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Jim Dawes Becomes President of the PCA

Glenn Bowman, the PCA President since January, 2009 tendered his resignation as President of the

PCA effective April 15, 2011. As per our by-laws, Jim Dawes, our Vice-President became President at that time.

Glenn's leadership of the PCA is perhaps reflected most by his desire to upgrade and update our web site. His extensive knowledge, and collection of photographs have contributed greatly to the current state of the site.

Additionally, Glenn challenged all of us to take a second look at the items in our collections and really notice the little things; the multiple shades of the School House roof is an excellent example, as is the difference between a light blue or light yellow Ranch House versus a pastel blue or pastel yellow Ranch House, the satin-like red and brown colors of later Plasticville roofs, and of course the Aqua color variation of the Ranch House. Glenn's direct and rather blunt communication within the Executive Committee meetings was a refreshing and welcome change to cut the bull and get the job done. Glenn remains an active PCA member and I certainly look forward to his continued contributions to the PCA. Thanks, Glenn!

Our new President, Jim Dawes was voted in as Vice-President in 2010 and was re-elected in 2011. He has served well in the VP position and has regularly provided helpful advice and initiatives to the Executive Committee. I, the rest of the Executive Committee, and I'm sure all PCA Members wish Jim well in his new leadership role.

Executive Committee Update: Normally, the immediate past-President serves as a member of the Executive committee to ensure continuity and assistance through a leadership transition. Glenn will not be serving in this capacity. Fred Ruby, also a past President of the PCA will continue to serve in this role. The Office of Vice President was briefly vacant with Jim taking over as President. Our by-laws do not cover this eventuality. Jim and the rest of the Executive Committee voted to temporarily name another previous Vice-President, Doug Gilliatt, to fill in until the end of the 2011 term. Many thanks to Doug for once again stepping up and helping out the PCA. His experience and advice will again be welcomed by the Executive Committee

Order Placed for 10th Anniversary Barns



An order was placed with Bachmann Industries, for 240 PCA special color 10th anniversary barns on March 25. The pieces are to be in the same colors as the 5th anniversary two story house. (See the article on page 6) related to how an order in the United States is placed with

the manufacturing facility in China.

They will be unique in that they will have the PCA logo as well as 10th Anniversary and 1999-2009 painted on the milk house roof. It will not be a sticker.

There is no projected date when we will receive the pieces but you can rest assured that as soon as they are delivered that they will be sent out to those who have ordered them.

The pieces will be sent by Priority Mail in boxes that can accommodate only one piece. You may not receive both buildings on the same date if you ordered two although they will be shipped on the same day.

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From the President's Desk



Hi all, Well May has finally arrived after a very rainy April, but now we have had 21 straight days of rain here in May in Syracuse, NY. I guess we should not complain for all the tornadoes, etc. that is going on around the states.

I hope everyone had a great time at the York Train Show in April, it rained there too so I did not set up my tables outside (as usual) at the Best Western. I did enjoy the three other shows plus the Fairgrounds. There was a lot of Plasticville for sale at all price ranges - good, bad and ugly. Saw Hobo Shacks

on Thursday for \$190.00 each. The vendor asked if that was a good price, I told him " they were definitely too high priced for my pockets," I noticed on Friday, he still had them.

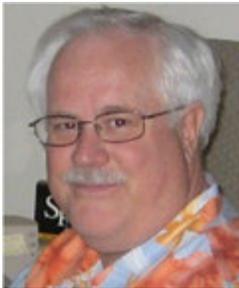
I enjoyed the Friday Meeting at the restaurant - good meal, fellowship and meeting all the members.

I would like to welcome Doug Gilliatt as our new Vice President. I am looking forward to working with him in the future.

Hope everyone has a great summer as we are on the trail for more Plasticville and other Collectable's.

Your President, Jim Dawes

Vice Presidential Insights



I want to first thank the other PCA board meetings for asking me to step in and fill the vacated position as Interim Vice President. Since this position was just given to me this past weekend I really have nothing to say except I will perform my duties as long as I am needed.

Since Glen Bowman's resignation I am sure our new President Jim Dawes; will do a fine job in guiding or organization going forward. I look forward to working with him as well as the other board members again.

I want to wish all of our members and their families a safe and happy Summer. With gas prices as they are about all I can do is hit the local garage sales to see if I get lucky

and find a piece of Plasticville or something else for the layout.

If you bought something recently or received a gift and you believe that it would be of interest please write a short article and maybe a picture or two for publication in the Villager.

As I have said many, many times before in *The Villager*, it is the hope of all of us that our organization continues to grow and attract new members which will allow us to be as vibrant and interesting as it is today into the future. While new membership is essential to the continuation and expansion of our organization we must all continue to be a source of interest/learning to our existing membership.

And as always, I want to remind everyone please remember to patronize our advertisers that support the PCA
PCA Vice-President, Doug Gilliatt

Notes From the Editor



It is sad but as you read on the front page our current President, Glenn Bowman, has decided to resign that position for various reasons. I have known Glenn since his joining the PCA in 2003. He has been very instrumental in getting the Cape Cod, ranch house, and two story house

sections of our website to their present state. I sincerely hope that even though he has resigned as President that he will continue to provide his photos and knowledge of plastic village buildings to the PCA.

This thank you is three months late due to space in the February issue of *The Villager*. I wish to thank all of you who sent extra used stamps to me during the annual membership renewal period. The total weight of all the

extra stamps plus those on return envelopes was nearly one pound.

Not a single stamp is thrown away. I save even the common everyday stamps as they are used as part of rehabilitation programs for wounded military personnel.

As noted on the front page, the barns have been ordered. I still foresee a shipping date of no later than late September. You can be assured that I will ship them to you as soon as they are received as I really do not have the space in my house for twenty cases of buildings.

If you have visited our website recently, you may have noticed the link with the name of *Warning Label*. Clicking on this link will navigate you to a page that displays the warning label now mandated by California law on all packages that contain a product that may have, per the California list, a known carcinogen.

The link was added to enable anyone concerned about the warning label to send an email directly to a Bachmann representative for a reply. If anyone contacts you regarding the warning label I suggest you point them to the *Warning Label* link in the *Information* section of our website rather than attempt to explain the why's and wherefore's of the label.

As of this newsletter, the PCA on Facebook lacks friends. There are only 18 people who "like" the site. C'mon folks, let's get that number up to three figures. To find the site and then "like" it all you have to do is to open up your Internet browser, go to facebook.com and search on PCA - Plasticville then click "like". This is just another way of promoting the PCA and showing people that we are serious about our organization.

I recently received a classified ad form from a member looking for trains. As this member also had some Plasticville to trade, I was able to reword his ad and put it in the *For Trade* section of the classified ads. As we are a plastic village collecting organization I ask that your classified ads be related to plastic village pieces unless you have plastic village pieces as trade items for trains.

My thanks to Charles Swanson for his donation of an assortment of plastic village parts to the PCA. Charles brought a box of assorted Plasticville and other manufacturer's items to the Spring York PCA luncheon. He announced that anyone who could use any of the pieces should take them and that he was going to throw away what was not taken. The members who attended the luncheon took many pieces but a significant amount remained. I suggested that he donate them to the PCA as a charitable donation instead of throwing them. Charles agreed. I will get a link to a list of available parts posted to our website and will announce its location as well as publish the list in the August newsletter.

As the PCA is a 501(c)3, tax exempt, organization any donation, whether monetary or unwanted buildings and accessories, made to the PCA are deductible as charitable donations on your Federal and most state income tax forms.

Please keep this in mind if you have buildings, pieces of buildings, broken pieces, or accessories that you no longer want but do not want to toss in the trash hopper. Even broken pieces can be used by some members. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to you upon receipt of your donation regardless of type.

My compliments to PCA member Ron Schlicht. Not only did he get photos of a portion of his layout in the May, 2011 issue of *Classic Toy Trains* magazine but he also had a two page article published on how he took an Ertl country fair set and created a unique scene on his S gauge layout. One of the photo captions describes how he performs "plastic surgery" on figures to get them into the desired pose. Hopefully, some day he will contribute an article to the newsletter describing that process.

Does anyone know the status of PCA member Jack Maikos? Jack has been a member of the PCA since 2002 but failed to renew his membership for 2011. I have not seen him an recent York meets and no longer see eBay listings for "That Plasticville Man". Any information on Jack's status would be greatly appreciated.

Well, I have finally gone and done it. I purchased an actual desktop publishing program for use in editing *The Villager*. For nearly ten years I have used Microsoft Word. It has been a usable but at times very frustrating way to edit the newsletters. You may notice that with this issue we have page numbers! I am hoping that as I get familiar with the software that I can enhance the overall look of the newsletter while still retaining its current format.

Would the following people please send an email to PCA@netins.net with your name in the Subject field. Whenever I send a broadcast email to members yours comes back as undeliverable. Please help me keep you informed as well as ensuring that your membership record is up to date.

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April 2011 Executive Committee Minutes

The April, 2011 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM, Eastern Time, on May 1 by President Jim Dawes.

Those in attendance were; President Jim Dawes, interim Vice-President Doug Gilliatt, Secretary/Treasurer John Niehaus, immediate past President Fred Ruby, and founder Joe Kutza.

Old business:

10th anniversary piece

Secretary Niehaus reported that he has received orders for a total of 226 pieces.

He also reported that he has placed an order for a total of 240 pieces with Bachmann. No delivery date was available from Bachmann when the order was placed. He still believes that they will be received and shipped to those who ordered them by September of this year.

What else do I collect column

Secretary Niehaus reported that he has submission from a member for the My Other Interests column for the May issue and is expecting an additional submission from a third member for the August issue.

Unconfirmed Variations sections on website

Webmaster Kutza reported that the sections should be completed and populated with unconfirmed color variations by the next Executive Committee meeting.

Handouts for York Meet tables

Secretary Niehaus reported that he had fifty handouts to be left on the information tables at the Spring York train meet. He also reported that he has not received any applications related to the handouts.

Secretary Niehaus reported that 500 pens with the PCA name and website on them were provided to those manning the York registration table and that all were given away to attendees who needed a pen to complete a registration form.

Immediate past president Fred Ruby has agreed to find a person to pass pens out at the TCA National Convention in June. He will also pass out pens at the November Cal-Stewart train meet.

PayPal

Webmaster Kutza reported that the PayPal account will be in place before the 2012 dues renewal begins.

MissionFish (donations through eBay/PayPal)

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved not to pursue setting up an automatic donation through eBay/PayPal at this time.

Adding an illustration of the carcinogen label on current Plasticville kits to the PCA home page

Webmaster Kutza reported that the carcinogen label as well as an email hyperlink to Bachmann for a response has been placed in the dropdown under the Information tab in the menu bar on the website.

Multi-year membership payments

Secretary Niehaus reported that he will have a new membership renewal form for the 2012 dues renewal period that will allow members to pay for up to three years dues.

Terms of office for elected officers

Secretary Niehaus reported that there was minimal response to the request for opinions on the duration of an officer's tenure or on the number of consecutive terms an officer could serve.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to change the length of term for officers from one to two years.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to not specify the number of consecutive terms an officer could serve.

New Business

Resignation of Glenn Bowman as PCA President

Joe Kutza announced that he received a letter from Glenn Bowman noting that he was resigning his office of president effective April 15, 2011. Joe mentioned that the gist of the letter was that Glenn did not enough hours in a day for him to accomplish all that he needed".

Secretary Niehaus announced that the letter will be preserved in the PCA archives.

Interim Vice-President

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to appoint former Vice-President Doug Gilliatt to fill the Vice-President office as interim Vice-President for the remainder of the calendar year. Mr. Gilliatt accepted the position.

2012 dues

A discussion was held regarding the need to raise dues for 2012 due to the increase in postal rates and the cost of printing.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to maintain the ePCA dues at \$8.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to raise the black and white and color mailed newsletter dues to \$12 and \$42, respectively.

PagePlus desktop publishing program

Secretary Niehaus, as newsletter editor, reported that members should see some changes in the newsletter in future editions including the addition of page numbers as he has purchased a new desktop publishing program for use in constructing the newsletter.

Shredding of bank statements

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to allow Secretary Niehaus to shred all receipts and check stubs associated with the first five years of Organization records provided that the actual bank statements are retained.

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York Report, April 2011

By Joe Kutza

Not only is the York meet great fun, and a chance to meet up with fellow Plasticville enthusiasts (or nuts!), it's also a good chance to get some much needed exercise. Blue, Silver, Red, White, Purple, Black, Brown and Orange Halls. Row after row, after row of trains and Plasticville. My feet were aching by the time the day was done. And I was only able to attend one day.

As always, it was a lot of fun and I was lucky enough to meet up with several PCA Members throughout the day. You may recall that at the Fall, 2010 York meet I had the magical find of some items in clear plastic (cow, sheep, swing set, chaise lounge and a chair), well, as expected, nothing quite so dramatic was to be found this time. I still did pretty well though.

Perhaps the most interesting finds were a set of 93 Plasticville birds, and box full of Van Brode figures of the World (Mexico, Italy, Bali, Burma, Cuba, etc) that were give-aways in Van Brode cereals back in the 50's. Look them up on-line if you're not familiar with them; they are very interesting. I was glad to have my sons look through them and sort them out as it introduced them to other countries and cultures through a simple plastic figure.

It was interesting that the Bachmann rep I talked to, and showed the birds to, didn't at first believe they were Plasticville at all. He said, "the scale doesn't match at all!" I said, I know, that may be why Bachmann only made them for a couple of years. I then reminded him that they are just toys for kids after all.

I also had a pre-arranged sale with PCA Member Dave who was able to supply me with a Cape Cod House in an HP-8 Flat Box and a Red Roofed Post Office. Though certainly more expensive than most of the Plasticville out there, these were two items that I've been searching for for a long time. I was very happy to finally get them into my collection. Thanks Dave!

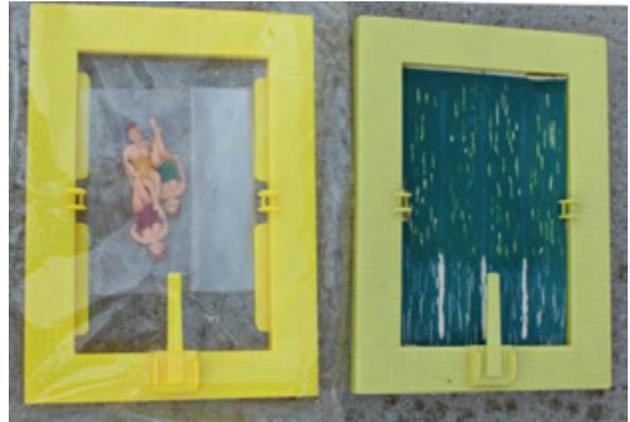
The rest of the day also went well, and I found a number of small parts that will help me to complete some sets, and a variety of empty boxes as well.

As always, the highlight of the day was the PCA luncheon. Once again we had a tremendous turnout (see the photo) and we were particularly pleased to have a visit from the "Mayor of Plasticville" himself, Bill Nole.

There were a few unusual items brought for the show and share portion, and my Commonwealth Plastics lamp post and mailbox in black seemed to get more attention than I expected.

Before I knew it, the lunch was breaking up and everyone was headed back to the Hall's with shouts of "see you in the fall!". I can't wait.

Ready to get your finger on the pulse of pricing again? Well, here we go... Remember, these are just a few of the many, many items at the meet and represent prices as marked, and my assessment of quality is not based on the



Seen at the Friday luncheon: The pool on the left is definitely made on the same mold as the Plasticville pool on the right. Contact the Editor if you have information regarding this item.

PCA Guideline, just a quick look: Fire Dept, complete, no box, \$10; Hospital with furniture, complete, no box, \$30; Greenhouse, no box, damaged flowers, \$45; Marx Firehouse, 3 walls only, \$30; Hobo Shacks, complete VG box, \$275; Davy Crockett Log Cabin in original poly bag, \$275; Christmas Fence, complete in VG box, \$18; 5200 Roadside Rest, complete, G box with tape, \$95; Orange Roof Hangar, complete, VG box, \$100; Mint 1908 Split Level with salmon doors and charcoal roof, mint box, \$15; Bird Baths with blue birds and one with yellow birds, Excellent, \$8 each; LH-4 @-story house with Good box, Red with gray roof and white trim, complete, \$7; 1920 covered bridge, unpainted roadway, marbled gray, missing some pieces, excellent box, \$5; HU-5 Residential Unit, needs a couple of small pieces, but some extra items included, Good to VG box, \$30; Police Station with Good box, complete, \$12; Poplar Trees, mint with Excellent box, \$40. That's it for this time.

My completely subjective opinion of all the prices that I saw at the April 2011 York meet (not just those listed above) leads me to give a rating of 2.5 gold bars to the spring meet.

I had a very difficult time doing the gold bar assessment this time. I think the economy is improving, thus leading to higher prices, and I wouldn't be surprised to see a higher gold bar rating this fall. I decided to keep it at 2.5 as there were indeed just as many "deals" as there were "no deals" in my mind.

The Gold Bar rating (from 1 to 5 bars) is meant to provide an assessment of how much people generally think their plastic village items are worth. A high rating means people think the items they have for sale are worth their weight in gold. The Gold Bar rating represents my opinion only!



H&H Tin Cape Cod

A Comparison to the Plasticville Cape Cod

By Tom Fritsch

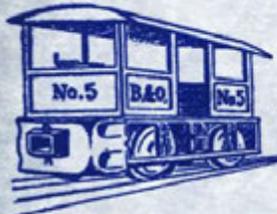
I recently purchased a tin house on e-bay that has a striking resemblance to a Plasticville Cape Cod house. It is printed on the inside edge "H. & H. Sales & Mfg. Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., U. S. A."

It has a light inside with a built in holder under the roof. The dimensions, window/door layout and roof pattern are identical to the Plasticville Cape Cod.



It should have a chimney, but did not come with one – there are two slits in the roof for a chimney.

Could Bachmann purchased the design of this and used it for the Cape Cod? Or might it be the other way around? I placed a Plasticville wall against the tin house to show that it fits perfectly.

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My Other Interests

by Richard Wedekindt

Besides my Plasticville village on my 144 square foot Lionel Train layout, I collect Hallmark Lionel ornaments both large and miniature

But my major interest for the past eight years is historical research.

I am a retired fourth generation funeral director. My son helped me do our family funeral home history as well as a complete family history back to the 1800's. This takes up three volumes and contains 716 pages of information and pictures. Some of our funeral home history can be viewed on our website, www.wedekindt.com. Just click on history on the left green margin.

The photo at right is from 1887 and shows the horse drawn hearse in front of the Wedekindt funeral parlor.

Notice the funeral parlor name on the side of the wagon as well as the funeral parlor sign above and to the right of the driver's head.

This led to my next project on the history of funeral service. This is not a written history, but a collection of 575 digital images in a computer file and a flash drive.

My current research started out as a history of my wife's great uncle Edward J Riegel, who was an artist. He painted under the WPA art program during the Depression. I have photographed over 50 oil portraits of his Fort Niagara, Buffalo City Hall, and Buffalo Museum of Science works. He also co-painted two large murals, one at the Buffalo Zoo and the other at the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society Museum. The project has expanded to photographing all existing WPA art work in the eight counties of western New York.



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Along the "HO" line

Mini Catalogs

By Todd Hendrickson

First I would like to thank member Mr. Bob Johnson for sending me the information on these Mini Catalogs. If any other members would like me to write an article about your favorite kit, please send me any information and pictures you have and I will see what I can come up with.

Starting in 1952 to 1968 Bachmann HO Plasticville kits came with these mini catalogs. The mini catalogs are 3x5 inches in size. They came in 3 different colors, blue, green and black. The four catalogs Bob sent are all different.



The number of HO kits available from Bachmann rose continually over the years. The upper left catalog advertises 48 pieces while the lower right catalog lists 56 pieces.

In the late 70s and 80s we had pictures on the boxes to show what Bachmann made. The picture rarely changed. The Mom and Pop hobby shops would have a master catalog you could look through. Sometimes they would let you have an old catalog to take home. I would have loved these mini catalogs. To this day I love catalogs. I could see myself planning for hours what kit or accessories I wanted next. Saving up my money and dreaming how my layout what look.

When I started reading through these mini catalogs, the first thing that caught my eye was the prices. I know times where different back then, but for today's prices just add a zero. Small accessories like the #2414 Railroad & Streets Signs cost 79 cents where today they are around \$7.99.

As the years went by the number of items available went up from 43 to 56. Most are still available like the # 2402 switch tower, while others like the # 2613 TV station are long gone in the HO scale.

These catalogs also list non-Plasticville paint by number kits like Birds of the World, Dogs of the World and Animals



Inside pages of the dark blue catalog illustrating some of the buildings offered as well as a list on the right hand page of other available buildings.

of the World. On the back of one mini catalog was Americana series. Humorous and exciting scenes recreated in three dimensions.

One of the most interesting things I found on the back of the black mini catalog was Custom Built Homes. They were Sold assembled and in assortment of color combinations. Was this the beginning of Built-ups? Maybe this is why we sometimes find kits in rare or unconfirmed color combinations?



The back of the light blue mini-catalog contains advertisements for Birds, Dogs, and Animals of the World as well as three Americana paint by number three dimensional kits.

In closing, if I were hunting for 1952-1968 Bachmann kits, I would pay more for a kit that had one of these Mini Catalogs in the box.

Any comments or questions contact me at Mortemobire@yahoo.com please put PCA in the subject as I get lots of E-mail.

Plasticville on the Boards

Tools and Supplies

By John Gottcent

Train magazines occasionally run lists of tools and supplies useful to enthusiasts of model railroading, so this month, I thought I'd compile a similar list of items I've found helpful while working on plastic village components.

Let's start with adhesives. While any form of the word

compensate for the fact that over the years, the interconnecting blocks on the edges of Bachmann buildings tend to work loose. (The tongue and groove connections on Littletown buildings are usually more sturdy—but see “lubricants” below.)

Among glues themselves, major permanent repairs call for **styrene cement**—but use it carefully, for it actually melts the plastic pieces and literally fuses them together. If appearance is an issue, **Elmer's white glue** has the advantage of drying clear. But my favorite in this category is **rubber cement**: it's easy to use, for example, to hold tipsy pedestrians upright, and when you change plans, it comes off without leaving a trace. (See Photo One.)



Photo One

Elmer's white glue (left) is good for holding together buildings when repeated assembly has worn down the assembly lugs. Rubber cement (center) is good for placing figures as it is easily removed. Styrene cement (right) should only be used when a permanent joint is desired.



Photo Three

Styrofoam can be used to simulate a concrete foundation.

“glue” is offensive to serious collectors, there are times when minor (and sometimes major) repairs to plastic buildings require some type of artificial binding. One useful supply I keep on hand is plain old **clear tape**. When applied judiciously to inside corners of structures, it can help

A related but often overlooked product is **plastic putty**, available in tubes from Testors and other manufacturers. If a small piece or tab is broken off your building, this supply can help fill the bill by filling the hole.

In the cleaning department, a very useful item is ordinary **dish soap**. I recently picked up a dirty Plasticville airport hangar, washed it off in dish soap and warm water, and



Photo Two

Goo Gone (left) is good for removing tape and label residue. Soaking any extremely dirty piece in a solution of dish soap will surely go a long way in cleaning it up. Eyeglass cleaner (right) may be the only cleaning solution you need in some instances.



Photo Four

Scissors, clippers designed for plastic, hobby knives, razors, and small saws all prove handy from time to time. Even pocket knife may prove to be the tool of choice at times.

found myself with a like-new look—and an item that sold instantly at the first train show I brought it to.

For trickier grime, try **GooGone**. It helps to let the liquid sit atop your trouble spot for a few minutes before trying to wipe it clean. For simpler polishing up, a bottle of **eyeglass lens cleaner** can sometimes do the honors. (See Photo Two.)

Before we leave the supplies department, let's not forget decorations. **Aluminum foil** is handy to simulate small bodies of water. Small pieces of **foam** and **wood** can provide anything from a "concrete" foundation to supports for a trestle. (See Photo Three.) And **thread** or thin **string** fills in nicely for rope or telephone wires.

Turning to tools; we'll start with various cutting devices. Several sizes of **scissors** can help trim plastic or wood edges. Even better are sharp **clippers** especially designed for plastic. **Hobby knives, razors,** and small **saws** all prove handy from time to time. But don't forget your plain and simple **pocket knife**—and a small **file** for smoothing out rough edges. (Some hobby knives come with files built into their handles. (See Photo Four.)

Cleaning tools that go along with the supplies mentioned above include old **toothbrushes**, which can help get your

dish soap into cracks and crevices on a grimy wall or roof. **Q-tips** and **toothpicks** (both flat and round) work well for applying GooGone or similar products in tight spaces. **Tissues** or **paper towels** serve a variety of functions. And for simple dusting, nothing is handier than an assortment of cheap **paint brushes** that have never been dipped in pigment. (See Photo Five.)

Speaking of paint, no plastic village workbench is complete without an assortment of Testors or Floquil **hobby paints**, along with several **artist's brushes** for applying minute details. Sometimes, though, it's just as easy to use a **magic marker**, especially if you want to accent the raised (and often unpainted) letters on a Plasticville building. (See Photo Six.)

Finally, you might not think lubrication would be an issue in our hobby, but only if you've never tried to push together the tongue-and-groove sections on an old Littletown-type building. Applying a small dab of **plastic-safe oil** or

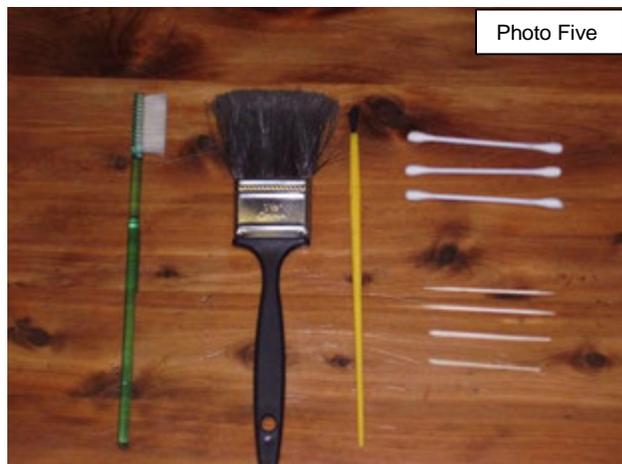


Photo Five

Must-have cleaning tools include toothbrushes, paint brushes, artist brushes, cotton swabs, and both flat and round toothpicks.



Photo Six

Magic markers or colored felt tip pens make it easy to touch up lettering on your buildings.

lubricant can go a long way toward completing that job with a minimum of cuss words—and without breaking your pieces.

If you have some favorite tools or supplies that I've overlooked, I'd love to hear from you. Contact me at jandjgott@gmail.com and I may include your suggestions in a future column. Meanwhile, happy villaging!

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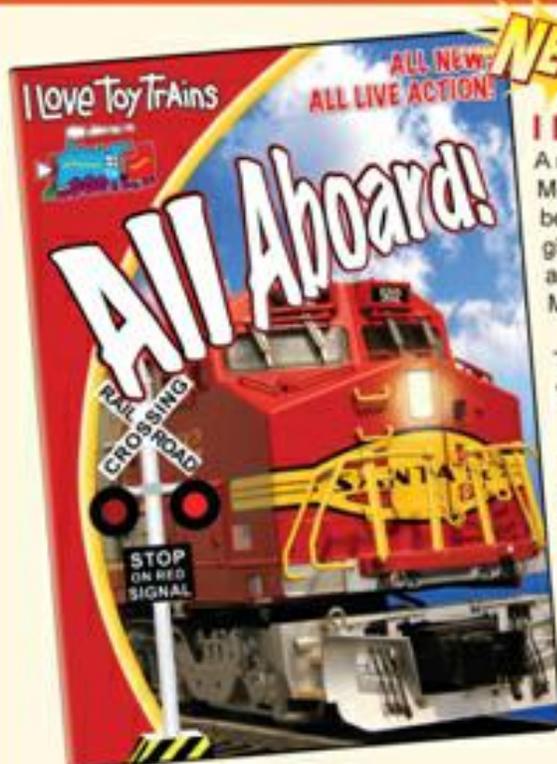
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Trains, Autos and Grade Crossings

My Dad and the Sealtest Truck Driver

By Gordon C Kelley



My dad always worked third shift. He liked to work the Gibson Yard Office job because it was close to our home. There were various crossings at grade in the Gibson District. The worst one was Capitol Drive near Fifth Street on the Milwaukee - Glendale border. The crossing was protected by flashing lights but when you hit one car you might get two extra before you could stop as Capitol Drive was a three lane road in both directions.

American Motors' body plant was a few blocks east of the crossing as was the Sealtest dairy. Shift change at American Motors was always "zoo time" and in the mornings the Sealtest dairy added their home delivery and wholesale trucks to the mix. My dad had various near misses with one wholesale driver in particular. My dad called the dairy after his tenth near miss with this driver and was told that the driver would be corrected.

For nearly two months there were no problems with the large Sealtest trucks. That changed one morning when my dad was going North at 20 miles per hour and the wholesale truck was

"flying" West on Capitol Drive. My dad hit the truck just behind the driver's cab. The cab skidded to a stop West of the crossing while the reefer box, rear frame and wheels were thrown off to the East of the crossing. The truck literally broke in half by the impact.

My dad and his fireman were just getting off the engine when a gray auto with Sealtest markings drove up and stopped - it was the Sealtest safety director!

He walked up to the truck cab, the engine still racing as the driver was in chock and had his foot pressing the accelerator pedal to the floor and both hands firmly gripping the steering wheel. The driver, in his state of shock, was still trying to "beat the train".

The safety director reached into the cab of the truck and turned off the ignition. He then turned to the driver and said, "You're fired!".

Outcome:

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The driver was ticketed by the police

My dad came home with two cases of milk



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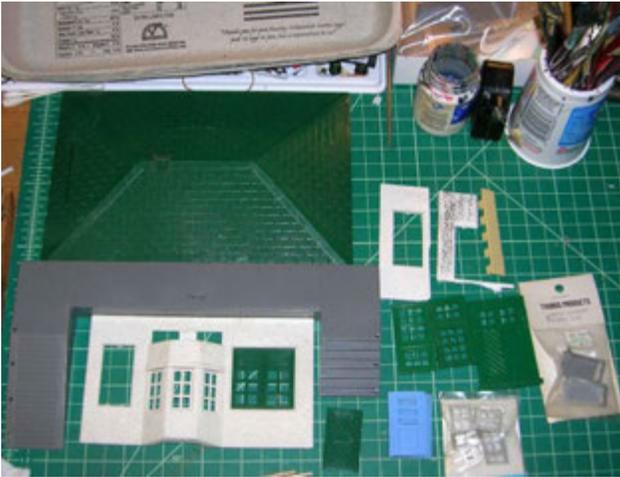
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Creative Use of Damaged Parts Reaching the Bottom of the Parts Bin

By Edward L Johnson

Fellow travelers through the world of Plasticville all of my previous projects were photos and descriptions of models I had completed. All the models were built before I became a member of our club. Back then I had secured a quantity of Plasticville parts and constructed the many models I have shared with you.

Now as you can see by the photo above I've reached the bottom of the parts bin.



What's left is a roof and front from the Suburban Station, the platform from the Union Station and some shards (never throw anything away) of Plasticville pieces. These remains were supplemented by whatever I thought might be useful.

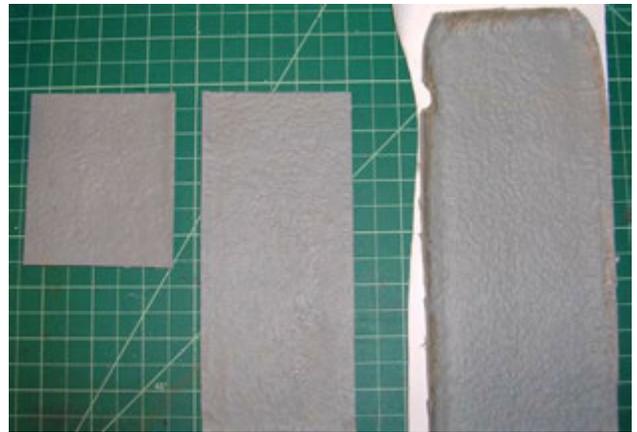
Follow along with me as I explain and illustrate how I used this "junk" as my wife labels it, to construct a new station.



The plastic sides of a complete Suburban Station look like stucco. I searched for a material to either match or be compatible with the original stucco front.

Frustrated by not finding suitable material, I put this project aside. Then while looking for something else I found a stash of cardboard egg crate covers like the one shown at the top of the top left photo.

Looking at the lumpy texture of the egg carton covers they suggested that if properly prepared they could blend with the plastic stucco texture of the original front. The bottom left photo shows the cardboard covers after they were prepared.



Three coats of matt medium were applied to the cardboard, two on the textured side and one on the back. The matt medium sealed the cardboard and two coats of Testors Light Sea Gray flowed on smoothly.

When the paint dried, I trimmed away the sides of the covers leaving only the flat part. As expected, the cardboard curled. I glued it to thick cardstock and left it to dry overnight under heavy books. The following day the cardboard was flat enough to work with.

Before proceeding further I measured the front to determine what portions of the crate tops were useable. The plastic front is 3.5 inches high. The picture above shows, from right to left, the progression from flat top, to trimmed useable portion, to a 3.5 x 3 inch panel. I would need approximately 5 panels for the sides and back of the station.

The front of the station presented two problems. First, the Suburban Station front did not fit the slot in the Union Station platform. Second, fitting the Suburban Station front tab into the platform slot left a large gap on one side. Here's where the "never throw anything away philosophy" pays off.



The photo above shows a couple of those Plasticville shards filling in the gap next to the freight door space.

After five panels were trimmed from the egg crates, I made a tentative layout of how the station would be completed. The photo to the right shows the five panels painted and arranged in order of assembly.

The front has the freight door in place. To its right is a side panel with a window set in. The window is the top half of a Ranch House door. The same window treatment will be used on the back and left side.

The back is three panels glued together they will need to be trimmed to fit. Let's stop here.



The next installment will cover finishing, interior detailing, window glazing, lighting and roof detail.

Paperville USA

By Mike Denuty

Paperville USA -- no, this is not a misprint. Paperville USA is a new Yahoo group site for collectors/builders of O scale paper models "designed from photos of the classic tin and plastic model railroad buildings from the past."

Sign-up is required to see the photos and files, but there is no sign-up or membership fee. The site can be accessed at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PapervilleUSA/files/>

A variety of building walls and roofs are available for free on the site, including designs inspired by existing vintage buildings, such as Marxville, Plasticville, and Twinkletown plastic structures, as well as cereal box cardstock buildings and original designs. More buildings are being added all the time.

Some of the color designs can be printed right out on paper or card stock. Others take some mathematical calculations to get the size that you want. Most have paper "tabs" shown, so you can see how to fold the flat sheets into a building.

I figured this should be a good adjunct site for Plasticville O/S collectors and others for a number of reasons:

- * You can print out a paper side or roof to fill in for a broken or missing piece.

- * You make a corner commercial building or expand a building by connecting part of a "Paperville" building to a whole Plasticville building. [Colors probably won't match.]

- * You can use the front walls of buildings to make Plasticville-like storefronts for a narrow space. You can fill in two or three inches with side walls, as needed.

- * You might be able to use a paper building to fill in for one missing from your town. Because you supply the paper stock, you may be able to modify the building to fit the space.

Note that the buildings posted in Paperville are free for personal use only. Do not post the models elsewhere without asking the model's creator first for permission. Some of the designers have websites where they sell their paper models.

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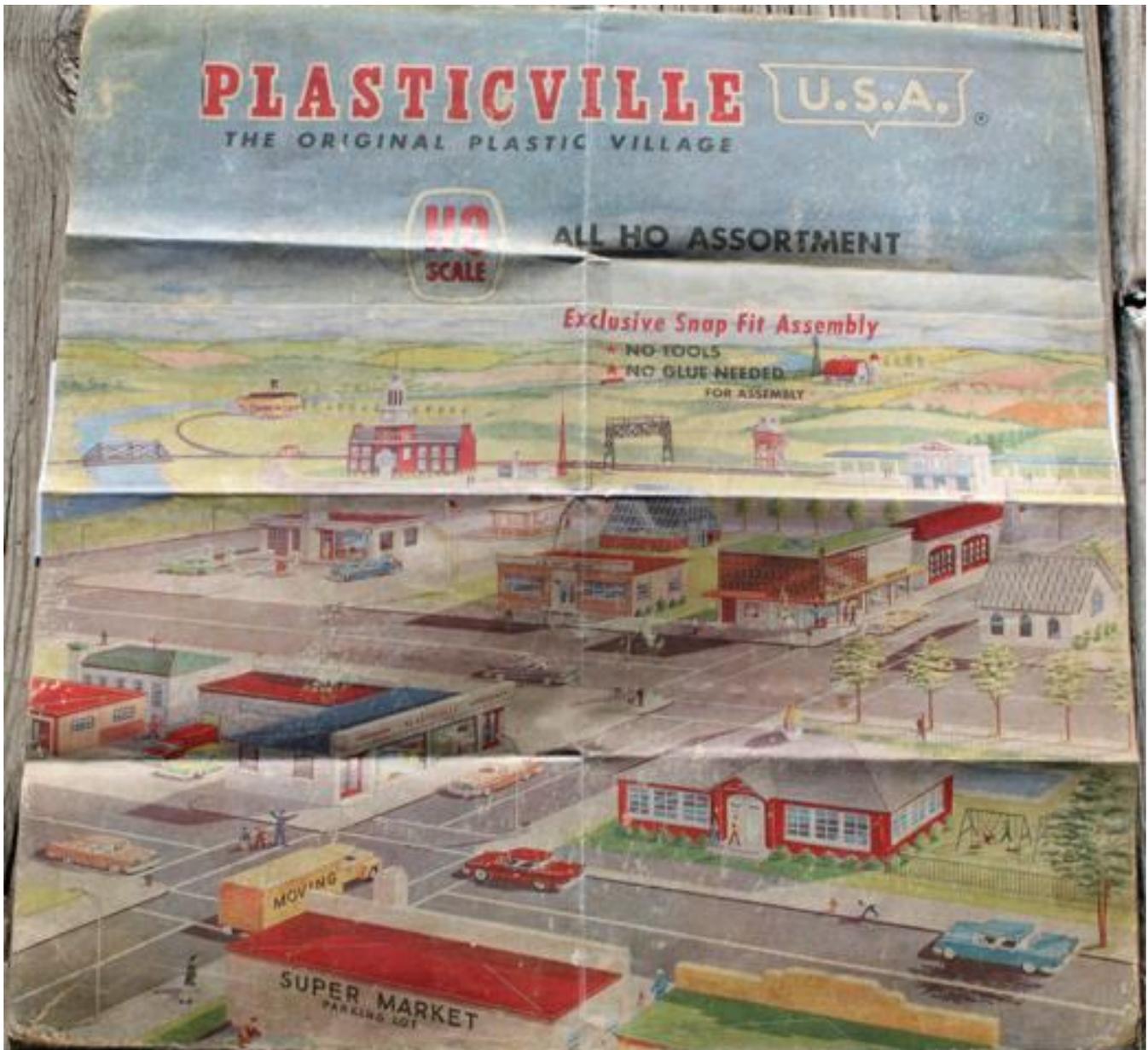
By John Niehaus

With Robert W Johnson and Robert Persing

A copy of a lid of a #4801 ALL HO ASSORTMENT is shown below. The box is in the collection of PCA member Robert W Johnson. He is asking for member assistance in identifying what would have been the contents of the assortment.

There have been various posts on both the Plasticville and Plasticville Yahoo groups asking for assistance in identifying what pieces were packed in this assortment. Those posts have proven fruitless.

It is now our turn to help Mr. Johnson.



An illustration of the box top of a #4801 ALL HO ASSORTMENT sold by Sears Roebuck both in the stores and in their catalog. It is obvious from the 14 X 14 X 2-1/2 size that all the pieces illustrated were not included. Information as to the contents is being solicited.



Side of the box (below) showing the "#4801 ALL HO ASSORTMENT" rubber stamp. It seems as if the number and the text string may have been added in separate stampings as they are not aligned in any manner.

The box is approximately 14 inches square X 2- 1/2 inches deep. One can see by the size of the box that all of the buildings illustrated on the box cover are not going to fit into the box.

Robert reports that this was sold by Sears Roebuck & Company both in the stores and in their catalogs. There is a label on one side of the box with the markings 2R49 - 9918 - 49. Unfortunately I do not have an illustration of that marking.

One side of the box has a rubber stamp marking that reads, "#4801 ALL HO ASSORTMENT". It is in sans-serif text. It seems to have been added in two separate stampings as the number and the text string are not aligned.

The other side of the box lists a total of 54 single structure kits and accessories.

A similar and possibly identical box, with contents, was shown by PCA member Anatol Vasiliev at the October, 2006 York PCA luncheon. The box and its contents were photographed but no inventory of the buildings was conducted at that time.

The questions we now have about this box are many. Was it produced exclusively for Sears? In what year or years was it available through Sears? What were the contents of the set? Were the colors of similar structures consistent from set to set? If you can answer even one of these questions please contact me at villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org.

Seen Along the Road
Real Life "Imitations" of Plasticville Pieces

Premier contributor: Bob Stout
#BL-2 Bridge and Pond



I saw this photo which reminded me of the #BL-2 Bridge and Pond. I thought you might like to see it. There is another one like the above around here but I cannot get a photo. It looks even more like the #BL-2. Bob Stout #08-543

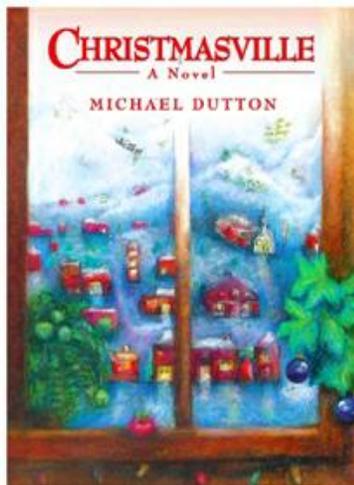
Many of us have seen real life structures that seem to be what Bachmann used as patterns for their Plasticville pieces.

We have also seen real life structures that seem to mirror some of the Plasticville pieces, buildings old and new.

Let's put our collective eyes together and continue what Bob Stout has started - a photo archive of real life structures that look as if the were patterns for or made in the image of Plasticville pieces.

Do you know of a wishing well or an outhouse that mimics their Plasticville counterparts?

How about the stainless steel diners? Is there one that looks similar to the chromed front Plasticville Diner in your neighborhood?



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What Members Are Saying

With regards to the length of elected officers, I believe 3 years is good for election and unlimited number of terms for above. Jerry Clark

There may be many fine collectors but not everybody is seen to be an officer of a national organization. I've seen this in other collecting clubs (not Howdy Doody or graves visiting). Therefore I say, elections less often with no limits. Michael Frank

Thanks for the good job you do and officers unlimited terms if they're doing the job.

As to how long the elected terms should be; if it is not broken don't fix it. Richard Woelkers

John, it is my opinion there should be no limit to the terms served by an officer. If they are doing a good job, so be it. If they are doing a bad job, the electorate will boot them out. Like now, ya'll are all doing a fantastic job.....keep it up. Jim Steed

... Given all you do for PCA, this has got to be low on the totem pole! (page numbers) Thanks anyway.

BTW--in answer to a question raised in the current issue--I'm opposed to term limits for officers. As long as they're (you're?) willing to serve, and as long as the membership keeps voting people in, I'm fine with that. I do think elections every 2 years would make sense, however. John Gottcent (*I am now using a new piece of desktop publishing software that should allow me to ensure that page numbers will be part of this newsletter and all future newsletters along with other enhancements. editor*)

Hope all is well. Shows in Jan and Feb were strong attendance-wise, Very poor Plasticville sales. I am no longer buying box lots of kits for resale. Lud Spinelli

I just received my black and white copy of The Villager for February 2011 - I'll be going to the website to print a few pages in color, now that I got around to buying a color cartridge. Another fun and informative issue. I thank John Niehaus who will continue as secretary/treasurer AND newsletter editor. We can all help out by contributing to The Villager and paying our dues on time.

I appreciate Glenn Bowman's tips on telling the differences between early Plasticville and the newer stuff, based on characteristics of the plastic, etc. Unfortunately, they were inside his president's column, so they will be hard to find in the future. Perhaps Glenn's tips combined with a few tips from other members can make a separate article.

Geraldine Scott's discoveries come right out of my youth, including her "Whistling Dixie." I remember several hard plastic LIONAL toy vehicles, all a little bit odd like this

boat/whistle. I don't know much about the company, however.

I see one or two of the Kellogg's cereal box road signs occasionally, but seldom with the bases. New bases could be made out sheet plastic. Nice signs.

I always like seeing pictures of other products that Bachmann made over the years. Mike Denuty

Thank you for your service to our club...I really appreciate all of your efforts. Charles Wilber

I received the Newsletter & had no problem opening it. Excellent newsletter, very informative and well written--keep up the great work! Fred Pheiffer

15th anniversary piece....I still strongly suggest the factory as discussed before. (*The factory will be an option only if Bachmann still has the molds and is willing to bring them out for a special run. We are generally limited by what is in current production and, unfortunately, the factory is not current production. editor*)

I think the content is top notch- keep up the good work--regards... TCA TTOS LCCA MEA and now proudly PCA. Hal Seitz

John this is some Plasticville on the road. I thought that you might enjoy this. A friend took this and put it on the YouTube website.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu_UVzqUf8

Ron Schlicht (*This is a slide show of the Badgerland S Gaugers traveling modular layout. editor*)

Hello John. Read over this last issue **again** today and printed it out for my binder. I noticed Jay is joining here from Englewood. I had given him the info a couple of years back --- so glad he is. He is very nice --- and has a very nice train store (Amherst Depot) here in town on historic Dearborn St. Actually, his building used to be my husband's father's back in the 50's. He/they are very nice. I highly recommend you accept his request to become a PCA member. Geraldine Scott (*the Jay to which Geraldine mentions is Jay Higgins, PCA member 10-672. editor*)

How is the PCA Plasticville item coming along? Has a projected shipment date been set? (*The barns have been ordered and we are working on ensuring that the logo and other imprints on the roof are acceptable in all ways. We are still projecting a September ship date to those who placed orders.*)

I know that I mentioned my suggestion for the 15th anniversary piece, but I just wanted to confirm that through an e-mail.

1) The 2 story apartment house would be great in a blue building, in gray: the roof, antennae, balconies, flower box and door frame, then in white: all the doors and furniture. The elevator hatch on the roof in blue to match the building.

In addition the the 2 story building, I would like to see the PCA member have the ability to order, at the most, three add a floors in matching colors for every one building that they order. If we allow for members to order, at the most, two buildings then they could order, at the most, six add a floors.

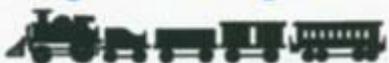
2) Second suggestion would be the motel. Blue building, gray roof, walkway and windows, with white doors. Also to include the three paper flowers along with the three automobiles, white, blue and gray.

I would suggest that an order form, again be filled out by a certain date so the club could get an exact amount of pieces ordered and not have an excessive amount of inventory. I would

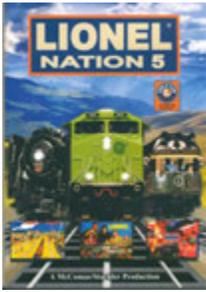
also suggest not to put the emblem on the roof this time, like the dairy barn.

What I would do is have the building, whatever is decided upon, be put on a billboard picture frame with 15th anniv. piece printed in the corner as an additional supplement to signify this is a special piece for the PCA. Thank you, Don Heck (*One of the limiting factors in anniversary pieces is that we must choose from what Bachmann is currently producing. As both the motel and apartment house is still in production it is very possible that our future anniversary pieces could be these structures. I like your suggestion of a blue and gray motel - maybe for the 15th anniversary. I have considered suggesting that the 20th anniversary piece be a four story apartment building. The addition of an insert for a Plasticville billboard is a good suggestion that I will pursue for both pieces. Editor.*)



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Product Reviews



Lionel Nation 5, DVD, 96 minutes, TM Books & Video, \$19.95. This is the fifth edition of TM Books newest Lionel series. It follows the format of the previous editions. I believe that this is the longest edition at 96 minutes. This is due to the bonus section of 16mm films of TCA charter member layouts. As with the other editions, there is an introduction that informs the

viewer of whose layouts are featured as well as the other features on the disc.

The first segment or chapter compares the new Lionel Vision Line Mallet and GE Evolution Hybrid engines against their prototypes. The two pieces are shown running on a layout with Plasticville buildings in both the foreground and background.

The next chapter takes a viewer to Craig Chidester's layout in a 32 X 32 foot room. He runs postwar trains on his layout. He has tried to include every accessory by Lionel on his layout. The layout can run five trains at once. A unique idea is his tipped display shelves, not stair-stepped but tipped, to afford better viewing of the items.

A trip to the New York Central museum in Elkhart, Indiana is a pleasant break from toy trains and comprises the third chapter. The museum background is used as an interesting means of comparing a prototype 4-8-2 Mohawk against Lionels' #3005 model. Wood sided cabooses are also compared.

Then it a revisit to a toy train layout that probably raises more money for a worthy cause than any other in the United States if not the World. The Trains at Northpark is a massive layout that is open for a short time each year in the Northpark mall in Dallas, Texas. It is owned by the Dallas



Lionel Magazine Archive, Volume Two, 1937 - 1943, CD, Hybrid Systems Ltd., \$50. I recently reviewed Hybrid Systems' *The Lionel Magazine, 1930-1936* and stated, "What could be better than to read magazines that are over 75 years old and not be concerned about their being damaged?" I will restate that same comment for this CD although the magazines are a bit newer.

Hybrid Systems latest offering is a compilation of the successor to Lionel's *The Lionel Magazine*. Lionel renamed their magazine to *The Model Builder* in 1937. It was initially named it to *The Model Engineer* but was changed after it was discovered that there was a British publication using *The Model Engineer* name.

Printed instructions on how to start the archive using various methods are included. My Windows 7 machine

Ronald McDonald house and all proceeds are used to support the house. It was redesigned for the 2010-2011 season with a "Journey Through America" theme that included San Francisco, New York, and Washington DC visitor sights.

Away from layouts and back to a single subject car for the next chapter. Some of us are aware of the photos of Ike and Roosevelt using trains during their presidential campaigns. This chapter delves into the history of Presidential cars. It touches briefly on the three heavyweight cars produced by MPPC but does give a good amount of history regarding the prototype cars. The chapter includes vintage film of former Presidents using the cars. Did you know that the first Presidential car was used by Andrew Jackson in 1833?

I have heard of eating establishments that use model trains to deliver but the chapter on the Choo Choo Diner in Des Plaines, Illinois is the first time I have seen any film regarding one. The chapter on this diner follows the Presidential car chapter.

The final chapter is a look as George Wederich's 14 X 22 foot high-rail layout. This layout is unique in that it combines high-rail and scale detail with quite a bit of whimsy including Yoda from Star Wars waiting for a train, Dorothy and the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, and Godzilla.

I enjoyed the variety of subjects on this edition of Lionel Nation. The bonus section of TCA charter members layouts was an additional treat.

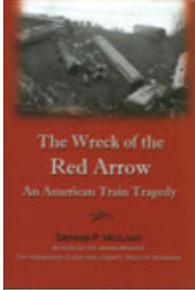
Lionel Nation 5 can be purchased from TM Books & Videos, Box 279, New Buffalo, MI 49117. Their website is www.tmbv.com. I also found it listed on Amazon's website at www.amazon.com as well.

does not start the CD. I must open the folder on the CD drive and then click on the very conveniently named file, "double_click_this_file_to_start_the_archive.html. That file opens my web browser from where I can then navigate the entire CD. Printed instructions are also included which offer a total of three options for starting the CD.

The introduction on this CD is by Roger Carp, a well know toy train expert and senior editor of the *Classic Toy Trains* magazine. Roger's introduction is heavily illustrated and well worth reading. There is also a short acknowledgements section as well as a brief comment on the Lionel magazine digital archive series.

The Table of Contents is set up as if one were viewing a bookcase of six books. The first book on the left is the single edition of *The Model Engineer*. The next four books are the archives of the magazines. The remaining book is a link to the *Handbook for Model Builders*. I consider this last book a bonus.

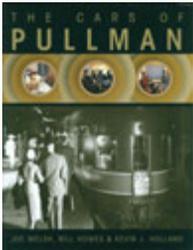
The magazine pages are as clear and crisp as if they were scanned from magazines of current vintage. A single page more than filled my 24 inch monitor's screen. The printed instructions suggest lowering the resolution of the monitor until a full page is displayed if you prefer to view a complete page rather than scrolling. I used the zoom option in Internet Explorer to reduce the pages to a satisfactory size.



The Wreck of the Red Arrow, An American Train Tragedy, Dennis P. McIlroy, published by Seven Oaks Press, 184 pages, hardback, 6 1/4 X 9 1/4 format. \$24.95. This third book by the author chronicles the worst train wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad and one of the worst in the history of American railroading.

The first chapter of the book describes the train and its passenger carrying duties. It also lists the four Pennsylvania Railroad employees responsible for piloting the train from its origin in Detroit to its termination in New York City. Additional in depth information is also included regarding the two steam engines pulling the train. The whole of this chapter is a preface to the accident and to the emergency responses as well as the inquiries to follow.

Chapter three is unique in that it is a mere two pages and reproduces the report of the wreck by the Chief of Passenger Transportation of the Pennsylvania Railroad.



The Cars of Pullman, Joe Welsh, Bill Howes and Kevin J. Holland, published by Voyageur Press, \$40 US, \$43.95 Canada, 176 pages, 8 1/2 X 11, hardcover, large color and black & white photos throughout.

Most any model railroader or rail enthusiast is familiar with the name Pullman. George Pullman was one of the early pioneers of vertical integration. He built the cars bearing his name, leased them to various railroads, and staffed them with his own personnel. The railroads handled the reservations, received a portion of the ticket fee, and transported passengers from one place to another.

Although I read them, rarely am I wowed by introductions. This book is an exception! Pages 8 and 9 show eight color illustrations of various Pullman cars from 1859 through 1929. These two pages together would make a very nice poster.

An overview of the company takes up the bulk of the first chapter. The remaining chapters discuss, with numerous illustrations, the wood cars, standard steel (heavyweight) cars, prewar lightweight cars, and postwar cars.

This CD continues the tradition of fine quality offerings from Hybrid Systems.

The Lionel Magazine Archive, Volume Two, 1937 - 1943, CD, sells for \$50 plus \$5 shipping. It can be purchased directly from Hybrid Systems Ltd, Inc., 200 University Park Drive, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025. Their toll free number is 800 799-2802. They have an order form on their website at <http://hslinc.com> but it still entails a

Reading the about the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as information requested of the ICC and the Coroner's inquest are intriguing and sometimes even at odds with each other. This would make an average reader wonder just how much influence the Pennsylvania Railroad had in these events.

Although this book is 184 pages long there are over 50 pages of references. These pages are filled with the lists of passengers injured, the complete report by the ICC, and other information used by the author in writing this book.

This is a very interesting book and I recommend it to anyone interested in this particular wreck, train wrecks in general or Pennsylvania Railroad history.

The Wreck of the Red Arrow can be purchased from, Seven Oaks Press, 826 Walnut Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Their phone number is (866) 695-5960 or (814) 695-5960. It may be purchased online at <http://sevenoakspress.com>.

All of the chapters are copiously illustrated with both black and white and color photos. Many of the photos are interior shots of the various room configurations in the cars but the majority are, as one would expect, exterior shots of the cars used in service on various railroads.

Spread throughout the book are illustrations of advertising literature for the various railroads touting the cars available for passengers on their line. Many of which could be used for reference when modeling the interior of similar cars.

I recommend this book for anyone interested in the Pullman cars. The car photos along with the advertising literature in the book are worth the price. If you are considering hi-rail modeling of the interiors of Pullman cars you may want to consider acquiring this book also due to the many cutaway views and photos of the various car configurations.

The Cars of Pullman can be purchased from Voyageur press on their website at voyageurpress.com or by telephone order at 800 458-0454. It is available on Barnes & Noble's website at around a 10% discount. It is available on amazon.com in the hardcover edition as well as a wirelessly auto-delivered downloaded kindle edition.

Welcome New Members

The following individuals' names have been added to the Plasticville Collectors Association membership roster as of April 1, 2011. Their names are now permanently listed in the on line roster.

Jay S Higgins, Englewood, FL
Steve R Shank, Strasburg, PA
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Edward O Morgan, Wrentham, MA
Howard B Rock, Virginia Beach, VA
Lawrence W Knoch, Garden City, NY

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 members in accordance with the bylaws of the PCA. All names listed below will be permanently added to the Plasticville Collectors Association rolls if no objection to such action is received prior to July 1, 2011.

Roger Aponte, Ponce, Puerto Rico
Larry W Harvasinski, Slingerlands, NY
Harold (Hal) W Seitz, Ft Lauderdale, FL
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Richard P Thomas, Wilmington, NC
Mark A Salce, East Syracuse, NY
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Tony Tesoriere, Hanford, CA
Howard M Schultz, Tamarac, FL
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John E Bucanis, Venice, FL

The PCA Corner Store

Items for sale by the PCA

Send payment and the description of item desired to Plasticville Collectors Association, John L. Niehaus, 601 SE Second Street, Ankeny, IA 50021-3207 unless noted otherwise noted.

Personalized address labels

A sheet of 30, personalized, high-quality color labels are available from the PCA. The labels will include the PCA logo in color and up to four lines of address. Each label is a generous 1 x 2 5/8 inches. The price is \$1.00 per sheet plus \$1.00 P&H for up to three sheets. Please add 17 cents per additional sheet over three.

PCA T-shirt

Navy blue 100% cotton, short sleeve shirt T-shirt with the PCA logo printed on the front in white. Sizes available are Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, and XXX-Large. The prices are \$18 for small through X-Large, \$19 for XX-Large and \$20 for XXX-Large, shipping included, for each shirt. Please order the next larger size if you are concerned with fit. An order form is available on the PCA website, or request a form from the Secretary at the address listed above.

PCA ballpoint pen

PCA dark blue barrel with black soft grip, black ink ballpoint pen with gold accents. The pen is imprinted in gold tone with three lines:
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[HTTP://WWW.PLASTICVILLEUSA.ORG](http://www.plasticvilleusa.org)
FOUNDED 1999 - \$4.00, postpaid.

Coffee Mug with PCA logo

White ceramic 11 oz. ceramic mug. PCA blue or black logo. \$9.95 or two for \$13.95, postpaid. Please specify your color choice when ordering. Only 24 pieces of black logo mugs were produced.

Additional items with the PCA logo

Do you have an idea for an item? Contact John Niehaus at secretary@plasticvilleusa.org or mail your suggestions to him at the address noted above.

We are investigating the production of a "Plasticville Dairy" Divco truck milk truck.

We are investigating the production of a Plasticville Construction Company modern era pickup truck.

The Villager Classified Ads

Note:

Member information such as name, address, email address, and member number should not be considered part of the word count. Telephone numbers will be included in the ad only if they are part of the submitted ad.

Classified ads run for four consecutive issues unless a change is made to the ad or notice is given to remove it.

For Sale

0400 Mobile home, cream/blue mint \$25. HS-6 Hospital, complete, missing one tab on steps, tattered box, \$30. AD-4 Air Administration building, incomplete, good for parts, \$10. Above prices plus shipping. #02-87, Lawrence Fachler, 6 Bosko Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4542 facltf@juno.com (Feb 11)

Plasticville for sale. Boxed and unboxed glued and pieces. I have too much to list. Send your wants to trainmanvb@msn.com and I will endeavor to meet your needs. I also have set boxes. Fair prices, honest dealer. See my website <http://danstrainsandtoys.webs.com/> Thanks. Dan #08-548, Dan Palaschak, 2328 N Wolfsnare Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Phone 757-412-4117 (May 11)

PO-1 red roof Post Office kit, complete, no glue or cracks, with OB - \$300. JC-3 Fence/Tree kit, 2 white trees, one set of fence, OB, good condition, \$100. 1852 dark blue Ranch House, mint condition, \$250. Davy Crockett Log

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This is where you can put a classified ad offering to trade items you need for items you have that you no longer need. Why not give it a try?

Wanted

Look for my business card ad elsewhere in this newsletter. #02-121, David Allen, 318 Wheatsheaf Dr, New Castle. DE 19720 visit my website at plasticvillekitsforsale.webs.com (Feb 11)

Plasticville shrubs green, BS6 and 1030 reasonably priced. #06-440 Richard H Wedekindt, 16 Addison Ave, Amherst, NY 14226-2323 wedekindt2@verizon.net (Feb 11)

Littletown: General Store, Animals. Plasticville Parts: Shade tree - 1 top, Turnpike - 4 pylons, 1 light holder, 1 door. Mobile Home: Chimney/vent (white). Men's Store: front door (gray). Trees: loose pine, poplar. #03-202, John Rossi, 4107 Victory Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10314. fantumdrum@aol.com (May 11)

The month and year at the end of each ad notes the last

issue in which your ad will appear.

It is suggested that the names of pieces being offered in the classified ads follow the names found in reference material such as price guides

Cabin kit in original bag w/header, \$300. 1607 grey siren Fire House kit, \$125. 1608 red Weathervane School House kit, \$200. #01-26 Louis Conway, 6984 Ely Rd, New Hope, PA 18938. Phone 215 862-5936 (Aug 11)

I have a large collection of Plasticville for sale. All in original boxes with original pieces. No repro parts in my collection. I will sell any amount whether it be one item or 10. I will sell below the competition. e-mail me with your want list. #09-580 David Starre, 5105 Herman Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102. Phone 216 631-6100. starredm@gmail.com (Aug 11)

CH-9 Church & House Unit \$45, TA-1 Train Accessories unit \$50, SU-5 Shopping Unit \$80, Ru-3 Rural Unit \$90, 198 Jr Chief Fire Department missing helmet \$75. Plasticville HO assortment #4801 \$50. #10-626 Bryant Bennett, 759 Turj Ave NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907-1654 (Nov 11)

Wanted: Plasticville citizen "little girl" molded in any color: blue, red, green, grey, brown, etc. (Please!, no normal flesh color wanted!) #01-21, Jonathan Morse, 48 Agawam Dr, E Wareham, MA 02538. Phone 508 291 2653 Sunday to Sunday 9-12 am or email me at ashemorse@comcast.net (May 11)

Plasticville Factory Roof and front Door Canopy in undamaged and not previously glued condition in any color. #04-307, Charles Wilber, P.O. Box 245 Whitmire SC 29178-0245. tandem@tandem-associates.com (May 11)

I collect dollhouse furniture from the 40's/50's. Please check your extras/parts/misc. boxes/bins for dollhouse

dishes, dustpans, stools, buckets, etc. Let me know what you find?

If you/your spouse also collect vintage dollhouse toys, I have a club of collectors -- let me know if interested. THANKS. #04-321 Geraldine Scott, 540 Viridian St. Englewood, FL 34223 Phone 941-474-8888. Geraldine@Collector.org (Aug 11)

Wanted: Seeking an off-white two pin chimney for a Littletown Cape Cod. #05-375, Jim Deacon, 422 Circle Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130. Phone 708 692-7917. j61deacon@gmail.com (Aug 11)

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Loading Platform - gray/black pillar and chimney; Cape Cod - pair of solid brown roofs; Corner Store - white roof and gray sign frame; Hospital - light gray steps. #01-04, Thomas Fritsch, 630 Wyandot Ave, Akron, OH 44305-1832 tgfritsch.1@juno.com (Nov 11)dishes, dustpans, stools,

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