

NEW PRODUCTS REPORT

By Jeff Madden

ALPINE DIVISION SCALE MODELS (P.O. 641154, Los Angeles, CA 90064 - 562-860-6060 - e-mail: msd1962@earthlink.net). Alpine is the new owner of Innovative Train Technology. This is a line of HO and N walk-around throttles which will be sold under the name: The Innovator Line Throttle. The HO 3500 model sells for \$149.95 - you might want to contact this outfit to see if the specs will work for S. Alpine also offers a flashing rear end device which uses track voltage. The unit takes up a space of 1-9/16" x 3/4" x 7/16" and sells for \$14.95. I assume this would be installed in a freight car with the light itself hung out on the coupler or perhaps in a caboose.

BILL'S TRAIN SHOP (P.O. Box 561, Seffner, FL 33583). A new laser structure assortment from BTS will include the Cabin Creek Series which will follow a logging theme. First of these will be a small store at \$24.95. Coming will be a small grocery, a superintendent's house, company houses, and a hardware. The price on the EBT Three Springs depot mentioned last issue is now fixed at \$49.95.

BUILDING & STRUCTURE CO. (P.O. Box 1296, Fenton, MO 63126). B&S has sold off its Tomalco brass investment castings and the D&RGW #50 diesel kit. For details read the news release in Extra Board. Three new structures are now being offered. One is a wood laser cut kit of typical midwestern ground level crossing shanty (based on C&NW) which has a footprint of 9 x 9 scale feet and sells for \$23.95. A second larger laser cut wood structure is the freight terminal which has a footprint of 22' x 55' and retails for \$58.95. This structure is a typical single story freight depot with a staggered roofline and canopied loading dock. This would make a great transfer building between standard and narrow gauge boxcars. The third structure announced by B&S is a small miners cabin which has a footprint of 12' x 24' and sells for \$23.95. Note that this building uses different construction materials. The kit consists of urethane

walls with cast in windows and hydrocal chimney.

BUFFALO CREEK GRAPHICS (c/o T. Gascoigne, 214 Norwalk Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216-2442) is offering an S scale (Crown) wood reefer lettered for Delaware & Hudson. The car is red oxide with white lettering. These will only be available as a set of two for \$86.00. This price includes S&H but only in the Continental U.S. The cars will only come set up for hi-rail, which includes S-Helper trucks and Flyer compatible couplers. For scalers, Kadec couplers can easily be added, and wheelsets can be changed out. Send money order or check to the above name and address. See ad this issue.

CODE-3 COLLECTIBLES (local discount stores or read on...) Their 1/64 modern fire truck series was covered in the last two issues, but there's a new twist I discovered. You should check your local fire department to see if they are ordering some lettered for their own department to use as fundraisers. Here in Wisconsin I discovered that the small town of Oconomowoc is ordering some of the Pierce aerial ladder trucks. Maybe Bill Fraley can talk the Hershey fire departments into ordering some - or the rest of you can coerce your local area fire departments.

ERTL (Dyersville, IA or your local farm implement dealers). The 1960 Mack "bulldog" semi-truck written up in the October issue will be coming out with the cab and flatbed trailers decorated for 3 different implement dealers. These will include matching brand tractors as loads. Announced in the "Replica", Ertl's collector magazine, are trucks lettered for John Deere, Ford and Farmall. The Ford truck will include 3 vintage tractors and the other two will have two tractors. Price TBA.

LEHIGH VALLEY MODELS (1225 North Arch St., Allentown, PA 18104) is producing the Corrugated Box Co. This is a wood and cardstock 2-story factory kit with watertank, signs and truck loading platform. It can be made all brick or brick and concrete. Footprint

is 8-1/2" x 19". Price is \$40 plus \$4 S&H. 40 kit catalog \$2.00.

PBL (P.O. box 769, Ukiah, CA 95482 - e-mail: pbl@zapcom.net - website: www.zapcom.net/~pbl). PBL is taking actual advance reservations (with money) on the various versions of the RGS T-19 ten-wheelers. Only 150 total will be produced. There will be 5 versions of #20, 1 of #22 and 1 of #25. Prices will range from unpainted for \$1,099.95 and on up to the foreground model at \$1,549.95. contact PBL for details.

Also noted in the recent brochure is the availability of the 5900 34' stock car which is a plastic kit complete with Andrews trucks at \$32.50 each. The short D&RGW caboose is also in stock. This plastic kit includes KDs, 3'7" trucks, decals and solid brass wheelsets. They will sell for \$49.50 apiece. A final item from PBL is a molded plastic operating switchstand based on the ones used in Chama. Each kit builds 2 switchstands - \$5.95 for a kit of 2. Even the non-narrow gauge modeler might want to check out PBL's "Despruing Nippers". These come in three styles: standard, fine cut and long reach. They are basically a big pair of wide-handled tweezers which have little cutting surfaces at the tips for nipping plastic parts of sprues. These sell for \$16.95 each.

RIVER RAISIN (6160 Upper Straits Blvd., West Bloomfield, MI 48324) now has the brass 55-ton steel twin hoppers in stock. The first project done in China makes these cars available at \$169 each. These come in the more common "as-built" rib-side version used by the B&O, B&LE, BR&P, CC&O, CNJ, CCC&STL, C&S, D&H, DL&W, D&TSL, IC, K&M, L&N, LV, M&K, NYC, NH, P&LE, PRR, PM, P&R, T&OC, TSL&W and Wabash. Modified panel side versions were used by the C&O, GTW, LV, NYC, NH, P&LE, PRR and Wabash. These steam transition era cars come in unpainted brass. Quantity discounts available.

Send in your dues on time!