to see it go. Here is when my first colored kit appears. In a 2608 -100 picture frame type box is a pastel yellow trimmed Gas Station. Now all the red pieces turn yellow!

In the 1967 catalogue there is one more change. The "newly designed" kit is now listed as the 2807 Gas Station. It still comes with all the extras described before.

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### ***The Villager* needs your article!**

Articles in *The Villager* are written by fellow members. Think about one of your favorite times or your favorite piece or why you collect a certain scale or particular building and write a short story. Articles of two or three paragraphs are just as important to the newsletter as are the long ones.

Here my kits appear in two more colors. You can see a dark green trimmed kit as well as a gold trimmed kit. The same thing holds true with the red pieces now coming in a different color. The red roof is still present though. In a 2807 square BACHMAN HO box is the original white and red combination kit.



In closing, I would like to make note of the differences we find in the HO line. I would love to know how the two scales match up when it comes to colors used. I am beginning to believe that the HO line brings with it a multitude of surprises. Without a doubt more are to come. When I began this article I made mention of my

spending the night in a motel on our trip up to Lake George New York. In the next Villager I would like to write about just that, the HO Motels. I seem to have come across an HO Motel kit that is molded in a very dark blue color. It is a very curious kit to say the least. All the HO blue shades are very light compared to this kit. I know the O&S line has a very rare Ranch House in that same dark blue shade. I wonder if there is a chance that the same shade is present in the HO Line.

When it comes to the Gas Stations, Motels or any other kit, there is no official way to know which is rarer than the next. Having an idea of how many kits survived all these years is what may determine their scarcity. The only way to get any idea of that information is to share what you may know with others. I am always happy to pass along my experience with the HO line. I am still learning as I go. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Till then, enjoy the summer. We might, yet, if it ever stops raining!

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Wayne T Roberts, Easton, PA  
Joyce Spies, Scottsdale, AZ  
Robert F Rzasa, Orange, MA  
Richard F Bird, Oregon, IL  
Stanley F Troski Jr, Cheshire, CT  
Carmen L Bradley, Mount Joy, PA  
Charles A Lowe, Seaford, DE  
Scott T Ritter, Sarasota, FL  
Dave F Lehnert, Navasota, TX

as of May 15, 2003. Their names are now listed in the on line roster.

James E Hannawald, Denton, MD  
J Wayne Beachy, Midlothian, VA  
Ray Frederick, Crownsville, MD  
Victor M Koenig, Beachwood, NJ  
George J Flicker, Estell Manor, NJ  
William Westwood Jr, Snohomish, WA  
Glenn E Bowman, Newport, PA  
David T Horner, Barrington, NJ  
Charles L Messinger Jr, Hanover, PA  
Glenn Kesselring, Middletown, PA

## Proposed Members

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

John K O'Hara, Washington, PA  
Armand R Taddeo, Toms River, NJ  
Channing H Morse, JR, Wareham, MA  
Skip Maglio, Kingsford Heights, IN  
John E Sigler, North Canton, OH

members in accordance with the bylaws of the PCA. All names listed below will be added to the Plasticville Collectors Association rolls if no objection to such action is received prior to July 31, 2003.

Gregory J Malm, Warwick, RI  
James J Bolton, Manakin-Sabot, VA  
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## **Membership Growth Initiatives:**

Hello and Greetings to all of my fellow Plasticville Collectors. Who would have thought that we would have come as far as we did so quickly? Personally, I am impressed with the accomplishments of our association thus far. What is next for our group and what else do we want to do as Plasticville Collectors? The Mission of the PCA is to promote the hobby of collecting plastic villages by providing accurate and helpful information to collectors. The best way to accomplish our mission is to become a vocal and identifiable part of the collecting community. We are special in that people who collect trains, vintage toys, vintage collectables and antiques are familiar with Plasticville and other plastic-villages.

The simplest means to become a vocal and identifiable group is to increase the number of members in our association. It is the membership growth committee's job to come up with ideas and ways that will increase our numbers. Here are a few suggestions of effortless ways to promote the PCA:

- Ask fellow collectors if they are members of the PCA and if they are interested in joining
- Buy a PCA T-shirt and wear it when you are out buying new items. I think that mine is very comfortable and it has generated questions from sellers and patrons of local stores.
- Order the PCA return address labels and use them when you are sending mail to pay for eBay auctions or other times when your mail will not be processed by a computer (i.e. don't use them to pay for bills).
- Take the recruiting flyers that are posted at the Yahoo eGroup to your local hobby shop, toy antique store, flea market and train meets. Usually these places have a table where they distribute free information.

- Promote the PCA with a link or other acknowledgment on your personal website.
- Include a link to the PCA homepage and acknowledge that you are a member of the PCA if you sell items on eBay.
- If you know anyone who works for one of the national train or collecting magazines, ask if they would incorporate a small editorial or article talking about the PCA. Since we don't have the budget to advertise in nationally distributed publications, this is an easy way to generate more attention on our group.

I think that the growth of our group so far has been wonderful. I was trying to develop some sort of a "growth goal" for the PCA, but I don't want to set a specific number to achieve for our association. Instead, I want to lay out an initiative for all members. The goal of each PCA member should be to bring 5 new members into the association. There is no time limit for this initiative and I know that it will be harder for some and easier for others. If we all brought in 5 new members and they brought in 5 new members and so forth, we would grow at a VERY healthy rate. (Yes, I borrowed this idea from Multi-Level Marketing strategy. No, I do not think that the PCA should become a MLM type association, but it makes sense to pattern our membership growth on this strategy in the beginning of our establishment. We can always change later!).

Feel free to email me with comments or suggestions. I hope that everyone has a successful summer hunt for their favorite plastic-village items and keep in mind the simple promotion ideas above!

-Josh Erling, PCA #02-89, Membership Growth Committee Chair

## **Articles in Future Issues of *The Villager***

**An inventory of the furniture contained in a #1919 Plasticville Hospital**

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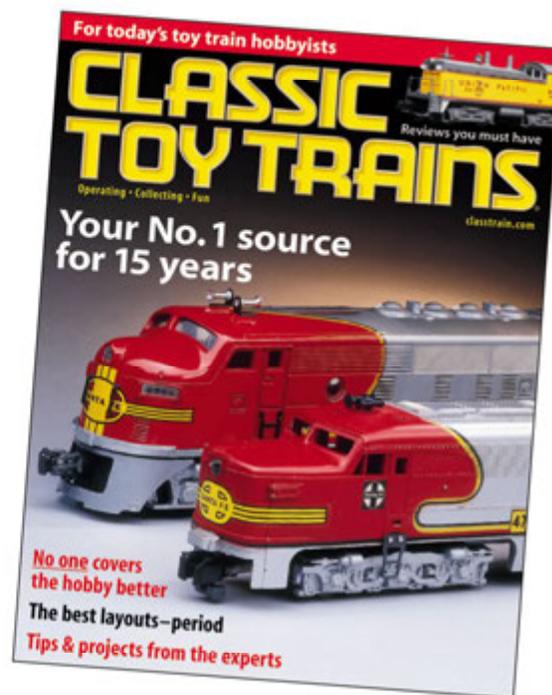
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## Notes from the Secretary Treasurer

### **Address Correction**

Chet Grodek, #02-155, 4723 N Artesian Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

### **Phone number correction**

The correct phone number for Glenn Raymond, #01-6 is 253 333-6776.

### **Email address change correction**

The new email address for Bob Persing is bobville@ptd.net

### **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

Robert T Rumfelt #01-57

Grant Bowers #02-90

William Westwood #03-218

### **Stamp "Thank You"**

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Chris Briggs #02-159

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George Flicker #03-217

envelope just cut around the stamps, leaving roughly a quarter inch margin. Feel free to wait until you have an accumulation before sending them to me, as the need for stamps is continuous but rarely critical.

## Resource Persons Still Needed

We would like volunteers for the following non-elected PCA positions.

Those who volunteer would be the persons to whom the Officers of the PCA would contact with questions specific to the areas listed. Please let the Secretary know if you would like to be the resource person for any of the listed areas.

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## The Villager Classified Ads

### For Sale

Reasonable Priced Plasticville for sale - I have parts, buildings glued, un glued, or Boxed. Call, email or writeto Bill Hunter for items wanted. dbhunter@fuse.net. #01-25, Bill Hunter 1333 Ashford Drive, Florence, KY. 41042 Phone: 859-525-7183 (Oct 03)

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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. (Feb 04)

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### For Trade

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Switch tower platform w/2 pins in brown & black. Watchman's shanty right side in brown & black. Trestle bridge black top. Cathedral light gray front half of roof. Town hall red roof. Bank gray front w./clear door. Apartment house white large & small flower boxes, several. #02-101 Paul Gurchik, 203 Horseshoe Dr, Ebensburg, PA 15931 (May 04)

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Also see parts list. jandjgott@juno.com #01-24, John Gottcent, 3912 W Oregon St, Evansville, IN 47720 (Jul 03)

0400 Mobile home, cream/blue, mint \$60 HS-6 Hospital, complete, missing one tab on steps, tatered box \$30 AD-4 Air administration building, incomplete, god for parts \$10 Above prices plus shipping factlf@juno.com #02-87 Lawrence Fachler 6 Bosko Drive East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4542 (Nov 03)

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What are you looking for? If you have Plasticville O-S grandstands, I'll trade for them. Tell me what you're in 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 (Nov 03)

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Gurchik, 203 Horseshoe Dr, Ebensburg, PA 15931 (May 04)

GO-2 Gas Station. Must be complete with excellent or better box, and reasonably priced. I'm also looking for a couple of Plasticville HO Center Square kits and HO vegetable garden sets. Boxes or complete sets not required for the HO items. Contact, Joe Kutza, #99-1, at kutza@erols.com or (301) 528-6679. (May 04)

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 (Nov 03)

Wanted: Work car – brown/black sides, gray/black roof and trim. Plow – red w/yellow trim. #02-157, John Torgerson, 2712 Del Ray Ave, LaCrosse, WI 54603 Ph. (608) 783-3785 (Nov 03)

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Rd, New Hope, PA 18938 (Jul03)

Wanted: ANY Plasticville, Littletown and Skyline Churches, (only with original boxes and accessories please), Contact jge107@psu.edu #01-39, Josh Erling, 821 Southgate Rd, Apt B-11, State College, PA 16801 (Apr 03)

Wanted #1985 Scenic Classic Log Cabin, like new, boxed or mint. #1503 Add-A-Floor box EX+, #1504 Mobile Home awning white also any Storytown parts, people, boxes, or poems. Rsipes@webtv.net #01-39, Richard Sipes, 839 First St, Nescopeck, PA 18635. (Jul 03)

Upper walkway for the coaling station, cape cod front wall in salmon with white trim. #01-44, Steven A Brown, 1704 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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)

Unbuilt – HO cardstock prewar kits from the following manufacturers: Comet: numbers R-1, 2, 5-Reefers, & 6. Megow: numbers Q-1 American Transit, Q-6 Krey Packing company, Q-11 Northern Pacific Refrigerator, Q-15 Swift Refrigerator, Q-16 Union Transit Refrigerator, Q-20 Lackawana Refrigerator, Q-21 B&O Caboose, Q-23 B&O Gondola, Q-24 B&O Wagon Top Boxcar, Q-25 Gulf Tank Car, Q-26 Southern Pacific Boxcar, R-62 Pacific Fruit. # 01-81, Chris Rossbach, 135 Richwood Dr, Gloversville, NY 12078 (Nov 03)

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)

1808 Charcoal roof 2-story house. 1701 Red Roof New England Ranch, 1852 Dark Blue Ranch, 1852 Aqua blue Ranch, LCCA Barn w/ "See Rock City", 1707 Loading Platform Box, 1611 Hardware Box, 1705 Ranch house box, 1812 Ranch house box, 1614 Police Dept Box chuckaboom@juno.com #02-183, Charles Swanson P.O. Box 33042 Knoxville, TN 37930 865.693.5740 (Nov 03)

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