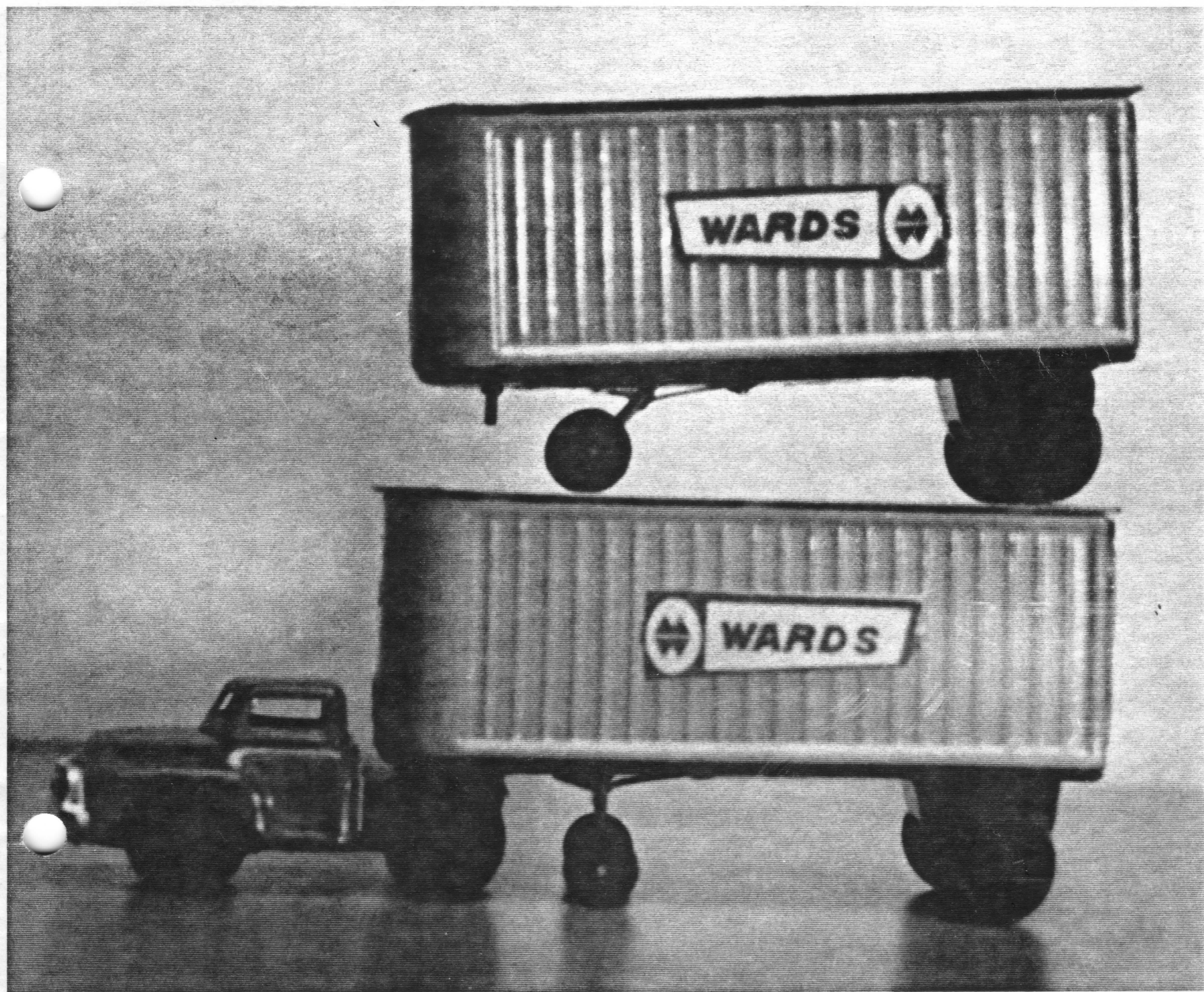


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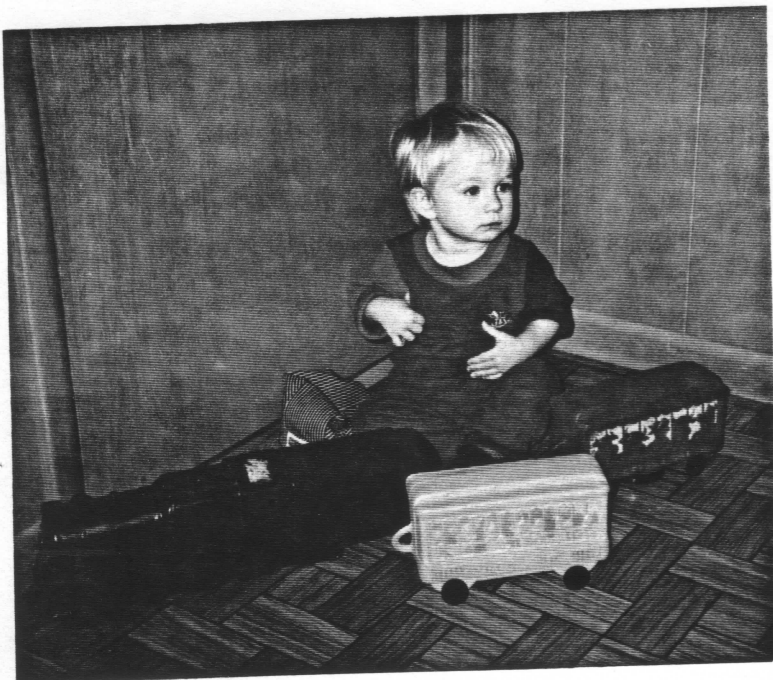
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On the cover...

Some of Stan Troski's unbelievable plastic collection. An impossible WARDS piggyback in two variations. More inside!

At left, my son Louis Marx with his Louis MARX floor train. The engine tender squeezes to make a train sound, the Duck car in front is yellow and squeezes to make a duck sound, and the back red cattle car squeezes and sounds like a cow. We also have the duck car in red.

My how time flies when your having fun! The holidays came and went just as fast. I hope you had as much fun with your families, and enjoyed the blessings that the holidays bring, as did the Claussen family. We had a friend dressed as Santa Claus visit the house a week before Christmas, and to make a long story short, Louis Marx has already at 20 months, uncovered the true identity of the jolly old man.

I also hope you all got those MARX trains you wished for under your respective Christmas trees. I had nothing under the Christmas tree but I ran across a few things in the last couple of months. The thing I treasure more than anything else is a pressed steel gondola, (blue over white), that goes with the large rider 3000 Lightning Express engine tender combo MARX made back in the 30's. Also, I got another color of the MARX plastic army barracks. I had yellow with brown barracks and my good friend Jim Norton had a brown with yellow barracks. I was also very happy to receive my Southern Pacific engine and tender from New MARX. The set looks absolutely great and it's my hope that New MARX has intentions of making maybe 2 more cars. The engine pulls very well.

I missed a great set at auction including a military lithographed set box, an OD Commodore Vanderbilt, a flat car with tank, 2 gun cars, gondola, radio car and troop car. Also included was a set of tin MARX soldiers. I have the set but I thought it would be a good upgrade or good trading material but I just plain didn't bid high enough! It was my fault.

I did get a lead on two items for February. One was a 7 inch KC Southern caboose and the other is a store display freight station with everything glued to the display. Hope these two materialize.

There are some things happening in the world of MARX that are good and some that are bad. First the good stuff. There have been some good articles in our club and private magazines on MARX lately. It's always good to read an article that informs.

The bad things go like this: I keep hearing stories about a fellow in the northern United States that doesn't know the meaning of honesty, sincerity and integrity. If you have a chance to deal with someone you don't know about ask someone you know if they know him. Check him out before you send money.

The last thing I want to touch on just very quickly is that many of you have expressed concern about MARX plastic being reproduced and parts being reproduced without any marking to show reproduction. The concern is that the cars we have all paid big money for in some cases will be absolute throw aways when all is said and done. I can't say that I blame you. There is nothing "Collecting With MARX" can do about it. I can say that I have no repro pieces on my shelves but I think they are great for those that want them.

Don't forget our new fax machine. Send your correspondence cheaper than a letter. Let us know what you are finding and send your For Sale ads. For anyone that may be concerned, I have never even called on an ad that was sent in to the magazine. I am not trying to skim the cream.

Don't forget to watch the back cover for the "Last Issue Renew Now" stamp that will tell you your subscription is over. If you don't go ahead and send in your renewal then, you won't get the next issue. We do not send any other reminders!

It's going to be another great year at "Collecting With MARX" so you might as well become a part of it! Happy New Year to all!

*Marx*

## WHAT HAS REALLY HAPPENED TO MARX PRICES?

It seems every time I talk to another MARX collector the conversation always gets around to the prices of MARX Trains. "How do prices seem in your area?" "Look at the great deal I got. It was only \$\$\$." "Do you think this is too much?" "You want how much for that junk!"

Most of us are price conscious. We all want to get the best deal we can. Collecting trains is a little like investing in stocks. What do you buy with a limited amount of money. Do you buy anything, everything, or only those things you truly want? Thinking along those lines I have analyzed what has happened to the price of MARX Trains over 19 years. I have used the prices reported in Greenberg publications on MARX Trains from 1978 to present, Eric Matzke 1st Edition 1978, 2nd Edition 1985, Pocket Guide 1986, 3rd Edition 1989, Pocket Guide Flynn 1989, Pocket Guide Flynn 1991, Pocket Guide Flynn 1993, Pocket Guide 1995. I know not all the prices are accurate and some people will pay more and some people pay less. But they generally reflected the going rate at the time they were published.

I have selected 5 common items, 10 harder to find, and 20 of the hardest pieces to find, I'll call these scarce. I have tracked how they have done value wise over the past 19 years. I have calculated what it would cost to buy everything in the column at the going rate that year. I have also figured the percentage of increase in the items between 1978 and 1995. Finally I calculated the increase of each item in the last column.

Item	1st Ed	2nd Ed	86PG	3rd Ed	89PG	91PG	93PG	95PG	% Increase
556 Cab blk frame	2	7	4	4	4	10	15	15	+650 %
347100 PRR. Gon.	0.75	3	2	4	4	10	10	15	+1900 %
3/16 NYC Boxcar	1.75	8	5	8	5	15	12	25	+1329 %
666+1951 SP	9	11	10	21	14	19	33	40	+340 %
1095 Sf AA	24	35	20	35	35	45	70	90	+275 %
<b>Total in \$\$</b>	<b>\$37.5</b>	<b>\$64</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$72</b>	<b>\$62</b>	<b>\$99</b>	<b>\$140</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>+ 393%</b>
2002 Hand car Br	25	25	16	40	40	75	70	70	+180 %
54+55 KCS AB	18	18	40	60	60	160	175	210	+1067 %
666+1951 OD	11	32	38	55	55	90	90	105	+855 %
Crooks Eng+Len	35	41	50	50	50	100	100	125	+257 %
897 Bl+W 951 4w	15	18	12	60	27	46	50	90	+500 %
5011 NYC Mail	6	8	12	35	35	60	45	50	+733 %
6 in SSW Blue Box	4	18	25	35	35	50	40	60	+1400 %
ATSF 3/16 13549	3	15	15	15	25	60	55	55	+1733 %
45 Crooks Cab	5	10	25	35	35	45	40	40	+700 %
2824 Missile Gon	10	15	25	35	35	65	60	75	+650 %
<b>Total in \$\$</b>	<b>\$132</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$258</b>	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$397</b>	<b>\$751</b>	<b>\$725</b>	<b>\$880</b>	<b>+567 %</b>
4001 Seaboard B	40	40	150	150	150	150	150	200	+400 %
4000 PC AA	30	120	300	300	300	300	270	300	+900 %
Vanderbilt OD+Ten	22	90	150	150	150	310	245	295	+1241 %
Blue Mercury+Ten	28	80	165	130	165	235	200	220	+686 %
6in Airplane Yel	25	70	75	100	100	150	145	250	+900 %
6 in Rail Cars	12	60	100	100	100	160	160	175	+1358 %
572 #5 Tank	25	25	35	100	100	135	145	200	+700 %
555 Sil Red Root	12	30	100	150	150	175	200	300	+2300 %
10961 FGEX	4	20	27	35	35	75	70	100	+2400 %
552M with Buffets	35	35	100	110	110	175	165	175	+400 %
3/16 PRR Stock	15	200	175	175	175	275	245	300	+1900 %

3557 NYC Coach	7	45	35	45	45	80	115	150	+2043 %
2858 OD Boxcar	7	45	162	175	175	225	210	250	+3471 %
5553 Milk car	50	50	50	300	125	200	180	200	+300 %
504 B+O Cab	7	10	17	40	50	60	95	225	+3114 %
Total in \$\$\$	\$319	\$920	\$1641	\$2060	\$1930	\$2705	\$2595	\$3340	+ 947 %

It's pretty amazing what has happened to prices of MARX when you break it down this way. The Cheap plastic PRR gondola +1900%??, well when you start at .75 there's room for growth. How about a case of OD boxcars at a 3400% increase. If you had invested \$1000.00 in MARX trains in 1978 I'll let you do the math, but the returns would be pretty good.

I suppose most of you could have guessed how the results would have turned out. The lower end stuff increased, but not nearly at the rate of the harder to find or the scarce items. The common stuff increased 393%, the harder-to-find 567%, and the scarce items 947%. I do not believe the price of MARX trains could come close to matching these percentages of price increase over the next 20 years. But I do believe the patterns will continue into the future. The cost and value of the high end items will go up at a greater rate than those of the mid range and low end items. Only the future will tell.

If you have any comments or additions to the article feel free to contact me or write a response to Marx.

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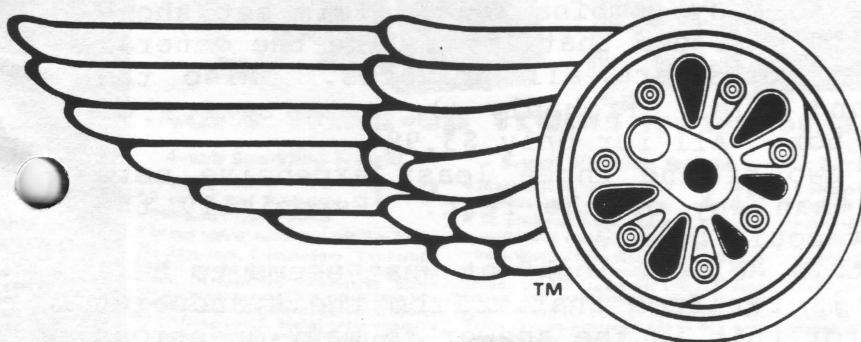
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## TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS ONE!

This 1942-43 Fall and Winter MARX toy train ad from "Chicago Mail Order" catalog is compliments of Gary Anderson in Minnesota. It contains several things of which this writer has never seen the origin. This single page ad shows seven sets each having it's own special function, look or operation.

Let's start at the top and work from left to right and just go through these unique sets. On my copy, that Gary sent, it's very well copied because the tones allow the detail to be seen nicely and I can only hope that you will be able to see them too!

Here we go! Top left is an electric set that has the main feature of being the lowest priced electric set. However it does have reverse and the set contains a 6-inch boxcar which could have been one of maybe 30 in color and road name combination.

The second set is the plain "Marlines" type engine with nothing on the side trim but black and red. The tender is the not so common four wheel Canadian Pacific with textured coal pile. It has a 6-inch boxcar and comes with a tin bridge and three piece grade crossing set. This grade crossing piece is the narrow wooden one.

The third set is the copper boiler 396 with matching copper tender. It's interesting to note the order in which this set is in. Engine, crane car, side dump and then the tender. This very desirable and very attractive set comes with manual switches, a tunnel, a girder bridge and two tel-tales.

Next is probably the introduction of the first scale or 3/16 set. Powered by the all black 391, this is a very common set, however the detail and workmanship to build these cars makes this set the highest price of all of them.

Okay, now to the cheapies. Uh huh! These three sets are all windup and the first set is only four pieces. The big feature of this set is the sparking mechanism.

The middle set on the bottom is the red Commodore Vanderbilt with the black nose. This engine is very scarce and this is the only time I personally have seen it advertised or photographed except for the article Larry Chernow did in 1996 for CWM. I have two on my shelf with small variations. Also this engine also has the whistle. This whistle actually makes the correct cadence for a grade crossing. This set comes with a red tender, two common cars and the picture shows an observation coach.

Last but not least is the "Reversing Military Train Set". These cars are not the common 6-inch 4-wheel military cars in every other set. These cars have the couplers that look like tab-in-slot but they slide in and out. I have always called them windup tab-in-slot couplers. The engine here shows an all black 898 and a 500 tender. My set has an OD lithographed 897 reversing windup engine and the harder to find wedge military tender. This set comes with wooden ammunition and the searchlight has a shiny mirror finish tin dummy searchlight. My radio car has no rails or diamond on top. It's plain. I can imagine after studying Louis MARX trains for 20 years that this set could have come in many combinations. This set shows eight tin soldiers but comes with six, one that looks like the general with binoculars and the other poses are all privates. Also the American flag on wooden base and pole. Probably the most scarce of all is this cardboard barracks box. All for only \$3.98!

The last two sets being two of the three least expensive sets would now sell for much more than any of the rest. Especially the last one. What do you think it could bring?

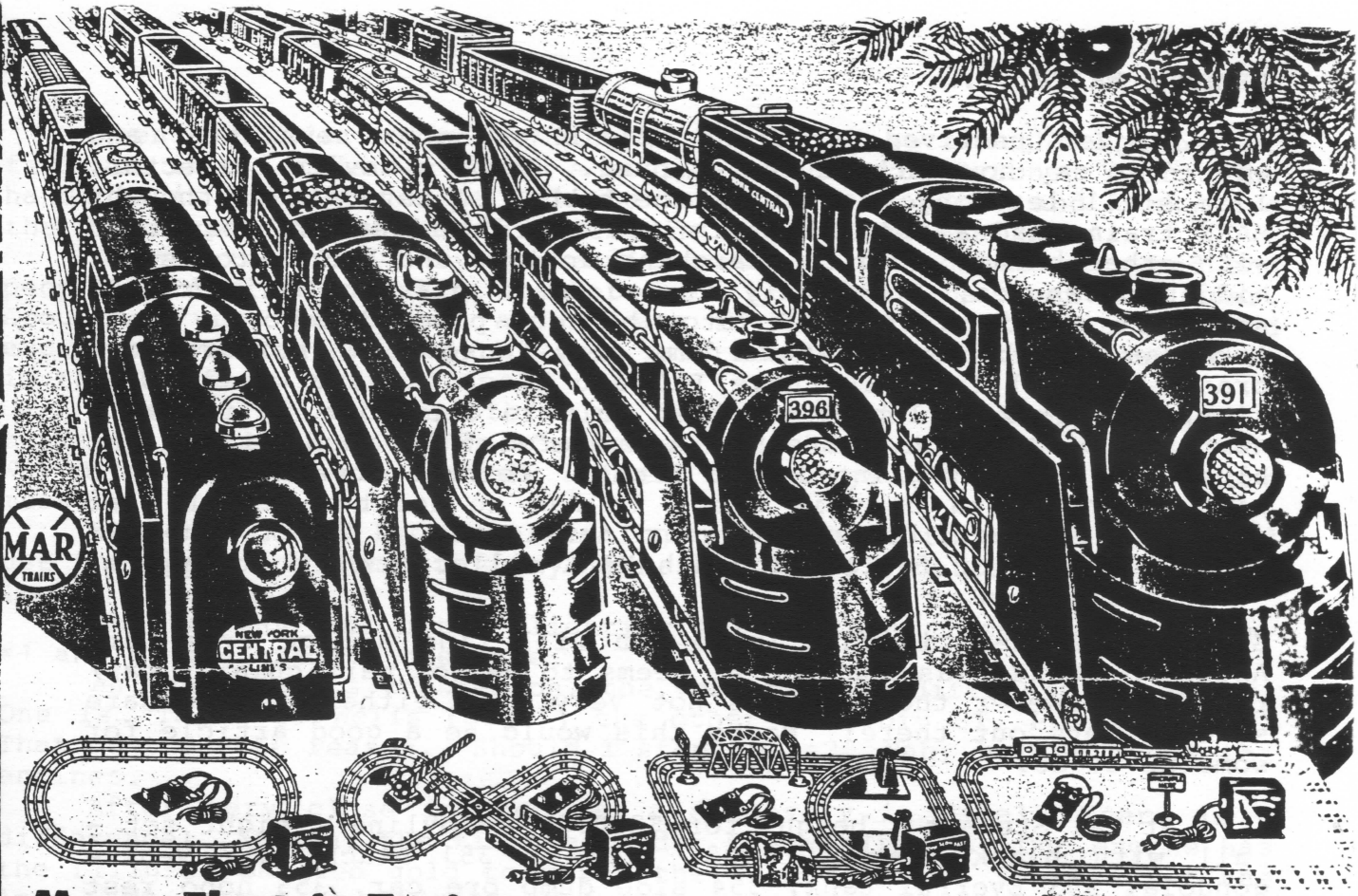
I hope you have enjoyed this "closer look" at what seems to be a very simple catalog page. It is far from that. From the standpoint of a diehard MARX train collector this is the answer to many questions. Thanks to my good friend and true MARX trains authority Gary Anderson. I'll take one of each!

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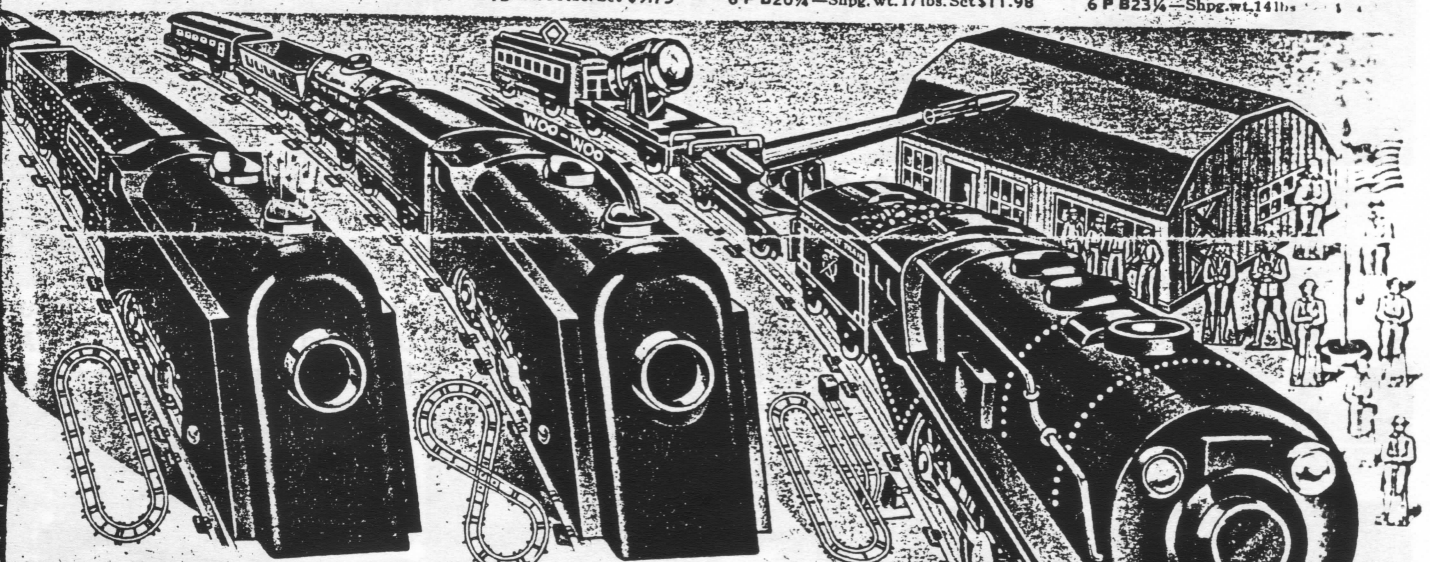
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**6 P B14 1/4**—Complete. . . . \$3.98! Shipping weight 7 pounds.

READERS WRITE.....

I just received my first edition of your newsletter and wanted to say how much it was enjoyed. Being a novice collector, I am still learning much about the hobby. I have always thought MARX trains had a special charm and toy like quality not found with other brands. While searching antique and hobby stores for hidden treasures, I recently turned up a plastic Mexican MARX set. It consists of a GE 70ton battery powered loco, a black Arkansas RR caboose, a single dome grey tanker, two boxcars, one orange, one white. All have PKC and black plastic wheels with simulated trucks. I have not been able to determine if it was a numbered set or not. Engine is numbered 51010 and is a light blue with a yellow painted hood front. Perhaps someone can help with further data on this set. It had no set box. I am also sending for back issues of your newsletter. Thank you for another source of fellowship with MARX collectors and hobbyists.  
--Glenn Johnston.

Glenn-- Elsewhere in this issue you will find a page from Gary Anderson about PlastiMarx. It seems to be not particularly easy to find, however the value is not very high either. There are several sets out there! Maybe this would be a good article for someone to do!

At Cal Stewart I bought for \$200.00 a Joyline freight set - all with black frames - 1931 -1936 - 351 black, 352 Venice gondola, 353 Everful tank, 354 side dump ore car, 355 hobo rest box, and 356 red eagle eye caboose, all red windup engine. All in good condition with minor rust spots on boxcar.

And just today I bought a L-O-N-G Joyline tender for hefty price \$75.00 and a 458 obs - no light to complete my 2-357's.

I now have everything of those 1932-1933-34 Depression MARX. No cast iron yet. Since joining TTOS in 66 I never found early Joyline.

Also just bought an Allstate blue bay window-caboose for 60 bucks. --Robert Verre.

Robert-- It's good to hear you are finding some good MARX trains in Southern California. Keep us informed on your future purchases.

As to the question of a blue Commodore in issue #14, I believe the fellow mistaked the grey one as blue. A couple months ago I ran across a blue one myself but after examining it, I found it to be painted over.

I've hit some good luck on the M10000 Union Pacific sets. Found four sets since York. Have the red, brown/yellow and the green. All are electrical. All sets were under \$100.00. In fact the brown/yellow was only \$35.00. In real good shape too. Also picked up a blue pressed steel car at a decent price.

If you have any extra 6" flat cars with clamps for trucks for sale let me know.

Also picked up a 359A searchlight scale car at York. Real nice condition. Goes to show you the rarer ones do pop up now and then. Oh yes, I had a MARX village set up under the Christmas tree. Kids love it! Especially the Glendale Talking station. Wish you and your family a Happy New Year. Hope to meet up with you at York sometime. -  
-Ray Cox.

Ray -- It's good to know there are other people that enjoy the color, sound and play qualities that MARX trains possess. Thanks for your kind words.



Been a little lax on sending you anything so thought I'd better fill you in a little more with a couple pictures of October York. The hand-car is 1955 prototype and the other two, gondola and tank, are the prototypes of the familiar items in many of the MARX sets.

Didn't take but only these pictures. Lighting was very bad and people packed up and left rather quickly after the meet was over. Acoustics were bad also, and it was rather difficult to understand everyone speaking. Sorry this was late but Dick M. covered most of it in the December issue.

Anyway, in looking thru my collection a few months ago, I realized I had 2 sets of Wm. Crooks with 8 wheel cars, #1 and 3. Why did I have 2 sets exactly alike I asked myself. Self said there must be a reason.

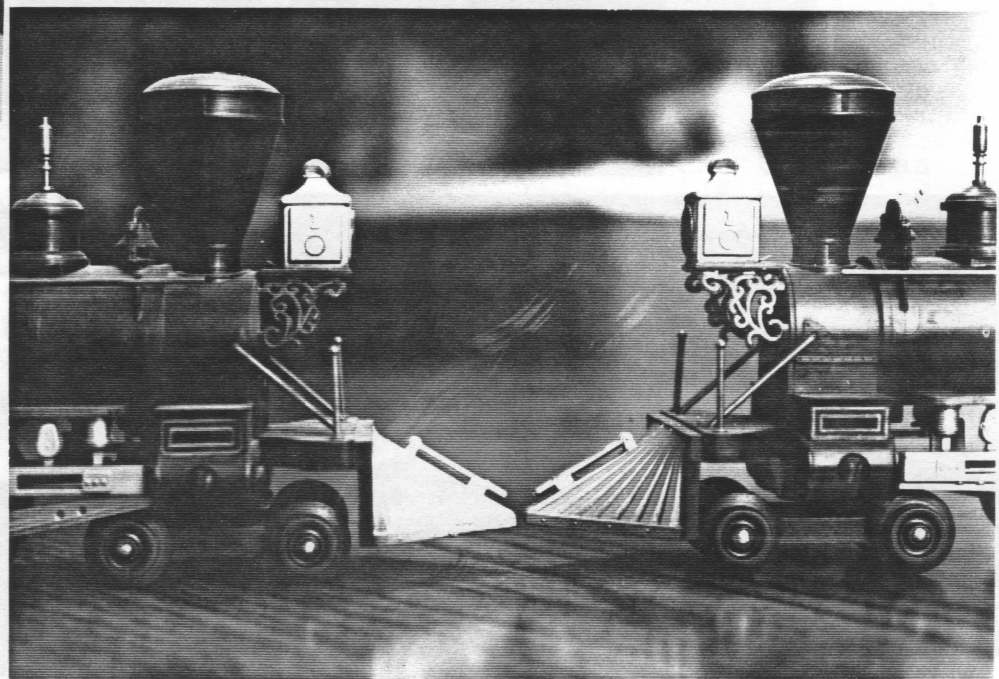
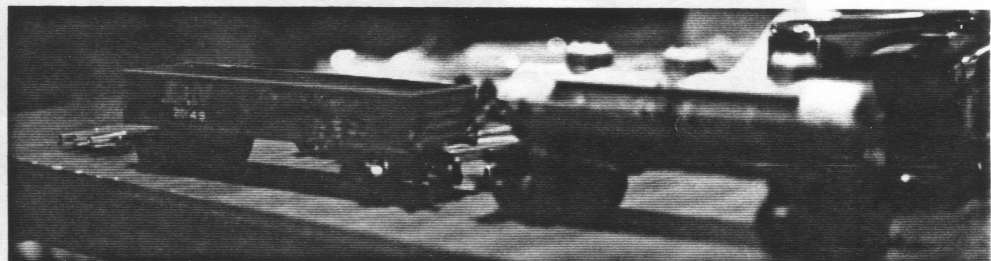
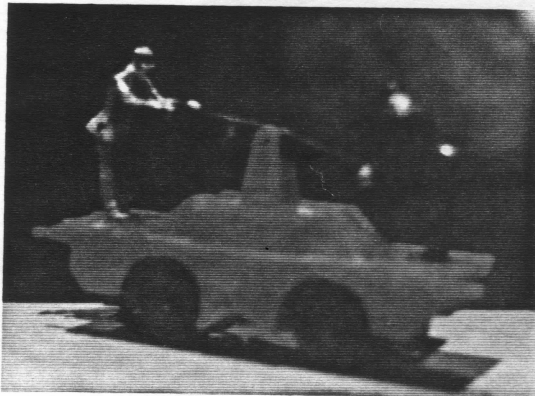
These two sets had been sitting on my shelf for years. I could use the space for other display items but first I better take a closer look.

To the shop and better lighting for a closer inspection. Mmmm, #1 and #3 are exactly the same.

Ah, ha, there's the reason, the tenders have different lettering. One is "Tales of Wells Fargo", the other "1st Div ST. P. & P. RR.". That must be the reason. Should I stop there? Nah, better check the engines.

After very close inspection, a discovery is made! There is a difference! Look at the filigree under the headlight. One engine has the filigree painted gold to match the trim color on the rest of the loco. The other is plain black!

So if you think you have all the Wm. Crooks loco's please look again. You maybe in for a surprise! I sure was. --Happy Hunting  
John Torgerson.



READERS WRITE CONTINUED.....

Enclosed is a picture of a rather cute little set 520h (the letter is obscure and hard to determine just what it is). What is interesting is how small the box is. It measures only 9" by 9" and about 3½" in height. There is no track and no room for any track in the box. The red CW clockwork engine was in original sleeve as was the 552 red/green gondola.

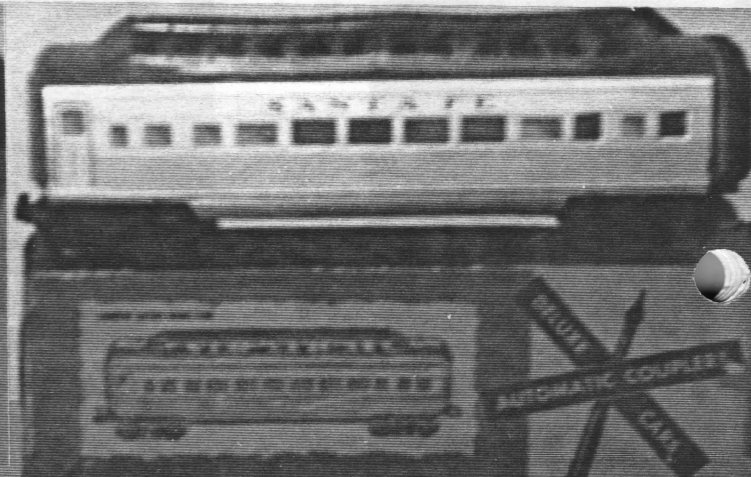
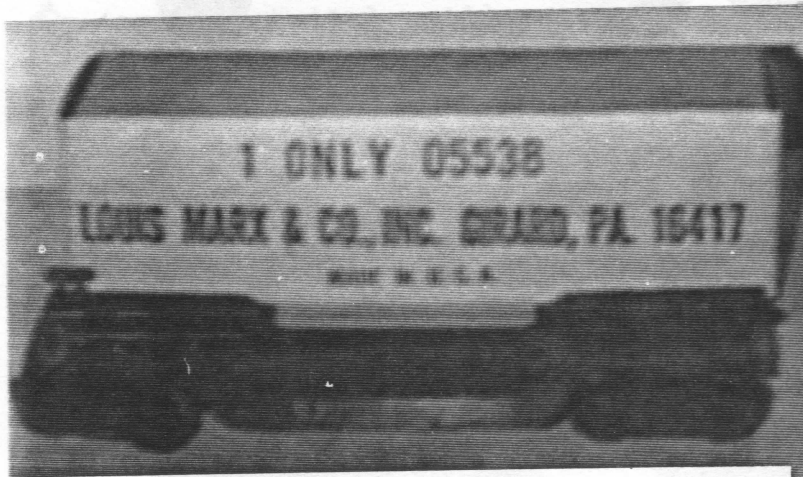
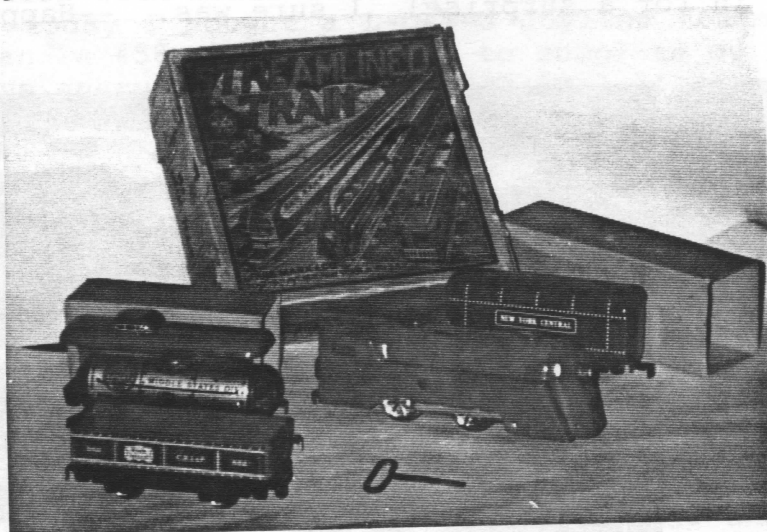
I found or discovered that I had the SP 39520 drop center maroon flat in original box. I bought it this way a number of years ago - no reels or straps or even the little wires to connect the straps to.

Also I have the 3152 AT&SF full dome passenger car in original box. (Flaps are missing or frayed on one end of the box, otherwise it is a mint piece.)

I saw an Erie blue log car at a train meet over the weekend that was different. It was part of a UP F-3 unboxed set. No logs, but the log rack was a dark blue/green color, very different from the blue on the Erie base. I didn't purchase it because the UP engine had been rather badly damaged. It was tempting though.

I did purchase a Cape Canaveral Express diesel engine with the full motor with tile/auto/plastic coupler. It is in very good shape - no chips or breaks. I suspect this engine is getting scarce, especially with the full size motor. --Duane Ford.

Duane-- It's always good to hear from you! Yes I agree your set box is a cutie! I have the same box with an early Joyline passenger set. Your 39520 piece is a keeper. I have the only one I have had a chance to buy. It's sometimes mind boggling just how many colors of plastic you see. I can't remember the last time I had an opportunity to buy a Canaveral engine. I think a whole lot of all MARX trains are becoming scarce.



Your current "Collecting With MARX" is excellent. Fred Fillers outdid himself with the drawing this time! I can relate to the "pins" used to connect the articulated cars! I'm sure MARX fans will particularly enjoy this one.

Am enclosing a couple pix of some of my MARX collection I displayed last week. Had lots of interest and comments. I thought you (and perhaps others) might be interested in the "load" I found for the MARX Auto Carrier. WalMart (here) and I am sure there, too, has a Tootsie Toy Hard Body 'Sport Racing' set, #1741 (\$4.94--7 3696) which includes four vehicles that fit perfectly in and on the Auto Carrier. I've indicated this on one of the photos. --Jim Bennett.

Jim-- Many MARX people are looking for loads for cars that have none. Sometimes it's impossible to find an original one. Many operators are very happy to hear this information. Thanks Jim and look forward to seeing your articles in "Collecting With Marx" very soon!



Managed to get a big MARX loop established under the Christmas tree this past weekend. Having a great time switching out trains to run around. Picked up a MINT red frame set this fall with a CV loco, and it looks good. I enjoy the magazine. I'm very much a novice collector, so every issue has good info for me. Thanks for all of your hard work. --Brian Patton.

Brian -- Thanks for the good words but our magazine would not be what it is without readers just like yourself. Please stay involved.

You can now fax your for sale ads to my home fax machine. Your 35 word for sale ads are free anytime. Please take advantage of this service. We can take these up to the 17th of the month prior to date of issue.

Back issues available are #1,2,5,6&8.

# Plastimarx

Febrero 7, 1979

GARY ANDERSON  
Box 143  
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Estimado Sr. Gary:

Adjunto a la presente le enviamos catálogo de los trenes que tenemos disponibles.

Esperando le sea de utilidad quedamos de usted.

Atentamente

*Ruth Láz Pardo*

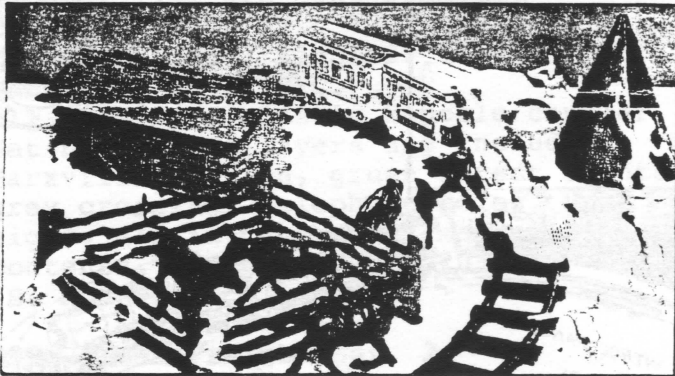
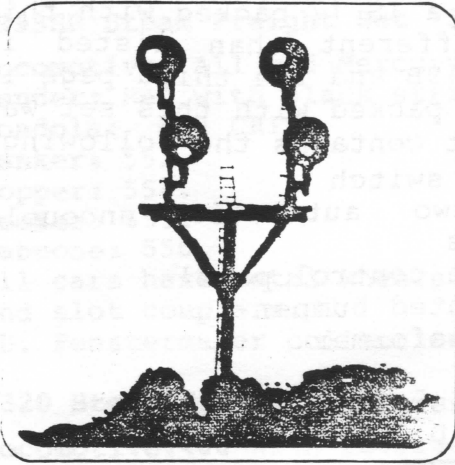
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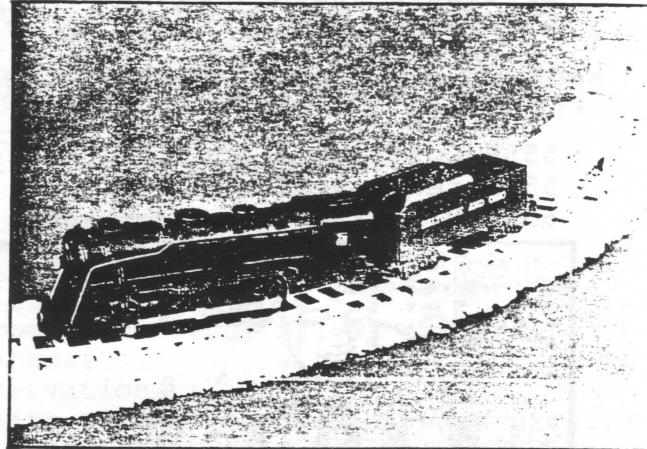
These two pages are a reply from Plastimarx to Gary Anderson in response to a request for a catalog. Their reply was basically that they didn't have one!

# FERROCARRILES

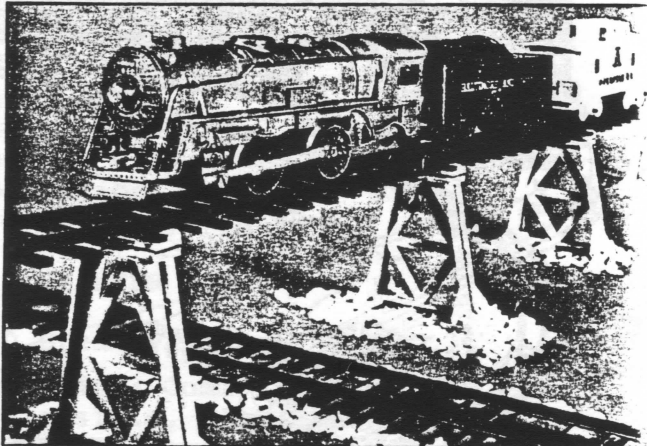
En Plastimax sabemos que no hay niño que no desee tener un tren eléctrico. Y en respuesta a ese deseo, fabricamos, en el país, una línea de trenes, cuya presentación ha sido modificada con ilustraciones que los hacen aún más atractivos para la compra.



**No. 5063 FERROCARRIL DEL OESTE.** Para revivir toda la vida en aquellas lejanas tierras, tiene indios, ganado, tienda india y vaqueros con caballos.  
MEDIDA: 70.0 x 15 x 70.0 cm.



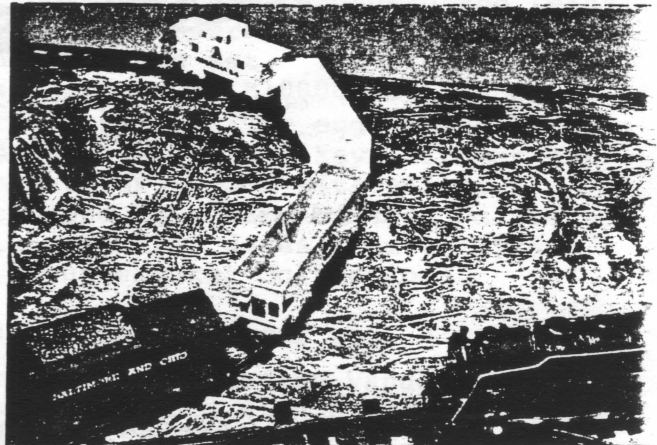
**No. 5121 FERROCARRIL EXPRESO NOCTURNO.** Con poderosa farol, llega sin ninguna escala a través de grandes distancias con carro arenoso, su carro tanque, cabuz y carbonera.  
MEDIDA: 138.0 x 9.0 x 93.0 cm.



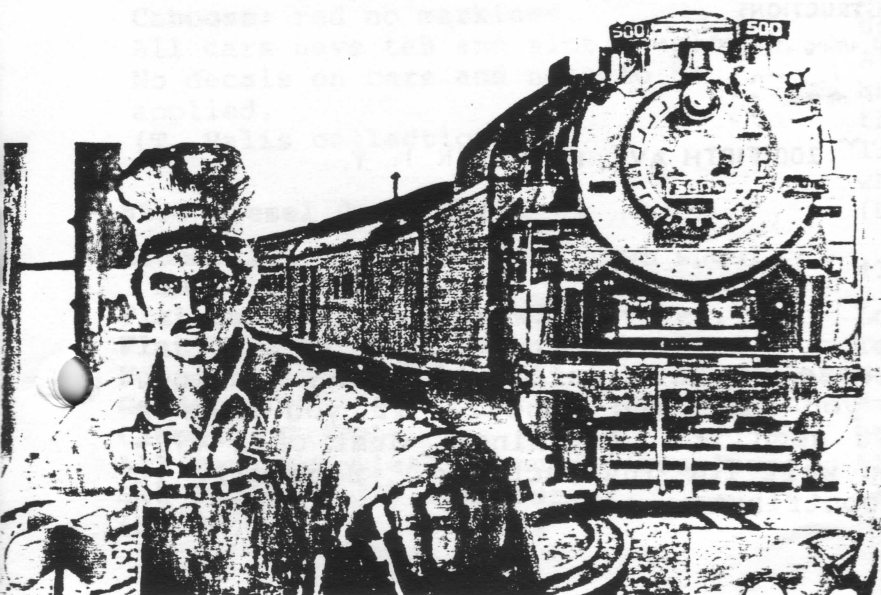
**No. 5131 EXPRESO CON PUENTE DE ESTRUCTURA GIGANTE.** Tiene potente locomotora eléctrica, carbonera, cabuz, doce vías rectas, cuatro vías curvas y 24 estructuras para armar puentes.  
MEDIDA: 270.0 x 20.5 x 128.0 cm.



**No. 5120 FERROCARRIL VELOZ.** Su poderosa locomotora tiene faro "Iluminador" y jala con gran potencia a su carbonera, dos carros de carga y su cabuz.  
MEDIDA: 135.0 x 9.0 x 69.0 cm.

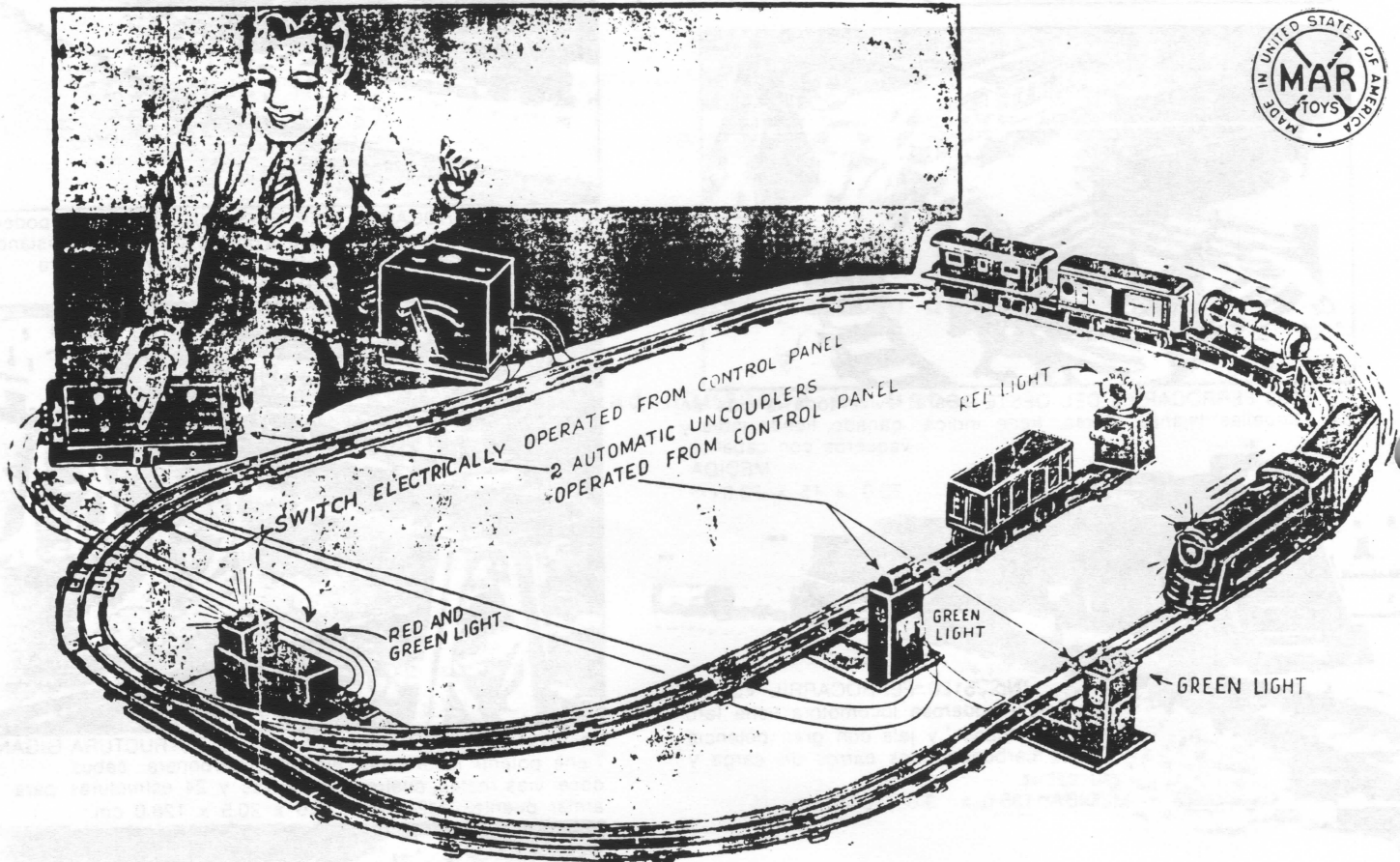


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MEDIDA: 158.0 x 9.0 x 93.0 cm.



I have enclosed an instruction sheet that I have not seen before. It came out of set #15250. There is a IS 17 packed with this set of which the two inside pages are different than listed in Greenbergs. The second page is the same as 19B and the third page is the same as combination of 17C and 19C. Also packed with this set was a TIMELY TABLE and IS 23. This 8 wheel 6" set contains the following:

391 CP loco	one red switch
CP tender black w/red & silver	1605 two automatic uncouple units
553B middle states bullet ends tank car	5 button control panel
526B flat w/red & blue dump truck	605 lighted bumper
555B Colorado & Southern reefer	729 transformer track
554B red & yellow hopper	above described papers
556B NYC caboose	(Norman D. Goff)



**INSTRUCTIONS**

Follow instructions on Sheet enclosed, using above track set.  
 Connect uncoupling section to control panel.  
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## CHAPTER III

### 3995SR Steam Freight Set 3

**Locomotive;** All red Mercury.  
**Tender;** Red with black stripes.  
**Gondola:** 552 CRIP.  
**Tanker:** 553.  
**Hopper:** 554.  
**Reefer:** 555.  
**Caboose:** 556.  
All cars have metal wheels and tab and slot couplers.  
(D. Fenstermaker collection)

### 4320 Steam Freight Set 2

**Locomotive:** 400 with reverse and light  
**Tender:** 1951 NYC heat stamped.  
**Cattle Car:** UP 59.  
**Tank Car:** 19847 Sinclair black.  
**Caboose:** 20102 NYC.  
All cars have plastic knuckle coupler. Set box is two layers and includes Marxville station, green street lights, grey crossing, telephone poles, yard signs, all in paper bags marked with contents. Transformer #1209.  
(S. Anderson collection)

### 9999 Steam Freight Set 2

**Locomotive:** CP black and silver 0-4-0  
**Tender:** 951 NYC black.  
**Boxcar:** 90171 red Bessimer.  
**Gondola:** 552 blue.  
**Tank car:** 553 silver.  
**Caboose:** 556 red.  
Confirmation requested.  
(D. Ogan collection)

## CHAPTER VII

### 4624 Steam Freight Set 1

**Locomotive:** 400 electric.  
**Tender:** 4 wheel no markings.  
**Boxcar:** yellow no markings.  
**Gondola:** gray no markings.  
**Caboose:** red no markings.  
All cars have tab and slot couplers. No decals on cars and none to be applied.  
(T. Valis collection)

### 8550 Diesel Freight Set 3

**Locomotive:** Monon AB #81. Two wheel small motor.  
**Flat car:** Maroon Erie with stakes.  
**Flat car:** Maroon Erie with tractors.  
**Hopper:** 21913 Lehigh Valley.  
**Gondola:** 347100.  
**Caboose:** C-350.  
All cars are plastic knuckle couplers. Set includes 319 transformer.  
(R. Peterson collection)

## CHAPTER VIII

### 9621 Steam Freight Set 1

**Locomotive:** 666 with white stripe.  
**Tender:** 961 Allstate.  
**Dump car:** Erie.  
**Boxcar:** Marlines 249313 white operating  
**Caboose:** 564 Allstate.  
Box is orange and yellow Allstate. Track is on black road bed. Eight curve two straight, one straight electric trigger track, one platform and track combo piece. Trans #1249 with IS 257.  
(S. Anderson collection)

## CHAPTER X

### 757 Diesel Passenger Set 2

**Locomotive:** 10005 Silver and red.  
**Coaches:** 3.  
**Observation.**  
Square thin cardboard box with picture of Diesel and Steam engines on front.  
(M. Claussen collection)

### 7087 Steam Passenger Set 3

**Locomotive:** Gray Mercury with spark lever.  
**Tender:** NYC.  
**Mail/baggage car:**  
**Coaches:** Cleveland, 2 Chicagos, Toledo.  
**Observation:** Detroit.  
(R. Rogers collection)

## CHAPTER XI

### 1560 Steam Passenger Set 2

**Locomotive:** Commodore Vanderbilt reversible, black.  
**Tender:** NYC black with rivet detail.  
**Coaches:** 2 Bogotas (245), Montclair (246).  
Set box is a thin cardboard and reads Commodore Vanderbilt reversible mechanical train set. The front of the box pictures an M10000 set and Chrysler Airflow sedan. The engine has 3 domes and a screw in type key. Frames of the cars are black with silver litho and have tab and slot couplers which probably dates them to 1935.  
(D. Fenstermaker collection)

### 4330 Steam Passenger set 3

**Locomotive:** Commodore Vanderbilt red.  
**Tender:** NYC red with black stripes.  
**Coaches:** Bogota and Montclair.  
**Baggage:** 547 red and silver.  
**Observation:.**  
All cars are red 4 wheel tab and slot couplers.  
(M. Claussen collection)

### WHICH WAY DOES YOUR WARDS INSIGNIA RUN?

I got a call a few weeks ago from a good friend and enthusiastic MARX train collector Stan Troski. His first question was which way my Wards trailer insignia ran on my piggyback rig? I said I didn't know for sure but I thought it went from small to large. Anyway my question for him was, "You mean you found another Wards trailer?". Yes, he said and added that it was a different variation from his other one.

We are getting a bit picky here guys but this is a trailer known to exist in about six or eight collections at best.

Stan was nice enough to enclose some photos of some of his other plastic pieces. First of course I must tell you that Stan is a big plastic collector. He has some things that nobody else has and also has many items that very few have.

Lets start with the WARDS trailers. If you have looked at many trailers you know that there are variations in the way they were made. These two are different in this way as well the way the side plates are made.

Next we have a closeup of the Burlington trailer with Burlington lithoed right on the trailer instead of a seperate plate like most of them.

Also a picture of one I have never seen. It's a red Burlington trailer. I don't know anybody else that has this one.

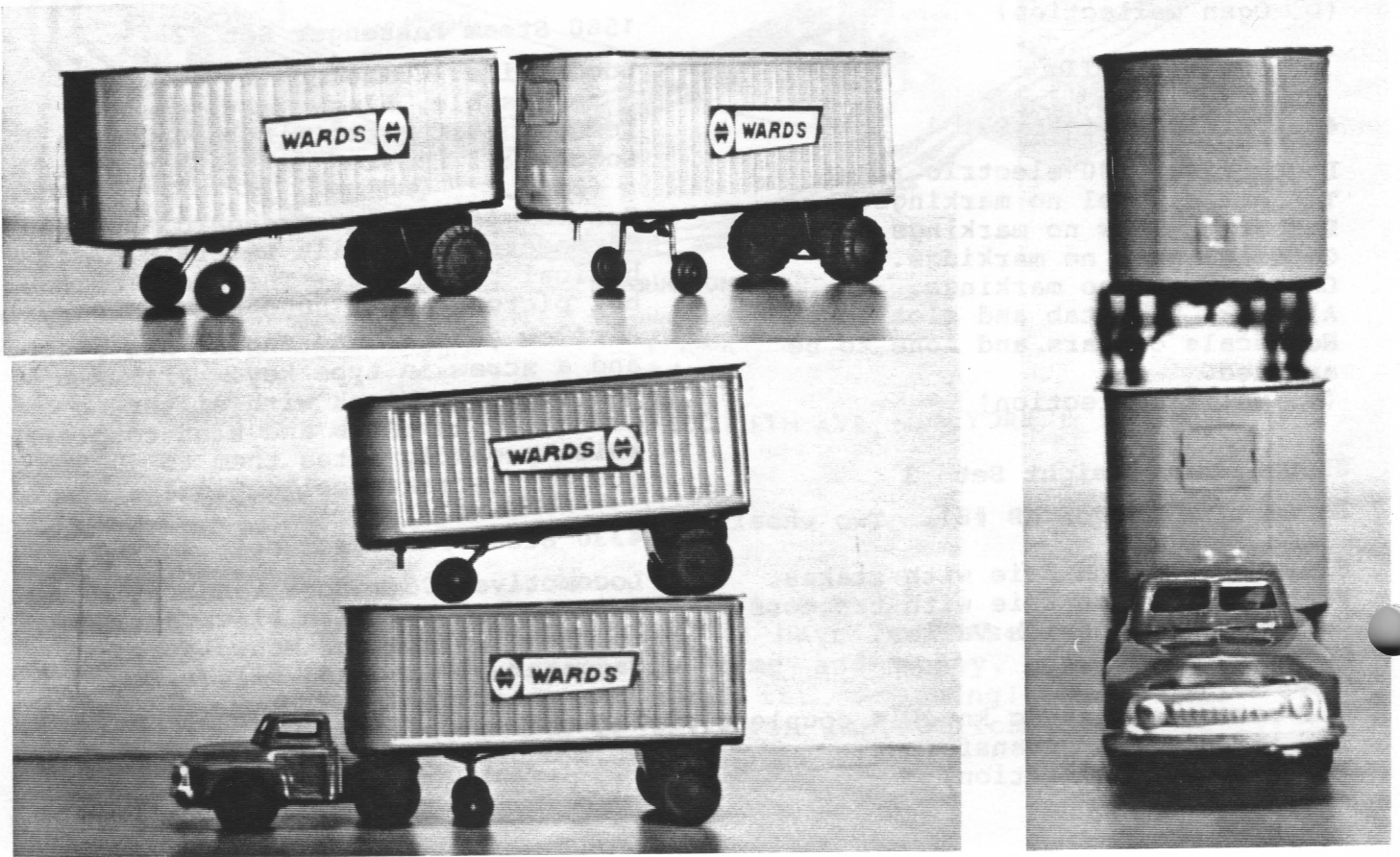
How about a MARLINES work caboose with a green tank that doubles as a track cleaner.

Or the only Southern Pacific 51100 known to exist in blue with an orange upper structure.

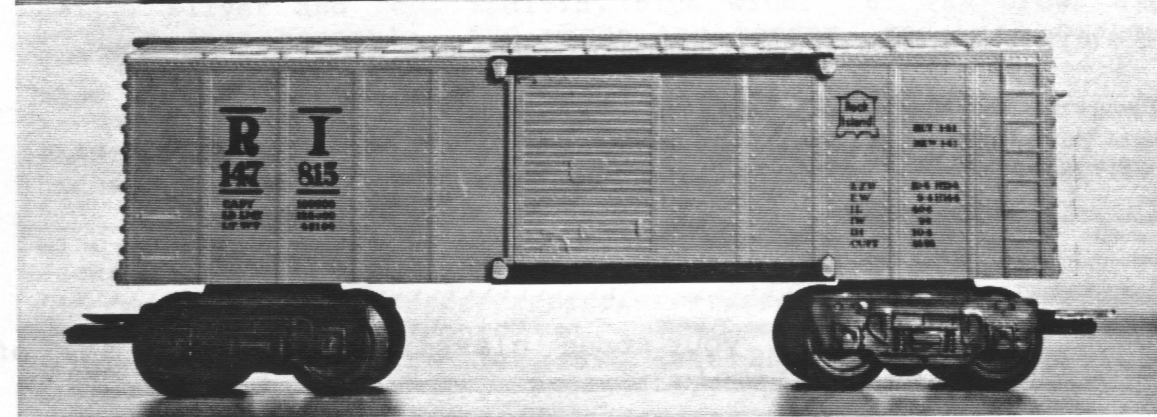
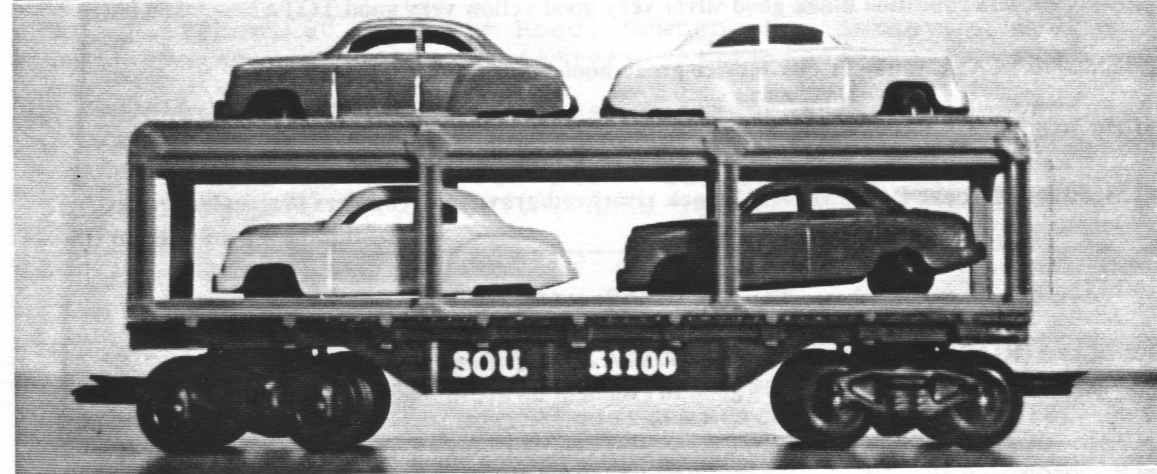
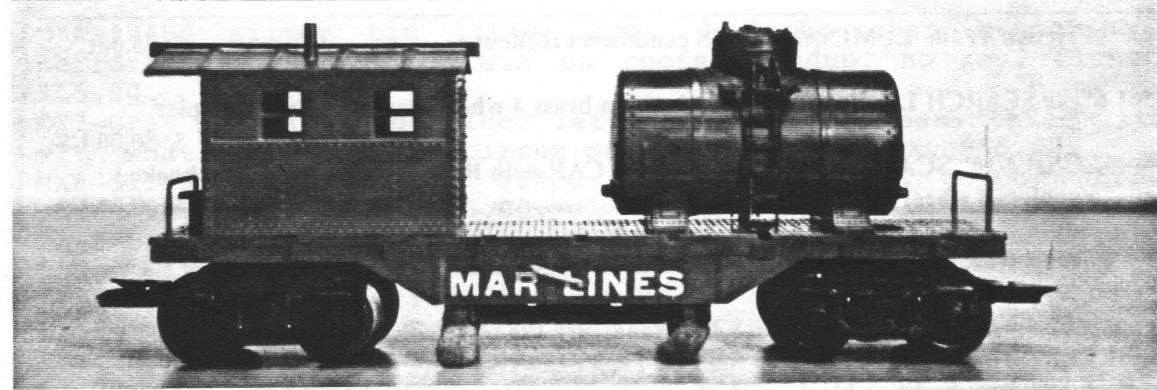
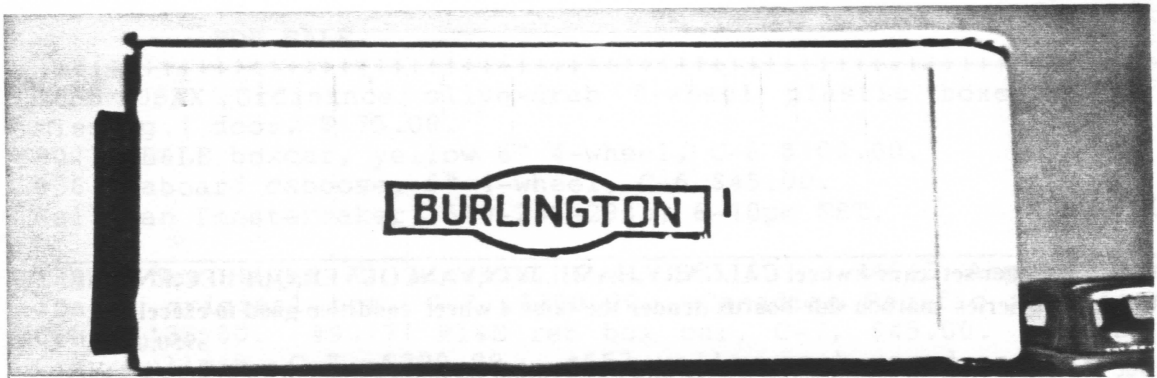
Last but not least we have a heat stamped orange Rock Island boxcar.

Now, I want to reassure all of you that these are not being remade by somebody somewhere. These are either very scarce limited runs from the original issues or they are legitimate factory one-of-a-kind prototypes.

I'm going to quit hear and save some for next time.







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TIN- Joyline (106) Dummy engine. Joyline Power house transformer. 6" floodlight (2 lights), black frame with silver litho. Silver Commodore Vandy engine and tender. Mercury red "REA/RPO" (exists?). M10005 "US Mail", silver and red, solid blue windows. M10005 "US Mail", silver and red, individ, blue wind. 6" PRR brown High side gondola (not hopper). NYC wagon top tender, red with orange band. NYC wagon top tender, black with blue rivets. NYC wagon top tender, blue with white rivets. 6" FGEX reefer -any numbers. 7" KCS caboose - any numbers. Seaboard tin "B" unit (exc. or better).  
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Wind-up KCS Diesel, "AA", in average used condition, C-6. Don Jackson, 3307 Van Buren, El Paso, TX., 79930. 915-565-4875.

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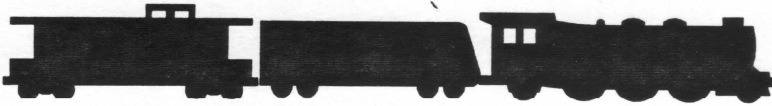
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