

Company Store News

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In mid-January we completed the first order form for 2009 to be included in the mailing of the first 2009 *Green Diamond*. Check it out to see the number of new items.

New Company Store items

We will be adding one new interesting item in the model scenery line. It will be an LED illuminated sign modeled after the large Illinois Central Green Diamond sign above Central Station in Chicago. If you were at the annual meeting in Paducah you might have seen it on one of the model contest entries.

Walthers

The original plan for the 2009 limited edition model car was to be an IC heavyweight baggage car painted Pullman Green with yellow lettering. The plan was to use the decorated Walther's baggage cars that already painted Pullman Green. But guess what? In the December 2008 Walther's monthly flyer they had listed, under new products, Walther's releasing in February/March an IC baggage car I had planned on doing. I did pre-order 12 of each of them anyway.

I will also be working with Walthers on doing their ACF HW baggage cars in IC orange & brown in the 790 to 820 series.

Another car I am looking into is the new Athearn 65 II mill gondola in IC lettering as built.

Double R Graphics

Now to plan B. Using the 600 undecorated 2-bay 50-ton offset side

hopper (we purchased three years ago at good price from Athearn), We have a quote from Double R Graphics to do the 600 kits in six different car numbers. The cars will be painted in the 1960 style lettering painted black with white lettering. The total cost of decorating the kits is \$2670.00 and as of January 29 if we agree to do them in February George will give us an extra \$200 off the price.

Wright Trak

We have a reply from Wright Trak Models in Georgia on their currently available IC wide-vision caboose of the 1966-1972 cabooses built in the IC's Centralia Shops. They will have three different types of roof panels. Gary Wright called January 29, 2009 and gave us the ICHS dealership to purchase these resin kits (retail \$59.95). Our price will be 30% off list price. Shipment will be made in February

Auxiliary Tenders / Cisterns

We also discussed with Wright Trak about doing a kit for the ICHS. I will be talking with him about doing a run of the IC auxiliary tender or water car. This model was offered in brass many years ago by Oriental Models and is now almost impossible to find. I have a copy of the general arrangement diagram for this car and photos. He is also interested in having an add on kit to allow you to convert these cars into either a sand car, fuel car or a combined fuel & sand cars.

Books

We have a number of good books in stock.

Terminal Railroad of St Louis (TRRA) - in color. This railroad is owned by many of the class 1 railroads that serve St Louis with the IC being one of them. There are a number of great views of IC passenger trains and equipment at St. Louis Union Station and in the coach yards, along with views of all the other roads that operated trains into

Union Station. There are good over all views of the TRRX yards in East St. Louis area along the river front downtown area. There are also good photos of TRRA diesel switchers.

Birmingham Rails covers the railroads that served the deep south city in limited edition run. There is a chapter on the IC operation into Birmingham (both freight & passenger), its joint yard with the Frisco and how it handed off Florida trains to the Central of Georgia. This book is loaded with large number of high quality color photos that have never been used before. For the IC fan you will see views of IC passenger trains at Union station and on the Central of Georgia. The other class 1 railroads covered are Frisco, Southern, CofG, SCL and L&N along with terminal railroads. We only have a few copies of this great book in stock and I just found out that the publisher has sold out of this book. Only 1,500 copies were printed. If you are looking for information on how and who the IC interchanged with its operations at this southern end point you need to add this one to your collection.

Afghans

We have in stock a very limited number of the IC Harriman Award Afghans that were given to the IC employees as a thank you for winning the Harriman Award for safety several years ago. These are done very nicely and going for big dollars on e-bay. They are available on a first come first served basis.

Hats

In January time once again to place an order for several dozen hats from JRC to refill inventory from selling out of hats in the 4th quarter.

