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75TH O-GAUGE ANNIVERSARY PIECES

JIM BENNETT

Bachmann released a new series of kits to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Plasticville. Four kits are available with new boxes and new colors in some cases. The kits are the Hobo Shacks (45631), Roadside Stand (45632), Cathedral (45630), and Split Level House (45633).

Hobo Shacks:

The large, square shack appears to be a dark chocolate brown and the smaller, rectangular shack is cream. This is a new color variation. Unlike the last release, this kit does



not include the railroad work car.

Roadside Stand:

The white walls and dark gray roof and base match the original made in the U.S.A. The last release, from what I've read on the Tandem Associates website, have cream colored walls. I measured the walls thinking they'd be

thinner than my #1923 but the new one is actually thicker: The new one is .073" thick and my #1923 is .068 thick. So, I can't see any color difference. There are no posters for the



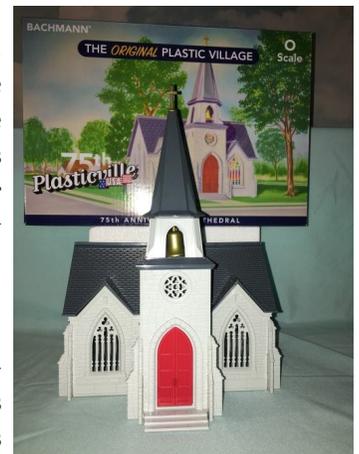
back wall nor a brush and paint. It really needs painted to give it some "POP".

Cathedral:

The walls are a light gray, the roofs are dark gray, the front door is red, and the bell, bell clapper and cross are gold. This is a new color variation. This one really looks impressive!

Split Level House:

Lower walls are gray, upper walls are white, roof is dark gray, and the trim is



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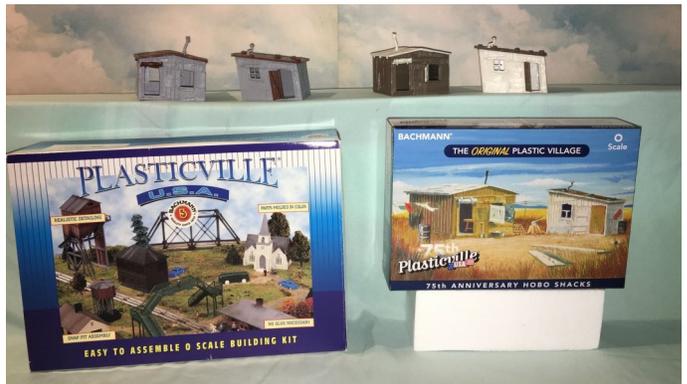
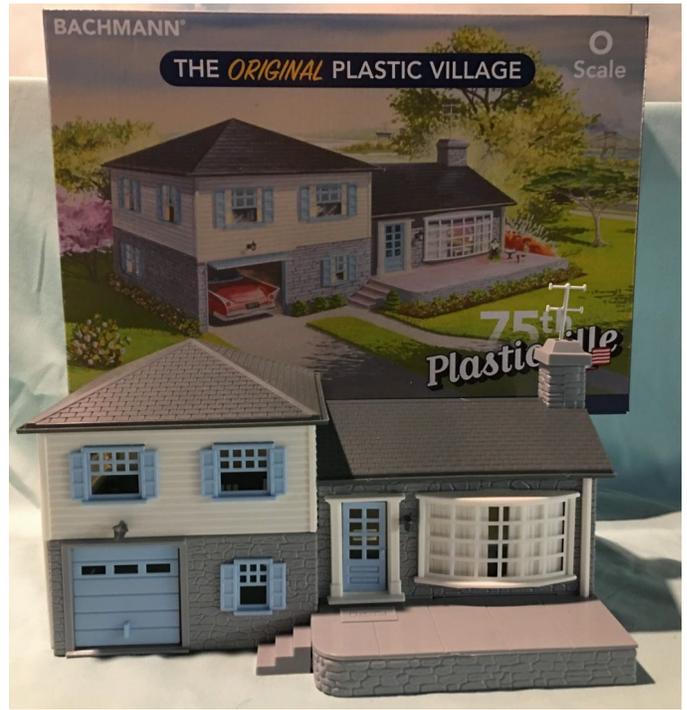
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light blue. There is no reference to light blue trim in Bill Nole's book or on Tandem Associates to light blue trim. The only reference to light blue trim is on the PCA website (picture #9 under split-level house)†.

Boxes:

The boxes were a pleasant surprise! Not only the beautiful art work but they were very hefty (.068" thick as compared to the flimsy Type 11 boxes that are .025" thick and will crush when you look at them wrong). These are very rigid and, I think, they'll hold up well. As was mentioned in the last issue of *The Villager* the photo of the Hobo Shacks smokestacks is incorrect. The kit had the proper set of two different stacks (albeit they were not in contrasting colors). The picture of the Roadside Stand shows the words "PRODUCE" and "FRUIT" slanted as in the painting (and on the original, molded sign) but the sticker is all horizontal lettering. The box front and back, which are identical, extols the virtues of Plasticville and says "original promotional artwork from the 1950s" but I believe some of these weren't released till the early 1960s.

† Editors Note: I do not believe the light blue trim version on the PCA website is a true variation. I have never encountered one, this is more likely a Frankenstein version with windows and doors taken from a two-story colonial. If anyone can produce a version with a box stamp I would be very interested to see it.



Model Number	Kit	Roof Color	Wall Color	Trim Color
45633	Split Level House	Dark gray	White upper walls, Gray lower walls	Light blue
45632	Roadside Stand	Dark gray	White	
45630	Cathedral	Dark gray	Light gray	Red door, gold bell, clapper and cross
45631	Hobo Shack			
	Large Shack	Cream	Dk. chocolate brown	
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The April newsletter is in the books! Sorry for the delay. Trying to wait until after the York train show in order to include the York Report makes it a tight finish to get the April newsletter in by the end of April. We had a good meeting of the PCA at York this year, you can read about it in this issue!

We have some excellent articles in this issue thanks to Jim for documenting the new 75th O-gauge anniversary pieces. (Did anyone get the HO ones?) Also thanks to Don and Ed for their regular K-Line contributions. This issue wraps up the second part of Tom's article on Plasticville advertising, I really enjoyed this piece!

Please join me in welcoming Andy Zola as a semi-regular contributor. He has already sent me a few interesting articles and the first one is in this issue about the bridge and pond (one of my favorite structures). I learned something new about the pond and associated footbridges.

As usual we are still looking for more contributions, either one-off or semi-regular articles. It has been a few years since we had any articles on kit-bashing, if this is some-

thing you enjoy please consider showing off some of your creations.

I will use my remaining space here to preview an upcoming article on a very special bungalow! Until next time, enjoy!

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(brown or dark grey), original Roll Up \$5, original Steps \$5, Railroad work car: original walls & roof,
House Under Construction: shovel, rake, hoe, bucket, Hospital: desk chair, straight chair, 2 Story
House: porch post, Fire Dept: red chimney cap, Police Dept: green chimney cap, Cattle Pen: crossbar,
Turnpike: white lens holder, 2 lenses(Red or Green), Turnpike: white cone 4/\$3, green sign \$3, Post
Office: flag \$5, Frosty Bar: stool \$1, Sign \$5

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England Ranch: half chimney, ANTENNA: 2 story colonial, New England ranch, Police station, Police
Station: antenna base WEATHERVANE: Barn, School, Independence Hall, Hospital: siren, Fire
Department: siren, Barn caps, Church cross, Split Level downspouts, Watchman Shanty light, Bank:
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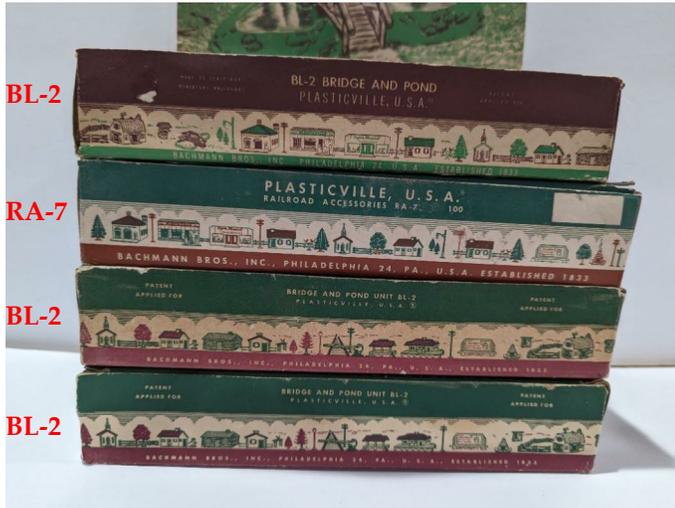
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BL-2 BRIDGE AND POND

ANDY ZOLA

In rearranging my Plasticville displays I ran across something unusual about the common BL-2 Bridge and Pond. In moving the boxes around, I saw that the



first issue of the box with the pop up lid is approximately 9 inches long while the non pop up lid boxes are approximately 9 1/2 inches long. This got me wondering why and if there was anything else different about this common item. The BL-2 Bridge and Pond was first listed in the 1950 catalog and last listed in the 1953 catalog. Strange that I have a box with a Disney Land sticker and entry form when these were only used in 1955. After checking my other boxes for sizes I found that the RA-7 Railroad Accessories Assortment box first listed in 1954 is the same size as the second issue of the BL-2 box. Were the boxes used for the RA-7 items left over boxes (cut for size but not printed) so as not to waste them?

After looking at the boxes I decided to look at the ponds and bridges. We are all aware of the three shades of green for the O gauge and the HO gauge marbled version. I was not aware that the HO version has the Plasticville name removed from the pond. All the other O gauge versions regardless of shades has the Plasticville name molded on the pond (see the next page). Lastly I looked at the bridges and to my amazement some have the Plasticville name molded and some do not. I have a dealer box were all the bridges have Plasticville removed. Does anyone know why or when Plasticville was removed from both the HO pond and the bridges?





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K-line had many variations of the Suburban Station primarily because it was often included in a licensed or promotional set. And of course, every train needs a station. There are 13 major variations based on item numbers as well as color/decoration differences within an item number.

But the most elusive station to find is the Suburban Station that was an "EXCLUSIVE" for TOY TRAIN MUSEUM. The station was made exclusively for the Train Collectors Association and was shown in the 1984-85 TCA Gift Catalog as item T/214 (Photo 1). This station was a normal K-4031 Suburban Station production item but with the addition of more stickers to be affixed to the signboards and timetable board. The box was a conventional Type 1 box with an "EXCLUSIVE" for TOY TRAIN MUSEUM sticker affixed to the front. (Photo 2). Included inside was a K-Line envelope which included the stickers. The envelope was stamped with "K-4032" which apparently was K-Line's designation for the "EXCLUSIVE" station. See Photo 3.



Photo 2

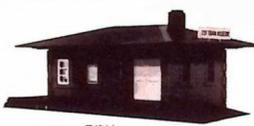


Photo 4

ly station that included such a sticker. These additional stickers are shown in Photo 5.

Photo 1

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Suburban Stations normally came only with peel and stick signs to be affixed to the signboards designating the station name. This "EXCLUSIVE" station included the normal "K-LINEVILLE" signage (Photo 4) but also stickers for "TOY TRAIN MUSEUM", and "STRASBURG" to be affixed to the signboards. But more interestingly this station also included a sticker to be affixed to the timetable board. This is the on-

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Photo 3

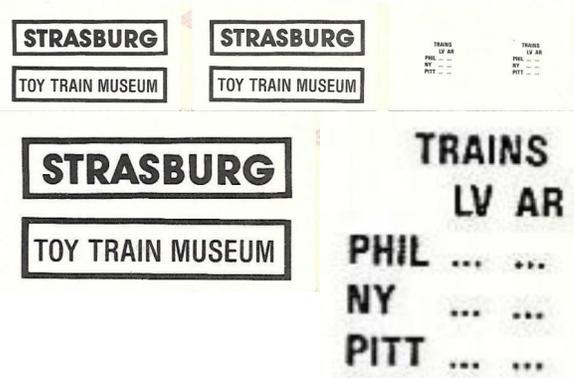


Photo 5

The assembled station with accessories and figures is shown in Photo 6. Specific details about the station are as follows:

Colors: Unpainted caramel brown walls; chocolate brown platform and roof; white doors, windows, timetable board and signboards.

Peel and stick signs for signboards: "K-LINEVILLE", "TOY TRAIN MUSEUM", and "STRASBURG". Also there was a sticker to be affixed to the timetable board.

Accessories: (unpainted light gray, hard plastic)

1. Small handtruck with baggage



Photo 6

2. Baggage cart with baggage
3. Dolly with handle
4. Bench
5. Large handtruck w/o baggage

Figures: (unpainted hard plastic)

1. 1 woman and child
2. 1 newsboy w/papers at right side
3. 1 man wearing overcoat carrying something in left hand
4. 1 conductor w/lantern
5. 1 porter carrying luggage
6. 1 man wearing suit walking, briefcase in left hand, coat draped over right arm

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INCREASING THE TOWN'S POPULATION

Getting the Younger Generation Collecting Plasticville

LUCCA MARCELLO

I bought my first Plasticville kit when I was 14. That's a pretty normal age to get a Plasticville kit, maybe you were younger. Except now I'm 20.

Young guys and Plasticville aren't usually paired together, especially with the current fear of the end of the hobby. I personally don't think the model train hobby is dying. I think the scale and realistic stuff in any gauge is what's popular with younger modelers while the classic semi-scale postwar MPC stuff is losing customers. I see most people my age prefer realism in model trains over nostalgia or collectability, especially since we don't have that childhood nostalgia for Plasticville. So how do we get young guys like me to join the town of Plasticville?

Here's what my young guy glasses see - One way to get young people who've never thought about model trains involved is by posting about Plasticville on public social media. This might sound like siding with the enemy. Social media is where a majority of young people watch content. I see social media and video posting websites like Instagram or TikTok as our advertising medium. Show them what Plasticville is about. Explain the history behind the buildings. Teach them about different variations too.

Young guys love collecting things. These video makers are like Plasticville ambassadors. Let's say someone posts their Plasticville collection and 100 people see it. Out of those 100, a couple research Plasticville and begin buying kits. It's a small number of new collectors, but now they're in; they've got bitten by the bug. Even better would be these new guys inspired by the videos they've watched to start posting their collection and start the collection chain reaction. It's a great place to advertise train shows and clubs too. This goes not just for Plasticville but the whole hobby. Free publicity.

Appealing to the young modeler who goes for realism is a whole different scheme. I think they'd like Plasticville for its customization and price. Pitch to them how they can buy an unpainted ready to be assembled kit that can be customized to whatever they want for under \$30. The size of the building is too small? Use it for compressed perspective. Don't forget kitbashing.

Last regard is to be open to the young folk. Be patient with them, even if they think they know everything about Plasticville.



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JIM BENNETT

In 47 Bachmann made a fence to adorn,
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Electric trains were all the rage,
Bachmann decided to take center stage.
Houses, barns and a station began to surface,
Plasticville gave those trains a purpose!
Bachmann spent the next decade getting into position,
To overtake and absorb all the plastic village competition.
Skyline, Beemak and Littletown caved without clamor.
To all fall under the Bachmann banner.
Twenty-Five years began to unfurl,
While Boomers discovered cars, jobs and girls.
It seemed that for Plasticville they were no longer ecstatic,
It all ended up at garage sales, or stored in the attic.
In the blink of an eye, whata-ya know,
All the hip cats were switching to H O.
Thus, the silver anniversary in 72,
Passed on by without much ado.
After 50 years a resurgence was displayed,
Many of the old structures had been remade,
Four never-before seen kits were deployed,
Plasticville collectors were overjoyed!
But then...what's this...say it's not true!
Everyone knows "Thou shalt not glue"
Plasticville purists were outraged, their tempers inflamed,
"If we wanted to glue something we'd build model air-
planes"
For the 75th anniversary in 2022,
Four more new structures were put into the queue.
Rumors spread, "What will they be"?
A new color configuration hopefully we'll see.
But 2022 came and went, with nothing new to be seen,
Because of a worldwide pandemic called Covid-19.
Shipping was backed up, supply lines were blocked,

In China the four new structures gathered dust on the docks.

The pandemic finally petered out, no longer to be,
The new kits arrived by Christmas of 2023.
Hip, hip hooray, strike up the band!
Hobo shacks, Split level, Cathedral and Roadside Stand!
Three new color combos were proudly proclaimed,
Only the Roadside Stand remained the same.
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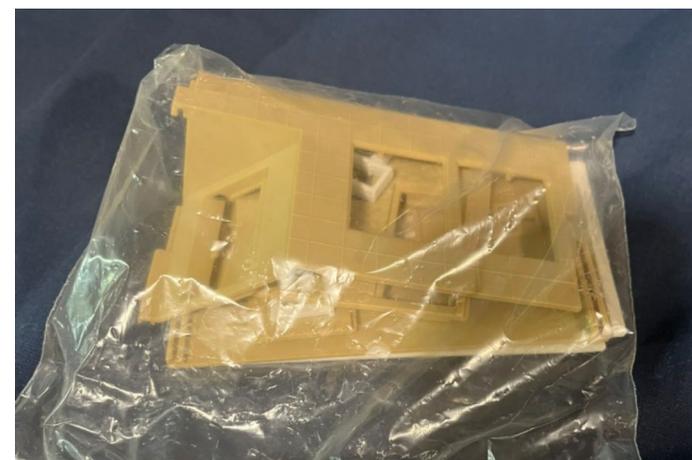
MATTHEW HARVAZINSKI



The corner store found above was manufactured by Bachmann for King Distributing. There are six common variations, #100 the hobby shop, #200 the sports shop. Each of these came with either white walls and a grey roof, or grey walls and a white roof. That makes a total of six variations to collect!

At the start of the process several "green" buildings were also made. Mike Cedro's pocket price guide calls these "Lime Green". They are not really a green but more of a brown color. The original goal was to reproduce the green little town color. Shown below is the Littletown general store in green. You can also find a corner store in this color.

The brown walled version still looks good in a city lineup as shown at the bottom of the page next to the general store. Shown below is a mint brown walled version with a white roof and a white sign.

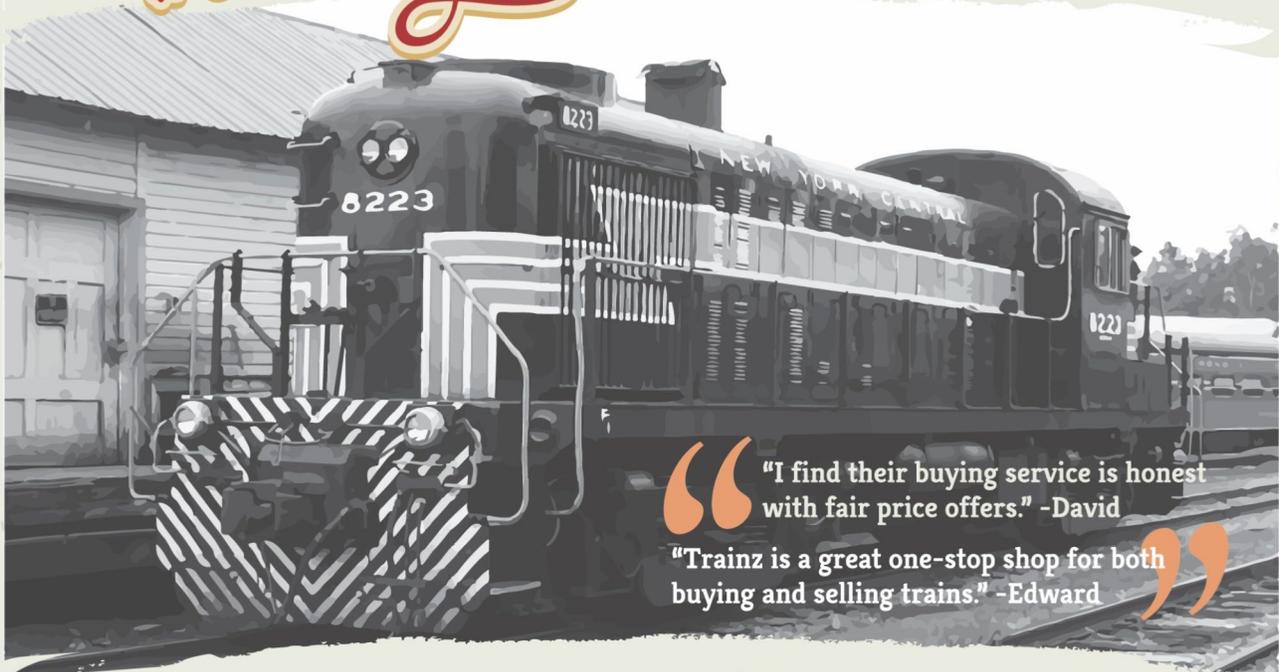


Interestingly only the *Plastic Village Gazette's Pocket Price Guide* by Mike Cedro from 2001 mentions this strange variation. Now that you know about this variation you can go out and hunt one down for your collection!

The Littletown green is a great color. When the test samples were received King was not pleased with the color and did not move forward, instead matching the original white and grey versions. About 100 of the brown units were made, you can find them with brown walls and a white roof, or the reverse. That makes a total of 6 variations to find if you include the inserts. The box for these is marked "Green".



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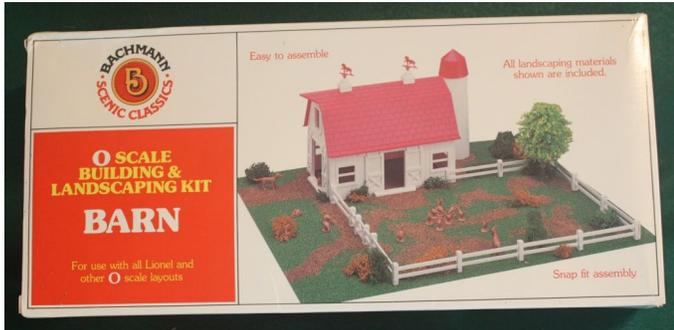
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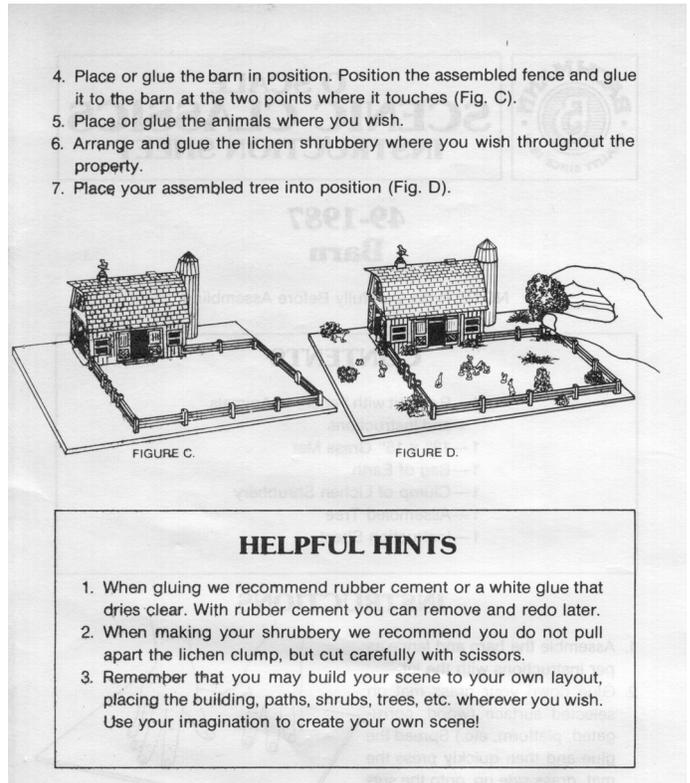
JOHN NIEHAUS

I was reviewing my 1987 Barn O Scale Building & Landscaping Kit and discovered some very odd things about it. Let's start with the picture on the box. The illustration on the box shows the top of the barn as having two weathervanes. I know of no farmer out here in the Midwest who has two weathervanes on their barns. (Shown below)



Let's move on to the folded 5½ × 8½ two sided assembly instructions sheet. There are a couple of strange things with this piece of paper. There is no item number in the lowest text block on the front page. The only info in that block is the word BARN and AGE 8 TO ADULT.

The illustration on the front of this sheet and on the back in step 3 as shown below both show only one weathervane base and one weathervane. There is nothing on the roof projections at the other end of the barn.



The list of parts on the back page notes that there are one each of items 9 & 10, the WEATHER VANE and WEATHER VANE BASE, respectively, again see photo 2.

The back of the included 5½ × 8½ sheet showing how to use the landscape base also shows a similar picture of the barn with only one weathervane and no weathervane base on the other roof projections. (shown above)

Now for the strange part. I reviewed the contents of my kit. There are two red weathervanes and two white, with weathervane holes, weathervane bases. It seems that when this product was put together there was a lack of any type of product proofing.

PLASTICVILLE MAGAZINE ADVERTISING - PART II

TOM FRITSCH

I have nine ads that came from Boy Scouts of America's *Boys Life* magazine, but I do not have the specific dates for any, but two. The first ad (Figure 1) features a cartoonish illustration of a boy dressed in railroad engineer clothing. It is headlined "FROM ONE PIKE BUILDER TO ANOTHER." The boy is writing a letter saying that he uses Plasticville on his toy train platform. He is urging the reader to send for a free catalog. Below is a coupon to do so and an illustration of the small single-sheet catalog that was included in the kits at that time. I do not know the year of this ad, but based on the similarities of the one in Figure 10, I would guess it is 1956.

A *Boys Life* ad from 1957 (Figure 2) shows the same boy as in Figure 9 leaning out of a locomotive window and saying "HI FELLOWS BRING YOUR VILLAGE TO LIFE WITH Plasticville U.S.A. by BACHMANN." Again, a coupon is available to send for a free catalog along with an illustration of the 1957 "Play Guide" single-sheet catalog.

FROM ONE PIKE BUILDER TO ANOTHER

Dear Friends,
 My toy train platform looks great this year... Why! because I built my village with Plasticville, U.S.A. and say...
 ... I just received the latest catalog and there's some swell new buildings that you can buy this year... buildings to make your layout look even more realistic.

Send for Your Free Catalog, To:
Bachmann Bros., Inc.
 1400 E. Erie Avenue
 Philadelphia 24, Pa.
 P.S. Bachmann you know makes "Birds of the World" Kits and "Storytown" Kits.

Please send me the new Plasticville U.S.A. Catalog:

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

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SEND FOR NEW FREE CATALOG

Send me the new catalog illustrating the latest Plasticville, U. S. A. buildings and village accessories.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Mail to... **BACHMANN BROS., INC**
 Philadelphia 24, Pa.

Figure 2

The next ad is from 1959 (Figure 3). It says "I BUILD MY WHOLE PIKE WITH Plasticville U.S.A.®" A different cartoonish illustration of a boy dressed in railroad engineer clothing (both his face and clothing design are different than those in Figure 1 and 2) and holding a split-level house, with a whole village behind him, is shown. It states that there are "over 50 buildings and accessories in either 'O' and 'S' or 'HO' gauge." A coupon to send for a "big new Plasticville, U.S.A. catalog" is included at the bottom along with another illustration of the small single-sheet catalog that was included in the kits at that time.

Figure 1



The Villager is looking for new contributors. Contact the editor to find out how to participate and share your knowledge.

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BACHMANN BROS., INC.
1400 E. ERIE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA 24, PA.

Please send me the big new Plasticville, U.S.A. catalog.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

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PLASTICVILLE, U.S.A. IS MADE BY THE MAKERS OF "BIRDS OF THE WORLD" AND "STORYTOWN, U.S.A." KITS.

Figure 3



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BACHMANN BROS., INC.
 P.O. Box 9570-BL4, Philadelphia 24, Pa.
 Enclosed is 10¢. Rush me my own copy of the new full color catalog of Plasticville, U.S.A. snap-together models as checked below.
 O&S Gauge HO Gauge

Name.....
 Address.....
 City..... Zone..... State.....

BACHMANN BROS., INC.
 Established 1833
 PHILADELPHIA 24, U.S.A.

Figure 4

The first dated *Boys Life* ad that I have is from November 1961 (Figure 4). It states “PLAN YOUR PIKE with PLASTICVILLE, U.S.A.[®] . . . whether it's a farm, a city, a mountain scene, a railroad yard.” It depicts an older scout in uniform who is placing a cathedral on his HO layout. It can be discerned that it is an HO layout because the illustrated

house under construction is the two-story house, whereas the house under construction in O gauge is the cape cod. Illustrations of six HO kits are featured along the side. Again, a coupon is included to send for a catalog, but now 10¢ needs to be included and to specify whether HO or O-S gauge is wanted.

Another dated *Boys Life* ad is from December 1962 (Figure 5). It says “Fun for all with PLASTICVILLE, U.S.A.[®]” and shows a boy, with presumably his sister, placing a bungalow on the layout before him. The text says “This year, your miniature town can have a **Roadside Fruit Stand** complete with fruits, vegetables, cash register and scales—exactly as you see them along the highway. A coupon is again included to send for a catalog, along with the request for 10¢ and to specify whether HO or O-S gauge is wanted.

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You'll be thrilled with the new full-color catalog of **Plasticville, U.S.A.** Send 10¢ along with the coupon below—and be sure to specify whether you want HO gauge or O-S gauge.

BACHMANN BROS., INC.
 P. O. Box 1138
 Philadelphia 5, Pa.
 Enclosed is 10¢. Please send the new catalog of Plasticville, U.S.A. model-railroad and miniature village buildings. My system is _____ HO gauge _____ O-S gauge.

Name.....
 Address.....
 City..... Zone..... State.....

BACHMANN BROS., INC.
 PHILADELPHIA 24, PA.
 ESTABLISHED 1833
 Makers of Birds, Dogs, and
 Animals of the World

Figure 5

A 1963 *Boys Life* ad (Figure 6) shows a sign post, with a Plasticville village behind it, proclaiming "Plasticville, U.S.A. THE TOWN FOR FUN," "NO GRASS TO CUT," "NO LEAVES TO RAKE," "NO SNOW TO SHOVEL," "NO WINDOWS TO WASH" and "NO ERRANDS TO RUN." At the end it is stated "Get the new FULL-COLOR CATALOG. Enclose 10¢ with coupon, indicating whether you want HO or O-S gauge. A photo of the cover of the 1963 catalog is shown.

**PLASTICVILLE, U.S.A.
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NO GRASS TO CUT
NO LEAVES TO RAKE
NO SNOW TO SHOVEL
NO WINDOWS TO WASH
NO ERRANDS TO RUN

LOOK, BOYS! Own your own town, your own railroad pike, your own farmland — without any of the grownup worries . . . just the *fun* of creating your very own HO or O-S gauge scale layout to fit your train or trolley plan!

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Philadelphia 5, Pa.
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Figure 6

the happiest time of the day
with the year 'round hobby

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Yes, the happiest time of the day is when you are planning and building your Plasticville, U.S.A. railroad or road racing layout. These well designed and easy to assemble buildings are available in O-S and HO gauge for railroading, large and small gauge road racing.

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ESTABLISHED 1833
Makers of Birds, Dogs, and Animals of the World

BACHMANN BROS., INC., P.O. Box 1138
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19105
Please send me new catalog of Plasticville, U.S.A.
I ENCLOSE 10¢

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PLEASE PRINT

Figure 7

In 1964, (Figure 7) the boy placing a bungalow on his layout has returned without his sister (perhaps she was getting bored), even though it was "the happiest time of day with the year 'round hobby" as the ad proclaims. Two new HO items for 1964 are illustrated: contemporary house and new car showroom. As always, a coupon is provided to send for "the beautiful new full-color catalog." It is stated that "both railroad and road racing items" are included. As an aside, 1964 was the last year that Bachmann ever produced any new item namely the coaling station. As can be seen in this ad, they began focusing on road racing accessories.

PLASTICVILLE, U. S. A. IS THE GREATEST

Plasticville, U.S.A.®

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P.O. Box 9570
Philadelphia 24

Please rush me the Plasticville, U.S.A. catalog I've checked below.

HO gauge O or S gauge

Name.....

Address.....

City.....Zone...State.....

BL-60

Figure 8

A second ad appeared in Boys Life in 1964 (Figure 8). Under the banner "PLASTICVILLE U.S.A. IS THE GREATEST" is a cartoonish scout in full uniform waving semaphore flags with a second scout saying "I get the message." They are standing behind an HO layout. The usual coupon is included to "send for the big new catalog now!" This ad was questioned in the April 2023 issue of *The Villager* on page 23. It stated that "Tony Santay brought a Plasticville newspaper from an unknown year and an

unknown paper" (to the York PCA meeting on April 21st). Now you know the rest of the story.

The final Boys Life ad that I have acquired appeared in 1966 (Figure 9). It is headlined "like father ... like son ... PLASTICVILLE U.S.A.® Traditionally American." A boy and his "dad," both dressed in railroad engineer clothing are looking over a Plasticville layout. It urges readers to "SEND FOR THE NEW, FULL COLOR CATALOG. EN-

*like father...
like son...*



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Traditionally American

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THE YEAR ROUND HOBBY



**SEND FOR THE NEW,
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
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BACHMANN BROS., INC.
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19124
ESTABLISHED 1883
*Makers of Birds, Dogs,
and Animals of the World*

Figure 9

CLOSE 10¢.” A photo of the 1966 catalog cover and coupon are included.

The last ad in my collection (Figure 10) is a mystery to me. It is printed in full color on newsprint – it could possibly be from a comic book. It says “HAVE FUN! – build a complete city with PLASTICVILLE U.S.A. the original plastic village. The snap-fit easy to assemble items are available in ‘O’ and ‘HO’ Gauge at your favorite store.” A cartoon of two boys looking over a layout is featured. Only about half of the drawn buildings are recognizable as Plasticville structures. The bottom bar states “MFG. BY BACHMANN BROS. – EST. 1883 – PHILA. 24, U.S.A.”

I am still on the lookout for more ads, but the well seems to have run dry lately. If anyone has more insight to any of these ads, I would appreciate the feedback.

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Figure 10

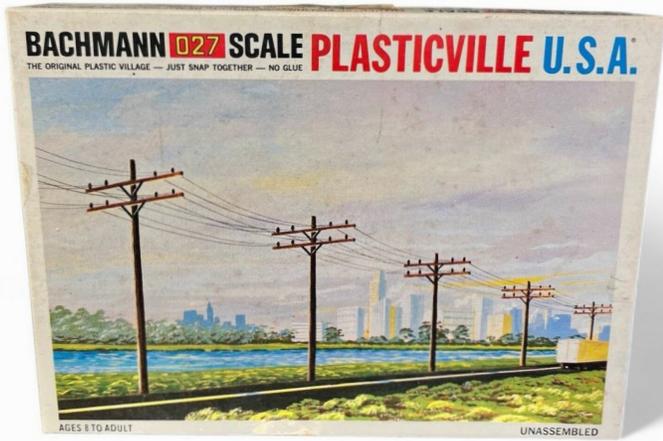
THE YORK REPORT

MATTHEW HARVAZINSKI

This spring's York meet came to a close in April. The PCA met for our semi-annual show and tell at 11 AM in the Orange Hall meeting room. Turnout was a bit smaller than prior years. This year we were lucky to have three door prizes graciously donated by Bill Nole. Each of the prizes contained 2 white, 2 brown, 2 tan, and 2 buff shrubs. If you didn't win, come back in the fall for a chance to win more shrubs!

If you don't know the history of these shrubs they were part of the King Distributing era of Plasticville. The white shrubs were the mold test used to evaluate the molds. The brown, tan, and buff shrubs were going to be included with the apartment house. Ultimately it was decided not to include these in the final release. See Bill's ad on page 5 if you are interested in purchasing some direct from the source!

As a group we had some discussion on the differences between the Littletown corner store and the Plasticville corner store. I brought a "lime green" test building from King along with a green Littletown general store. The



King "lime green" was more of a brown color and never produced in great numbers. Look the article in this issue to learn more.

We also had a discussion of telephone poles. Two people brought 1630 boxes of telephone poles. This is a box with very nice artwork on it. It is the later release of telephone poles. The early release was the generic brown "dealer" boxes. One person was surprised to find red and white telephone poles in their 1630 box. This is not the correct box for these, the red and white came only in the early brown boxes. Red and white telephone poles (TP-5) are

much harder to find and can be found with and without diagonal cross beam supports. Even harder to find is the black telephone poles.

We also had a discussion on a red corner store sign holder. It was unclear if this was a prototype or a Littletown color. Red is a known color used to test molds, but Littletown had so many variations. No one in attendance had a clear answer. Reader comment is requested on this.

Finally we had a discussion on the marbled covered bridge. This variation does not appear in any of the books and contains a grey marbled bridge and roof. Tony had requested information about this before York and I had never heard of this version. I happened to find one at the show for a very reasonable price. Look for an article about this in a future edition.

There was plenty of Plasticville to find out in the trading halls, some at very reasonable prices. I found a boxed hospital with the hard to find red and black lettering for just \$15 and some King add-a-floors for \$7.50. There was also some dealers with harder to find pieces like a blue bus, outdoor necessities, and some hard to find dealer boxes. There were a lot of "junk" bins with loose parts in them, perfect for kit bashing or trying to find a missing piece. No Aqua houses in site this year, so very rare pieces still appear to be elusive. Keep up the hunt!

HOBBY HAVEN

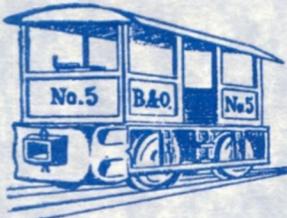
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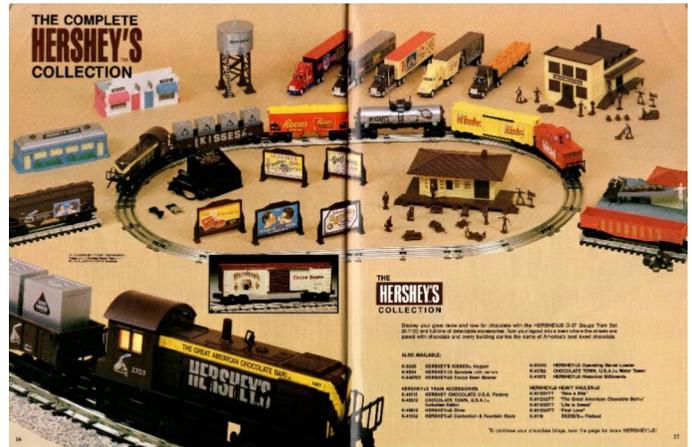
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ED BERG

In the last issue we looked at the deluxe whistling station included in K-Line's Hershey's 100th Anniversary set #K-1401 from 1994. The station we're looking at today was made available a year earlier in 1993 (*not 1995 as erroneously stated in my last article as since then I've acquired a few more catalogs for my collection*). What we're looking at today was included in K-Line Set #K-1112 "HERSHEY'S O-27 Gauge Train Set" from 1993. In 1994 it was made available as a separate sale only item. It appeared again in the 1995 catalog as separate sale.



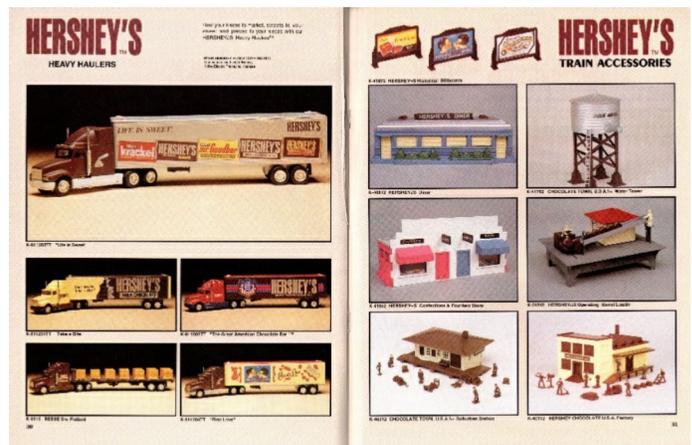
K-Line 1993 First Edition catalog showing the station as part of set #K-1112.



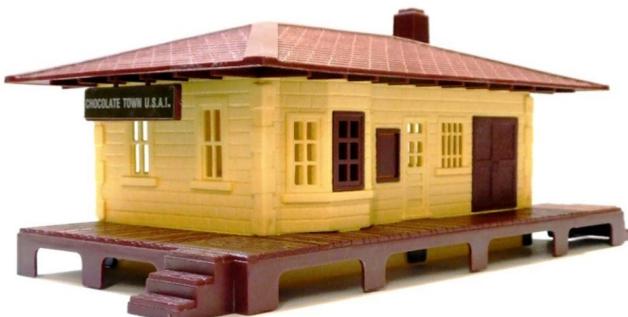
It doesn't appear in my 1996 Traditional catalog (the only catalog I have for 1996), but by 1997 all Hershey's separate sale items were dropped from the catalogs. Only complete RTR sets with whistling station were offered. By 2000, all Hershey's products appear to be gone from the catalogs.

The Station

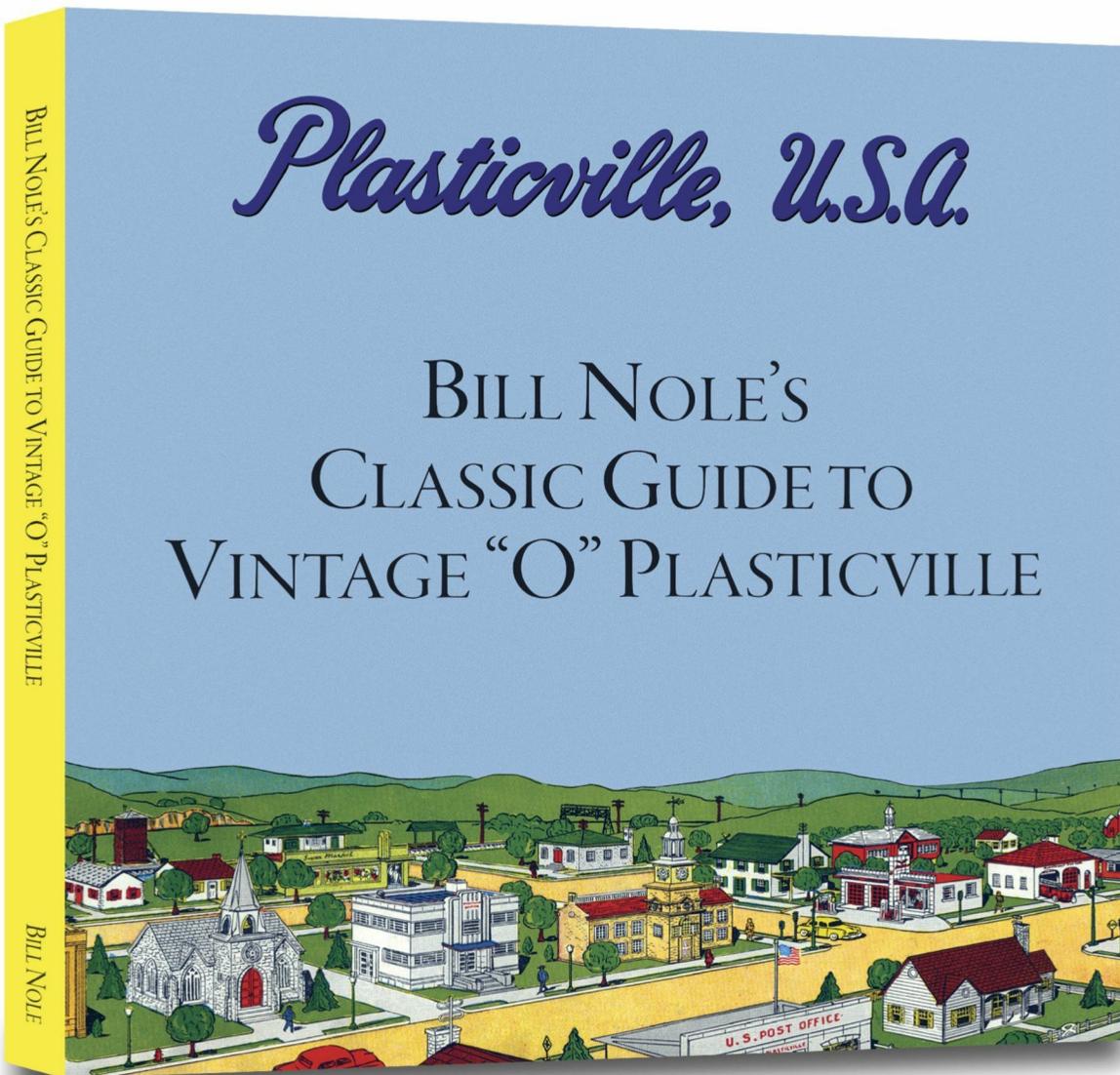
The #K-40312 Chocolate Town Suburban Station has a milk chocolate brown platform, roof, and trim with end signs that read "CHOCOLATE TOWN U.S.A.!" The box for this separate sale station shows tan walls, but my factory sealed bag contained walls that were more cream colored – bordering on yellow. The five figures in this set are molded in a chocolate brown color with poorly painted faces and hands. The station accessories are the same chocolate brown color as in the whistling station.



K-Line 1994 First Edition Catalog showing the station as separate sale item #K-40312



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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

You may already be aware of this. I recently watched an episode of Leave It to Beaver. It was titled Beaver's Electric Trains. (season 5, episode 17). It was a 3 rail O scale set. I only caught a quick glimpse, but there were several buildings that may have been Plasticville or Marx. Brian Nichols

The HO Plasticville country church I received as a Christmas gift back in 1960 I remember putting the windows and door in. They were not glued. Some people on eBay are telling me that Bachmann glued these in at the factory which I don't believe. They were referring to an article on tandem associates. Something seems wrong I don't recall Bachmann gluing anything please help. Anthony Pagano

Windows and doors were glued at the factory on all O/S Cape Cod houses and the CC-7 & CC-8 Churches. The door on the CC-9 Church was glued as well.

I have a question for you that maybe you can answer. I came across the 1920 Covered Bridge with marbled roof and roadway. I've only seen a picture of it on the PCA website. I have not seen a picture in any of the Plasticville Price Guides or Bill Nole's price guides. Would you happen to know what its current value might be? And how rare might it be? Tony Santay

We had some discussion about this at York, look for an article in the future!

Just a brief note to let you know that the PCA's website has been added to the Cornucopia of Toy Train's Interesting Train Sites. It is a link that takes you directly to PCA's website.

Don't know if either of you has visited the Cornucopia of Toy Trains website yet but it is fantastic. The founder Craig Chidester has apparently funded the website to last forever. He has an extensive postwar Lionel collection but the content of the site is open source. If it is train related he will put it on his website. I think there are in excess of 600 pages now.

There is also a bi-weekly Zoom call where anyone can discuss anything train related. The normal attendees are pretty knowledgeable about trains and are all willing to share their knowledge and show some pretty amazing stuff. We are linked because of some correspondence I have had with Craig and Lyle Leverich regarding plastic structures. Don Huovinen

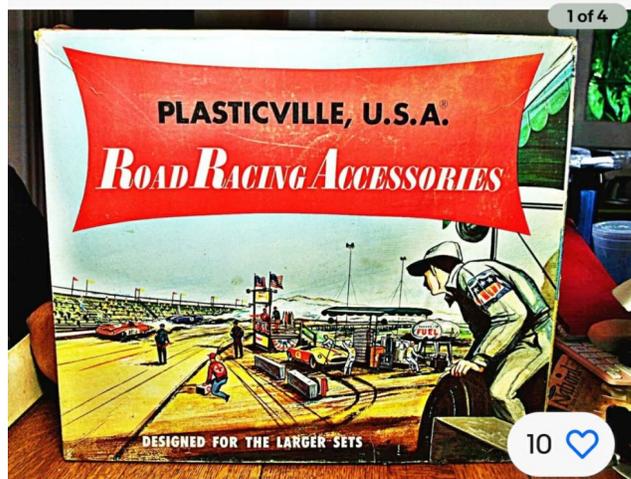
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#1985 Log Cabin Retreat questions: Did it come with a Wishing Well or Yard Pump? Did it come with one or two people? What color is the outhouse? Rich Kotowski

The Log Cabin Retreat did not come with a Wishing Well or Yard Pump as noted in Bill Nole's guides. It came with the following:

- An olive green Log Cabin although some were brown
- A green grass play mat with simulated brown driveway and path to the outhouse
- An olive green Outhouse although some were brown
- Two figures, one male and one female
- An automobile, the color varied
- A "bottle brush" type tree. These are only found in the Scenic Classic sets
- A package of lichen in various colors

I just saw this Plasticville Road Race Accessory set (see below) on eBay. I asked the seller what size the people are and he replied they were one and half to two inches which would make them approximately O scale. I've never seen this on either the PCA or Tandem websites and just wanted to let you know of it's existence. Jim Bennett



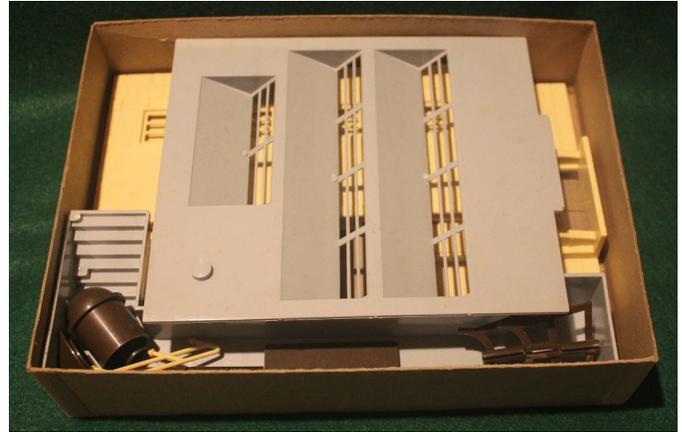
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Place the remaining wall face up in the box as shown in photo 5.



Place the roof upside down in the box with the tab facing to the right. The roof will nicely nest between the back

edge of the box and the edge of the upturned loading dock as shown in photo 6.

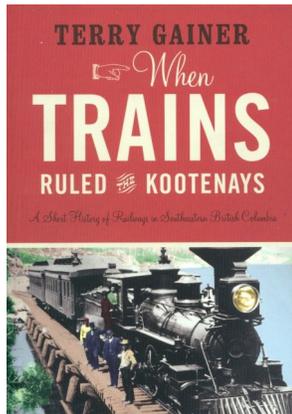


The photos with this article are my step by step process to get it "back in the box". I would like to hear from anyone who has other methods for getting this piece, or any others, "back in the box".

PRODUCT REVIEW

JOHN L. NIEHAUS

When Trains Ruled the Kootenays, Terry Gainer, 151 pages plus 62 glossy photo pages, softcover, 5 X 7 format, \$25 CAD. Published by Rocky Mountain Books. Photo pages are both color and black and white. They include both photos and illustrative maps.



My first question when I received this book was, "What's the Kootenays and where are they?" A partial answer was in the subtitle of the book, "*A Short History of Railroads in Southern British Columbia*". My guess was that they were a mountain range. I "googled" Kootenay Mountain and Wikipedia provided a more complete answer. They are part of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

This book packs a lot of information for being of such a small format. There are the usual Foreword, Preface, Acknowledgements, and then an Introduction. The book is split into two Parts. Part I discusses the early successes and failures to get a railroad built through the rugged terrain. Part II discusses how the railroad was the most efficient means of transporting gold and silver discovered

in the mountains. What is interesting is how the railroad and the maritime lake companies worked together. This included sharing transport duties where it was not possible to construct a railroad due to the hostility of the terrain. The last five chapters in Part II leave the gold and silver behind and dwell on special trains, no so special trains (Japanese internment trains), how the trains fared with the turn of the century. The author concludes this very informative book with an Epilogue and a list of his research sources.

I now know what the Kootenays are and enjoyed reading this book. I feel that you will also.

When Trains Ruled the Kootenays is available from Rocky Mountain Books at <https://rmbooks.com>. Amazon lists the book for as low as \$17.36. Barnes and Noble's website lists it at \$25 for paperback and \$9.49 for an eBook.

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PRODUCT REVIEW: BILLBOARDS

JOHN L. NIEHAUS

I recently received an email from a person inquiring as to how they could advertise on the PCA website. I explained that we did not advertise on our website except through display advertising in our newsletters. The person expressed an interest in advertising his billboard inserts in our newsletters and sent me a package of four inserts for review. There were two different size inserts in the package that I received. The smaller insert measures 3³/₄" x 2¹/₄". The larger inserts are 5¹/₈" x 3 3/16". Both have a 1/8" white border on all sides. They are printed on double-sided white stock that seems to be a bit heavier than typical card stock. All of the inserts that I received were well printed.

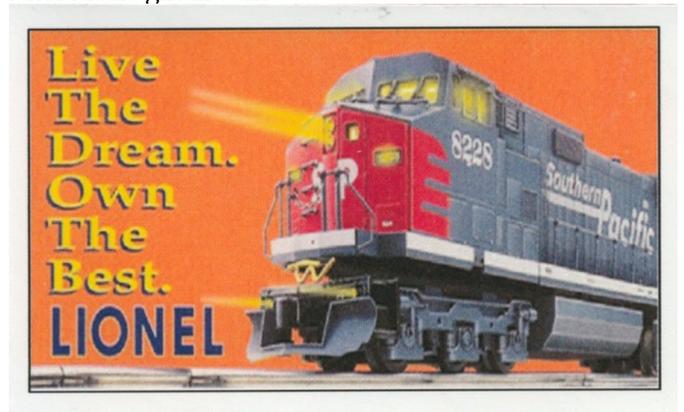
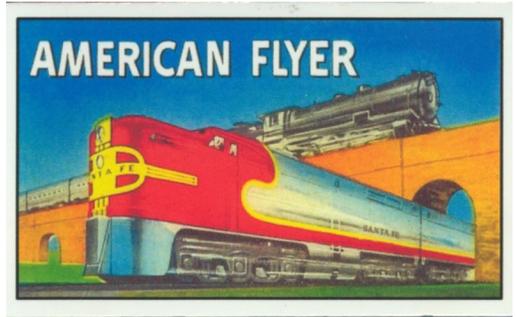
The smaller inserts were noted as HO and the larger as O scale on the enclosed packing slip. My opinion is that the inserts noted as HO may be a bit large for HO. Unfortunately I do not have any HO billboard frames to substantiate my opinion.

The inserts were compared to determine how compatible they would be with a Lionel, a Plasticville O/S, and a "Frosted Flakes" billboard frame. The small inserts looked as if they would, with very minimal trimming, fit the "Frosted Flakes" frames. It seems that it would also take a bit more trimming for them to fit the Plasticville frames. The large inserts also seemed as if they would require some careful trimming on all sides for the Lionel frames.

A note on the packing slip states that the inserts, regardless of size, are \$1 each with \$4 shipping, regardless of the

quantity ordered. Payment is via PayPal and shipping is only to the "lower 48".

He has over 500 designs in both sizes. The entire collection can be viewed on Drop-box at <https://bit.ly/49HTKo3>. Then to order, send an email to lusmaadeal@gmail.com indicating the number(s) of the signs you want, using the three digits after the dash in the file name, along with the quantity and size. For example: 1 #458 Large or 1 #222 Small and 1 #222 Large. He will respond by creating a PayPal invoice to send back to you. Once the invoice is paid, he will ship the signs out within one business day. His email for placing an order is: lusmaadeal@gmail.com.



Plasticville Collectors Association Anniversary Pieces

 SOLD OUT SOLD OUT	 SOLD OUT	 SOLD OUT SOLD OUT
5 th Anniversary 336 total pieces made \$85 plus shipping	10 th Anniversary 240 total pieces made \$100 plus shipping only 6 remaining	20 th Anniversary 264 total pieces made \$65 plus shipping

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Quantities are limited
All buildings are in their factory sealed packages
Contact: secretary@plasticvilleusa.org or mail to PCA, 601 SE Second St, Ankeny, Iowa 50021
to arrange purchase and shipping



THE PCA CORNER STORE



ITEMS FOR SALE BY THE PCA

Send a description of item you wish to purchase and a check or money order, payable to Plasticville Collectors Association for the total amount to Plasticville Collectors Association, 601 SE Second Street, Ankeny, IA 50021-3207.

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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 \$1.50 P&H for up to three sheets. Please add 20 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. 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. *** Only size M is currently in stock ***

PCA ballpoint pen

PCA silver barrel with blue soft grip, black ink ballpoint pen with silver accents. The pen is imprinted *Plasticville Collectors Assn, www.plasticvilleusa.org* in two lines in blue lettering. \$4.00, postpaid.

**** SOLD OUT ** Coffee Mug with PCA logo ** SOLD OUT ****

White ceramic 11 oz. ceramic mug. PCA blue or black logo. \$9.95 or two for \$15.95, postpaid. Please specify your color choice when ordering. Only 24 pieces of black logo mugs were produced. 1 black remaining.

PCA Ball Caps

Dark Blue, Velcro-back ball cap with white PCA logo embroidered on the front. \$13.00 postpaid. 10 remaining

Billboard Inserts

Printed on white cardstock. \$5.00 postpaid or emailed as a PDF for free. Two versions available:

1. "Welcome to Plasticville" billboard inserts Six identical inserts, sized to fit Plasticville billboard frames depicting a 50's vintage auto passing a billboard on its way into town with the same greeting.
2. Seven different subjects plus one "Welcome To Plasticville" inserts including Friskies dog food, Motorola, Mercury and Lincoln autos, Sunoco and Gulf motor oil, and Eberhard Faber pink erasers. All are mid-fifties vintage.

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.

Did You Know?

Recently I received a question about which issue a specific article appeared in. While I am happy to help, there is also a self-help option. On the PCA website hover over the 'Newsletter' tab then pick 'Article



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