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**July/August 2009 Newsletter**

I'm trying to get a newsletter out before packing up to head to St Louis for the NASG Convention. Unfortunately, this trip I will have fairly limited space to bring merchandise, so if there is anything you would like to see me bring, let me know and Ill see what I can do. Many of the one of a kind items mentioned below will be traveling to St Louis with me. If you're interested in any, give me a call by noon Saturday We will of course be closed the week of the convention.

**American Flyer (Lionel)**

Just in Union Station \$89.95. Suburban station should be arriving soon. Also, one only, Semaphore Sam for \$100 – brand new, mint picked up at local shop going out of business sale. (I understand list is about \$130)

**American Models:**

Lightweight passenger car set – Baltimore and Ohio – 9 cars for \$900  
Set consists of the following Three sleepers (Thriftland, Slumberland and Kingfisher), one combine (Silver Spring), two dome cars (Sky Dome and High Dome), two coaches (Connellsville and Martinsburg) and an observation (Chicago) All cars except for one sleeper have windows installed, trucks not attached. All pick up spring and truck mounting screws are there. The Thriftland sleeper is in unassembled form.

**Banta Model Works**

Just in – Jebediah's Carriage and Wheel Repair – list price \$79.95 – sale thru August 31 \$70.00

**Hoquat Hobbies**

We are hoping to have our special run SHS Ballantine Beer refrigerator cars arrive in time to take to the convention. There will be 2 different #s, only 60 cars of each number run. Cars are \$52.95 each. It's my understanding that Ballantine had 10 cars in their fleet, so if you got the first two cars issued by SHS some years back adding these two will give you 40% of the fleet.

If you've been dragging your feet on the older special run cars, we plan to raise prices on September 1 to match current S Helper price. Order now, before the increase:

DL&W/B&M double sheathed box cars \$42.95, Erie/CNW/Berkshire Ham/Santa Fe refrigerator cars \$45.95, GTW/CNW/CMN&O stock cars \$42.95 (two numbers available for reefers (except Berkshire and ATSF), box cars and stock cars)

## S Helper Service

### F Units

We have just picked up a couple of brand new F units:

F-3 AB sets, with LM 10 button controllers: # B&O and # B&O (see American Models notes for B&O passenger cars), # Western Pacific and # Western Pacific. \$600 per set

Also:

F7 Rio Grande ABA set, seems to be mint, may have DCC installed. I have not had a chance to check it out, so price is not yet been established

Also just picked up several are a number of brand new in the box freight cars.

Box cars (\$55.00 each):

Rebuilt box cars: #00344 AT&SF, #00129 PMKY/NYC, #00130 PMKY/NYC, #00131 PRR, #00353 Muncie & Western (Ball Line), #00577 CNW (CStP&O), #00578 CNW (CStP&O)

Single sheathed box cars: #00066 PRR, #00072 Southern Pacific, #00077 Canadian Pacific, #00143 Erie, #00144 Milwaukee Rd

Double sheathed box cars: #00545 CNW, #00550 Union Pacific

Refrigerator cars (\$58.00 each): #00491 NWX (gray car), #00492 NWX (gray car), #00493 Northwest Refrigerator Lines (yellow and green), #00498 PFE, #00687 Northern Pacific

Three car sets: #00682 PFE refrigerator cars - \$150/set (have three sets)

### **Recent arrivals:**

SHS has sold out of its recent C&O rebuilt box cars and its SFRD refrigerator cars – we still have a few left, but expect they will soon be gone.

Also in stock are the rebuilt box cars released this spring: P&LE and Missouri Pacific, both in two numbers and the spring release refrigerator cars both in three #s - Marhoefffer Packing (cars #2 & #3 is in short supply), and PFE.

The last of the steam era covered hoppers, Grand Trunk, Canadian Southern, Lehigh Valley and the 2<sup>nd</sup> NYC cars have also arrived. Only the undecorated cars are not yet in stock.

**Scheduled for August arrival** – new refrigerator cars @\$52.95 Lackawanna (2 #s), Eat More Cranberries, and Prima Beer.

## New Supplier

While at the NMRA Convention in Hartford, we spoke to the folks a Funaro and Camerlengo. They have a small line of S scale kits. We expect to start stocking this fall.

## Vehicles:

### **AHL:**

Boxed: GMCT70 box truck - Kelly Springfield Tires, GMC T70 rack truck - GMC Parts, Mack BM rack truck - Hershey, Mack BM canvas covered flat bed – Hershey, Mack CJ canvas covered flat bed – Coca Cola, Mack CJ canvas covered flat bed – Royal Oak Charcoal \$20 each.

No box: American Flyer rack truck (have 2), Coca Cola box truck. \$18.00 each,

## **M-2**

My main supplier has just shipped me the last 24 cars he had in stock from release #1. I'm not sure if the other distributors I deal with have any left. I also have on order Releases 6 and 7. I should have the Release 1 and 7 cars before the convention, Release 6 will arrive later. Cars for Release 8 have also been announced. There are no new models in any of these releases, just new paint schemes for previously released cars. There are also only 6 cars in each releases, 3 different models with 2 new paint schemes. Release 6: 1949 Mercury, 1955 Pontac Star Chief, 1959 Cadillac; Release 7 1953 Ford Crestline Victoria, 1954 Dodge Coronet and 1958 Plymouth Belvidere; Release 8 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1955 DeSoto Fire Flite, 1949 Mercury. I'm assuming that the new releases will be priced at \$5.50 each just like Release 5.

The 1949 Mercury that was in Release 5 has proven to be very popular. We are almost out of them as well as the 1950 Oldsmobile. We hope to get more of the Release 5 sets in also.

## **Matchbox**

Some time ago, Matchbox produced a Mack Moving van (Acorn Moving and Storage). We have acquired eight of these and are offering them for \$12.00 each

## **Motor Max**

The Motor Max line of 1/60 scale cars is now in stock. There are 15 different vehicles in stock. Most, but not all, come in two colors: 74 AMC Gremlin, 74 AMC Hornet, 78 AMC Pacer, 78 Chevy Chevette, 76 Chevy Vega, 79 Chrysler Le Baron Town & Country Wagon, 82 Dodge Aries K, 83 Dodge Diplomat, 81 Dodge Omni, 70 Ford Maverick, 77 Ford Mustang II, 75 Honda Civic, 81 Plymouth Horizen, 83 Dodge Horizen, 84 Pontiac Fiero

## Pine Canyon Update

Mike Green, new owner of Pine Canyon stopped by the store during the S Helper Open House weekend. At that time he hoped to have some kits available in August. At present we are down to only a few kits: Kathy's Greasy Spoon, Doug's Diner, Howards Drive In, Back Alley 1, Pickles Delight, and 1950's gas station (no canopy). Most of those we only have one.

## Plasticville

A local hobby shop was closing down and selling off its inventory at very good prices. If you need any Plasticville stuff, we have the following items on sale:

Apartment Building \$14 (list \$21), Trailer Park \$10.00 (\$18.50), Airport Hanger \$14 (\$21), School \$14.00 (\$21.50), Coaling Tower \$12 (\$21), Police Station \$10 (\$18.50), Two story house \$10 (\$18.50), Motel \$10 (\$18.50), Log cabin \$10 (\$18.50), Greenhouse \$14 (\$21), Turnpike Interchange \$16 (\$23.95), Roadside Stand \$10 (\$18.50), Water Tank \$9 (\$12.25), Hobo Jungle \$10 (\$15.50), Split Level House \$\$15 (\$25), Barn \$10 (\$15.50)  
Offer good thru August 31 or as long as supplies last.

## **Wally Collins**

We have a number of assembled structures from Wally's layout. Due to the delicate nature of these items, they will only be sold as in store purchases. I am afraid if we tried to ship them, they would be damaged beyond repair. This obviously does no good to anyone outside driving distance from Middlesex County NJ, but here are the items we have:

LVM coal mine set (all three buildings) \$400, LVM Bud Ice icing platform \$125, BTS Cabin Creek Coal tipple \$600, BTS 2<sup>nd</sup> Street House \$90 each, 2 for \$170(have 2), BTS Cabin Creek store \$40, BTS Cabin Creek rural church \$120, Pine Canyon Boiler House (tile roof) \$140, a Mini Structures Yard Office \$30 and an assortment of small sheds \$10 each

Wally also unearthed a few more kits and things that we didn't list before.

Structure kits: Manufacturer -Ed Black, Old Time HO Kits, Alhambra CA (wood and cardstock kits I'm assuming from the 1960's. They appear to be an S Scale version of his HO kits. Definite old west flavor.) Franklin Hotel (corner building) and Otis Stage and Freight Co. \$20 each, both for \$35.

Passenger Cars: Missouri Pacific scale heavyweight set, no boxes – 7 cars \$300 (if you buy this set and want an S Helper F7 to go with it, we'll get you whatever F-7 engines you want at 15% off list price.) Wood kit built/scratch built ?? truss rod observation car lettered for Midland Pacific. Steps and end railing not installed. No trucks or couplers. \$50.

There were also quite a few turnouts (most likely gauged to old standards, which I haven't had a chance to inventory yet.

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