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Dues for 2005 only \$8.00!

The dues for the third year in a row are only \$8.00! This is made possible by those who have opted to receive only the electronic version of the newsletters and roster. A pen engraved with the PCA name, website address, and founding year will be sent to all members who opt for the electronic version for 2005. Please send an email to secretary@plasticvilleusa.org if you wish to become an ePCA member and have already sent in your dues for 2005.

There also was continued cost management during this year. That also contributed to being able to hold the annual dues at \$8.00.

Dues for 2004 are now past due. Please send your payment of \$8.00 to: Plasticville Collectors Association, 601 SE Second Street, Ankeny, IA 50021-3207 if you have not already done so. A check or money order is preferred.

Early payment ensures that you will be listed in the 2005 PCA roster that will be mailed with the February 2005 issue of *The Villager* and also found on the Members Only section of the website at that time. Your new membership card will also be mailed with that issue of *The Villager* or along with your pen if you have decided to become an ePCA member.

Note: The PCA bylaws state that a new membership is retroactive to the beginning of the current calendar year and that all members are to receive all materials published during the current calendar year, up to the time of their membership, as part of their New Member packet. This ensures that new members enjoy all of the publications of the PCA for that year and also that their membership is concurrent with the other members.

Nominations for 2005 Officers

In accordance with the PCA bylaws, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer are now open. All members in good standing may be nominated and self-nomination is acceptable and encouraged. Those nominees who are elected will serve as officers for the year 2005. You may view the duties of each office on the website or contact secretary@plasticvilleusa.org for a printed copy.

The Executive Committee voted to split the newsletter editor and Secretary/Treasurer duties. The task of editing the newsletter, along with selling and coordinating the advertising contained in the newsletter is a fair amount of work. The Executive Committee felt it more equitable to split these duties in two. The Secretary/Treasurer position will still be considered as an office while the newsletter editor will be a volunteer position. John Niehaus, our current Secretary/Treasurer

has decided not to run for that office again for 2005. He has agreed to continue as the newsletter editor for 2005.

Ballots will be mailed to all active members in good standing on or about December 31, 2004. The results will be published in the February issue of *The Villager*.

Please mail your nominations to Secretary, Plasticville Collectors Association, Officer Nomination, 601 SE Second St., Ankeny, Iowa 50021-3207 or email your nominations to secretary@plasticvilleusa.org.

Nominations must be received by December 15, 2003 to be included on the ballot.

Editor's note: *Joe Kutza, Doug Gilliatt, and John Niehaus have each held their current offices since the PCA was chartered. They collectively feel that it is time for other members to offer their talents in guiding the PCA. Please consider running for one of the three positions.*

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From the President's Desk



Hello fellow PCA Members! Our last newsletter was in August, the dog days of summer. Sure there are more flea markets and garage sales in the summer, but the fall brings with it hints of winter, and of Christmas. I don't have a year round display, so I tend to go nuts with my holiday layout. I'm already starting to plan this years 4'x20' extravaganza. What color houses to use, what version of the church to use, how big will the barn scene be, can I really use all 130 trees I picked up at York in the Spring? All these questions are running through my mind, and won't be answered until I'm finished setting it up. I'll try to take some photos and post them on the Plasticville Yahoo Group when it's all said and done.

I have two major points to make this time around. I'll go through some notes and pricing for items I saw at the bandit meets in York this Fall, but first I want to make one last pitch for some folks to step up to the plate and help the PCA move forward by volunteering to run for an office. I think I made it clear in the last issue of the Villager that John is overworked and has decided to continue with his Villager editor duties, but to step down from his Secretary-Treasurer position. Therefore, we need a Secretary-Treasurer! We need someone to just say, "What the heck, I'll do it", even if just for a year. I know we have some experienced club members out there, but even if you're not experienced but are willing to learn please let us know. We must fill the vacant secretary-treasurer position, but feel free to run for President and Vice-president too. Just do it.

What was going on in York this Fall? Well, I've been exhausted for months. Anyone who says government workers don't earn their keep can follow me around for a few weeks! That said, I was unable to attend the main York meet on October 15-16. However, I snuck away for most of the day on Thursday the 14th and went to the so-called bandit meets. If you're not a York veteran, the bandit meets take place at various locations and days on the Monday through Thursday leading up to the main York meet at the fairgrounds. There are four of these meets, each with its own pros and cons.

About two years ago, I did a little write up on my visits to the bandit meets, and not a whole lot has changed. I started off at the Best Western on Kenneth Road, mainly because it was the first one I came across. Pulling up to the place, you wouldn't expect to find much, but I tend to do pretty well here. Here's the story this time: I was looking at a few items from one vendor, and picked up some pieces to a dark gray Police Dept for \$3 when I noticed a big box of glued Plasticville at \$5 per item. As I was rooting through the box, I came to realize that it belonged to PCA member Gerry Fuglewicz. I've

met many PCA Members over my last several visits to York, but it seems like I always run into Gerry. We got to shootin' the breeze and while we were doing so, Kurt Rabold, who's a good friend of Gerry's came up to us and said "look what I found?!" He had about three Lionel Plasticville sets. Not the rarest ones, but a really nice haul at a really cheap price! It turns out he found them at the next table over. If Gerry and I didn't stop to talk, one of us would have gotten to them first. I don't think it would have really bothered us except that Kurt always seems to find the best stuff. He's got the knack.

The next stop was the Holidome, just down the street. The Holidome had the best selection of Plasticville, but I only bought a couple of things there. One person had a Make n Play Junior Fire Chief's set. The box was really sweet. I stopped to look at it closer, just out of curiosity. When I opened the box, there was a regular fire department in there. White walls, red roof. I said, "I think this should have red walls, and a white roof". The guy just looked at me like I was from another planet obviously a Plasticville novice. It was also missing the pencil sharpener, so I said thanks, but no thanks and went on. PCA Members Gary Mosholder and Dave Horner are set up here, so I stopped for a moment to say hello to them and see how things were going. As I was headed out, I ran into Shirley Hunter. It's always nice talking to Shirley, and she usually has a good story to tell about something she found. This time she and her husband had a slight issue with their flight and had to switch planes after starting down the runway. They made it just fine, but better than me!

Next on the route was another Holiday Inn known as the Billy Budd. This is a bit further out from the other sites, on Arsenal Road near I-83. I didn't have a real good experience there last time, and considered blowing it off, but I'm glad I didn't. Almost nobody was set up outside, but there were several vendors inside. One of the outside vendors had quite a bit of Plasticville, mostly unboxed or pieces and parts. I found a barn with a green roof, complete for \$10. That was good because I've been looking for one. I also picked up a Hospital, complete, no box, no furniture, but it did have two cardboard second floors with it. For \$10, I grabbed it. Then I saw two Marx boxed items, a Ranch House, and a Church. The boxes were phenomenal. It's tough to find Marx items with nice boxes, so I grabbed them for \$30 each. It turns out the Church was missing the roof, so if anyone has an extra Marx Church roof, let me know. That was it for the Billy Budd. The inside had nothing.

The last stop for the day was the Reliance Fire Hall on Market Street. Here I ran into Joel of Joel's trains and Bob Persing of Bobbylines, both PCA Members with tables set up. There was at least one other Plasticville

person there, I know that Bob knows him, but I can't remember his name. He always has several, I should say many, Plasticville boxed sets. Overall they were very nice, and the prices were quite reasonable. If you're looking for boxed sets, I suggest stopping by to see him. Bob showed me his yellow and red Marx water tower that stimulated some discussion on the Plasticville Yahoo Group recently, as well a nice Marx traffic light in a super box. I didn't tell Bob, but I was darn close to buying the traffic light. It was pretty cool. If I had told him, he would have talked me into it. Maybe next time, if it's still there.

That wraps up the brief overview of the bandit meets. I plan to get to the main York meet in the Spring and will have a review soon thereafter. In the meantime, here's my quick run through of prices I saw at the bandit meets. The descriptions are not according to the approved PCA standards, because I didn't have the time to properly grade each item. This is just a quick review..... yellow diner, VG, no box, \$8; small gas station, VG, no box, \$15; Hospital, VG, no box, \$30; orange K-Line garage in original bag, no box, \$10; HU-6 in decent box, complete, \$65; SU-4, complete, lots of tape on box, \$95; Turnpikes, complete with VG boxes, \$65 and \$75; 5&10, no box, VG, \$10; 5&10, glued, good, \$6; greenhouse, glued, \$20;

Sitting People in EX+ box, still in original cellophane bag, \$225; Bank, no box, EX, \$30; SU-5, complete, EX box, \$125; CH-9 heavy tape on box, \$28; new vehicles, \$12.50; new greenhouse, \$15; 5608, very nice box, complete, \$125; HU-7 with heavy tape, \$50; small supermarket with bad box, \$35; small gas station with crushed box, \$35; Storytown 3 men in a tub, EX box, complete, no rhyme, \$55; HS-6 Hospital with furniture, EX box, \$65; house under construction, light gray, EX box, \$100; orange bus, \$14; barn with chrome trim, no box, VG, \$25; Airport Hangar in a bad box, \$30; Red CT-6, \$35; Greenhouse, glued, \$10; FH-4 in a nice box, \$25; Greenhouse, complete in a nice box, \$55.

These were the prices as marked. Keep in mind that with very few exceptions, these prices are negotiable. You can easily get \$2-\$5 off the cheaper items and maybe \$10-\$20 or more off the expensive items. As always, the more you buy from one vendor, the cheaper it gets.

I hope you enjoyed these notes, and the rest of this issue of The Villager. This is your newsletter; please let us know what you would like to see here in the future. Have an idea for an article? Let us know. We can work with you to get something together. Have a nice Holiday Season!!

Vice Presidential Insights

First I want to say that it was an honor to serve as the Vice President of the PCA this past year again, however I believe it is now time for me to step aside and allow another member to take my place. It has truly been an honor to work with Joe and John in helping to get our organization off the ground. I hope that the next person to step into my shoes will continue to assist our organization and bring the PCA to a new and higher level.

The growth of our group still astounds me and I hope this pattern continues as more people hear about us or find us on the Web. Remember to mention the PCA as you attend Train shows or anywhere else train "nuts" are found. I include myself in the "nut" group.

The summer heat is still hanging on with us in Arizona (But it's a dry heat)! And I am sorry to say that I have not been very successful this summer in snagging any prize catches, but it was fun trying. I did manage to ride the Grand Canyon Railroad to the Canyon and spend a few days looking over (literally) one of the greatest natural wonders on our planet.

Next, I want to again remind everyone please remember to patronize our advertisers that support the PCA.

And last, I want to say again that it was an honor to serve as the Vice President of the PCA these past years during our beginning and the period of our growth and expansion. PCA Vice-President, Doug Gilliatt

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These are high quality fine point pens with the new "soft grip". They come with black ink. The barrels of the pens are in PCA blue with gold-tone accents. Three

lines of information are engraved on each pen in gold-tone also. The first line reads, "Plasticville Collectors Assn". The second contains the URL of the PCA website while the last line states, "Established 1999".

Help keep the PCA dues low by opting for the electronic version and get a very nice pen as a way of the PCA saying, "Thank You".



Become an ePCA member for 2005 and a pen like the one shown will be sent to you with your 2005 membership card. The pen has the new "soft grip", comes in fine point with black ink and gold-tone accents and three lines of gold engraving. Just put a note in with your 2005 membership dues payment indicating that you wish to get your 2005 newsletters off the PCA website instead of printed copies through the mail. (The light stripe along the blue area is from camera flash. It is not on the actual pen.)

The Polymer Theater, Take 2

The article in the last issue on Deb Deming's Polymer Theater brought a nice reply from Mike Cedro. Mike wrote, "I loved the Theatre that the Demmings made in the last issue. They do terrific work! I wanted to make

one myself, but I had no Bank parts, so I redesigned it with a Hospital on top. This is the Stardust Theatre, and true to my heritage, "The Godfather" is playing." Mike also included some photos of his Stardust Theater.



Mike used a hospital for the upper portion of his theater. Notice how he turned the Accident Ward entrance into a billboard.



True to his heritage, *The Godfather* is playing at his Stardust Theater.

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Tips from a Successful eBay Seller

by Jack Maikos

It was in 1979 and about a week before Christmas when my two young daughters came home from visiting a friend. It appeared that the friend's father had a Lionel train layout complete with Plasticville buildings set up for Christmas in his basement. My enamored daughters thought this was "awesome" and asked me if we could set up a train layout.. Little did they know that I had saved two of my original 1950's Lionel train sets from my own childhood. I also had a bunch of Plasticville buildings to add to a layout. After I set up the layout, my daughters were quite critical of the conditions of the Plasticville buildings. Some of the buildings were glued together, "snow stained", others were broken or had missing parts, such as chimneys, lights, etc. so; I set out on a mission to upgrade my Plasticville buildings. Who would think that this quest would lead to a 25 year hobby of Plasticville collecting!

After purchasing many Plasticville buildings at train shows, my collection grew to an unmanageable amount. I was purchasing large lots of Plasticville as well as buying complete train collections. When you buy train collections, you seem to always get some Plasticville thrown in. I actually had no room to store the extra Plasticville. Fortunately, a colleague suggested that I sell the buildings on eBay. Unfortunately, I was computer illiterate at the time, so my colleague literally spoon fed me through the process. Of course, the eBay help staff was also very supportive. I initially placed 5 Plasticville up for bid. They all sold! Thus began a hobby in 1996 that continues till today.

This hobby has opened the door for many interesting experiences. I have been instrumental in convincing many people to become eBayers.

I am constantly asked for advice on eBay selling techniques. Some techniques that have worked for me are: first and foremost, make the title of your auction appealing and descriptive. For example, if the item is rare or mint, state that in the title. Do not use words like "wow" or "cute" or other silly adjectives in your description. Many eBayers get turned off with flowery title descriptions.

Do not use a reserve and start the bidding at .99 cents. Start at a reasonable bid and indicate that there is a moderate reserve. I have a friend that always bids on the .99 cent auctions in hopes that he gets the "DEAL" of the

century. Of course, he never wins but he still keeps bidding even though it states that the auction has a reserve.

In the description, BE HONEST with what you are selling. Do not use words such as "vintage" to describe items that are only 10 years old. Do not state that an item is rare just because you believe that it is quite old. Age does not necessarily convey rareness. Do not state that an item is mint when it is not brand new and is not in a new, original box. Describe the article concisely and accurately.

If you include a picture of an item with a box (which

really increases the chances of selling your item) take the item out of the box so a prospective bidder can see the condition, color, total pieces and any other aspect that will help the eBayer decide if they are interested in bidding on that item. Include in the description if the item is glued together, any breaks, cracks or glue stains, etc. Be cogent but not overwhelming.

Do not caution bidders with statements that are threatening, such as "you must contact me within 3 days or I will send negative feedback". Nor should you give long winded conditions of selling procedures. Many eBayers have told me that they simply turn off these types of auctions.

Indicate the shipping and handling costs, your return procedures, if insurance is necessary and type of payment. Experience, of course, will be your best selling feature.

When the auction is over, contact the winning bidder as soon as possible. Communication is very important. When a successful action is completed, send the winning bidder a positive feedback. Human nature indicates that people like to be complimented on their success. Do not send negative feedback without contacting the

winning bidder. Many times a compromise can be worked out. I have received over 1000 positive feedbacks and only two have been negative. Both of these feedbacks were sent without communicating with me before the feedbacks were issued. Also, both feedbacks were from first time eBayers.

Another aspect of eBaying has been the impact of meeting many interesting people from varying parts of the world. I have made many eBay "friends" through my



A gift of a display case and a starter collection from one of Jack's regular eBay customers got him interested in collecting marbles.

eBay interactions. One individual, who became a constant winner of my auctions, actually got me interested in collecting marbles! He even sent me a starter collection. Imagine my surprise when I opened a UPS package he sent and it contained 21 marbles and a beautiful display case! Check out the enclosed photo of the marble collection. Many eBayers also send photos of their layouts; some have even circled the Plasticville buildings that they have won from me on eBay. One eBayer from

California even stopped by while on a business trip to see my layout. These are just three of the many examples that collecting Plasticville and selling them on eBay have provided me with lasting experiences.

Who would have known in 1979 that I would be so involved in Plasticville collecting and also the selling these items on a yet to be discovered world wide net called eBay?

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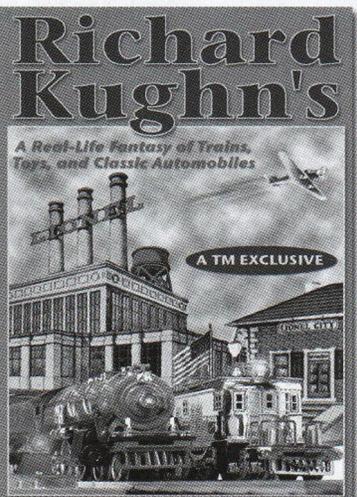
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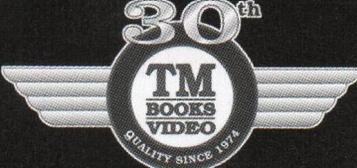
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Along the "HO" Line The Dark Red Cape Cod

By Dominic St. John

Those of us who collect the HO line of Plasticville are always looking for that next piece that is just a little more interesting than your common run of the mill kit. I think we all agree it is the color that can put a particular kit on the rare list. How often it is found, as well as how many are currently held in our collections, will go a long way in verifying that it belongs on that list. Well I, along with a couple of my fellow HO collectors, believe this HO Cape Cod House deserves just that place on Plasticville HO rare list. I think we all like a little mystery now and then.

This Cape Cod House, with its deep red color, seems to raise more questions than it answers. It has been found, by PCA member and HO Plasticville collector Bruce Batten, in a boxed set. It has been seen in the 0415 Lionel HO Cape Cod kit that was sold on eBay. And in my case the Dark Red Capes I have were found loose and not boxed. We are left to wonder as to where this house was meant to be found.

Starting with the first kits, in 1952, the HO Cape Cod is found with White walls, Yellow walls and the Forest Green walls. Continuing in 1957 we still find the White and Yellow walls. The Green walls are now a Turquoise and not the darker Forest Green. Also in 1957 a Red roof is now found on the White walled Cape.

This Red, however, is not the same shade as the Dark

Red found on the Cape that this article is referring to. The HO Red and White Cape Cods have a shinier and lighter shade of red on the roof compared to the much darker and deeper red on this house. Here is where I would like to compare the Dark Red HO Cape Cod house to the O&S Dark Blue Rancher.

It is well known, among the Plasticville collectors, that the Dark Blue O&S Rancher is one of the rare colors found in the larger scale kits. It is curious how the two kits come in much darker shades of their respective very common colors. Could this HO Dark Red Cape be the equivalent to the O&S Dark Blue Ranch?

I also question if this Cape was made exclusively for Lionel to package in the 0415 Lionel HO Cape Cod kit. Bachmann did make exclusive colors for the Gilbert HO Suburban Station. The Maroon color found on that Gilbert HO station is not found anywhere

else in the HO line. Could this Dark Red shade be exclusive to Lionel? Could the supply of over stock Dark Red Capes find their way into the Plasticville HO boxed sets as was found by HO Collector Bruce Batten? We may never know for sure but it certainly makes for interesting conversation.



Is this a rare color variation on the HO Cape Cod house? The author and other knowledgeable HO collectors feel that it is just that. This building is a deep red, altogether different from the red found on the roof of the 1957 Cape Cod houses.



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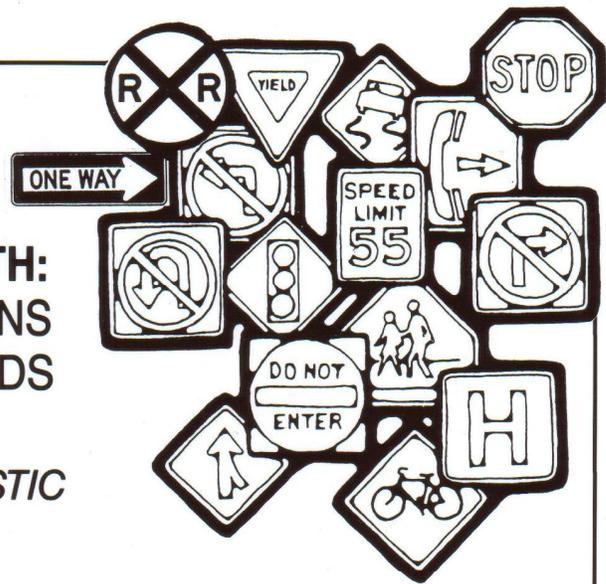


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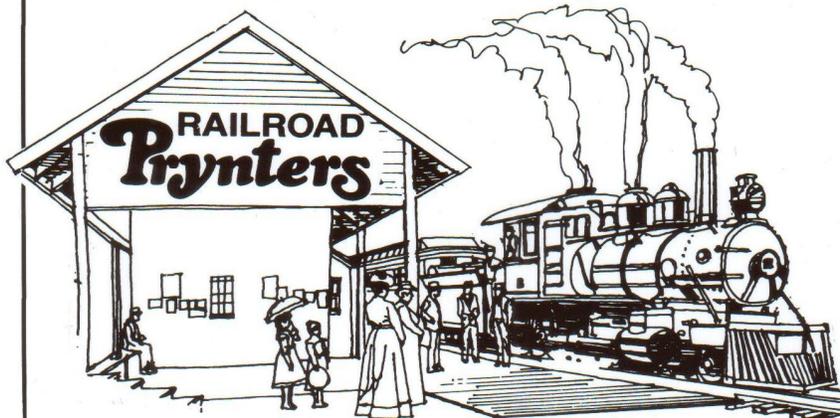
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Super-detailing a Plasticville Diner

By Mike Cedro

So you have an old Plasticville (or K-Line) Diner that has been glued together, but the roof still comes off. Maybe it's even got stains on it. Here's a neat project for you. A nice detailed Diner with detailed interior.

Let's start with the base. I like to use masonite. Cut it to about 2 inches longer than your Diner and up to 4 inches wider than it is, so that you can have a larger sidewalk out front. Then apply a nice layer of flat gray spray paint.

When that is dry, you can make your sidewalk markings and (if you choose) cracks, both done with a fine point black pen.

Now remove the Diner's doors and window blinds. The blinds can go into your parts supplies. We will not be using them, because we want to be able to see the Diner's interior clearly through the windows without obstructions. Now we will need to saw or sand tabs off the wall that were there to hold the blinds in.

At this point, it is time to paint the building, if you are going to do so. Spray paint will yield the most even results. Then you can paint the trim in complimentary colors.

If you are going to use a tile floor or something other than the gray paint for the floor, now is the time to cut it to fit and glue to the masonite base. Then

you can glue down the Diner. For these steps, use a good tacky contact glue like **GOO Household**.

I cut out long strips of clear plastic for the window glass and glue it in. I also like to use it for the door,

because you can see in better that way.

Back on the computer you will need to design a good back wall backdrop with cooking bench, coffee urn, wall

clock, and other diner items. They need not be 3-dimensional. You also need to make a nice long counter with condiments, details, and maybe some tip money printed in place. This will be folded for depth.



The floor, back wall backdrop, and counter with details for your diner can be created on your computer. The back wall backdrop does not need to be three dimensional. Things to include on the backdrop are a menu board, coffee urns, a cooking counter, and a clock.

Now glue the backdrop to the back wall. Then fold and glue down the counter. If you choose to have stools at your counter, they are cut down from "axel pegs" made for axels and hubs for wooden trains or vehicles. I buy mine at **Menards**, but you can probably get them at **Michael's, Hobby Lobby**, or any craft shop. Cut them down for the right height, and install them into a narrow masonite strip with the correct size holes drilled in it. Paint the set and glue it down.

The booths are made with 3/8" square wood stock and cardstock backs. The booth table tops could be left plain, but I detail them on my computer for a better effect. When gluing in place, be sure to leave enough room for your figures to fit. (I always recommend Circus Craft sitting figures for this)

Interior finishing details include dinner plates and silverware from Circus Craft, a nice juke box, and customers. Exterior details include trash cans (especially the "Homie Pigeon" one) and anything else you can think of that would make your Diner look interesting.



Finish off your diner with a "Homie Pigeon" trashcan, a telephone booth, autos, figures, and anything else that will make your diner more personalized.

Pen Tips

Share your knowledge and be rewarded. Submit a "How To" or a little known fact about Plasticville, Bachmann, or any other plastic village manufacturer and receive a PCA pen for your efforts. You will receive a custom engraved PCA pen in PCA blue with gold-toned accents when the tip is published in *The Villager*. Send your tips to villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org or mail them to Pen Tips, PCA, 601 SE Second Street, Ankeny, Iowa 50021-3207

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Pen Tips

Keeping Older Buildings Together

By Paul Bruemmer

Paul writes, "A member in the past newsletter asked about a method to keep some older buildings together (without using glue) as sometime with age they tend to lose their grip. I have been using Stikki Wax (brand name), a kind of museum wax that is used to keep curios tightly attached to a shelf. It looks like a stick of gum, but you only need to use a very little bit; it will last forever. It never hardens like candle wax, it always remains pliable, and you can remove it with your fingernail. But it does the trick. I have used it to keep the walls of the corn

crib, the roof hatch of the apartment building, and the walls of the airport hangar together. I even used it to refasten a light from the schoolhouse to the light base. You can get this at Ben Franklin, or an arts and crafts store."

Thanks Paul, a PCA pen, as shown in this newsletter, is on its way to you for this tip. Send in your tip and the PCA will send you a pen also when the tip is published in The Villager.

Is the Chromed Bar for Your Frosty Bar Correct?

By Sheldon Wotring

Sheldon Wotring informs me that you can determine if the chromed bar for your Frosty bar is correct. He states that the plastic underneath the chrome should be the same color as the roof of your Frosty Bar.

A PCA pen is on its way to Sheldon for this "Pen Tip".

The PCA Corner Store Items for sale by the PCA

Visit the PCA website to view all of the items offered.

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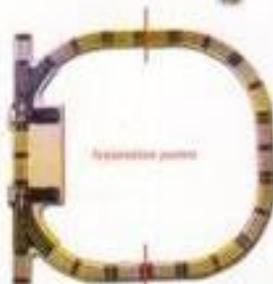
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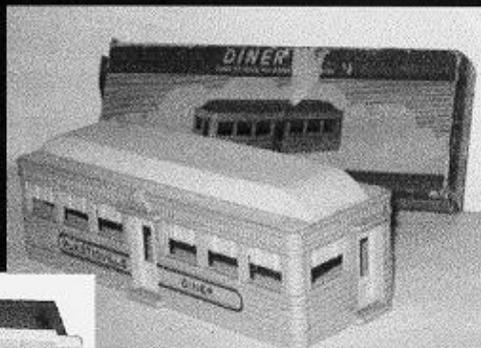
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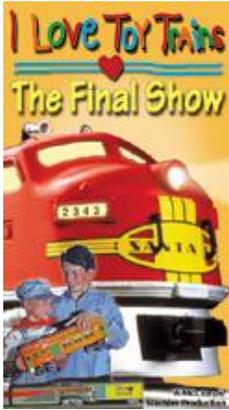


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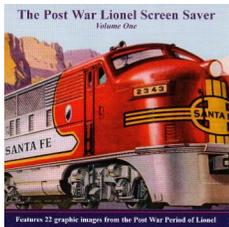
I love Toy Trains, the Final Show, #12.95 VHS, \$14.95 DVD, a video by TM Books and Video. (40 minutes approximate running time.)

All good things must come to an end. TM Books & Video have made a total of twelve videos in their I Love Toy Trains series. This video is their thirteenth and final offering.

A visit to the Carail museum with an emphasis on the circus portion of Dick Kughn's layout is shown on this video. The most unique layout presented is a huge Lego layout.

Not only does this offering have new material but it also offers a short retrospective of the previous videos. Short clips from previous shows are interspersed throughout. Brief shots of operating accessories that fail to operate correctly are also included. There is also a sequence in which accessories seem to operate in reverse.

The video also gives its viewers a brief tour of the TM headquarters. One is allowed into the editing room



The Post War Lionel Screen Saver, Volume One. \$19.95. Tandem Associates LLC.

The screen saver installed on my Windows XP machine without a problem. My concern after installing it was how it would affect the overall performance of my computer. I have had some instances where screensavers have caused my machine to freeze. This piece of software has performed flawlessly since installation.

There are a total of twenty two (22) different images that display sequentially when the screensaver executes. The quality of the images is excellent.

Most Lionel screen savers that I have seen are nothing more than scans of catalog covers. The images in this screen saver are all custom made pictures of pages from the Lionel postwar catalogs per Tandem Associates' website.

There are only three catalog covers amongst the images. The other nineteen images are from within various postwar catalogs. The additional images include the Lionel Alcos of 1957 as shown on page 8 of that years' catalog. Another image is that of the Marine Corps sets of 1958. The CD insert states that this image, "merges page four and five of the 1958 catalog and the

where all of the taping is finally made into the finished product. The tour also visits the many layouts used in the creation of the videos.

There is a retrospective of Jeff's being the narrator since I Love Toy Trains number 5. It was interesting to see how Jeff has grown up and matured both as a youngster and also how his stage presence has improved over the life of this series.

I felt that the time I spent watching this newest and last edition of I love Toy Trains was not only enjoyable but also very informative. It was even fun to watch a second time. I am sure that I will watch it again.

TM Books and Video has also put all twelve of the previous I Love Toy Trains videos on four VHS tapes. The tapes contain numbers 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 respectively. They are priced at \$19.95 each. The entire set is offered at a special price of \$69.95. They are also available on DVD for \$79.95.

TM Books and Video may be contacted on line at <http://www.tmbooks-video.com>. Their toll free number for placing an order is 800 892-2822. You may also contact them with inquiries at 219 879-2822. They may be reached by mail at TM Books & Video, PO Box 279, New Buffalo, Michigan, 49117.

background was brought in from page 17 of the same catalog...expanded and modified".

When I received the review copy of the Postwar Lionel Screen Saver from Tandem Associates I was not sure what to expect. I have seen other screen savers that are nothing more than a few scans of catalog covers put together and called a screen saver. I am pleased to state that this is not the case with The Post War Lionel Screen Saver! It's a keeper

The screensaver is available at some train shows, catalogs, the TCA museum, through Tandem Associates' website or through direct mail.

I suggest you view Tandem Associates' website. They offer more than a virtual store. The site includes free train related strips of graphics for use on your own website. The graphics include both Lionel and American Flyer. I also contains a large listing of Lionel and Flyer books and videos with links to the seller.

You may contact Tandem Associates at PO Box 245, Whitmire, SC, 29178-0245 or on the web at <http://www.tandem-associates.com>. Their order phone number is 803 694-6312.

Editor's note: Charles Wilbur, President of Tandem Associates is a PCA member. In addition to the Lionel Post War Screen Saver, he has reproduced two of the Type 6 box covers as wallpaper. I have seen the Switch Tower version and it is of the same high quality as the screen saver.

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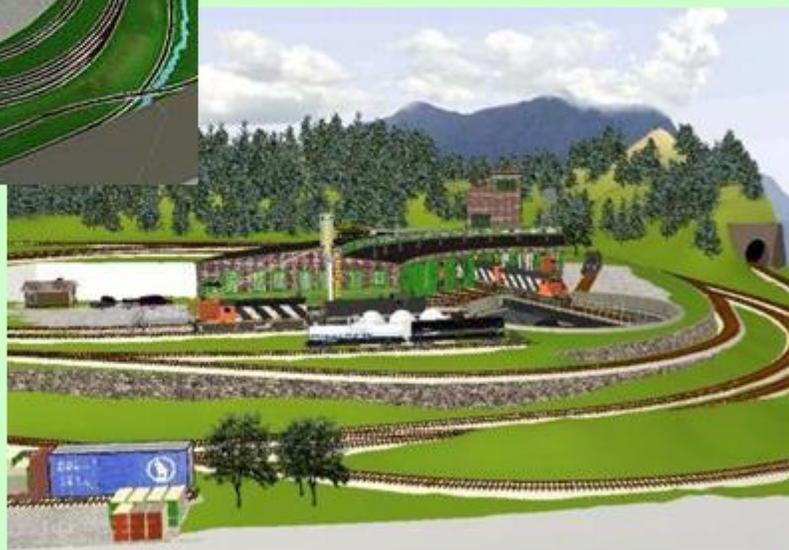
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Jeff Blazo, Hanford, CA
Richard A Longley, East Aurora, NY

as of October 1, 2004. Their names are now listed in the on line roster.

Anna R Manson, Willow Street, PA
Lawrence I Rappoldt, Coatesville, PA
Norman E Brickl, Baraboo, WI
Paul DiStefano, Wilmington, DE

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

Charles S Wilber, Whitmire, SC
Anatol Vasiliev, Vineland, NJ
Ed G Commander, Oklahoma City, OK
Richard J Manzano, Bronxville, NY
Michael J Denuty, Spokane, WA

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 January 1, 2005.

Tom J Landis, Dover, PA
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45979 Coaling station. Complete in box. Best Offer. mfrankfsa@yahoo.com, #02-189, Michael Frank, 100 Arden St., (5B), New York, NY 10040 (Nov 04)

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Ads may be edited to conform to both the suggested naming convention and to bring them to fewer than 50 words if payment for the excess words is not included with the ad.

Plasticville parts for sale: Please visit my eBay store, "North Pole Rail Road". Good used parts: walls, roofs, windows, and doors. Many priced at 99¢. More added every week. Thank You. beaglema@myshorelink.com #04-248, Robert Y Anderson, 119 Dundee Ave, Chester, MD 21619. (May 05)

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Motel 1 'R' Salmon end wall, 2 white roofs, 1 white walkway. Independence Hall, 1 clock wall side w/4 posts white w/black clock lettering, 1 clock wall front w/8 posts, black clock lettering. Turnpike Interchange, 1 blue door. #03-206, Robert F Rzasa, 379 Tully Rd, Orange, MA 01364 (Nov 04)

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