

News

Fall is here and temperatures have cooled, leaves are turning, and the Buckeyes are rolling! It's pumpkin pie time, spooky story time, and hobby time! The plastic modelers and train modelers are appearing from their long summer hibernation. And we are now well stocked to meet their needs. While track still remains in short supply, we have a number of new train sets in HO and N scales. We have accessories from trees to building kits to electronic signals and lights to keep most modelers busy for the coming winter months.

For the plastics folks, we are busy expanding our already large selection of plastic kits. Our current focus is in on our selection of cars and trucks, where we have added a number of new kits, both contemporary and classic. We have muscle cars, sports cars, pick-up trucks and service vehicles. We have also added a number of semi kits and trailers to match.

For all modelers, our very own Master Modeler Murph will be conducting a free airbrush clinic on Saturday, Nov 2nd from 2-4 p.m. He will be demonstrating various airbrush techniques, discussing paint selections, and answering any questions you may have. Come grab a cookie or a bag of popcorn and chat with Murph.

Current Events

- Nov 2nd from 2-4 p.m. free airbrushing clinic and info by Murph.
- Starting Nov 3rd, new seasonal hours are M-F 10am – 7 pm, Sat. 10am – 6 pm, Sun 12pm - 5pm
- Use our layaway program to get a head start on Christmas. No fees. Up to 60 days. 20% down and 20% every 2 weeks.
- Gift cards! They make perfect gifts and let that special someone know you cared enough to give the very best! Or let that special someone know that you would like one for yourself!!
- Black Friday, Nov 29th. Mark your calendar and stay tuned.

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NEW ARRIVALS

In the train department we have the Athearn Genesis SD70ACe locomotives in several of the heritage color schemes.



Athearn Genesis HO EMD SD70ACe in Missouri Pacific heritage scheme.



Woodland Scenics D's Diner, Built-n-Ready

We also have some gorgeous Built-n-Ready model kits from Woodland Scenics in both HO and N scales. If you don't have the time to build a kit, or just want a scenery item that will be a showpiece for your layout, you need to check these out!



High Ball by Don Riordan

It's train modeling season and many folks are looking to get back into modeling or are starting to think about that train around the Christmas tree. Maybe someone in the family wants a train for Christmas. Whatever the reason to get into model trains, at some point you will have to decide on what scale to model.

The main modeling scales are Z, N, HO, O, and G. There are many variations on those scales but these are the main ones. Start with Z as the smallest and go up to G as the largest. Scale is the ratio of the model to the real thing or 'prototype'. Scale implies that it is a scaled down version of the real thing. Gauge is the distance between the rails unless you are thinking of "tinplate" or "scaleplate" like Lionel®, Marx®, American Flyer® or MTH® among others. Confused?

Z is the smallest scale and an entire layout can fit into a briefcase. Cute, but way too small for most modelers. N is next and the 2nd most popular scale. You can fit a large amount of layout into a given space, almost twice as much as HO. For years the selection in N was limited, but that has become a thing of the past. HO is the most popular scale (about 80% of the modelers choose HO) and has the widest selection of trains, track, and accessories. It takes more space than N, but is also easier to see for older eyes and easier to work with because of its larger size. O is the next scale and is usually associated with Lionel. Many people remember Lionel from their childhood, whether it be from a train around the Christmas tree or what Dad or Grandpa had. It requires much more space, but has many fun and unique operating accessories. Lastly we have G scale, which is most commonly associated with garden railroads (the G moniker is just coincidence and has nothing to do with gardens). This is the large scale you commonly see outdoors. It requires a LOT of space but is extremely beautiful and can be finely detailed.

So scale selection really comes down to how much space you have and what size do you like to work with. Next month we will talk more about what scale means as well as your options for track.

"High ball is an old time reference to a signal used to tell train crews it was ok to leave and the track was clear ahead. There was a pole with a ball and when the ball was raised to the top it was called a high ball and the train would leave."

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