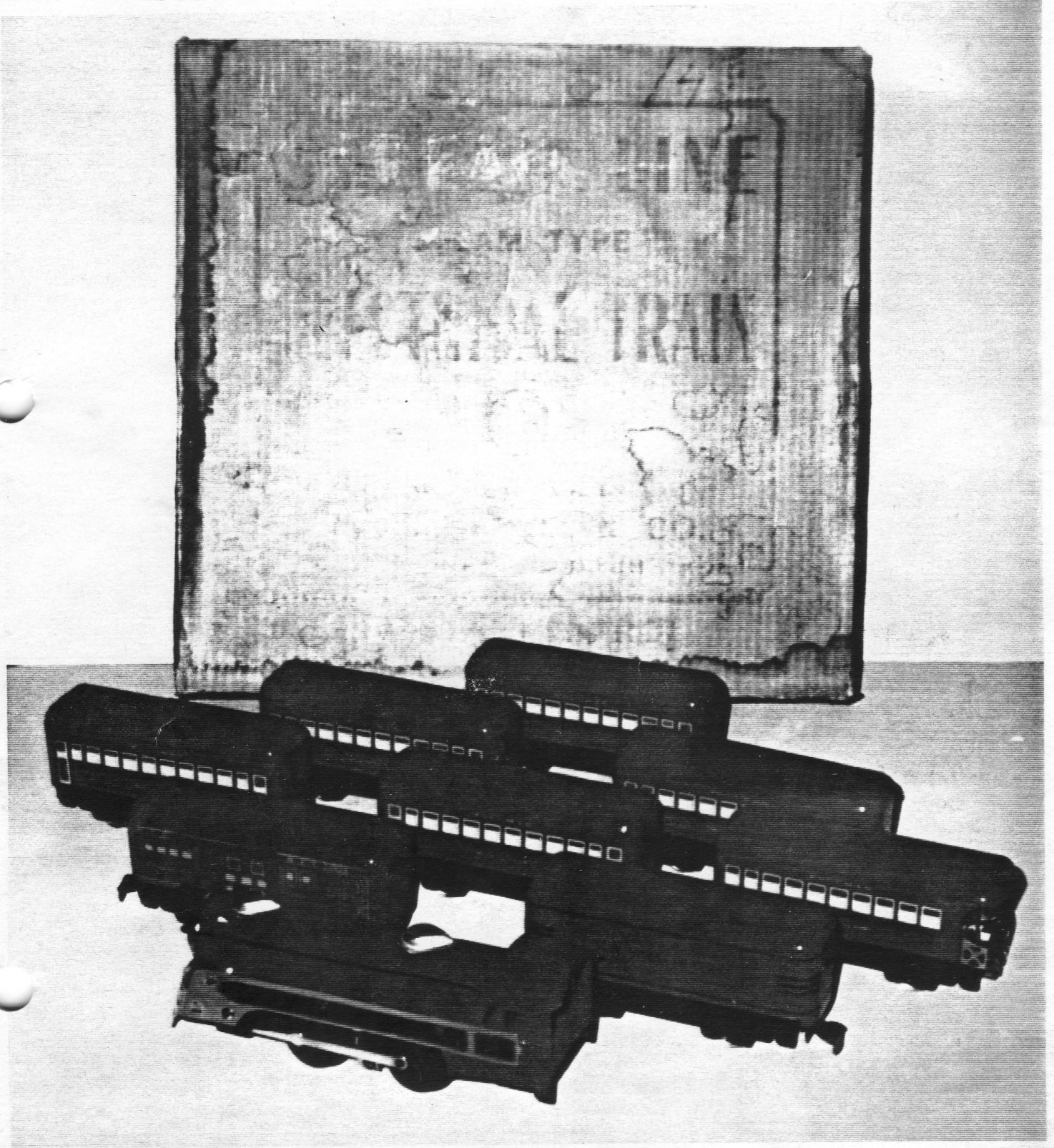


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ON THE COVER: A beautiful boxed set #4167. It is uncatalogued and is in very nice condition! My Christmas train for 1995!

"Collecting With MARX" is sad to announce the passing of one of our members. Katherine L. Cumming sent us a letter saying that John W. Cumming passed away unexpectedly on August 7, 1995.

Mr. Cumming will be missed by the MARX collecting community. Several of our readers have already indicated the loss.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

To: Allan R. Miller for his recent marriage. Best wishes to you and your bride. (Allan was showing a photo to all of his friends at York.) She is a very beautiful young woman and I'm sure you will have a long and happy life looking for trains together!

Also

To: Steve Eckel for his recent marriage. He and Gail spent a few hours with my wife and I a couple years back at our house. There is no doubt that the two of you will enjoy each other for many years to come. Congratulations!



Hello again everyone! Merry Christmas! Yes it's that time of year again and I can't help reflecting back several years in time to that special toy or that special time enjoyed on one Christmas past. We all have a special memory. I wish all of you a 1996 filled with special events to remember a lifetime!

Well, once again my friends Jim and Ginny Norton and my family, Karen, Louis and myself, made the 1000 mile trek back to the largest train show in the world. Yes the York event has got it's grip on us. I have to say my favorite time of the entire trip is the MARX meeting on Thursday night hosted by John Fox and Tasker Brush. I would guess the attendance to be between 125 to 150 people. There are so many friends I meet that I would like to spend time with. Jerry Cirinelli, John Torgerson, Dick MacNary, Jim and Debby Flynn, Larry, Jennifer and Steven Chernow, Fred Pauling, Tom Moran, Peter Aziz; Stan Troski, Ted Valis, Mary Jane and Phil Carver, Will Dukes and the list goes on. It's always a pleasure being with these people but there is never enough time to stop and chat with everyone.

Since the last issue I have made a few purchases. I bought the set on the cover, set #4167. It's the nicest of its type I've seen. At York I found set #15000 including eight wheel cars and a beautiful 397 engine. It's one I have had trouble finding in good condition. I also had the good fortune to come across a WWI style tank (flat type) with an all black middle section. The entire section between the treads is black. Bob Rosenberg owns many variations of this same tank including one with a solid red center and one with solid yellow center. The variations in MARX toys never end!

You may not have noticed yet but this holiday edition is almost twice the size of the first one. Because of increases in just about everything we must increase the cost of a 1 year subscription to "Collecting With MARX" to \$18.00 effective January 1, 1996. Where else can you get a magazine chocked full of MARX for such a bargain price!

I hope this issue brings you lots of holiday reading and enjoyment. Let us know what you want to hear. We're caught up on uncatalogued set numbers so if you have one you would like to report please do so. To keep our magazine at this size it will take many more contributions. Keep them coming! Happy Holidays!

*Mark*



So many toys --- So little time! Merry Christmas from Louis Marx!

# THE MARX MERCURY STREAMLINER

By Jim Bennett

In 1938 Louis MarX experimented mating his highly successful M-10005 (CITY OF DENVER) cars to a *streamlined* steam engine with matching *articulated* tender, in order to create a MarX O-27 version of the NEW YORK CENTRAL's beautiful new seven-car steam-powered MERCURY Streamliner, designed by well-known industrial designer Henry Dreyfuss, and inaugurated July 15, 1936 serving the Detroit-Toledo-Cleveland market. Created from rebuilt "commuter" coaches and pulled by a streamlined class K-5 Pacific-type locomotive converted especially for the train (with its aluminum-painted 79-inch Boxpok drivers "spot-lighted at night" under its inverted "bath-tub" cowl), The MERCURY (named for the messenger of the gods of the ancient Romans) was an immediate and overwhelming success. So much so, that additional MERCURY cars were created, expanding the MERCURY service to Chicago and later to Cincinnati. MERCURY cars carried names of Midwestern cities such as: "Toledo", "Cleveland", "Greenfield Village", "Detroit", "Chicago", and (the state) "Michigan". The exterior of the train was finished in a combination of medium gray with aluminum trim. New York Central advertising heralded the MERCURY as the "Train of Tomorrow", promising "Quiet Swiftness with Ocean Liner Comfort" aboard its modernistic Coaches, Buffet-Lounge, Diner, Parlor and Parlor-Observation cars. The wide-view MERCURY Observation served as a front-runner and model for later Streamliners, utilizing a much larger window space, much to the enjoyment of passengers viewing the ever-changing scenery. Each car sported a large winged "Mercury" silver medallion on either side, adding a distinctive note to the train.

The MarX version of the MERCURY was introduced in 1938 with the M-10005 cars lithographed in prototype NYC gray colors, pulled by the newly-designed MERCURY steam locomotive with matching articulated tender. Similar in construction to the passenger cars, the 2-wheel articulated tender was coupled to both the engine and the cars using roof-mounted pins. The MERCURY engine was formed from stamped-steel, utilizing the "Commodore Vanderbilt" tooling and dies, but with a "new" rounded "Mercury-style" boiler front, modified cab window and redesigned coupling plate to mate with the articulated tender. Quoting from Robert C. Whitacre, author of GREENBURG'S GUIDE TO MARX TRAINS--VOL. III, Page 113, -- "*Marx may have sensed that buyers of toy trains, while admiring the smooth lines of the streamliners, preferred the look of a steam engine. Whatever the case, the wedding of the articulated cars to the Mercury produced one of Marx's most beautiful train sets*"--.

MarX MERCURY sets came in both "mechanical" and "electric" versions. (A "battery-powered" version was also available). An early "wind-up" set could be obtained for as little as \$.98 cents (!) packed in a colorful MarX "Streamlined Train" box. Sets came in three basic colors: (1) prototype Gray and Cream; (2) Red and White; and (3) Copper and Black. Copper sets could be obtained with illuminated cars. MERCURY production was halted by World War II, however limited production was resumed after 1945.



MarX MERCURY tenders and cars were lettered NEW YORK CENTRAL with individual cars named: "U.S. Mail-Baggage"; "Cleveland"; "Toledo"; and "Chicago". The Observation car was named "Detroit". The MarX "trademark" appeared on the sides of the articulated tender and the Observation car, as well as on the sides of all "Copper Mercury" intermediate cars. An attractive MERCURY "tail banner" adorned the rounded observation end which sometimes sported "jeweled" marker lights. The fact that the prototype MERCURY cars were not articulated, but rather rode on 4-wheel trucks, apparently did not seem to bother Louis MarX, for the exterior appearance of the re-cycled M-10005 cars so closely resembled the prototype that buyers did not seem to object to the articulated cars with their 2-wheel 'Talgo' trucks-!

MERCURY locomotives, finished in Gray; Red; or Black and Copper, displayed a "Mercury" nameplate under the cab window, a NYC nameplate on the rounded boiler front, handrails, a smokestack and (according to set production) one or two domes on the top.

MarX MERCURY sets, especially the "Copper" version which usually brings more money, are highly sought by collectors today, being generally even more valuable than their cousins, the M-10000 and M-10005 articulated sets.



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READERS WRITE.....

Sure enjoyed your newsletter - especially story on the UP MARX M10000 - My Dad took me to see it when it came to Washington DC in 1934. I was nine years old.-- Gus Byrom.

Gus -- Sounds like you have some good stories to tell. Don't be a silent member. Let us hear from you.

In the October issue of Collecting With MARX, Jack Reid asks about the Marx 404(?) block signal with the five soldered connectors on the base. I also have one, and was lucky enough to find a copy of the enclosed IS 319 instruction sheet describing its use and how to wire it into a layout. The signal was used in a twin train set where both trains were intended to run on the same loop of track, in this case a figure 8. This unique block signal would prevent the following train from crashing into the rear of the preceding train, and you can see by the diagram how this would be accomplished. I have always intended to build a test figure 8 and wire this signal up, but haven't had the time. Jack, give it a try and tell us how it works! -- Jim Tucker.

Jim -- Thanks for the paper work. These things are very hard to come by if you need it. Those of you who would like a copy of the three pages send a SASE to "Collecting With MARX" and I will see that you get a copy.

I have been with Marx trains since '51 (my first CW set). I got my next set of Marx 8 wheel 6" cars in 1959 from a 6th grade classmate. Joined TTOS in 1966 and have switched back to Marx 1940 era from HO. Enclosed check in amount of \$15.00 to join your new MARX club. - Robert Verre.

Robert -- Welcome to the club. Those of us who have only been in a few years welcome stories and the experiences of collections approaching 50 years. Don't be a silent member, let us hear from you.

Many thanks for your recent letter, and for your kind words concerning the piece in the TTOS 'Bulletin'. It sounds from your letter that you have more British Marx than I have!

Some of the material used in the display was on loan to me from other collectors, and whilst I have an unboxed Coronation set, and a boxed Silver Link, I do not have a Green Link. I know of two collectors who have them, but neither wishes to sell.

British Marx turns up very rarely now, and when it does appear it is snapped up very quickly by dealers, for export to America where the prices are much higher.

The light green 'Swansea' set is definitely original. I have seen two together, one of which was boxed, and they were identical. When examined close to, you can see incomplete lithography underneath. They may have been prototypes, or maybe oversprayed to disguise a poorly printed batch of tinplate. I have heard of there being similar sets in both red and blue, but I have never seen them. I believe that a green set was bought at an antique shop in Stratford-upon-Avon about 2 weeks ago, by an American collector. -- Ian Paterson.

A great magazine that I would not want to miss. Keep up the good work. What is the possibility of some information on New Marx - Marx Trains Inc? -- Ben Bittner.

Ben -- I don't know much about it! Maybe some of our readers would do something. I believe some of the MARX Train Company people subscribe.



It has been suggested to me that the MARXliner be incorporated with this magazine to keep all of the MARX folks together. I have no control over MARX Trains Inc.. I do however enjoy many pieces in my collection and I am always looking forward to seeing what is coming out new. I would welcome information from MARX Trains to print here.

I'm always looking forward to receiving this "Collecting With MARX" newsletter. Thank you. I've recently picked up an empty set box that attracted me, it is a white box 15"x10½"x3½", the lid doesn't come off. Opens on one side, similar to the box shown on page 121 set book. Other end has the motto, "One of the many Marx toys, have you all of them?". All the printing is in blue. I miss cartoons etc, usually by Fred Fillers, he was no where in the Oct issue? -- Vince Baniewicz.

Vince -- Sounds like a nice set box. I'm sure someone knows contents and will report. Would like to see those cartoons by Fred Fillers again myself. Surprise! Fred sent another goody.

Vince Baniewicz's caboose frame is an observation frame - no coupler notch. Maybe switched at factory or owner. -- Gary Anderson.

Gary -- Thanks for pointing this out. Sometimes the obvious escapes us. Vince reported a caboose with an observation frame.

Jerry Alexander called to talk for a few minutes. He mentioned he has a couple of 556 cabooses that have special "inside outs". One has a military game inside and one is made from a sheet of balloon tires. He also said he had to open up his larger MARX convertible to repair the mechanism and inside was a Dick Tracy car.

The piggyback article was interesting and renewed my interest in finding the various units. I have a Burlington single trailer/truck that came in a stock set where the truck is an orange, almost identical to the Allstate trailer, rather than red. Is this quite common and do you know the variety of colors the truck came in? -- Karl Wandry.

Karl -- I have never owned an orange cab and no I don't think it is common at all. The colors I know about are in issue number 6. Something to think about however could be that the cab could have originally come with one of the many other LineMar toys available.

I have a Marx sets question: In the Marx sets, Vol. III book, page 37, set 4923 is pictured. A very nice set. But on page 38, under the description of the set - whoops! Something is amiss! This writes about a set from Miller's collection listing, a 590 engine, 551 tender, 28500 LV green gon., etc. It is not at all the same as the picture on page 37. Does anyone have an explanation for this? I recently purchased set 4923 in original box, very nice, as shown in the picture.

Set 25339, page 64 of Vol. III sets - I recently purchased a boxed set, but the contents are different. My set has the 999 engine, 951 wedge tender and 20102 caboose, but, I have the Pennsylvania 70311 box; NIAX 256, tank car and the Pennsylvania 347000 gondola. All cars 5 in number are with the metal tilt automatic couplers. Is this a variation of that boxed set, or did someone switch the cars? If they did, it seems strange that they would change the tender and caboose to metal couplers as well! -- Duane Ford.

Duane -- This is the type of report we need. Your sets are very nice and crisp in their original boxes. Could it be that the sets reported in the book are put together sets? Maybe-maybe not. Yes these could be variations of the same set number. They may need to be reported as 4923A&B and 25339A&B.

Several issues ago I addressed the question if a 666 actually exists with stack and cylinder smoke that was factory produced. I received quite a few replies, but one seems to be particularly revealing. Bob Thomas has set #52875 which he states is the same as in Bob Whitacre's catalogue guide to Marx sets with the following exceptions. One is the cylinder smoke and the other is a #961 U slope back tender. The tender has type F trucks with die cast wheels. Balance of the set has type G trucks with 2 piece stamped wheels. Bob is a 30 year Marx collector and certain of the sets authenticity.

I would like to see variations to include color variations addressed. For example the 1829 really comes in black as well as charcoal. They also come with and without traction tires. I would also like to see this listed. Back to color variations. The 2002 hand car comes in two distinct shades of brown: Dark brown and chocolate brown. -- Harris Spanier.

Harris -- It is my pleasure to record all of the description I receive. When reviewing the set book a few years back it was my concern that dates and colors be addressed. I think for the most part time and information was limited. Information is usually reported as received. If you want to report a set give all of the information you can. It will help down the road when the next set book is worked on. I personally want to see more pictures.

I received and enjoyed your 6th issue of "Collecting With MARX". In my estimation this is by far your best issue. It appears you have hit your stride.

The article on Marx piggybacks was particularly interesting. A few brief notes you may wish to keep are that I also have the white double trailer Burlington in the 11x8x2½ box along with an orange Allstate. Both have red tractor trucks and a silver ramp. These were both new stock bought at the same time. It is extremely unlikely they were altered. I have 3 four wheel cars that have other loads than what you show. However, as you point out these are extremely easy to change. I cannot account for their authenticity but I will list them for your information.

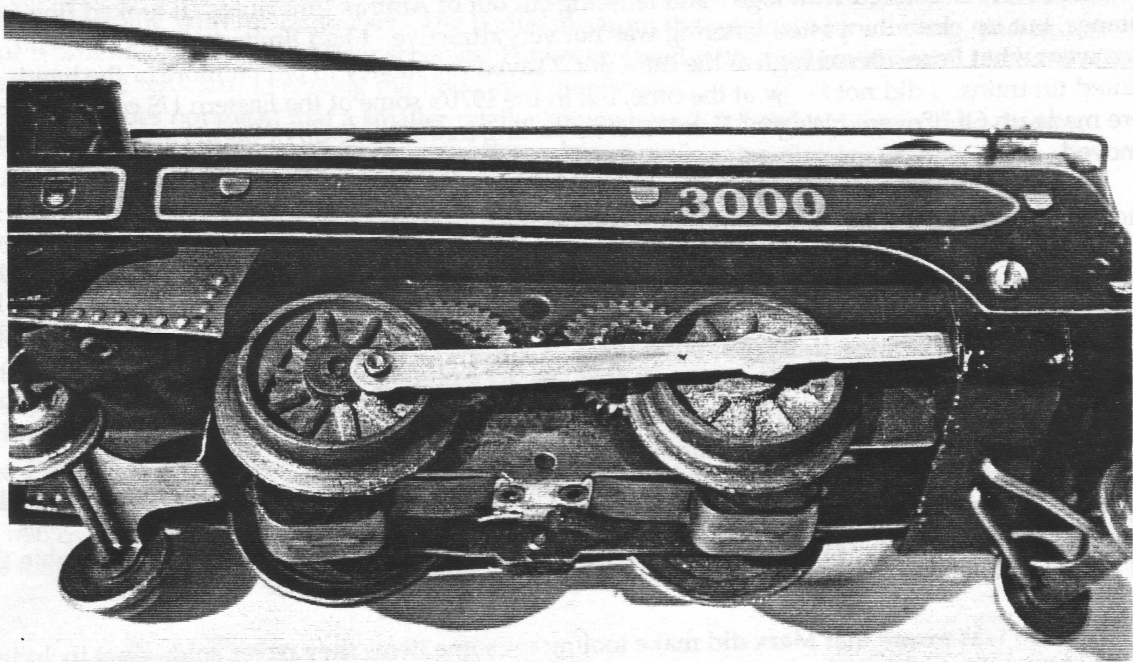
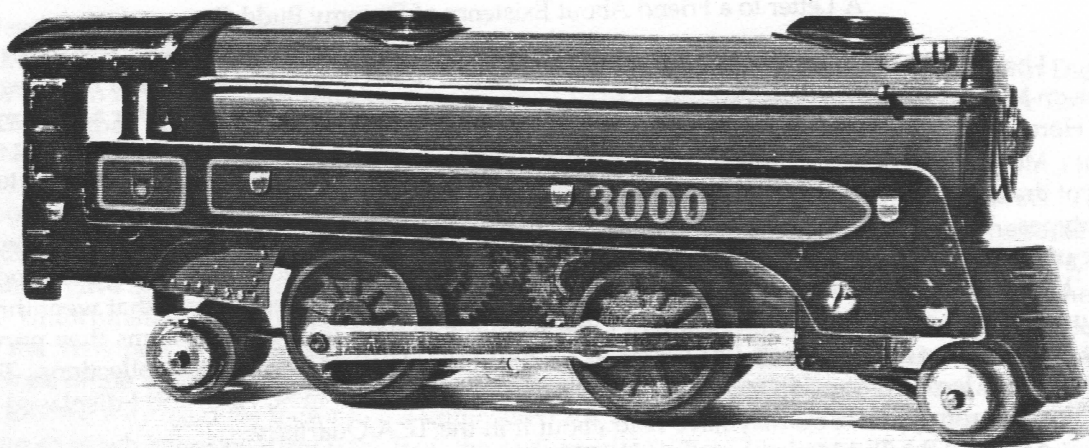
- 1.-Sears trailer, red truck tractor
- 2.-White Walgreens, red truck tractor versus your blue truck tractor
- 3.-White Western Tire & Auto, red truck tractor

It seems I have this pretty well covered except for the Montgomery Ward tractor trailer. I do not have the Burlington lithoed on the trailer. I passed one of these years ago. I do not remember the price, but must have thought it too high at the time. This is one of these decisions that come back to haunt you.

You are probably correct about the 8 wheeled military cars. However, as usual there are always variations. I have two versions of the machine gun car. One version is a sparkler clicker. The other is a clicker only. If you are standing behind the gun the crank is on the right hand side of both versions. The sparkler clicker crank is just forward of the middle and at the bottom of the gun. It has a yellow shield. The clicker crank only is well to the rear of the gun and is again at the bottom of the gun base. The shield color matches the rest of the car. There are minute differences in the right hand side frame. The left hand side frames are the same. The sparkler clicker produces three clicks per revolution of the crank and has tabs punched out of the gear wheel which engages a spring to make the clicking noise. The sparkler is the usual grit glued to a drum. The clicker only gives 8 clicks per round trip of the crank and has an 8 notch wheel to obtain the clicking sound. The sparkler clicker gun has a somewhat lighter color than the plain clicker gun.

I hope this information is of use to you. -- Roy Jackson.





A Dual Reduction Gear Jubilee Engine  
by  
Lee Reynolds, T.C.A. 87-26547

I invite reader comments about the above pictured 2-4-2 Jubilee engine in my collection. The engine is nearly immaculate and has, as can be seen, a double-reduction gear electric motor. All other Jubilees I have seen have single-gear motors. This engine also has the familiar two lead weights in front and rear. If I am correct in the statement that a double-gear motor generates greater pulling power than a motor with a single gear, what could be the purpose for the powerful electric motor in this engine? I am aware of the reports of the 17-car tinplate set but have no reason to feel that this engine necessarily has any connection with it. However, with Marx, such a possibility probably should not be ruled out.

Does anyone else in the readership have a Jubilee engine with this type motor in a set? If so, what cars does it pull? Any comments will be welcome.

Happy collecting and with greatest respect,  
Lee Reynolds

## A Letter to a Friend About Existence of Dummy Budd Cars

by Allan Osterud

I have been a collector of Marx trains since 1952 and have contributed to most of the Greenburg books on Marx. I have also been convinced for many years that it was worth looking for a dummy Budd car. Here is the story on why I believed it might exist.

Most of the Marx archive were sold at auction in 1977 and 1978. I had the good fortune to be at most of the auctions. The Marx archives contained both regular production samples and pre-production prototypes. The prototypes range from carefully hand-made and hand-painted samples to very rough mock-ups of ideas. A large number of the prototypes were simply modifications of a regular production item. I was able to purchase some of the prototypes, although the number of items that went through the auctions was very large. I am aware of several collectors who still have the items they purchased at the auctions, but a large number of the items have just disappeared into private collections. Two years ago, our local TCA group hosted the National TCA convention in St. Paul, and I displayed my collection of prototypes. You may have read about it in the TCA Quarterly.

At one of the Ted Maurer auctions in 1978, there was a mock-up of an Amtrak passenger train. It was pulled by a powered Marx E-7 diesel, pulling a string of dummy Budd cars. The locomotive and the Budd cars were decorated with logos and lettering cut out of Amtrak timetables. It looked fine from a distance, but up close the pasted lettering was not very attractive. I had limited money to spend, the price went what I considered high at the time, and I saved my money to bid on more of the hand-painted tin trains. I did not know at the time, but in the 1970's some of the Eastern US commuter trains were made up of "Covered Wagon" E unit diesels pulling trains made up of Budd cars with their motors removed.

About a year later, I saw this train again, and it was for sale at York. At that time, I got a much closer look at it. The train did not sell, and it was priced out of my range. But what I saw was very exciting, and convinced me that there probably was a regular production dummy Budd car out there. On most of the Marx pre-production items, the metal parts clearly show evidence of being hand-made. There were scribe lines on the metal parts that indicate where to cut or bend, and the cut edges of blackened metal parts were shiny, not black like regular production pieces. What was exciting about the Amtrak Budd Cars is they had a floor and a trolley shoe which was different from anything else that Marx made, but they looked like they came from regular production tooling. To me, that indicated that Marx had tooled up to produce a dummy Budd car.

I already knew that occasionally the factory would have to make a very short run of parts for the R&D area or for the sales department. That happened once with a train I suggested to Sales Manager Spike Fitzpatrick in the early 1970's. Some black scale series trucks became available that had not been available for sale because of a special train proposal made up for the Sales department.

I also was aware that Marx did make tooling for some items they never sold. That included some lightweight 4-wheel plastic passenger cars for example.

So why would Marx have tooled for a Dummy and not generally sold it? American Model Toys is generally credited with making the first Budd cars for O gauge tinplate. The 1956 Sears Christmas catalog showed both Lionel's "New Budd RDC Car" at \$22.45 and the same Marx "New Electric-lighted Interurban Car" at \$9.45. Lionel's Budd car was in the same section as the train sets. The Marx Budd car was buried back with the extra locomotives, cars, and track. To learn that it was self-powered required reading the fine print in the column heading. The Lionel car was clearly copied either from the real thing or from an Athearn HO model. The Marx model was clearly copied from the AMT model.

The next year's Christmas catalog had the Lionel unit at \$22.47, still in the section with the train sets. The Marx unit is still in the section with the extra cars and locomotives at \$8.77, but the description now clearly states that it is a powered unit.

In 1958, the Lionel unit disappeared from the Sears Catalog, and the Marx unit is listed with the accessories, but with no illustration at \$6.97.

In 1959, there is still no Lionel unit, but the Marx Budd car again gets a catalog illustration and is sold for \$4.97! That is less than the price for a replacement Diesel motor. A Marx Allstate A-A



Twin Diesel E-7 is in the catalog for \$12.77.

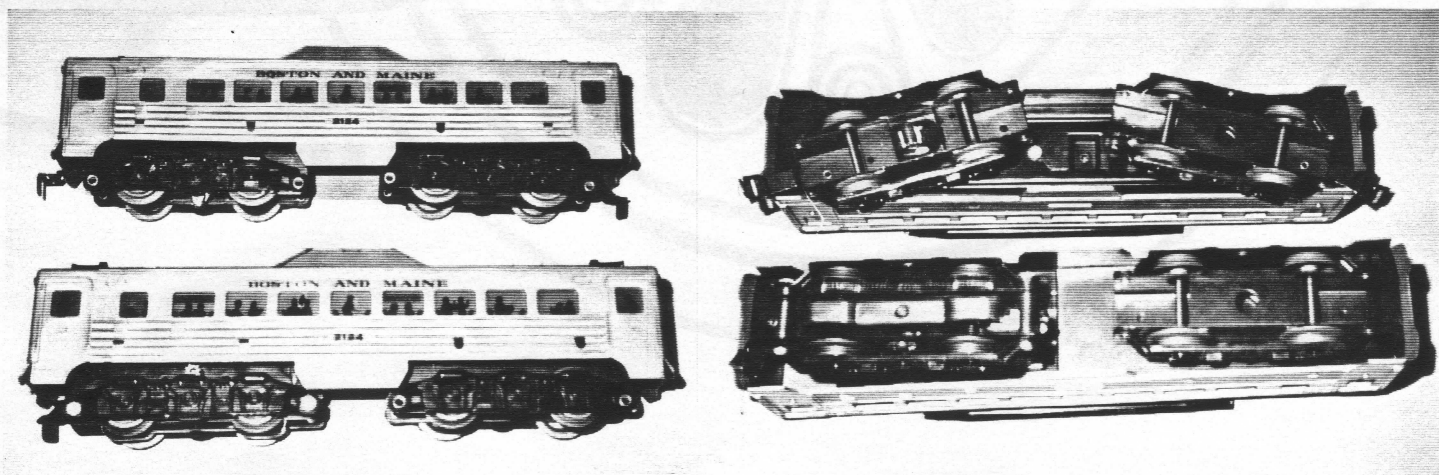
In 1960, the Marx Budd car is again in the Christmas catalog for \$4.97 and a Marx Twin Diesel A-B New Haven is \$11.97. The Marx tin-lithographed lighted scale series Santa Fe Passenger Car is \$3.37. Clearly they are giving the Budd cars away! After that, it disappears forever.

Now the next part includes some conjecture. I believe Marx knew Lionel was bringing out a Budd Car for 1956, and that they probably knew there would be both powered and dummy Lionel units. To be ready to compete, I believe Marx probably tooled for both the powered and the dummy at the same time. Certainly the body shell and the manual coupler were set up for a dummy unit. In the 1950's, Marx usually gave Sears and exclusive on some of the new items for one year before selling it to other retailers. Unfortunately for both Sears and Marx, the Budd car bombed. In 1958 the Marx E-7 Diesels featured the "new power pull feature (friction grip drive wheels)," and the new aluminum side frame motor. None of the Budd cars I have seen have had the new motor. I have also never seen a Budd car with the ground wire from the motor to the unpowered truck. (That ground wire made the late E-7 diesels run so much better on dirty track than the earlier units.) Thus, I believe all of the Budd cars were made for the Christmas of 1956, and it took until 1960 to get rid of them.

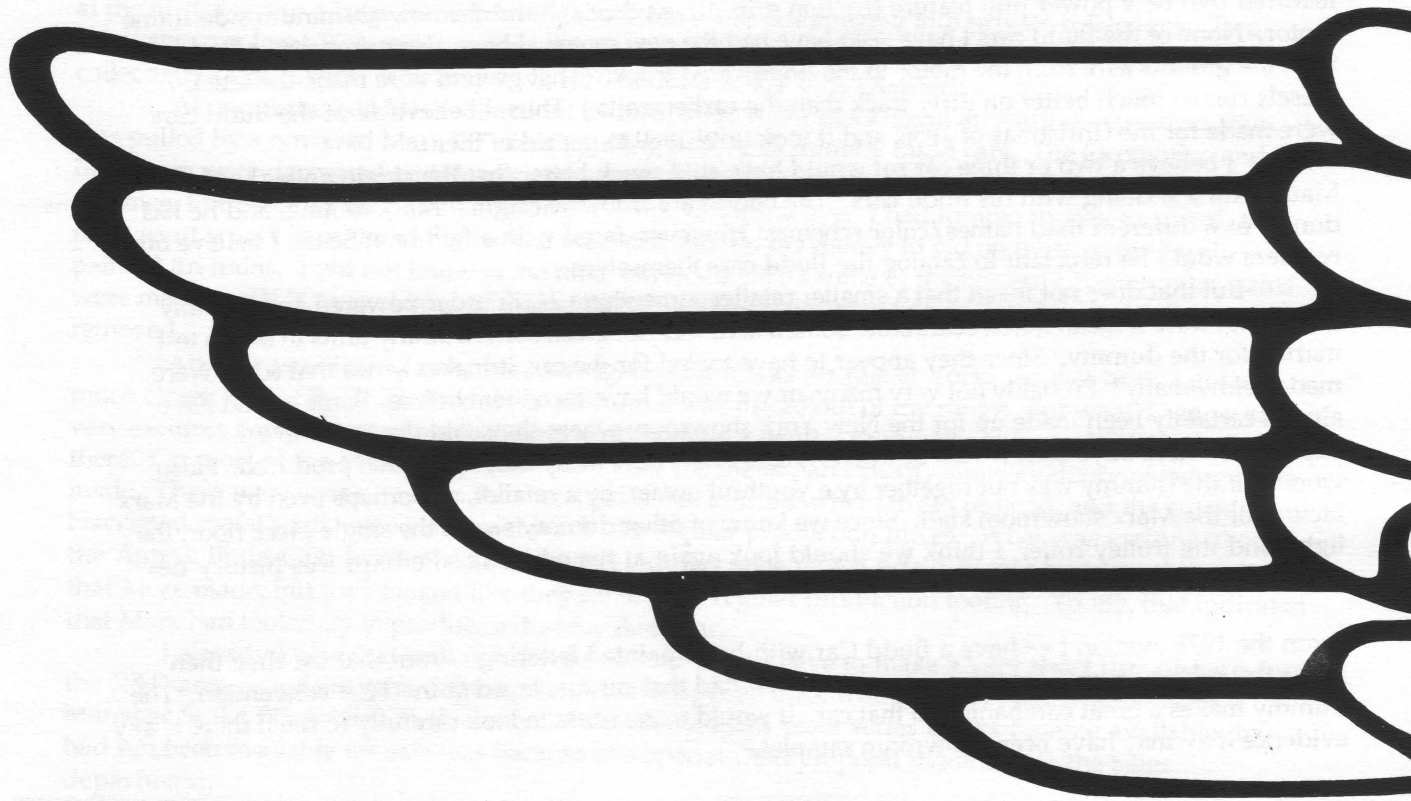
I believe a two or three car set would have sold much better than the single units (Look what Maury Kline is doing with his Budd cars. The bodies are from the original Marx tooling, and he has done 5 or 6 different road names/color schemes! However, faced with a failure at Sears, I believe other retailers would be reluctant to catalog the Budd cars themselves.

But that does not mean that a smaller retailer somewhere didn't order powered and dummy units. Nor does it mean that a Sears store somewhere was not given some dummy units to sell to test market for the dummy. Since they appear to have tooled for the car, it makes sense that some were made. How many? Probably not very many, or we would have seen them before. Some would have almost certainly been made up for the New York showroom where they sold the trains to the department store buyers. It would be interesting to know how many may have been produced. I also wonder if the dummy was put together by a youthful owner, by a retailer, or perhaps even by the Marx factory or the Marx showroom staff. Since we know of other dummy's with the single piece floor, the light, and the trolley roller, I think we should look again at the odd unit. Perhaps this history ties together.

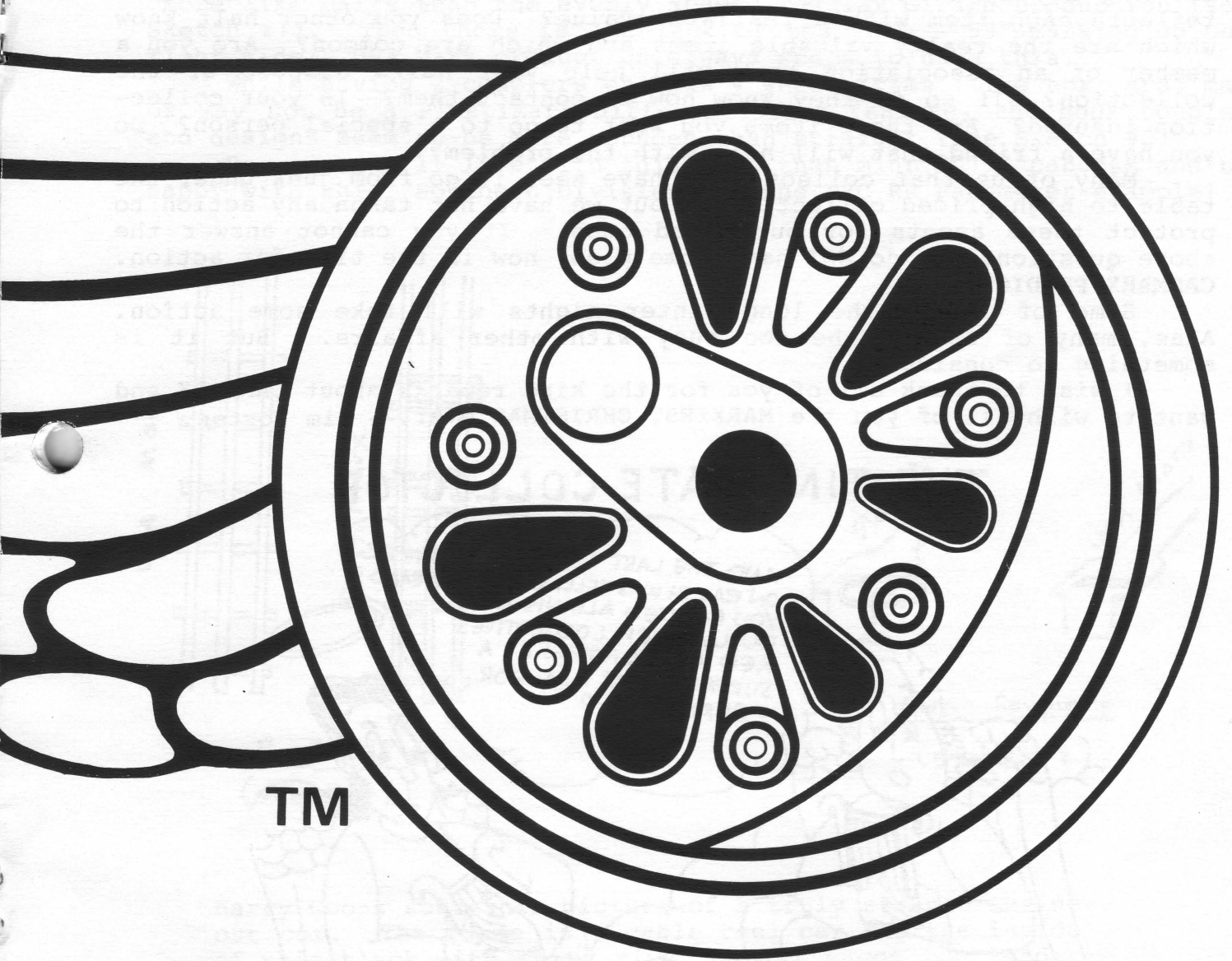
From the 1978 auction I -- have a Budd Car with hand-painted lettering. From that car they then made the rubber stamps for the production cars. I had that car displayed at the TCA convention. The dummy makes a great companion to that car. It would make sense to look carefully to see if there is any evidence they may have been showroom samples.



Top photo is the dummy unit. The top unit has a full piece under plate and a roller pickup. The bulb holder is hand cut, but otherwise the shell, numbers, windows and logo are the same!







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## CARMARX THE SWAMI PREDICTS

"My wife told me that if I bought another train - she would leave me"

"Pray for me - my husband collects trains"

"There are football widows - and train widows"

All of these are bumper stickers, mottos, pins or plaques I recently saw at York. Our hobby shares many of the same jokes as all the other sports and collections. All of these are just jokes, but reflect a lack of interest on the part of the "little woman". No big problem until she actually becomes a widow.

Ask yourself: "Would my wife or husband (there are many female MARX collectors) know what to do with my MARX collection if I went to the big layout in the sky?" Do you have an accurate inventory that reflects each item with a realistic value? Does your other half know which are the really valuable items and which are common? Are you a member of an association that will help your heirs dispose of the collection? If so do they know how to contact them? Is your collection insured? Are there items you want to go to a special person? Do you have a friend that will help with the problem?

Many of us that collect MARX have seen it go from junk under the table to high priced collectibles, but we have not taken any action to protect these assets for our loved ones. If you cannot answer the above questions, or do NOT have some plan, now is the time for action.

### CARMARX PREDICTS:

Some of us on the long winter nights will take some action. Alas, many of us will be too busy with other affairs. But it is something to consider.

I wish to thank all of you for the kind remarks about CARMARX and want to wish all of you the MARXIEST CHRISTMAS ever.-- Jim Norton.


## THE TIN PLATE COLLECTOR





PLASTIMARX  
By: R.L. MacNary

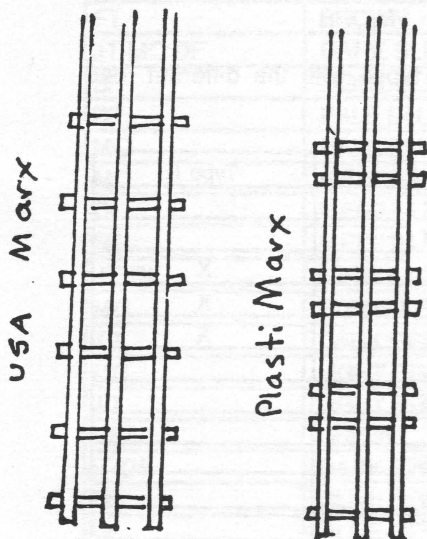
I picked up a 7" tin NYC caboose (20110) at York this fall that is the PlastiMarx design. It needed a new body to look good - no problem right? No! There are 4 or 5 differences that make "body parts switching" not right.

First of all, and the most obvious indicator of Mexican Marx production, are the end pieces. Instead of the standard Marx winged logo "Marlines", they have a small  lithographed above the end doors.

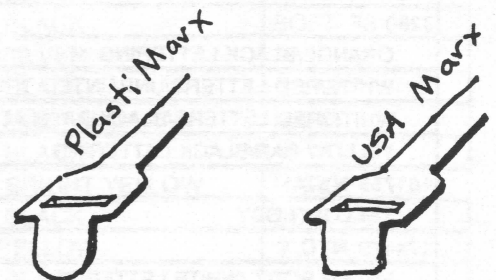
However, I believe the rest of the body is also a south of the border special. The roof walk supports have a different pattern - more like pairs than the evenly spaced regular Girard production (see Sketch #1). Then there is the lack of the "New - 53" marking on the right side; USA Marx production always seems to have this.

While having 2 couplers on this 4 wheel frame (like box cars) may or may not be a PlastiMarx differentiating feature, the hook coupler end designs seem to be more rounded than straight (see Sketch #2).

So, guess I'll live with this less than mint 20110 caboose and be happy with this "Southern Division" of the NYC RR Pacemaker example!

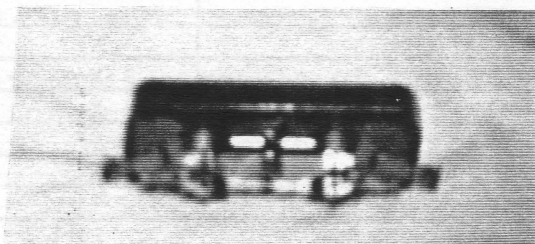


Roof Walk  
(Sketch #1)



Hook Couplers  
(Sketch #2)

Harry Coons sent this picture of a truly strange inside-out car. The frame is a cable reel car and the inside of this black with white rivet detail wagon top tender is a blue and cream Colorado & Southern reefer.



## Closer Look at Lightweight and Medium Boxcars

If you mention Marx lightweight and medium boxcars to most collectors they either politely listen (not really caring) or they try to change the subject. For the most part, these cars are common and cheap. I have taken an interest in these cars and found out some very interesting things. I have found that besides the unusual color and 4 and 8 wheel variations there are two distinct body types.

Sometime in 1966 or 1967 the dies for the boxcars were changed. I have narrowed it down to these years from sets I've seen, and from catalogs. I believe these were new dies and not just retooled. I have identified the two body types as Type I from 1952-1967 or 1968 and Type II from 1967-1968 to 1975. The following are features of both the Type I and Type II.

### Type I

1. Has a smooth catwalk with no details.
2. The plastic appears to have been injected from 8 points in the bottom.
3. There is a small Marx logo stamped on the inside of the shell.
4. The molded plate on the side of the door that is smaller than the Type II car.
5. It had a larger brake wheel than Type II.
6. The 4 wheel simulated trucks have a flat hotbox.

### Type II

1. There is a detailed catwalk, you can see the grates.
2. The plastic is injected from the outside at one place in the middle of the catwalk.
3. The Marx logo is stamped on the opposite end as the brake wheel.
4. The molded plate on the side of the door larger than Type I.
5. It has a smaller brake wheel.
6. The 4 wheel simulated trucks have a pointed hotbox.

After identifying the two body types I made a chart of the body types with the different road names, colors, and variations.

	Type I	Type II
Four Wheel		
3280 SF		
ORANGE/BLACK LETTERING	X	
WHITE/RED LETTERS/UNPAINTED TRUCKS		X
WHITE/RED LETTERS/BLACK PAINTED TRUCKS		X
YELLOW CAR/BLACK LETTERING		X
161755 NYC		
YELLOW BODY	X	
174479 NYC		
GREEN BODY /WHITE LETTERING	X	
467110 B & O		
YELLOW BODY/BLACK LETTERING	X	
RED BODY/WHITE LETTERING	X	X
ORANGE BODY/BLACK LETTERING/UNPAINTED TRUCKS	X	
ORANGE BODY/BLACK LETTERING/BLACK PAINTED TRUCKS	X	
BLUE BODY/WHITE LETTERING (IS THIS CAR REAL)	?	?
MARLINES LIGHT BLUE CAR/WHITE LETTERING	X	
EIGHT WHEEL CARS		
3280 SF		
ORANGE BODY/BLACK LETTERING	X	
WHITE BODY/RED LETTERING	X	
34178 GN		
DARK GREEN BODY/WHITE LETTERING	X	
LIME GREEN BODY/WHITE LETTERING		
467110 B & O		
ORANGE BODY/BLACK HEAT STAMP LETTERS	X	
BABY BLUE BODY/WHITE LETTERING	X	
TURQUOISE BODY/WHITE LETTERING	X	
ROYAL BLUE BODY/WHITE LETTERING		X
DARK RED BODY/WHITE LETTERING	X	
LIGHT RED BODY/WHITE LETTERING		X



### Load Tractor Color Variations

OWNER	BODY	REAR	FRONT	PLASTIC TYPE
MC JT DF	RED	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
MC JT DF	GREY	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
MC JT DF	GREEN	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
MC JT DF	YELLOW	BLACK	BLACK	HARD
JT	RED	RED	DARK YELLOW	?
MC	RED	BROWN	BROWN	HARD
MC	RED	BRIGHT YELLOW	BRIGHT YELLOW	SOFT
VB	RED	YELLOW	ORANGE	?
MC	RED	BLACK	BLACK	HARD
JT MC	DARK RED	MUSTARD YELLOW	MUSTARD YELLOW	HARD
DF	DARK RED	GREY	DARK RED	HARD
JT	DARK RED	RED/YEL SWIRL	DARK RED	?
MC	DARK RED	SILVER	SILVER	HARD
MC	DARK RED	MULTICOLOR GR.	RED	HARD
JT	DARK RED	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
JT MC	DARK YELLOW	RED	RED	HARD
JT	PALE YELLOW	MUSTARD	RED	?
WD	YELLOW	BLACK	YELLOW	?
FT	DEEP DARK BR.	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
FT	BROWN	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
JT MC DF	DARK BLUE	DARK YELLOW	DARK YELLOW	HARD
DF	LIGHT BLUE	LIGHT YELLOW	TAN	HARD
DF	PALE BLUE	BLACK	BLACK	HARD
MC	PALE BLUE	RED	RED	HARD
MC	MEDIUM BLUE	BLACK	BLACK	HARD
DF	MEDIUM BLUE	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
SE	MEDIUM BLUE	BLACK	SILVER	?
JT DF	MEDIUM GREEN	BLACK	BLACK	?
MC	FOREST GREEN	MUSTARD	MUSTARD	HARD
JT	DARK GREEN	YELLOW	BLACK	?
MC	LIGHT GREEN	BRIGHT YELLOW	BRIGHT YELLOW	HARD
JT	LIGHT GREEN	BLACK	BLACK	SOFT
VB	GREEN	YELLOW	YELLOW	?
JT DF	DARK GREEN	BLACK	BLACK	?
DF	OLIVE GREEN	BLACK	BLACK	?
DF	OLIVE GREEN	WHITE	BLACK	?
FT	DEEP DARK GR.	BLACK	BLACK	?

#### Key

MC - Marx Claussen  
 JT - John Togerson  
 DF - Duane Ford  
 SE - Steve Eckel  
 VB - Vince Baniewicz  
 WD - William Duken  
 FT - Francis Turner

Since this chart was made up we have found a red tractor with white wheels.

This information is a result of research done by Duane Ford. Many thanks for your dedication and work! If you have a tractor that hasn't been reported please do.

## MARX SETS CONTINUED...

Firstly let me say, and it's probably too-little-to late, but I would like to say a big thank you to Al Woodward and Allan Miller for the countless hours of research they spent on the last issue MARX sets entry. The entire bunch was submitted by the two.

Secondly, I have been told by many of the more knowledgeable collectors to please make this statement: All sets sent in for "Collecting With MARX" are not etched in stone. There have been several of the reported sets that need verification. Please, if you have one of the sets that has been reported and it's completely different let us know. We have all seen the set box at a shop or on a list or at a show that has just been filled with a random bunch of trains. Please work to verify the sets that we have and may be reported.

### CHAPTER II

#### 517 Steam Freight Set 2

**Locomotive:** Com. Van. with sparkler, black, no side rods.  
**Tender:** 551, black with rivets.  
**Gondola:** 554, red high side.  
**Caboose:** 556, NYC.  
Colorful box showing M10000 and Com. Van.  
(L. Chernow collection)

#### 526 Steam Freight Set 3

**Locomotive:** Red Com. Van. with sparkler and windup.  
**Tender:** 551, red wagon top.  
**Side Dump:** 567.  
**Caboose:** 20102 NYC.  
Box includes instruction sheet.  
(L. Chernow Collection)

### CHAPTER III

#### 4299 Steam Freight Set 3

**Locomotive:** 494, gray boiler. Glass headlight, plain, Silver sideboards, black with red trim.  
**Tender:** 551, black with white rivets.  
**Tank Car:** 553 with bullet ends.  
**Gondola:** 552, CRIP.  
**Reefer:** 555, blue roof and door guides.  
**Hopper:** 554, N.P., blue & red.  
**Crane Car:** 550.  
**Searchlight Car:** 561 twin copper metal deck.  
Set includes one pair of manual switches, track 12 curved, 13 straight, one crossover and instruction sheet # 15. #709 transformer. (Bob Thomas collection)

#### 5190 Steam Freight Set 5

**Locomotive:** 396-0-4-0 copper.  
**Tender:** NYC, wedge.  
**Boxcar:** B&O, 384299, br.&yel.  
**Gondola:** 552, Groceries & Sundries, including loads: Brillo, F&F coughdrops & Smith Bro. coughdrops.  
**Side Dump Car:** 567, brown interior.  
**Hopper:** 554, red & yel.  
**Ramp Car:** Deluxe Delivery truck two trailers and ramp with 8-wh flat car olive drab.  
**Caboose:** 556.  
Set includes two red hand-carts, 1 red bumper, 1 circuit breaker, 1 coal mine scene tunnel, 1 wooden crossover, 1 red manual crossing gate, RR crossing sign with jewel, transformer track and 1 switch. Box is brown with blue lettering. (L. Chernow collection)

#### 25121 Steam Freight Set 1

**Locomotive:** 400, battery operated motor made in Jap.  
**Tender:** 551 UP.  
**Gondola:** 91257, red.  
**Caboose:** 3824 UP.  
Set includes instruction sheet #269 dated 1968.  
(L. Chernow collection)



**26259 Steam Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 999 last model  
**Tender:** 1954 SF.  
**Tank Car:** 284 UTLX.  
**Boxcar:** 147815 RI red.  
**Caboose:** ATSF 4427 red.  
This set is unusual because of the 999 with deluxe plastic freights sold by Wards.  
(Jim & Debby Flynn's Summer 94 list).

**32350 Steam Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 1666 white trim.  
**Tender:** NYC sloped.  
**Tank Car:** X246 Rocket Fuel.  
**Gondola:** 339234 CP red.  
**Auto Hauler:** 51100 SOU.  
**Caboose:** 18326 NYC blk white and green.  
Two layer box with train in top tray. Area underneath for transformer and ?  
(J.T. Riley Collection)

**33242 Diesel Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 1998 ATSF switcher  
**Gondola:** 347100 PRR gray heat stamped.  
**Flat car:** Erie w/fence.  
**Crane Car:** NYC metal base.  
**Caboose:** ATSF red. Work.  
Set includes 1229 trans., plastic acc, & IS-250, & IS-70. All cars have type D square metal trucks.  
(Jim & Debby Flynn's Jan 93 list)  
Submitted by Miller and Woodward.

**44220 Diesel Freight Set 3**

**Locomotive:** 4000 NYC AA  
**Boxcar:** 174580, NYC.  
**Tank Car:** Shell orange.  
**Gondola:** 44572 C&O.  
**Caboose:** 20118, Pacemaker.  
(Flynn's Summer 94 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**44814(A) Diesel Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** SF AB. Motor has double reduction and traction tire, B unit has logo outlined instead of solid.  
**Gondola:** 51170 Erie Blk.  
**Boxcar:** 147815 RI red.  
**Hopper:** 21429 LV.  
**Caboose:** 4427 Red.  
All cars have high metal trucks.  
Box label shows "remote control

automatic uncoupling freight set #44814". Sent from Girard to Mont. Wards in Tulare CA.  
(Michael Morgan's Jan 93 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**44814B Diesel Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** SF 1095 AB.  
**Boxcar:** 186028 UP tuscan.  
**Hopper:** 21429 LV gray.  
**Gondola:** 55170 Erie blk.  
**Tanker:** 284 UTLX.  
**Caboose:** 4427 ATSF tuscan.  
Included in set 034 track.  
(Carver's Dec 94 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**50873 Steam Freight Set 5**

**Locomotive:** 1666 w/side smoke.  
**Tender:**  
**Flat Car:** 39520 SP maroon.  
**Auto Carrier:** 51100 bright red w/gray.  
**Caboose;**  
Reported by Dave Gord owned by Stan Troski.

**52272 Steam Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 666.  
**Tender:** NYC slope.  
**Boxcar:** B&O red.  
**Flat Car:** Erie w/ side rails.  
**Flat Car:** Erie w/one clip.  
**Crane Car:** NYC gray short steel frame.  
**Caboose:** NYC red.  
(J.T. Riley collection)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**52290B Steam Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 666 w/white stripe.  
**Tender:** UP slope.  
**Gondola;** 51170 Erie Blk.  
**Reefer:** 43461 cream.  
**Auto Carrier:** 51100 w/4 cars.  
**Caboose:** 3900 UP..  
Set includes unloading platform, bottle of smoke fluid, 1209 trans., 8 curved & 9 straight track.  
(J.T. Rilet collection)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**52850 Steam Freight Set 2**

This set is a reported variation labeled Toys R Us.  
(J.T, Riley collection)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

## CHAPTER IV

### 8994 Steam Freight Set 3

Locomotive: 897 0-4-0.  
Tender: NYC wedge, 2951.  
Flat Car: 2563, with barrel load.  
Gondola: 548, with insert and 4 milk cans.  
Gondola: 552G, no load.  
Hopper: NP red, 554.  
Caboose: 556 no MARX logo, no door slots.  
Includes transformer #1209.  
All cars have one way auto couplers and black frames.  
(Donald L. McLeod collection)

## CHAPTER V

### 8853 Diesel Freight Set 1

Locomotive: 6000 A-A SP.  
Gondola: Wabash 80982.  
Boxcar:  
Caboose:  
Set includes 2 straight, 8 curved track, track connectors, and Instruction sheet #177.  
(V. Baniewicz collection).

## CHAPTER VI

### 25622 Steam Freight Set 2

Locomotive: #999, with Marx emblem on cab.  
Tender: 951, NYC, with plastic load.  
Gondola: 254000, B&O.  
Crane Car: NYC, gray.  
Caboose: 20121, NYC 7".  
All car on G trucks in wood grain box.  
(T. Valis collection)

### 29609 Diesel Freight Set 5

Locomotive: 62 B&O A-A.  
Gondola: 347100 Penn. Gray.  
Boxcar: 467110 B&O yellow.  
Caboose: 504 B&O Blue.  
All cars are heat stamped.  
All cars on scale trucks.  
IS-#115., 8 curve, 8 straight 034 track. 50 wt. transformer.  
Box white w/br. lettering.  
(L. Chernow collection)

## CHAPTER VIII

### 4352 Steam Freight Set 2

Locomotive: 400.  
Tender: SP 8 wheel.  
Hopper: 21913 LV.  
Flat Car: Erie red tractor Burlington trailer.  
Caboose: SP.  
All cars 4 wheel unless otherwise noted.  
(Robert Doyle's #7 94 Holiday Edition list)

### 9398 Steam Freight Set 1

Locomotive: 1666 with cylinder smoke.  
Tender: SP.  
Gondola: 5532 dk blue Allstate.  
Tank Car: Allstate turquoise.  
Boxcar: 3280 SF orange.  
Caboose: 564 Allstate Tuscan.  
All cars with deluxe trucks.  
(Jim & Debby Flynn's 3/93 list)

### 9612B Steam Freight Set 1

Locomotive: 490 single reduction.  
Tender: NYC.  
Crane Car: NYC gray and black.  
Tank Car: Allstate blue.  
Caboose: NYC tuscan red.  
All cars have diecast wheels.  
Set includes 11 telephone poles and red plastic crossing signal.  
(Paul Gailey's 9/93 list)

### 9641 Steam Freight Set 3

Locomotive: 666, wh. stripe 1 friction wheel.  
Tender: Allstate 1951.  
Auto Carrier: 51100, 4 vans.  
Boxcar: 77003, B&M.  
Crane: 5590, no searchlight.  
Flat Car: 5545, w/ girder.  
Flat Car: (05544) w/ Sears blk tractor & turquoise trailer Made in Japan.  
Tank Car: (5553) Allstate.  
Work Caboose: (4590) ATSF tus.  
Allstate set includes 100wt trans., #1303 bridge, 034 trk., bottle of smoke and 1 way uncoup.  
9735B Steam Freight Set 1

Locomotive: 490.  
Tender: PC.  
Flat Car: Erie.  
Gondola: PRR 34700.  
Boxcar: B&O 467110.  
Caboose: Penn Cen 18326.  
All cars are plastic knuckle coupler.  
(John Fox 1/94 list)



**55876 Steam Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** 333 smoker.  
**Tender:** SF.  
**Tank Car:** Cities Ser. w/twin green tanks.  
**Boxcar:** Marlines red w/blue man.  
**Searchlight:** 4581 BKX twin.  
**Caboose:** ATSF tuscan work.  
All cars deluxe type F trucks, #1239 trans., 034 track, and IS-264.  
(P. Gailey's 9/93 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**CHAPTER IX**

**5224 Steam Freight Set 5**

**Locomotive:** 500 OD.  
**Tender:** 500.  
**Searchlight:** red handle.  
**Gun Car:** anti-air craft.  
**Flat Car:** #5 wind-up tank.  
**Radio Car:**  
(Carver's !@/92 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**CHAPTER X**

**6844 Steam Passenger Set 3**

**Locomotive:** Red Mercury ele.  
**Tender:** NYC red  
**Pass Car:** Cleveland.  
**Obs Car:** Detroit.  
Set includes track & 50 wt trans.  
(L. Chernow Collection)

**CHAPTER XI**

**4167 Steam Passenger Set 4**

**Locomotive:** Red jubilee style 0-4-0.  
**Tender:** Red NYC w/blk stripes.  
**Baggage:** 547 NYC red w/yel let.  
**Bogota's(3),** Solid window.  
**Montclair(2),** " "  
**Observation** " "  
Box is brown with blue lettering.  
Cars in original sleeves. All cars 4 wheel blk frame.  
(C.M. Claussen collection)

**5945 Diesel Passenger Set 3**

**Locomotive:** 21 AA.  
**Pass Car:** 3152 SF (2).  
**Obs Car:** 3197  
**Boxcar:** 1950 GAEX.  
**Gondola:** 44572 C&O.  
**Caboose:** 1951 ATSF.

Passenger coaches solid windows. Happi-Time Box. Uncouple here sign, 2 ele. switches with red box, high trucks metal fork couplers. (Carver's Dec 93 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**44114 Diesel Passenger Set 5**

**Locomotive:** 4000 AA NYC. Long flag with white grills.  
**Coaches:** 3557 NYC silver solid window.  
**Obs. Car** 3558 NYC silver solid window.  
All coaches have cast trucks & plastic fork couplers as well as unlighted solid windows. (J.T. Riley collection)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

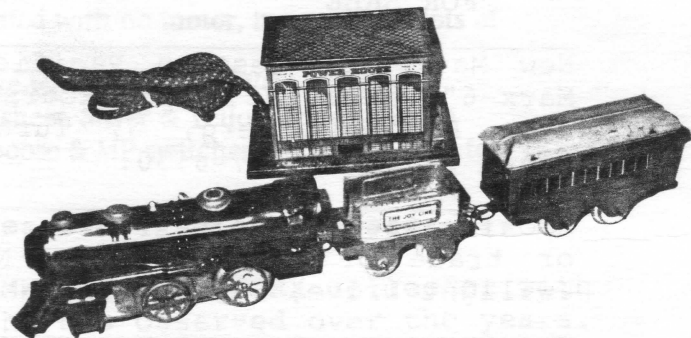
**44166 Diesel Passenger Set 5**

**Locomotive:** 4000 NYC AA.  
**Pass Car:** NYC gray. 234(4)  
**Vista Dome Car:** 234(2)  
**Obs Car:** Meteor.  
(R. Doyle's list Sum 94)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.

**CHAPTER XII**

**379 Diesel Freight Set 2**

**Locomotive:** Black switcher.  
**Gondola:** Red  
**Gondola:** Yellow.  
Set includes barrel loader double switch, track and IS sheet.  
(T. Hay's July 94 list)  
Submitted by Miller & Woodward.



A bullet nosed Joyline engine with yellow tender and yellow topped coach. From the same time period a Power House trans.

Tell your friends about CWM!

WANTED

Deluxe Delivery 4" Truck. John Torgerson, 2712 Del Ray Ave., LaCrosse WI., 54603. 608-783-3785.

551 with early 6" frame, Wm Crooks Engine (no cracks), 44572 gondola-no rivets, 174580 Boxcar-no rivets, 8 wheel metal B&O caboose. Chuck Scheltens, 1532 N Oak, Round Lake Beach, IL., 60073. 708-546-3784.

4485 through 4500 B&A Box 6" cars w/metal wheels and T&S couplers, 37960 through 37975 PRR 6" Boxcars w/metal wheels and T&S couplers, 4000 Seaboard FM Dummy A Loco w/metal wheels and T&S couplers, 800 Mo Pack GE 70 Ton Diesel switcher all in C-6 to C-7 condition. W. Alan Littlejohn, 4960 Marlin Dr., New Port Richey, FL., 34652. 813-847-0606 til 9:30 EST.

551(K) or/and 551(Q) Blue tender and a (941) Mickery Mouse Marx tender. (I have the engines for these). Duane Ford, 517-323-6409.

Rock Island 1998 with White lettering. B&O caboose 508. Will Dukes, 8394 Inspiration Ave., Walkersville, MD., 21793-7803. Eve. 301-845-8522. Day 301-309-3246.

Buy or trade for the following 6" tin sliding door boxcars: two CNW crimson & yellow and two B&LE brown and yellow. 4 or 8 wheels O.K. Also need one 8 wheel KCS B unit (mint). Have the following for trade: B&LE yellow and white (C-8); CNW blue and white (C-6); 4 wheel SSW brown & yellow (C-8); rough 4 wheel B&O orange and white, (missing doors); misc. KCS ABA's, 6" Pacemakers, B&A's, Mailcars, and FGEX's. Tom Moran, 1792 Tanglewood Dr., Akron, Ohio, 44313. 216-836-6949.

Joy Line power house transformer. Allan Miller, 14029 Briarwood Drive, Laurel, Maryland. 20708-1311. 301-490-4204.

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TRADE

Mint U.S. & U.N. stamp collection. Includes First Air Mails, for Marx or other trains. Harris Spanier, 1101 W. 185th Street, Homewood, IL. 60430-3511, 708-957-3396.

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FOR SALE

New Marx-Blue Western Pacific; Iron City Beer; American Beer. Old Marx-6" wheel car; 6" Boxcars; 7" cabooses; 6" Blue Plastic dumping car. Bob Rosenberg, 37 Turner Avenue, Edison NJ 08820. 908-494-2164. Days 212-697-6130.

Smoking 666 with electronic sound of steam grey Sante Fe tender 50.00 or trade or purchase nice NYC 234 gray coach. Gus Byrom, 100 E. Twilight Drive, Farmington, NM. 87401. 505-325-6870.

G.E.X. 4583 - Exc. \$110.; S.P. 39520 (silver & Black), Exc. \$115.; S.P. 39520 (silver & black) Good, minus. \$75.; Allstate 1998 - Blue, Poor, \$85.; Allstate 1998 - Blue, V.G. \$195.; N.Y.C. 11" observation with blue lettering, Good, \$195.; E-7's Penn Central, power & dummy VG without white stripe. Cape Canaveral Steam set, VG. Call or send SASE for Marx list. Will Dukes, 8394 Inspiration Ave., Walkersville, MD., 21793-7803. Eve 301-845-8522. Day 301-309-3246.



M10005 Union Pacific, Red silver & blue, 5 piece C-8, \$145.; 1404 Block Signal with controller, Rare, C-7, \$95.; Girard Whistling Station, C-8, \$45.; Marx 1949 Moto-run, Beautiful litho showing a diesel station and adjoining countryside. Comes with 4 different litho vehicles and runs great! C-8, \$95.; 1934 UP lucky Piece, Came in Marx M10000 Streamline Sets. \$25. Larry & Jennifer Chernow, 12 Newmarket Rd., Syosset, NY. 11791. 516-496-8422.

Until further notice all MARX FOR SALE ONLY ads of no more than 35 words are free. Wanted and trade ads regular rates (see page 2). Also I can take the free for sale items of no more than 35 words as late as the 10th of month before issue is due out.

Marx Toys - Desert Fox Playset figures: 39 German soldiers and 23 American soldiers - \$125. Mickey McFadden, 89 Hickory Court, Carpentersville, IL 60110., 708-426-3307.

### MARX WIG-WAG TRAINS FOR SALE

201-579-5308 7-9 P.M. EST

Wanted Dorfan, Fandor, Joyline & Ives Transition  
60 Fredonia Road, Newton New Jersey 07860

- 1) # 5 Black Plastic Civil War type engine, funnel stack gold trim, battery operated, 2 tin litho cars lettered Marville Local, EX, \$95.00
- 2) #99 black plastic steam type loco, 3 short colorfully litho'd cars, lettered Luxury Line & Marx, missing wheels on coach & surface rust on loco frame, looks VG, \$50.00
- 3) #8400 silver tin litho loco, 3 litho cars depicting circus performers, Choo-Choo Train on roofs, windup, no key, close to EX, \$75.00
- 4) Grey plastic windup loco lettered Crazy Express, three litho cars with what appears to be circus motifs, close to Ex, \$75.00
- 5) Silver litho windup #8400 steam type loco, Co-Co Puffs train, three litho cars, VG, \$110.00
- 6) Black litho steam type windup engine, missing wheels on coach, Dodge City Express, VG, \$110.00
- 7) Wild West Stage windup, three Roy Rodgers litho coaches, EX except hoof of one of horses broken off, \$195.00
- 8) Senic Express train, 540 black plastic loco with attached litho Erie tender, N&W hopper, ATS&F box and UP caboose, missing 4 wheels otherwise VG, \$35.00
- 9) Marx Gateman, tin litho in EX shape but missing gate, in about 75% of OB, \$55.00
- 10) Marx carry all knights playset in tin litho box, lots of stuff in there, looks nice \$75.00
- 11) Marx for Sears, Allstate #9627 International Race Set, lots of stuff in ther too, track, controller, guardrails, grandstand, 1 car repainted with no motor, instructions, lots of little stuff, in crisp OB, \$65.00
- 12) 5543 Cities Service Double Tank, missing brake wheel otherwise VG+, \$65.00
- 13) Eagle Express set # 7360, missing instruction sheet, Silver & Yellow Autos on Erie maroon flat, orange Gulf tanker, MP white caboose & MP switcher, T&T, cars VG+ to EX, box GD+ or a bit better all there, \$195

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At the Fall York meet J.B. Gilmer presented each MARX collector with a copy of some questions about items he has observed over the years. I am going to attempt to present some of them in each of the next several issues. These are taken from Volume 1--Greenberg's MARX trains. 1. Page 61 The author requests confirmation of the five flatcar motor vehicle loads, but as a practical matter are any or all of these loads known to be wrong or merely that they have not been observed in a documented set? TO BE CONTINUED!

COLLECTING WITH MARX  
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Springfield, MO. 65801-0614  
417-833-3840

1. Milk van C-6 \$50.00.
2. Red truck blue dump C-9 \$170.00.
3. OD Ordinance Boxcar C-8 \$395.00.
4. Brown L&N gondola C-9 \$249.00.
5. Revolutionary War playset building \$35.00.
6. Red Jubilee style engine call \$95.00.
7. Red Jubilee style engine call \$115.00.
8. Red Mercury w/nickle nose call \$160.00.
9. Red tender w/orange stripe \$95.00.
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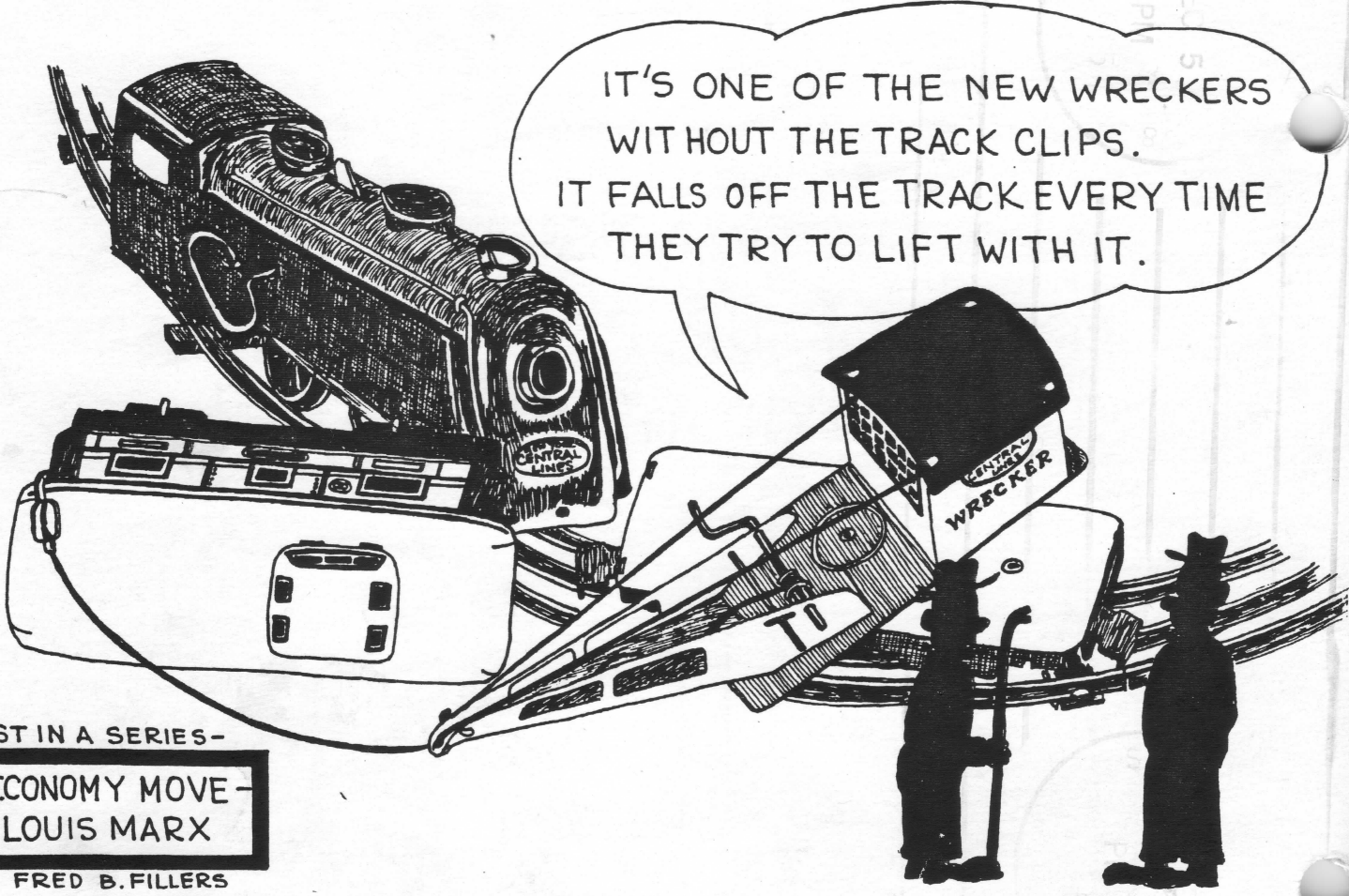
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