

# ICHS Company Store News

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## Limited Editions

The next ICHS limited edition HO scale car #38 is in the works and will come only in the Ready to Run format and will be out in a car type we have not done before and has not been released in IC by the manufacturer. We should have these in time for our annual Christmas sales. We should have the details worked out by the time you are reading this newsletter and production under way.

## Red Caboose

Our supply of the Red Caboose Ready to Run limited run of IC GS Gondola we had done in the IC split rail scheme is starting to get low.

I am looking for photos of the IC 7900-series 40ft Express Boxcars, IC 40ft Steel ice reefers with MDT initials that were painted white with the red and blue stripes and the IC Green Diamond logo on the cars. For 2008 looking to do an ICG cars. What would the ICHS membership be interested in seeing done first? Possible suggestion would be the Intermountain Pullman covered hopper in one of the last ICG paint scheme with the large ICG or some other car. Let me know what would be a good first ICG car to do.

## Athearn

We have in stock the new limited edition of Athearn 2-bay offset side hoppers that are ready to run format painted with black body and white lettering in their six car pack with coal loads.

## Atlas

The new GP40's in three different locomotive numbers are sold out at our suppliers now. We do still have one of each engine number in stock as of

August 24. Order soon or miss out on owning one of these engines. We do have a good supply of the Atlas Trainman line of 2-bay hoppers painted brown with white lettering in stock. These are very accurate and at reasonable prices.

## Books

In stock we have the TRRA HS 2007 issue on the IC Pullmans and Parlor Cars. The book is soft cover with 154 pages with color and black & white photos. The book covers the history, operations and sleeping cars used by the IC on their lines into and out of St Louis going back to the wooden car era up to last train out of St Louis. This book is loaded with a large number of very high quality photos and diagrams of IC sleepers and parlor cars. The trains that operated into St Louis on the IC and the equipment used is covered in detail and where the cars went north and south out of St Louis. There are number of detailed list in the book with all the car types and names used by the IC for their sleepers and parlor cars. Besides the IC owned cars there are large number of photos and information on the streamline sleepers in IC orange & brown passenger colors leased from other railroads. A list shows the type of cars leased from other railroads and the dates. Personally I give this book a A+ and if you are interested in IC passenger service this book is one you have to own. Bargain at \$35.00, this is a well written and research book.

## Walthers

We have in stock the modern enclosed tn-level autoracks that are accurately painted and lettered for ICG in single car or two pack giving modeler three different car numbers. For the passenger modelers we have more new IC cars in stock: IC heavyweight Paired Window Coaches with decals to allow you to number the cars as you wish, IC heavyweight Solarium-

Observation car, IC Streamline Coach and just in stock in August is the IC Pullman 48-seat Diner (based on an IC diner). The JCHS and Walthers R&D staff have been working on the soon to be released IC Flexivan Flatcars and Trailers. Look for the IC heavyweight baggage cars in the future.

## Walthers/Proto Series

We have a few of the IC 2-10-2's steam engine in stock in either standard dc & no sound or DCC equipped with sound. These are nice running HO steam engines and I am happy with the one I have been running.

## NEW: Full color 16x20 Litho print

The Parrish print on the cover of issue #83 of the Green Diamond is now available in a full color 16x20" print authorized by AT&T Archives and History Center. Available in 3 options: framed for \$18.00 each, mailed in a mailing tube at \$10.00 each including mailing costs; or purchasable at the Company Store in Paxton as a flat unfolded or rolled sheet for \$7.80 each.

The original painting of substantially larger size was one of a series of paintings commissioned by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in commemoration of the State of Illinois sesquicentennial observance in 1968. Illinois was admitted to the union in 1818. The series of paintings were to depict significant events in the history of the state illustrating outstanding influences in the state's development. The building of the Illinois Central certainly qualified as a significant event. As the first of federal land grant railroads, Illinois Central contributed much to the state's economy and social fabric with the import of thousands of workers to build the road.

