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Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer for the year 2012 - 2013 term. The term will be two years due to the recent change in the bylaws.

Send your nomination to: president@plasticvilleusa.org. Mailed nominations will also be accepted. Send them to him

at: PCA Officer Nominations, Attn: Jim Dawes, 426 Plymouth Drive, Syracuse, NY 13206.

Self-nomination is encouraged so feel free to nominate yourself for any of the offices.

Nominations must be received no later than October 15, 2011.

York Report Follow-Up

Commonwealth Plastics Lamp Posts w/Mailbox

By Chris Matthy

Joe,

I read with interest your York Report where you mentioned a black Commonwealth Plastics lamppost with mailbox. At the latest Carlisle show here in Toledo I picked up three lampposts -- red, green and black -- for \$10. I've been meaning to send pics to John for the Villager...

Are you aware of other village items by Commonwealth, or other variations?

The above was received as an email message from Chris to Joe Kutza as well as a Cc to me. The photo accompanying this article was included as an attachment.

As happens many times, as one question is answered, or partially answered, more questions arise. Red, Green, Black are now known and documented. Are there any other colors for this piece or as Chris notes in his last sentence other items?

There seems to be very little information regarding Commonwealth Plastics other than that it was located in Leominster, Massachusetts. I have been in touch with the Leominster Historical Society and am working with them to obtain additional information on the company (editor)



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From the President's Desk



Where did July go? Here it is August already – Hot with little rain here in Syracuse, N Y.

I have done a little looking for Plasticville and really have not found anything too exciting, only purchased some parts and pieces (as my seven year old grandson would say).

I am restocking my trailer and truck with boxed and bagged Plasticville buildings and lots of parts. The first show this fall that my wife and I will attend is in Clayton, NY (Thousand Island Area) on September 10th and 11th.

Then on to Massena, NY for September 24th and 25th (near the Canadian border).

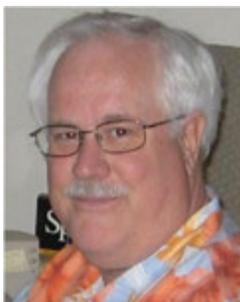
Of course, we will be at the York, Pa. Show in October. We will be set up at the Best Western on Kenneth Road October 11th and 12th. Also, looking forward to attending the show at the Fair Grounds the 13th – 15th, looking for some great new pieces, I hope.

Let's all keep a positive attitude when purchasing or selling whether it be on eBay or at the shows.

Let's all remember it is just a hobby! Happy hunting to all.

Your President,
Jim Dawes

Vice Presidential Insights



I did attend the TCA convention in Sacramento and I have to report that there was very little Plasticville that I could afford was found. I did check out Shirley Hunter's offerings and had a short conversation with her and her husband Fred. There was also a very small amount of Marx and I saw no Littletown at all. Only a few small odds and ends came home

with me on this trip.

I am looking forward to receiving my 10th anniversary barn to go with the 5th anniversary house. It will be a great addition to my layout. I just have to clear a spot on my layout for it to reside. It is just hard to believe that our organization is celebrating our 10th anniversary; it just seems like only yesterday when it all began.

I hope that all of our members and their families had and are still having a safe and happy summer. I also hope that some of our members hit a local garage sale/flea market or train show and came away with a prize they would like to share with the membership. So 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

Lastly, I want to say that it was an honor to be asked to serve as interim Vice President of the PCA these last few months, however I believe at the next election it is time for me to step aside again and allow another member to take my place.

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to work with the executive committee (both past and present) in helping out where I could. 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.

Pen Tips

Packaging Items for Shipping or Mailing

I recently received a couple of unboxed, delicate plastic village items in the mail. Each was very safely wrapped in bubble wrap.

However, the bubble wrap was then sealed with packing tape, thus making it difficult to unpack the delicate items and keep them safe.

When packing plastic village items for shipment, ask yourself if you would have any difficulty unwrapping them if you had just received the items.

If yes, then wrap again in a more end-user friendly manner. Joe Kutza

Thank you, Joe for this tip. A PCA pen is on its way to you for your contribution.

For you newer members, a Pen Tip is a short little helpful hint that you feel should be shared with your fellow members.

They are used as space fillers so it may be some time before your Pen Tip is used but please send them to me at villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org or mail them to the address on the front page of this newsletter.

Notes From the Editor



First and foremost I must apologize to all the members who submitted classified ads for the May newsletter but did not see them published in that edition. It seems that I copied into the new software the ads as they were in the February newsletter by mistake.

I believe that I now have all the ads up to date in this newsletter and have extended all by one issue to compensate for those that were missed.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if I still missed any. You may mail them to me or email them to me at villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org.

Speaking of classified ads: have you seen the new and improved member classified ad form on our website at plasticvilleusa.org? It allows you to send an ad electronically. Click on Trader in the blue bar on the home page. Then on Advertise in our newsletter. Then on PCA Member Classified Ad Form. Fill out the form, save it to

your desktop or other place then email it to villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org.

You may also fill out the form, print it, and mail it if that is easier for you.

Do you have a supply of membership applications? We are receiving applications that were distributed prior to the last dues increase and in some cases before the color newsletter option was available. Please contact the Secretary with a request for current applications if you distribute them at train meets or as an eBay seller.

Would you like FREE Plasticville parts or those of other manufacturers? The PCA has received a donation of incomplete buildings from various individuals. Some of the parts are dirty. Some of the parts are broken but they are all FREE for the asking, almost.

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July 2011 Executive Committee Minutes

The July, 2011 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM, Eastern Time, on July 27 by President Jim Dawes.

Those in attendance were; President Jim Dawes, 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 received a pre-production copy of the barn for approval of the 10th anniversary imprint. He also reported that he approved the imprint after referring it with Joe Kutza.

He also reported that he has not received a delivery date from Bachmann but still believes that they will be received and shipped to those who ordered them by late September of this year.

Unconfirmed Variations sections on website

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

Handouts for York Meet tables

Secretary Niehaus reported that he has had one verifiable response to the fifty handouts left on the information tables at the last Spring York meet.

It was agreed to continue distributing approximately fifty (50) handouts at subsequent York meets.

He also reported that he sent a large amount of the remaining pens to immediate past President Fred Ruby to be distributed at various meets including the November Cal-Stewart train meet.

Immediate past President Fred Ruby reported that he distributed approximately 150 PCA pens at the NMRA / NASG show in Sacramento in July.

PayPal

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

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 remit up to three years dues.

Terms of office for elected officers

Secretary Niehaus reported that Article III.1 of the Association bylaws has been revised from "*Nominations for officers for the forthcoming year shall be made to the President, commencing with a call for nominations in the August edition of the Association newsletter*" to now read, "*Nominations for officers for the forthcoming two year term shall be made to the President, commencing with a call for nominations in the August edition of the Association newsletter*".

2012 dues

Secretary Niehaus reported that he has modified the membership application to reflect the dues change.

He reported that two versions were required. The first modification is to be used up to and including the end of August while the second version will be used after August 31.

He also noted that both versions will be available on the PCA website at their appropriate time.

Shredding of bank statements

Secretary Niehaus reported that he has shredded all receipts, invoices, and check stubs up to and including the December, 2005 statement but has retained the associated bank statements.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to add Commonwealth Plastics to the Miscellaneous > Other Manufacturers section of the PCA website.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to include the photo of three lamp posts with mailboxes supplied by Chris Matthy under that listing

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM, Eastern Time
Respectfully submitted; John L Niehaus





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Creative Use of Damaged Parts

Reaching the Bottom of the Parts Bin (Part 2)

By Edward L Johnson



Let's begin part 2 with a quick review of the previous issue. After building several models with damaged parts I reached the bottom of the parts bin. The remaining parts were a Union Station platform and the roof and front of the Suburban Station plus some shards of Plasticville parts. Cardboard egg crate cartons matched the stucco texture and were prepared to build a station. The prior article concluded with the below photo.



There we saw the front, back and sides of the station arranged in order of assembly.

The next photo shows the same pieces ready for assembly. The windows for the sides and back were cut from Plasticville Ranch House doors. These windows were framed out with balsa wood and glued in place. All windows for this model were glazed. Some with clear plastic, others, the small front and door windows were glazed with Micro-Glaze Window Glazing. It's a liquid product that creates a glazing for windows. It can be tedious to apply and works best on small windows. When the glazing dries it creates an antique looking window. The origin of the large rear door is unknown. The Union Station platform was painted and weathered. Then two lights (Walthers HO products) were placed over the front doors. In the photo below all the parts are ready for assembly.



As we can see in the next photo the completed parts have been glued together and to the platform. Notice the difference in the glazing texture of the large door and the center bay window. The window was glazed with clear plastic while the door was glazed with the previously mentioned glazing product. The glazing product gives the door glass an antique look.



The following photo shows quarter inch square basswood salvaged from a prior project being used to keep the sides in alignment. When lighted the interior will be dimly lit. So a rudimentary interior was made from card stock and populated with some waiting passengers and a clerk. Pieces of a red drinking straw were used to serve as a rudimentary conduit for the wiring. There is one interior light and two outside lights.



The interior is not my best work but when the roof is in place it will not be visible. The following photos show the completed station. The chimney is by Taurus Products I've had it for a long time and finally found a place for it.

Here's the completed front:



The back:



And the side. Except for windows both sides are identical



And the front again with the lights on:



The completed station resembles the Suburban Station but its details set it apart. Building it was an enjoyable project. Using the egg crate cardboard to simulate stucco is something I will do again. Actually with the exception of a few Plasticville shards the parts bin is empty so it may as well be filled with egg crate cartons.

Well fellow travelers our journey through the nether world of used and abused Plasticville has come to a close. Hope you found it enjoyable and informative.

Till next time

That's all folks

Eddie J

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Plasticville on the Boards

Unusual Uses

By John Gottcent



Most Plasticville buildings are designed for a specific purpose. The Fire Station is meant to house firetrucks, the Post Office to sort mail, the Frosty Bar to serve up delicious summertime treats.

Photo One



A Colonial Mansion is easily turned into a hotel

But in the real world, buildings constructed for one purpose often are transformed to serve another. A former cigar factory in my town now contains a plastics operation. A room in our old court house later provided a venue for a civic theater group. And across the land, abandoned railroad stations have been converted to everything from museums to restaurants to shopping malls.

Why not try this to add a little variety to our plastic villages? For example, the Colonial Mansion originally manufactured by Littleton and then re-issued by Bachmann was meant as a home for prominent citizens. But the addition of a sign and a doorman can easily turn it into a four-star hotel. (See Photo One.)

Speaking of Littleton, their School looked similar (though not identical) to Plasticville's educational institution. Once again, though, a few adjustments—such as a sign, a driveway, and a few patrons inside—can transform it into a public library. (See Photo Two.)

Notice that hotels and libraries were never issued by Bachmann as O/S scale pieces, so these adjustments can create types of buildings otherwise unavailable.

Some time ago, I wrote a column describing how I transformed a spare Large Supermarket into a movie

Photo Two



A Littleton School House can be converted into a library

theater. (See Photo Three.) That project involved somewhat more extensive alterations to the original building (though none, as I recall, that could not be undone if desired). But the examples above show that even simpler changes can produce interesting variations in your town.

Photo Three



A Large Supermarket becomes a local theater.

This practice can be used with larger, operating structures as well. Lionel has a classic Ice Depot accessory in which a tiny worker shoves cubes of (plastic) ice into a special opening in the accompanying ice car. (See Photo Four.) They also manufactured an earlier operating car called a Merchandise Car that ejected plastic cartons which,

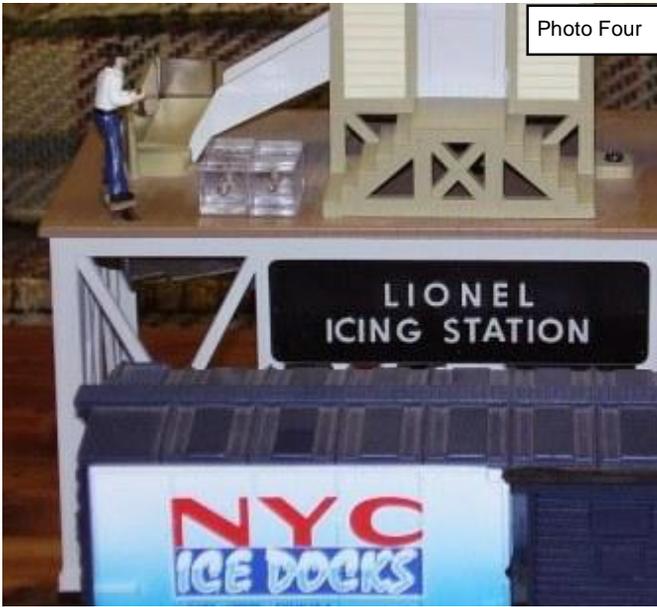


Photo Four



Photo Five

A Lionel Icing Station, Photo Four, is quite simply transformed into an operating loading dock by merely replacing the “ice blocks” with the Merchandise Car plastic cartons and load them into a waiting gondola, Photo Five.

coincidentally, are about the same size and shape as the ice cubes.

I found that I could transform my Ice Depot into an operating Loading Dock by inserting the cartons where the cubes usually go and having the worker shove them into a waiting gondola. The fact that the accessory is proudly labeled LIONELVILLE ICE DEPOT is no problem, as a few pieces of black electrical tape can cover that sign neatly. (See Photo Five.)

Once you realize the possibilities, your imagination can take over. I can easily visualize an old Suburban Station becoming a museum. The Airport Hangar can be turned into a factory. The Railroad Work Car could house Mom & Pop’s diner.

In my more fanciful moments, I even dream about doing this kind of thing on a larger scale. Having taught at a college for forty years, I would love someday to build a campus somewhere on my layout. I could turn the Town Hall into an administration building, a couple of Schools into classroom buildings, a Colonial Mansion into a president’s home.

Knowing from experience that college campuses are frequently sites of muddy construction and temporary structures, I might even do something with the House Under

Construction. Lionel’s Quonset Hut would fit right in as a makeshift annex. (See Photo Six.)

The possibilities, as they say, are endless. After all, these plastic buildings were first marketed as toys, and the magic of toys lies in imagination.



Photo Six

A Lionel Quonset hut can be imagined as turning into almost anything. It may end up as a college classroom annex on my layout.

If you have additional ideas for unusual uses of plastic buildings, let me know at jandjgott@gmail.com. Meanwhile, happy villaging.

Seen Along the Road

Colonial Mansion

Other than the small sloping roofed addition on the left side of this house it sure seems as if it was copied from the Plasticville Colonial Mansion. The number and even the size of windows come very

close to that of our beloved model. I wonder if the owner collects Plasticville.

Send your “Seen Along the Roads to villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org.



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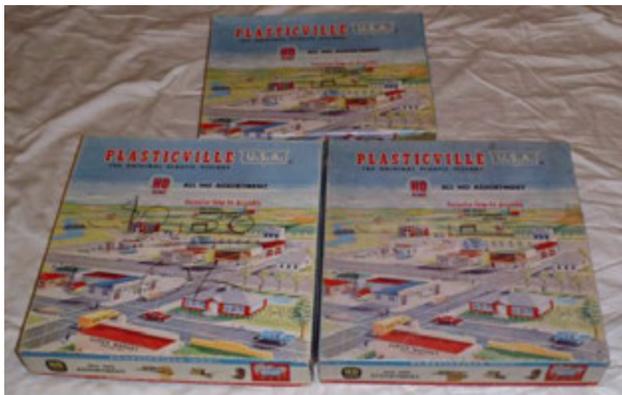
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#4801 ALL HO ASSORTMENT

Follow-up

by John Niehaus



The mystery of the All HO Assortment sets deepens as we now have a total of four boxes with that name and four stock numbers. Illustrated here are numbers 4903 (top), 4901 (bottom left) and 4903 (bottom right)

I received an email from Charles Gilliatt in response to the article in the May issue of *The Villager* asking for assistance in determining what were the contents of the Plasticville #4801 All HO Assortment set.

He opened up more questions as he has three boxes with the title All HO Assortment.

Charles' comments are in normal below while my research and comments are in italics.

I saw your article in the villager asking about help with the 4801 set and while I cannot provide any assistance I was hoping that someone may be able to assist in the identification of what is supposed to go in mine.

I have 3 of these ALL HO ASSORTMENT sets and I am not entirely sure what is supposed to go in them.

I have the following:

Side marked 4901-900 overall box is 14.25"x 14.25" with the following compartments that fill the box:

1 - 2.375"x 8.875"

1 - 4.875"x 5.5"

1 - 8.25"x7.5"

1 - 5.5"x 4.25"

1 - 13.875"x 3.875"

box was obtained empty.

This set was listed in the 1961 catalog at \$9.00.

It contained the following, per the catalog description:

24 Railroad and street signs

3 large shade trees

1 House under construction

1 Two-story house

1 Old time covered bridge

1 Town hall

Side marked #4903 overall box is 14.25"x 10.75", with the following compartments that fill the box:

4 - 3.375" x 6"

1 - 3.875"x 5.375"

1 - 3.875"x 8.5"

When I got this unit the following pieces were in it but I am not entirely sure they belong:

Gas Station - white walls and red trim with red car

Barn - Brown walls and light grey roof

Farm Buildings - Brown walls and White roof with most of the animals still on the sprue.

Post Office - Black front and roof with white sides/back

Freight Station - Brown marble platform/roof and dark grey marbled walls with most of the accessories still on the sprue.

Suburban Station - Brown marble platform and white walls and dark grey roof with most of the accessories still on the sprue.

Ranch House - White walls with dark grey roof and brown trim

Cape Cod - very light salmon walls with light grey roof and brown trim

This set was listed in the 1963 catalog with a price of \$9.98.

It contained the following, per the catalog description:

Gas station

Church

Suburban station

Freight station

Cape Cod house

Ranch house

Barn

Post Office

Fire house

24 assorted street signs

12 pieces of picket fence

16 assorted animals

6 people

Patio chairs and tables

other small accessories (Possibly an auto, trees, freight carts and freight based upon the catalog illustration.)

Another set was listed in the 1962 catalog as number 4902 with a price of \$9.98.

It contained the following, per the catalog description:

Motel with swimming pool

Roadside stand with paints

Cape Cod house

Ranch house

Suburban Station with platform

Church

Gas station

Freight station

12 pieces of picket fence

24 railroad and street signs

Side marked 4499 #3120 overall box is 14.25"x14.25", with the following compartments that DO NOT fill the box:
 3 - 3.375"x 6
 2 - 3.875"x8.625
 box was obtained empty.

I could find no information on this item number.

It is possible that the numbers 4801 and the 4499 were both department store items that were sold through the store or by catalog order based on the comments by Robert Johnson in the article in the May newsletter.

We can safely presume that these two sets were probably marketed around the same time as the 4901, 4902, and 4903 sets - 1961 thru 1963.

I checked the HO catalogs in my collection back to 1958 and up to 1966 and did not find a reference to these sets. Do any members had Sears catalogs from 1958 thru 1966 and willing to check out the toy section looking for an advertisement for any All HO Assortment sets? You may have the answer to the contents of, now two, instead of one of these sets.

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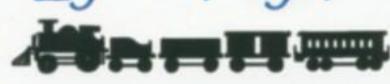
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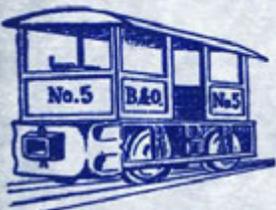
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Burma Shave Signs

by John Niehaus

Signs contributed by Nan Cashour

The two Burma Shave signs illustrated here were sent to me by Nan Cashour some time ago.

Somehow after receiving her letter and scanning the signs I misplaced her letter.

I believe that she penned one of these, if memory serves me correctly, and the other was one along a road that she traveled with her parents.

When I first looked at them I wondered why they were reversed, that is with the Burma Shave sign at the top.

I then realized that they were to be read from the bottom up as one would see them along the road. They make sense reading them in that manner

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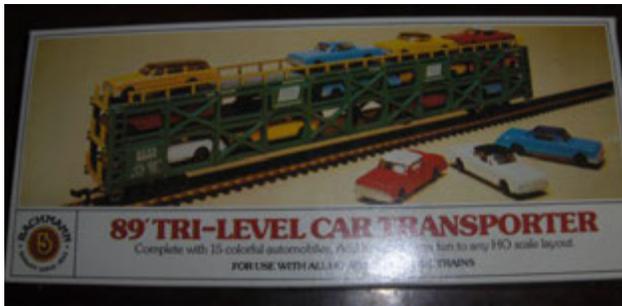


Like trees and citizens, nothing dresses up a lay out like railroad accessories. Many houses were built in groups, almost every block has two or three houses that look alike. Over the years the owners have made changes that made each house unique.

We can do the same with railroad accessories by adding Picket Fence, # 42100 or a swimming pool, #43315 that way we can have three of the same house, say split levels, and make them all look different.

When I was a child my father took the wheels off two cars, #42206 and put them on blocks in front of the Mobile Home & Car kit, # 2556. Now that I am older I get the joke.

Over the years Bachmann has sold everything from an Animal set, # 2301 to a running Mini water pump, # 2319 to use with Operating Waterfall with blinking light, #1442.



A simple means of acquiring variety of cars is to purchase Bachmann's number #461-2032 89' Tri-Level auto transport. It comes with 15 assorted vehicles.

Most are still available but some like Flag pole, #2026 and Billboard, #2028 are long gone and I have yet to see them.

The only problem with some of the railroad accessories is the scale. The Railroad & Street Signs, # 42204 scale to about the size of a car hood.

Looking through the Walther's HO catalog we can make traffic lights and Block Signals work from the Lighting and electrical section.

Most big Bachmann train sets come with some sort of railroad accessories in unmarked plastic bags. I see a lot of these on eBay at good prices.

Now for my favorite part, automobiles and trucks.

As far as I know Bachmann only made four types of automobiles: Corvette, station wagon, Plymouth Belvedere, and Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

The only way of which I am aware of acquiring the Corvette is in the old Drive-In Burger Stand. The new one comes with gray automobiles.

One great way to get lots of automobiles is the 89' Tri-level car transporter, #46120032. I picked this up off eBay with a bunch of telephone poles and street signs for ten dollars and it came with 15 automobiles!

Item # 42-2302, Motor truck set, #1 was a great find on eBay. It comes with a tow truck and two tractor trailer trucks, great for the gas station and factory.

I had two other truck sets as a child which I have not found yet.

One had a dump truck and road construction signs. The other had a farm truck with barrels and crates.

Whether you put mail boxes on the corner streets or a tree house in the back yard, railroad accessories can add a new level of detail to your layout.

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



Truck set #1, item #42-2302 adds realism to both a factory and a gas station.

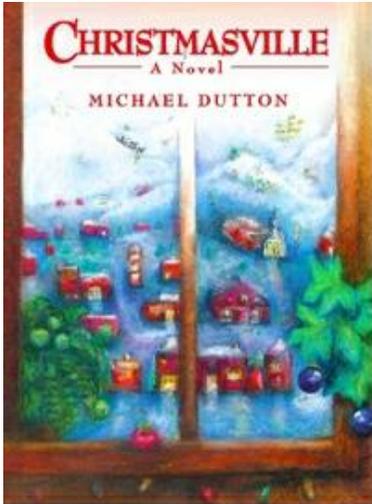
Possible Artist's Signature on 1407 Box

By Charles Wilber

I found a possible clue on one of the Plasticville boxes that I have as to who at least one of the artists were that worked for Bachmann during the 1950's and 1960's. But I'm not sure, by the style of the painting, that this is the same artist who drew so many of their other box covers. The number 1407-79 Watchman's Shanty box is signed with the name "Rudisill" starting above the letter U in Exclusive.

(That could be the name of the artist although it could also be the name of an art firm that created artwork for Bachmann. Something more to research. editor)





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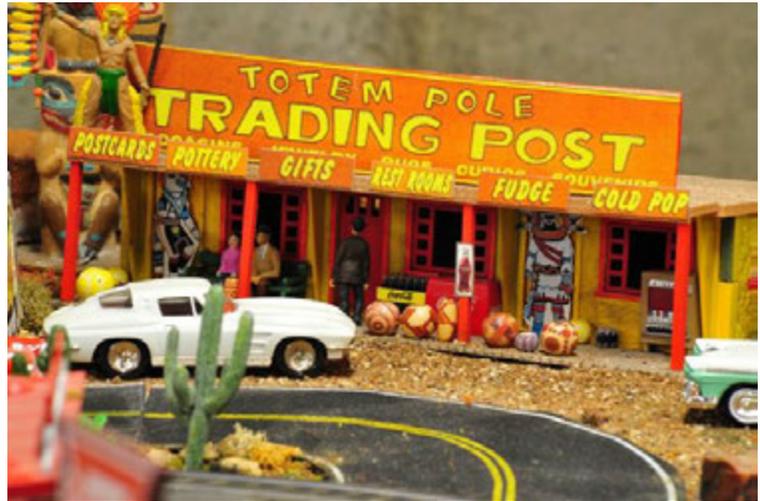
A Motel Becomes a Curio Shop

By Dennis Palazzolo

I thought you would like to see what I did with a motel. I found an old glued up one at a swap meet. I needed a curio shop for my Route 66 themed layout and the motel made a good starting point.

I took the sidewalk and glued it to the roof for the overhang. The replacement for the pavement is a boardwalk made out of balsa. Grooves were added to the balsa to simulate boards.

The pottery is all beads from the local crafts shop. The cases of coke came from a dollhouse store.



With a bit of creativity I was able to convert a glued up Motel into a curio shop for my Route 66 themed layout.

Help Needed Identifying Street Sign

By David Allen

I am attaching an odd ball street sign you might use in a future edition of the Villager. I picked this up in a load of Plasticville I got at a show or flea market.

Its a "Watch Children" sign. Its a pale lemon yellow but without the lettering being black. It is not marked BB on the bottom. ... Wonder who made this as it mimics the Bachmann's issue.

(If you have any information as to who may be the manufacturer please send an email to villagereditor@plasticvilleusa.org or send a letter to the address on the front of the newsletter. editor)



Do you have information as to who may have manufactured the sign on the right? It looks like the Plasticville sign on the left but is lighter in color and the letters and border are not painted.

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Small Wonder the Driver Couldn't See

By Gordon C Kelley



When I first started with the Milwaukee Road I was working on an 11:00 PM Chestnut Street job. That job, as well as the various others worked on what was call the beer line or nut line started at the Milwaukee Journal newspaper docks, crossed the East/West street of Juneau Avenue. It them continued North through the Pabst yard, Schlitz yard, Chestnut yard, Humboldt yard, and Gibson yard. It then turned West over Capitol Drive, Green Bay Road and then West to the tower at North Milwaukee.

We had just spotted four cars of newsprint at the Journal docks around 3:00 AM and started North to service the "C" house at the Schlitz brewery.

As we neared Juneau Avenue we hit the circuit which not only started the flashing lights to protect it but also turned the traffic signals to allow Northbound and Southbound traffic on Third street and prohibit Eastbound traffic on Juneau.

While proceeding North across the crossing, I saw a 1960's Chevy station wagon "flying" East on Juneau Avenue. It has run the red light on Third and was proceeding East on Juneau.

We stopped the engine and were blowing the horn in an attempt to gain the driver's attention. Nevertheless, the station wagon flew past the signals and smashed into the locomotive at the left front truck.

I saw the driver's head pop through the front windshield and thought the worst. Fortunately he was not badly hurt.

The driver stated to the police that he did not see the locomotive and that he didn't see that the crossing lights were flashing. He admitted to hearing the horn but thought it was from a nearby factory.

The station wagon was filled with boxes of fresh fruit. Its windows were all steamed up from the fruit and the moisture in them at 3:00 AM.

When the police officer sat in the driver's seat of the station wagon he stated, "I can't see the engine. No wonder you smashed your car into its side!".

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My Other Interests

by Mike Marmar



Some railroads had their own waxed cardboard milk bottles. The one on the left is a pint bottle from the Pennsylvania railroad.

My other interest in life, one of many, is collecting old Pyroglazed (painted) milk bottles from the 1940's to the 1960's.

Milk bottles before 1940 had the lettering on them embossed, which is raised glass writing. I was into collecting these before getting back into trains, as both Linda and I have a background in the food business, so collecting bottles is related to our careers.

Her father got us into milk bottles as he was a forester, surveying land with timber on it for his company to buy to make corrugated boxes and other paper products. He would find discarded items, people's other trash, in the woods. He would find old RR telegraph insulators and bottles of all kinds. So he gave us a few. That got us hooked on milk bottles.

What is neat about milk bottles is that just about every town at one time had a dairy. This was before the Interstate made the movement of product in mass amounts to mega-chain stores outside of a local area.

Bottles not only have the name of the local dairy, town, and phone number on it - many phone numbers were 3 to 5 digits long - along with the dairy's logo on them. They also have neat sayings about marketing of their product, plus other sayings of other products they sold like eggs, cream. In addition, they would have sayings on them about health, returning the bottles, etc, which are very interesting.

There are 1000's of different bottles out there. Most bottles go for around \$25 to \$50, even less. There are some bottles that do go for \$100's. World War 2 bottles are in big demand and do usually go for over a \$100, if not several \$100's. I only have two WWII bottles.

I got my first two bottles on a visit to the Watkins Glen Gorge in Watkins Glen, NY, in the downtown area.

A few Railroads had their own milk bottles. A common pint bottle can be found on eBay quite often from the Missouri Pacific Railroad, for around \$20.

I have a pint wax cone milk bottle with wax cap for the Pennsylvania Railroad. A milk cone is a cardboard container, not really a bottle per say, since it is not glass. It is a little harder to find, but can be done.

Today, I have about 300 bottles in the house. They are in the train room and on top of book cases in the living room.

There are no real price guides for milk bottles, due to the many bottles out there, so it is basically what ever the seller thinks they are worth. On eBay, it is all about who is bidding and how bad they really want an item that really determines the price.

We do have a milk bottle association, which is: <http://www.milkbottlecollectors.com>.



A common practice of most dairies was to print more than just their name on the bottles as can be seen here. The center and right bottles are unique as they promote buying war bonds and stamps. (The bottles are filled with white foam beads in order to better view the printing)

Many collect bottles for different reasons: state, locale, or a particular theme on a bottle. I collect bottles from Maine, as we go there every October, although I am now concentrating on bottles in Maryland and especially in the county in which I grew up.

As with any other, it is a fun hobby.

A Tag on a Street Sign

By John Niehaus

One never knows what they are going to find or where. I recently acquired the illustrated street sign and another similar sign without a tag in an accumulation of "junk".

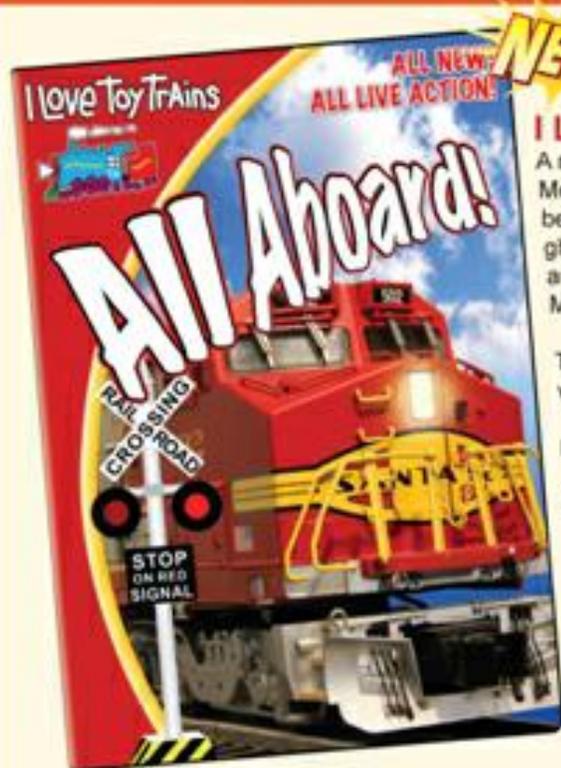
The street sign in the accompanying photo has a small tag attached to it that reads, "Plasticville U.S.A. / Street Signs" in two lines.



My first thought was that a person was to cut on the two lines and use those pieces as inserts in the sign. I have to dismiss that presumption as the two pieces, if cut on the lines are different heights.

Was this just an informational tag? It seems that one should know that it is a street corner street sign.

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What Members Are Saying

Thank you for two articles in the May, 2011 issue of *The Villager*.

The first article was the one on the mini-catalogs in the *Along the HO Line* column. I called Todd Hendrickson and thanked him for writing that article.

The second article was my request for information on the 4801 All Ho Assortment box contents. I am still hoping someone has the complete kit and can identify the contents. I guess I will just have to wait and see. Thank you for taking the time in writing the article and illustrating the box in color.

In closing, good job well done by you and your staff.
Robert W Johnson

Newsletter arrived today. Very nice, much more than I expected, having never seen one before. Well done. Jim Lyle

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Bank green roof - chip out of one corner
Cape Cod - green. Missing one long wall, roof shows gluing on underside
Cape Cods, white w/red, green & brown roofs - no chimneys, black tape residue
CC-8 Church (complete w/cross) - large door, brown trim - melt mark on door
Corner Store roof - not certain but roof has small molded in hole in one corner as well as a slot
Dark Green BN-1 type roof
Fire Dept roof
Fire Dept front w/doors - red letters
Frosty Bar floor - white
Frosty Bar roof - white
Frosty Bar sides - yellow
Frosty Bar sign - yellow - letter Y missing (FROST BAR)
Hospital air conditioner
Hospital awning - blue - no pins

Littletown barn roof and silo cap, blue - black crayon blobs on roof and cap, but will clean off
Marx Barn silo - red w/gray glued on cap
Marx Super Market or General Store roof
New England Ranch chimney side, not the wall but the flat side piece of the chimney - white
New England Ranch porch floor - white - no pins
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Red BN-1 type roofs
Red BN-1 type silo cap
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Split Level walls - specify letter of wall needed
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Suburban Station roof - green w/glued chimney
Suburban Station side wall
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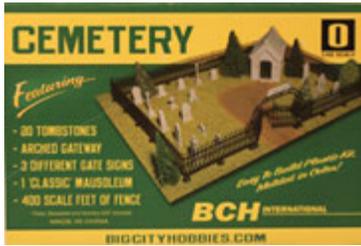
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Product Reviews



BCH International, Cemetery kit #168-8525, \$39.95. At last, a 1:48 scale cemetery. This the first kit in this scale that I have seen. It consists of twenty tombstones in ten different designs and a

mausoleum molded in gray. There are four sections of 80 scale foot wrought iron fence, and an 80 scale foot section of wrought iron fence with a gate. The gate is nicely framed by an ornamental arch. It is molded in the closed position but with some careful craft knife work it can be opened. Also included are three signs in black; CEMETERY, PARK, and ZOO for installation above the gate's arch.

Including a PARK and ZOO sign with a cemetery kit seemed a bit odd until I remembered that the fence can be purchased separately. It would look quite appropriate for a zoo that was created in the twenties or earlier.

The tombstones range from a simple cross that is slightly under 1 inch tall to a 2 inch column with a globe at its top.

Some of the tombstones come with bases. Many of these have simulated inscription areas where if one were to be extremely creative they could add epitaphs.

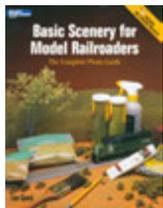
My first thought was to paint all of them a dirty white and weather them with a very dilute black India ink wash but upon further consideration I believe I will paint some of the taller ones as close to the muted reds and blues of actual marble markers.

The mausoleum is a what really makes this kit a standout. It is large enough to be a focal point of the cemetery without being overwhelming.

Included with the kit is a single sheet of instructions, a flyer for BCH International's Tippi and Copi hot wire foam cutters, and a price sheet for the cemetery as well as the separate prices for the fence with gate (\$24.95), mausoleum (\$19.95), and tombstones (\$24.95).

I may even purchase a set of the tombstones and use them to create a monument company.

This is a unique product and one that may just fill in that small space on your layout. It is surely to bring comments from visitors to your layout.



Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders, The Complete Photo Guide, Lou Sassi, published by Model Railroader Books, a division of Kalmbach Books, 96 pages, softcover, 8 1/2 x 11 format, \$21.95.

A recent electronic edition of *Classic Toy Trains* listed six "basics" books as a package deal. I am fortunate to be able to review three of the six books. This is the first of the three.

Look for a review of the *Basic Painting and Weathering* and *Basic Structure Modeling* books in the November and February editions, respectively.

This book was published in 2002 yet the information in it is as relevant today as it was back then. Although this book is written by an HO modeler, his techniques and ideas definitely span the entire scale spectrum.

The format of this book is unique in that each chapter begins with a description of what the author intends to create and then follows it up with numerous step by step photos.

The first chapter starts with the basic supporting framework and proceeds through creating the desired contours of the layout. I can honestly say that I have never seen an illustration of L-girder construction as understandable as that which is included in the first chapter of this book.

The author then proceeds, in the following chapters, to describe through step by step photos how to make the layout more realistic. These enhancements include creating trees from

various natural and artificial material, using natural rocks and dirt, and creating swamps, waterfalls, and streams.

I read with interest, as well as amusement, his chapter on creating a farm scene. I am somewhat of a farm boy and laud him on his soliciting a farm person to briefly describe the genesis of farming from horse and pulled implements to the processes in the era being modeled.

The final chapter, *Details*, contains a graphic illustrating various signpost dimensions and a second illustrating signpost configuration and the distance various sign - both railroad and traffic - should be placed from a crossing.

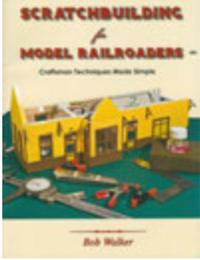
The book has a bonus. An index of all the manufacturers of materials referenced in the book is included on the final page.

This book is an easy weekend read. The methods illustrated in it can be applied to any scale and for the price below I feel it is a bargain.

I have been told that this books and others in the series may be discontinued so get them while they are still available.

Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders can be purchased from Kalmbach Books via their website at <http://www.kalmbachbookstore.com> or by telephone order at 800 533-6644 . It is currently on sale on their website for \$17.56, plus shipping.

It is also available on Amazon, Borders and Barnes & Noble's websites.



Scratchbuilding for Model Railroaders, Craftsman Techniques Made Simple, Bob Walker, published by Carstens Publications, 130 pages, softcover, 8 1/2 X 11 format. \$19.95.

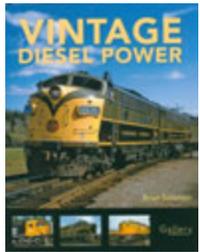
This book is a compilation of the author's long-running series, "Scratchbuilding Corner" published in the *Railroad Model Craftsman*

magazine.

The introduction is subtitled, "Why Scratchbuild" and is followed by the author's philosophy as to why to scratchbuild. This is followed by six chapters.

The first is, of course, dedicated to the tools one needs to be an effective scratchbuilder. It not only notes the common tools but also some uncommon tools. It also discusses personal comfort and safety as well as record keeping.

Chapter two discusses the various materials, wood, styrene, plaster, and paper that are commonly used in creating buildings from scratch. I really enjoyed the chapter on components such as foundations, roofs, back alleys. It was almost amusing that the author accidentally found ashes from a cigarette and ultimately, ash from other items created great weathering effects as well as "aged" coffee.



Vintage Diesel Power, Brian Solomon, published by Quayside Press, 192 pages, softcover, 6 1/2 X 8 1/4 format, \$19.99 US, 21.99 Canada. This title is part of Quayside Press' Gallery Series of books. Other titles in the series include Steam Power, Railroad Rolling Stock, and Caboose, as well as others.

There are five chapters to the book as well as acknowledgements, an introduction, a bibliography, and an index. One of the five major manufacturers of early diesel locomotives is the subject of each chapter. These manufacturers include: Alco, Baldwin, Electro-Motive, Fairbanks-Morse, and General electric. The chapters for Alco and Electro-Motive have the most pages as can be expected due to their rather large variety of early diesel locomotives.

Each chapter begins with a two page preface that gives a very brief history of each manufacturer. The following pages are full color photos of the manufacturer's various models. Each photo is exceptionally captioned with a

The remaining chapters are just as entertaining and information-filled as these two. That is especially true for chapter "seven", which is actually the conclusion. The author's conclusion.

I am certain the actions he describes are the bane of many a spouse as he describes what one should take in a tackle box if they are going on a road trip and wish to do some motel room kitbashing.

The author uses a chatty type format which made this book very easy to read. His reference to various companies throughout the book will spur me to review the website of those companies for possible purchases.

I found this book easy to read and learned quite a bit about the art, that is what I consider it, of scratchbuilding. I recommend it to anyone who is an ardent or budding scratchbuilder.

Scratchbuilding for Model Railroaders, can be purchased from Carstens Publishing, 08 Phil Hardin Road, Newton, NJ 07860. Their toll-free number is 888 526-5365. The book is also available on their website at <http://carstensbookstore.com/carabo.html>.

I found it listed on Amazon.com but with a selling price for the two offered at \$21.49 and \$101.12, plus shipping charges. With those prices, you may want to order it directly from Carstens!

description as well as, in many cases, the history of that particular locomotive. I also like the fact that each caption lists the photographer's name. The author also mentions the location of the locomotive in instances where it is preserved in a museum. That is a nice addition that may come in handy for me in the future.

The bibliography is unique as it not only contains a listing of books but also periodicals and brochures, rulebooks and timetables used in writing the book. This would be a good place to look for other books that may interest the reader.

I enjoyed reading this book and will read it again but this time making a physical note of the various museums mentioned. That way I can visit them on line or if they are in my general area or an area in which I will be traveling give them a visit.

Vintage Diesel Power 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. It is available on amazon.com. amazon also offers it as an auto-delivered wirelessly downloaded kindle edition.

Welcome New Members

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

Roger Aponte, Ponce, Puerto Rico
Larry W Harvasinski, Slingerlands, NY
Harold (Hal) W Seitz, Ft Lauderdale, FL
Salvatore V Cerchiaro, Jr, Pittsburgh, PA
Richard P Thomas, Wilmington, NC
Mark A Salce, East Syracuse, NY
John (Jack) H Hammond, Lansdale, PA
Charles Getscher, Forest Hill, MD
Edwin R Tyler, Scott Twp, PA
Allan L Dayton, Lincoln, NE
Tony Tesoriere, Hanford, CA
Howard M Schultz, Tamarac, FL
Tommy A Russo, Olney, MD
William E McCluskey, Weatherly, PA
Gregory P Fox, Braintree, VT
Francis X Curran III, Joliet, IL
Dann N Fugh, Garden Valley, CA
John E Bucanis, Venice, FL

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 October 1, 2011.

Pete Henningsen, Milford, CT
Steven C Getman, Spokane, WA
Louis J Brody, Sewell, NJ
R Dennis Breda, Medina, OH
Bruce D Schrimpf, Milwaukee, WI
James A McClenin, Ontario, NY
MaeyAnn Kowalsky, Ambridge, PA
Paul T Fagley, Burnham, PA
Donald W Huovinen, Wilmington, NC
William M Kelly, Harrisburg, PA
Steve R McAdams, Phoenix, AZ

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:

PLASTICVILLE COLLECTORS ASSN
[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.

We are investigating the production of a Plasticville Construction Company 1953 Ford F100 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. Above prices plus shipping. #02-87, Lawrence Fachler, 6 Bosko Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4542 factlf@juno.com (Aug 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 (Nov 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 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 (Feb 12)

I have a large collection of Plasticville for sale. All in original boxes with original pieces. No repro parts in my

For Trade

Have boxed Plasticville to trade from the 50's (Post Office, Large Supermarket, Police Station, Fire Station, Hardware/Pharmacy) for Fleischman Magic trains. Contact

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 (Aug 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

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 (Feb 12)

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 (May 12)

#1304 Crossing Signals, mint in blister pack. Never opened. Bill Nole price: \$50. Your price: \$25 OBO, plus shipping. Photo available on request. #01-24, John Gottcent, 3912 West Oregon Street, Evansville, IN 47720. Phone 812-426-2989. Jandjgott@gmail.com (Aug 12)

CANNIBAL ATTACK! After combining several kits, I have leftover empty boxes: AU-6 condition 6, TA-2 Condition 6, 5608 condition 6 - all with dividers. AP-1 and ST-1 conditions 0. 1403 & 1603 conditions 3 to 5. PD-3 condition 7. PH-1 condition 9. \$43.00 for all. #02-154 Robert Spivey, PO Box 33484, Decatur, GA 30033. Phone 404 633-6777. r_spyv@hotmail.com (May 12)

me for more information on the pieces I am seeking. #11-660 Harold (Hal) Seitz, 5141 NW 84th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33351. 954 749-1090 (Aug 12)

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

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Littleton: 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 (Aug 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
(Nov 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 (Nov 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 (Feb 12)

Wanted: Seeking an off-white two pin chimney for a
Littleton Cape Cod. #05-375, Jim Deacon, 422 Circle
Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130. Phone 708 692-7917.
j61deacon@gmail.com (Feb 12)

1875 O Pit Stop like new with box. George Endress Canada
Plasticville HP-8 Cape Cod like new with box. VU-4
Community set like new with box. Frank Martin Canada
Plasticville HP-8 Cape Cod like new with box. SC-4 School
with Canadian flag like new with box. Call anytime.
#06-397 Dennis Bartley, 344 13th St So, Brigantine, NJ
08203 Phone 609 266-2379. expressmale@comcast.net
(May 12)

SM-6 box in god or better condition or box and kit if box
is in good or better shape. #10-621 Ronald Cortese, 101
Beatrice St, Greenville, SC 29611 Phone 864 220-9404
(May 12)

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 (May 12)

Bank front door, switch tower roof sign in brown . #05-351
Gordon Kelley, 5775 Alvin Howe Road, P.O.B. 141, Lyons,
WI 53148. (May 12)

#45972 Rural Station. Original box preferred but not
essential. #01-24 John Gottcent, 3912 West Oregon Street,
Evansville, IN 47720. Phone 812-426-2989. (Aug 12)

Please call or send your sale list of any
Marx/Littleton/Skyline buildings and/or any accessories.
Looking for any 1950's-60's cereal premiums - cars, trucks,
sign, billboards, etc. Need one yellow disk base for cereal
premium road signs. Flag and flagpole for Marx/K-Line
police station. #07-481 Nan Cashour, 6500 Schneider Cr,
Middleton, MD 21769. 301 371-7258 (Aug 12)

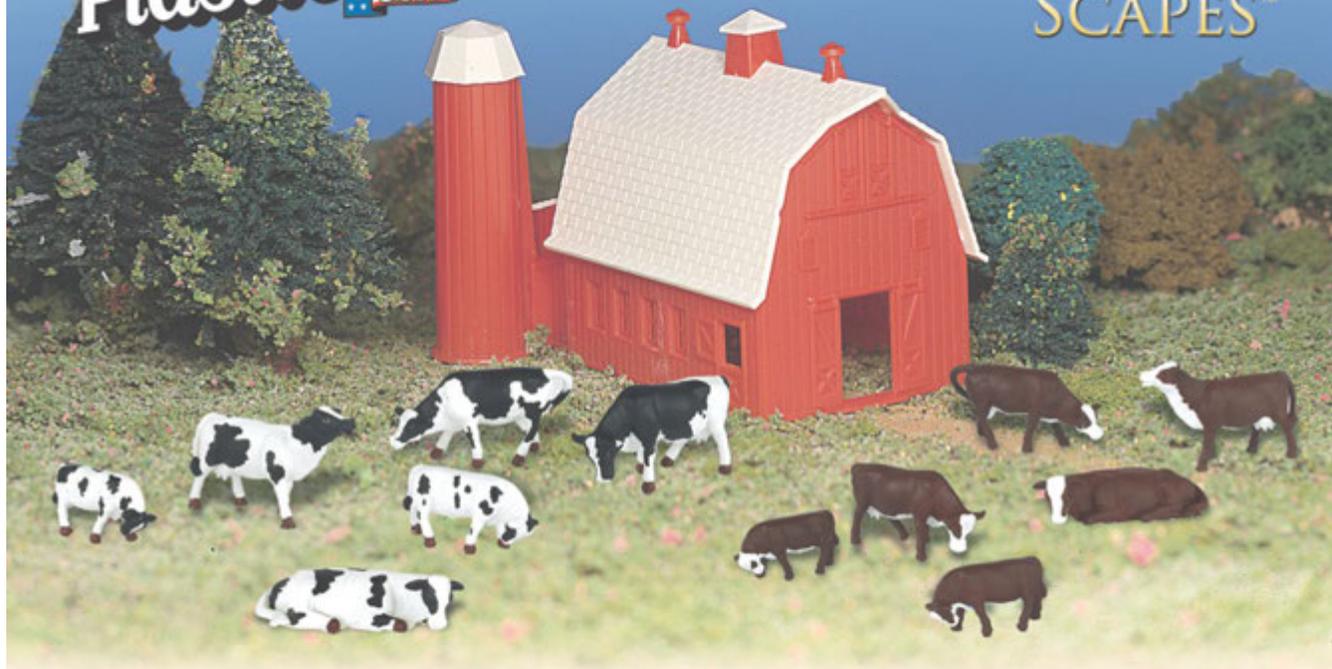
Do you have buildings that you would like to sell and without the hassle of Internet auction sites?
Do you have parts that you would like to sell and without the hassle of Internet auction sites?
Do you have buildings that you would like to trade?
Do you have parts that you would like to trade?
Do you have buildings that you want that don't seem to be available on Internet auction sites?
Do you have parts that you need that don't seem to be available on Internet auction sites?

As a member you may place up to a 50 word plastic village related classified ad in **each** of the three
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