

CANADIAN EXPRESS LINE

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Shows

In conjunction with the *Maple Leaf 2003* NMRA Convention in Toronto next month, there will be a Train Show at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga. It will be held July 19 & 20 and is billed as the "largest model train show in Canada", encompassing 100 000 sq.ft. I plan to be there - how about you? For more info go to www.ml2003.com.

Accurail

There are a few new HO freight cars coming next month:-

		MSRP	My Price
2067	47' ACF 3-bay Centerflow covered hopper car, D&H	US\$10.98	C\$13.95
2068	47' ACF 3-bay Centerflow covered hopper car, Vermont R.	US\$10.98	C\$13.95
5622	50' exterior-post boxcar, MEC	US\$9.98	C\$13.95

Aristocraft

The 53' Evans double-door boxcar is coming to G scale in British Columbia Railway colours of dark green with light green door and dogwood herald. Single cars will go for C\$132.95 and 4-packs for C\$479.95 (or C\$429.95, if ordered by June 30th).

Athearn

More new road names are now available in the HO *Genesis* 5161 cu.ft. Trinity covered hopper car, the first with a 12-panel side. Details: -

4290	undecorated	4293	GATX #7932, grey
4291	BNSF #474810, brown	4294	GATX #7944, grey
4292	BNSF #474953, brown		

The US retail is again \$34.98 and my price is \$41.50.

The HO Ford C-150 trucks in Canada Cartage, Sealtest, Superior Propane and Tippet - Richardson are now in stock (and very well done). They go for \$24.95 each (or \$69.95 for any three). The same trucks are now due, September, in N scale. Details:-

91512	Box van, Tippet - Richardson #23	91514	Box van, Sealtest Dairies
91513	Box van, Canada Cartage	91515	Stake bed truck, Superior Propane

These are priced at \$17.95 each (or \$49.95 for any three).

Okay - so here's more of the same - but different. Four new Canadian names in both HO and N. Details of the HO:-

81523	Ontario Hydro stake bed truck	81525	Reimer Express Lines Ltd box van
81524	Woolco box van	81426	Dempster's Bread Ltd box van

Details of the N:-

91523	Ontario Hydro stake bed truck	91525	Reimer Express Lines Ltd box van
91524	Woolco box van	91426	Dempster's Bread Ltd box van

The HO will sell for \$24.95 each (or \$69.95 for any three), whilst the N will be \$18.95 (or \$52.75 for any three).

Finally, on the subject of trucks, the N Ford C-150 tractor units in CN and CP Express colours are in stock, at \$14.95 each (or \$27.95 for two).

Atlas

I have one or two of each of the HO ALCo C424s and C425s remaining in stock.

The company's 2003 *Book & Track Deal* for dealers is over. All I have left are some of the books and HO (codes 83 and 100) and N flex track. I will be selling these at the sale price until they're gone.

Canadian Hobbycraft is releasing the N EMD GP38 as Ottawa Valley RaiLink #2002. It is due late in the year (2003), will be DCC-ready and produced in a quantity of 96 units. This is item #555515 and will be priced at \$119.95.

The N Fairbanks-Morse H24-66 "Trainmaster" is being enhanced with new features and released in a bunch of new road names. This will include Canadian National as Phase II units with large number boards and single headlights. Details of the latter are as follows:-

49569	CN #2900, green/yellow, no decoder	49664	CN #2900, green/yellow, decoder
49570	CN #3000, green/yellow, no decoder	49665	CN #3000, green/yellow, decoder

Price of the units without decoder is US\$99.95, or C\$112.95 from me; those with decoder are US\$134.95, or C\$149.95 from me. Delivery is said to be end-November.

New paint schemes and road numbers are due in October for the HO GE Dash 8-40B locomotive, both with and without decoder, including GE demonstrator and Providence & Worcester.

Bachmann

Most of the Canadian versions of the *Spectrum* EMC gas-electric "doodlebug" are finally in stock. Re-capping the details:-

655010	CN #15834 (HO)	655080	TH&B #301 (N)
655020	CP #9004 (HO)	655120	CN #15834 (N)
655070	TH&B #301 (HO)		

I have reduced the price from \$112.00 to \$102.95.

Branchline Trains

If you turn to page 45 of July's *Model Railroader* you'll see an ad for several *Special Edition* runs of their *Blueprint Series* HO freight cars. These are limited run paint schemes which will be produced one time only. Of interest is the 40' AAR boxcar, 6' door, in the CP Rail Action red with Multimark scheme. I will be ordering these as required, so let me know your needs. The single car, item #9010 is US\$14.98, or C\$18.95 from me; the 4-pack, item #90104, is US\$59.92, or C\$70.95 from me.

DPA-LTA Enterprises

Their recent book "Illustrated Treasury of the Montreal Locomotive Works - ALCo to Bombardier -

1904-1989" has been reduced in price. It covers all 7000 steam and diesel locomotives built and has 100 steam locomotive photos (from 0-4-0T to 2-6-6-0) and 200 diesel loco. photos (from S3 and FPA2 to M640). It is in 11" x 8.5" format, is perfect bound and normally retails for US\$29.95. However, I am able to rush one to you for the low, low price of **C\$24.95** whilst quantities last.

InterMountain Railway Co.

Now in stock is the fully assembled HO cylindrical covered hopper car (trough hatch) in CP Rail, black with Multimark, item 45115. There are 12 road numbers available, at a price of US\$29.95 each, or **C\$34.95** from me (or **C\$99.95** for three).

Also now available for the first time in N scale is the fully assembled cylindrical covered hopper car in Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo black, with white lettering, item #65211. There are eight road numbers available, at a price of US\$19.95 each, or **C\$23.50** from me (or **C\$66.95** for three).

Similarly, an N scale 4750 cu.ft. 3-bay covered hopper car in NAHX colours of light Pullman grey with black lettering, item #65346. There are six road numbers available, at a price of US\$18.95 each, or **C\$22.50** from me (or **C\$63.95** for three).

The company has now released a list of items to be produced over the next few months, amongst which are the following:-

HO	Modified AAR 40' boxcar	CP Rail w/Multimark
HO	Gunderson Twin Stack	TTX
HO	Gunderson Twin Stack	SeaLand
HO	Cylindrical hopper car	Canadian Wheat Board
HO	Coal gondola	CP Rail, red w/Multimark
HO	Husky Stack container car	TTX
HO	Cylindrical hopper car	CN, grey
HO	60' flatcar	TTX, brown
HO	Modified AAR 40' boxcar	CP, "Spans the World"
HO	Cylindrical hopper car	CN, leaf
HO	Coal gondola	Procor
HO	PS 5277 cu.ft. boxcar	CN
HO	PS 5277 cu.ft. boxcar	Railbox
HO	Cylindrical hopper car	Saskatchewan
N	Cylindrical hopper car	CP Rail w/Multimark
N	ACF 3-bay hopper car	Wisconsin Central
N	Cylindrical hopper car	Canadian Wheat Board
N	Cylindrical hopper car	Potacan
N	Cylindrical hopper car	CN, noodle
N	Modified AAR 40' boxcar	CP
N	Cylindrical hopper car	Canada, red
N	Cylindrical hopper car	Saskatchewan

Considering that these runs disappear very fast, it would be wise to let me know your needs with respect to the above, so that I can put in an order as soon as full details are released.

Kalmbach

Note that several new titles are now in stock and eligible for the **20%** deal, i.e.

		MSRP	My Sale
1111	E-Units - Electro Motive's Classic Streamliners	US\$21.95	C\$24.58
1113	Field Guide to Modern Diesel Locos	US\$28.95	C\$32.42
1115	Guide to Tourist Railroads & Museums, 2003	US\$16.95	C\$18.98

12241	BASIC Model Railroad Benchwork	US\$18.95	C\$21.22
12242	DCC Made Easy	US\$12.95	C\$14.50
12243	New Scenery Tips and Techniques	US\$18.95	C\$21.22
12247	Basic Painting and Weathering for Model Railroaders	US\$19.95	C\$22.34

In addition, I have a few copies of two hardcover books reduced by about 40%, as follows:-

		MSRP	My Sale
1055	The Art of Railroad Photography	US\$39.95	C\$32.95
1055	Twilight of the Great Trains	US\$49.95	C\$41.50

Kanamodel Products

The company has introduced four series of HO authentic wrapped lumber loads. They are designed for 40/50' flatcars, 60' bulkhead flatcars and 72' centre beam flatcars (regular or 8' stud load). The loads are available in the logos of six Canadian companies. Each item is sufficient to load one car.

			My Price
5001	40' or 50' flatcar	Mac Millan Bloedel (original)	\$8.95
5002	40' or 50' flatcar	Quesnel Lumber (current)	\$8.95
5003	40' or 50' flatcar	Interfor (current)	\$8.95
5004	40' or 50' flatcar	Weldwood of Canada (original)	\$8.95
5005	40' or 50' flatcar	West Fraser (current)	\$8.95
5006	40' or 50' flatcar	Canfor (original)	\$8.95
5101	60' bulkhead flatcar	Mac Millan Bloedel (original)	\$10.75
5102	60' bulkhead flatcar	Quesnel Lumber (current)	\$10.75
5103	60' bulkhead flatcar	Interfor (current)	\$10.75
5104	60' bulkhead flatcar	Weldwood of Canada (original)	\$10.75
5105	60' bulkhead flatcar	West Fraser (current)	\$10.75
5106	60' bulkhead flatcar	Canfor (original)	\$10.75
5201	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	Mac Millan Bloedel (original)	\$12.50
5202	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	Quesnel Lumber (current)	\$12.50
5203	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	Interfor (current)	\$12.50
5204	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	Weldwood of Canada (original)	\$12.50
5205	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	West Fraser (current)	\$12.50
5206	72' centrebeam flatcar (random lengths)	Canfor (original)	\$12.50
5301	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	Mac Millan Bloedel (original)	\$12.50
5302	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	Quesnel Lumber (current)	\$12.50
5303	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	Interfor (current)	\$12.50
5304	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	Weldwood of Canada (original)	\$12.50
5305	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	West Fraser (current)	\$12.50
5306	72' centrebeam flatcar (8' stud load)	Canfor (original)	\$12.50

Watch for these loads in upcoming magazine ads.

Life-Like

The final unit in the last run of HO *Proto 2000* EMD GP9 schemes, ON Rail #1603 in the new yellow and blue scheme, is now in stock, selling for \$149.95.

The HO *Proto 2000* 10 000-gallon tank car in Canadian Petroleum Tank Line colours is now in stock. I have all eight road numbers, selling for \$21.95 each, or \$62.50 for any three.

A second release of the N MLW C424 and C425 is planned for January, featuring revised tooling. A total of 180 of each unit will be produced with the correct notched or smooth rear hood, battery box, fuel tank and lights for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific. They will also be DCC-ready.

Details are:-

44257	CP #4242, maroon/grey, script lettering, maroon number
44258	undecorated, CP
44259	CP Rail #4233, late version, Action red, no Multimark
44260	CP Rail #4236, late version, Action red, no Multimark
44261	CP #4240, maroon/grey, script lettering, maroon number
44262	CP Rail #4247, Action red, striped cab front, Multimark
44263	CP Rail #4248, Action red, red cab front, Multimark
44264	CN #3218, black/red, grey noodle
44265	CN #3208, black/red, grey stripes
44266	undecorated, CN
44267	Ottawa Central #4204, black, white lettering

Price will be **\$112.95**, or **\$214.95** for any two. As an aside, I have a few of the first release still available in CN and CP colours, going for **\$99.95** each.

A new HO *Proto 1000* locomotive is coming in January - an ALCo RS11. Road names will be BN, N&W, D&H, L&N, New Haven, PRR, SAL, SP, NP and undecorated. I don't currently have any more data on the new model - watch the Life-Like USA web site in the future. The price will be US\$85.00, or **C\$94.95** from me.

Any Canadian schemes? Funny you should ask - Canadian Hobbycraft has announced a run of CN family schemes, plus a shortline, as follows:-

883900	CV #3606, forest green with yellow noodle
883901	CV #3610, forest green with yellow noodle
883902	CV #3613, red/black with grey noodle
883903	CV #3614, red/black with grey noodle
883904	DW&P #3602, green/yellow (as delivered)
883905	DW&P #3605, red/black with grey noodle
883906	DW&P #3600, orange, grey noodle
883907	DW&P #3609, red/black, grey stripes
883908	DW&P #3607, red/blue, "Delivered With Pride" logo
883909	York-Durham #3612, forest green, yellow stripes

There will be 144 of each produced and delivered in January, priced at **\$124.95** (or **\$237.50** for any two).

Canadian Hobbycraft has made an addition to the first Canadian release of the new HO *Proto 2000* EMD GP38-2 locomotive. Ottawa Valley RaiLink #2002 will be represented. This unit is actually a GP38, so there will be a disclaimer stating that the cab door arrangement will not be prototypical. The locomotive is due late in the year (2003), will be DCC-ready, produced in a quantity of 96 units and will be priced at **\$159.95**.

On the subject of the *Proto 2000* EMD GP38-2, the US road name details are to hand. They are B&M, BN, CR, GM&O, L&N, MP, D&H and UP and will have dynamic brakes as appropriate. Delivery is December and the price will be US\$135.00, or **C\$135.00** from me.

More HO ready-to-run *Proto 2000* 10 000-gallon tank cars are due in February in US road names, such as GATX, Magnolia, American Gas, SHPX, Mobilgas and UTLX. Price is US\$30.00 each, or **C\$28.95** from me.

Model Power

I have just received some of the new N scale USRA 4-6-2 Pacific steam locomotives. They were

given a pretty good review recently in *Model Railroad News* and are definitely a step up in quality from previous products. I have Canadian National and Canadian Pacific in stock with other roads available, including SOO Line. The US retail price is \$139.98, whilst I am selling them for **C\$149.95**.

Roco Modellspielwaren

Due this Fall is an HO EMD FP7A locomotive which will feature all-wheel drive and pickup, operating knuckle couplers, and a load-regulated DCC decoder. Each engine will also feature a new body with additional details such as full cab interior, separately mounted windscreen wipers, and etched metal see-through grilles with visible braces behind the grilles. (See <http://www.walthers.com/exec/productinfo/625-65108> for a photo). Planned Canadian units are as follows:-

		MSRP	My Price
65108	CP Rail 1st #, Action red, white nose stripes, Multimark	US\$159.95	C\$178.95
65109	CP Rail 2nd #, Action red, white nose stripes, Multimark	US\$159.95	C\$178.95
65110	As per item #65108 but with sound	US\$249.95	C\$269.95
65111	As per item #65109 but with sound	US\$249.95	C\$269.95

Also, due late December, is an HO GE AC4400CW locomotive, again DCC decoder-equipped. Planned Canadian units are as follows:-

		MSRP	My Price
65206	CP Rail System 1st #, red, dual flag logo	US\$159.95	C\$178.95
65207	CP Rail System 2nd #, red, dual flag logo	US\$159.95	C\$178.95
65208	As per items above but with sound	US\$249.95	C\$269.95

The prices given are the maximum that I envisage having to charge (assuming a stable C\$). If you are considering ordering these units, please let me know; if I have sufficient interest, I will probably be able to improve upon the prices.

Stewart Hobbies

The new HO ALCo C628 is currently available in two Delaware & Hudson paint schemes. Item #6217 has the large herald and item #6221 has the small one. They are priced at US\$135.00, or **C\$149.95** from me.

In addition, the HO Baldwin RS12 will be appearing in a second Canadian Pacific paint scheme soon. Item #4608 will be shipped in Tuscan and grey, priced at US\$115.00, or C\$127.95 from me. Item #4606, in Tuscan with yellow stripe, is now sold out at the manufacturer, although I have one left in stock, going for the same price.

That's all for now - hope to hear from you soon. Remember, if you like what you read, forward it to a friend.

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