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***** **42 YEARS RESTORING MODEL ELECTRIC TRAINS** *****

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Dear Model Railroad Enthusiast,

Hard to believe, but here it is, January **2014**, as I write this, and create our new annual catalog and price list. Celebrating **42** years in the model train restoration business, NO one in the industry has been restoring trains longer than us. Well into the 21st Century, our philosophy remains exactly the same as when we opened our business in 1972— we guarantee our services 100%, or you pay us nothing. This customer-first attitude towards our business has garnered many friends and clients over the years who will testify to the quality, superior product you should expect when restoring your prized collectibles.

Some History About Our Company:

We decorated the FIRST “post-war” style trains offered by
WILLIAMS ELECTRIC TRAINS /now WILLIAMS BY BACHMANN

We decorated the FIRST EVER model train offerings from a small, fledgling company
called

MIKE'S TRAIN HOUSE (MTH) ELECTRIC TRAINS

We maintained the EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT to decorate, paint, restore, refinish and
complete the inventory of the oldest Lionel Service Station in the world

MADISON HARDWARE CO., NEW YORK

President and Owner **LEN CARPARELLI** is a nationally recognized authority on Lionel restoration and a frequent contributor of many informative articles for Kalmbach Publications Feature Monthly periodical on model train collecting

CLASSIC TOY TRAINS MAGAZINE

We are known throughout the world and have clients too numerous to mention. But each and every order, no matter how large or small, is given the care and expertise necessary to transform it into the authentic, museum quality showpiece it was when it was first manufactured.

L & L MODEL TRAIN COMPANY TODAY

We are a full-time, model train service and repair company, working exclusively on the restoration, repair and re-building of LIONEL® pre-war and post-war model electric trains. All our paints are custom blended industrial finishes for superb color matches and are applied with professional automotive-type spray painting equipment and compressors. Our lettering and graphics are applied via modern screen printing or pad printing methods to insure super sharp, crisp details every time. We use exact replacement water soluble decals *only* where they were utilized originally by LIONEL. In addition, we maintain a complete graphic arts department and produce all our own screens and film matrixes in-house. Further, our restoration work is FULLY GUARANTEED FOR ONE YEAR against peeling or flaking under normal conditions. In all actuality, *our paint work should last the life of your trains.*

On the following pages you will find a list of services we currently offer. Please call or write and we'll be happy to help you. Let us know your needs in order to serve you better. Business hours are Tue-Sat 11AM- 6PM. *Long-time customers, Please note our new address!* At the present time, mail and phone order only. Sorry, but currently we have no showroom or store you can visit. However, you can visit our website at: www.lencarparelli.com, or, www.llmodeltrain.com, for more information and specials we may periodically offer. Thank you for your interest in our company. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Wait a minute -NO E-MAIL Address?

You'll note on this site that you will find no e-mail address. This is not an error, nor an omission, but deliberate. While we understand that the entire world uses e-mail (and yes, we do too) we will not give out our e-mail address for the simple reason that if we have to respond to hundred of e-mails *daily*, we'll be spending the majority of our time behind a computer key pad typing – which will only hold up our work and order delivery. Based on the nature of our business, we'll need to talk to you eventually to best serve your restoration needs. With hands free phones, we can *continue to work* AT THE SHOP while we talk to you – but, that's *not* possible using e-mail! When you call, you'll find everyone at L & L to be very courteous, knowledgeable, and responsible. Chances are you'll get me first (Len) on the line anyway! So give a call, even if it's only to ask questions! Call anytime between 11AM -6PM Tues- Sat., but sometimes you'll catch me there on Mondays as well. If you get the machine, I'm probably out running an errand and will return shortly - Thanks!

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PLEASE NOTE:

We do not manufacture any of the following items nor do we manufacture any reproduction trains or parts. All of our restoration work is done on your trains! We can most likely obtain any missing or broken parts you may require through our own dealer parts network. We may offer, from time to time, limited runs on completely restored, *used* trains; however, we are neither associated nor affiliated with Lionel®, American Flyer® or any other manufacturer of model trains.

We are solely and exclusively a model train repair and restoration company!

POST WAR PAINTING SERVICES

Please note:

You must supply your own body shell for all painting services. Complete locomotives offered for sale are professionally restored old Lionel Post-War stock, with everything included and refinished. For restoration, we do not stock replacement body shells, although sometimes we can locate a replacement shell for you through our network of suppliers – please inquire

ALL DIESEL AND ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES:

Diesel body shells only: Price includes stripping of old paint; prime coat if necessary; refinishing of all colors & screen or pad printed graphics; complete replacement of trim & hardware as applicable.

TRADITIONAL F-3's

2240 WABASH
 2242 NEW HAVEN
 2243 SANTA FE
 2245 TEXAS SPECIAL
 2333 SANTA FE or NYC
 2343-53-83 SANTA FE
 2344-54 NEW YORK CENTRAL
 2345-55 WESTERN PACIFIC
 2356 SOUTHERN
 2363 ILLINOIS CENTRAL
 2363BR ILLINOIS CENT brown let
 2367 WABASH
 2368 BALTIMORE & OHIO
 2373 CANADIAN PACIFIC
 2378 MILWAUKEE RD
 w/ or w/o top stripe
 2379 RIO GRANDE

CUSTOM F-3's

158 BURLINGTON silver
 242 ERIE LACKAWANNA
 800 GULF MOBILE & OHIO
 800 ERIE RR
 805 D L & W
 971 GREAT NORTHERN
 1400 UNION PACIFIC
 2364 BOSTON & MAINE
 0000 LEHIGH VALLEY
 0000 SOUTHERN PACIFIC
 0000 JERSEY CENTRAL LINES
 0000 FLORIDA EAST COAST
 0000 KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN
 0000 ATLANTIC COAST LINE
 3052 PENNSYLVANIA

PRICES-(restoration work only)

.F-3 (bodies only)

A or B, Traditional F-3's	\$ 90.00 ea.
A or B, Custom F-3's:	\$100.00 ea.

F-3 Frames: (restoration work only)

Includes 4 truck sides and pilot

All colors available	\$ 55.00 ea.
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Battery damaged frames	\$ 85.00 ea.
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WE NOW OFFER FOR SALE:

COMPLETE LOCOMOTIVES

100% restored & re-built

All-Original Post-War LIONEL components

(Special order only—all road names above - call for availability)

2 motors, magne/traction, horn A-A or A-B

Fully serviced & guaranteed -runs & looks brand new **\$595.00 ea.**

FM TRAINMASTER TYPE \$90.00

New railing sets available: \$30.00 set, includes windows, horns, & heat shields

2341 JERSEY CENTRAL LINES
 2341x JERSEY CENTRAL glossy
 2331 VIRGINIAN blk & gold
 2331 VIRGINIAN blue
 2321R LACKAWANNA red roof
 2321 LACKAWANNA
 2322 VIRGINIAN

GP-7 & GP-9 TYPE \$85.00

Includes replacement of all trim and hardware pieces

028 PENNSYLVANIA
 2328 BURLINGTON
 2338 MILWAUKEE RD
 2338X MILWAUKEE/orange band
 2337-9 WABASH
 2346 BOSTON & MAINE
 2347 C & O SEARS
 2348 MINN & ST. L
 2349 NORTHERN PACIFIC
 2359 BOSTON & MAINE
 2365 CHESAPEAKE & OHIO

GP-7 FRAMES: Completely restored
\$55 ea, includes strip old paint, re-riveting of all hardware using factory Rivet machines. Colors available: black, red, gold, white and yellow. Battery damaged frames additional.
 Approximately **\$85.00**

EP-5 & EL-33C ELECTRIC \$90.00

2350 NEW HAVEN
 2350N NEW HAVEN painted nose
 2350R NEW HAVEN rev letter
 2350X NEW HAVEN sol white & or
 2351 MILWAUKEE RD
 2352 PENNSYLVANIA
 2358 GREAT NORTHERN
 2329 VIRGINIAN RECTIFIER
2350TF NEW! LIONEL See P. 13!

GG-1 TYPE ELECTRIC \$125.00

2330 5 stripe green
 2332 5 stripe green
 2332 5 stripe blk & gold
 2340 5 stripe Tuscan
 2340 5 stripe green
 2360 5 stripe green
 2360 5 stripe Tuscan
 2360 solid stripe/ printed ltr
 2360 solid stripe/ decal letter
 2360 **NEW! Black** solid str, decal
 As painted by Lionel Corp for
 Bill Vagell in the 1960's

All GG-1's are stripped, sanded and primed. Exact colors matched and stripes are beautifully restored. All new hardware and trim parts are installed and included along with new mtg screws. PANTOGRAPHES EXTRA, \$19.50 ea.

MOTORIZED UNITS \$85.00

- 41 US ARMY
- 42 PICATINNY ARSENAL
- 51 NAVY YARD
- 52 FIRE CAR
- 53 RIO GRANDE PLOW
- 53a RIO GRANDE wrong "a"
- 56 M & ST L Mine Transport
- 57 AEC
- 58 GR NORTH PLOW
- 59 MINUTEMAN

Price includes: Painting and screening of cab and new railings. Window struts repaired, \$40. add'l for EACH strut. Note: window strut repairs are visible from the inside only.

ALCO A & B UNITS \$180.00 pr.
Min. order, one pr.

DIE CAST TYPE ONLY:
2023X UNION PACIFIC grey nose
2023-33 UNION PACIFIC
Silver or yell
2032 ERIE ******see also Page 9!**

ALCO FRAMES painted & striped
\$55.00 ea.

POST WAR STEAM LOCOS

Price includes glass bead stripping of shell, preparation, painting, decorating and complete graphics.

Boiler & Boiler Front Only:

773	Hudson 1964 White Letter	\$125.00
773	Hudson 1950 Silver Letter	\$125.00
746 N & W	Boiler only: All graphics screen printed	\$135.00
746 N & W	Tender only: specify: long or short stripe	\$ 85.00
682	Pennsy S-2 w/ stripe	\$125.00

All "O" Gauge Steam Locos available:
726, 736, 646, 681, 671, 675 **\$85.00**

POSTWAR TENDERS

Most Post war tenders: **\$75.00**
2426W, 2226W tenders: **\$85.00**

ACCESSORIES

Sorry, but we no longer restore accessories.

SETS: Includes complete restoration and graphics.
BODY SHELLS ONLY
Mechanical work, frame and rust removal available at extra charge.

GIRL'S SET: **\$225.00**
Includes 2037 Pink Loco & tender only

MADISON type cars: **\$295.00**
3-CAR SET: MADISON, IRVINGTON MANHATTAN
Your choice of road names & numbers, pre-war (2623, 2624)
Or Post War, 2625-7-8 Includes bodies & vestibules only
ALSO AVAILABLE: #2626 SAGER PLACE

6427 VIRGINIAN CABOOSE **\$95.00**

2481 ANNIVERSARY CARS **\$275.00**
1950 3 car set. Matches #2023 UP diesels
WESTFIELD, PLAINFIELD, LIVINGSTON

NEW! #2500 SERIES
ALUMINUM PASSENGER CARS! *See Pages 11-12*

PRE WAR PAINTING SERVICES

STANDARD GAUGE

Standard Gauge restorations require more care and attention than their post war counterparts and are much more involved in terms of actual labor. Consequently, all our Standard gauge restorations are "ground up" which includes all refinishing, plate restoration, new wheels, motor tune up and chassis harness wiring, re-plating or replacing of all copper/nickel parts and complete reassembly. Moreover, we can assume NO LIABILITY for any pre-war die cast parts and this includes all original frames!

400E & 400T **\$1,500.00**

Send original frame at your own risk.

New frames are available AND recommended.

402, 381, or 408E	Electrics	\$ 1,500.00
420	Blue Comet Cars 3 car set	\$ 3,750.00
425	Stephen Girard 3 car set	\$ 3,750.00
412	State Set 3 car set	\$ 4,500.00

PRE-WAR "O" GAUGE/ BODY SHELLS ONLY

226E & 226W	Loco & Tender	\$250.00
700E & 700W	Lettered 5344 & N.Y. Central	\$400.00
763E & 763W	Gunmetal or Black, LIONEL LINES	\$300.00
701 or 233 series	8976 & Pennsylvania	\$250.00
752	UP or RAIL CHIEF 4 car rest/ incl vestibules	\$800.00
250E	HIAWATHA Loco & Tender	\$350.00

ERIE R.R. #2400 SERIES "027" PASSENGER CAR SET

Due to the tremendous response and overwhelming demand to our March 2011 article in **CLASSIC TOY TRAINS** we are now restoring custom painted "ERIE" '027' passenger cars to match your Lionel #2032 'ERIE' ALCO diesel "AA" units perfectly – a wonderful compliment to your locos and a fabulous set that you are sure to enjoy!

This spectacular set features a beautiful semi-flat black finish – an elegant, understated satin 'sheen' for the bodies and roofs along with dark yellow striping for the windows, and window frames. Car names and lettering, bright white, and each car is complimented with special "Erie" decals exactly as they appear on your #2032 ALCO units! All lettering and striping is done using our usual super-clear screen printing process, and the cars are lettered and numbered exactly as they appear in the 2011 **CLASSIC TOY TRAINS** article –

#2484	'PASSAIC'
#2485	'VERONA'
#2486	'BLOOMFIELD'
#2487	'HO- HO- KUS'

For more information and photos on this unique set, please pick up a copy of **CLASSIC TOY TRAINS** March 2011 issue – and be sure to read our fun, "fantasy fiction" article on how I might have advised J.L. Cowen had I worked at Lionel back in 1953. The article may be fiction, (*since I was only 3 years old in 1953!*) but the cars are now a reality – and you can have a set of these cars that Lionel never made for your very own display shelf or model pike. Please see ordering details on the next page.

***** ERIE Passenger SET *****

HOW TO ORDER:

As with all our restoration services, you must supply us with a four-car set of Lionel “027” #2400 series passenger cars to paint. Off-brand and other makes *may* be suitable if they will fit into our painting fixtures and equipment. Let us know what you have. Fortunately, many original Lionel “027” cars can be found in abundance at either your local hobby or train shop, ‘[ebay](#)’, or through the various train shows in your area.

FOUR CAR SETS ONLY: At the present time we cannot paint individual cars. Price for the 4-car sets is **\$499.00** plus appropriate shipping and handling. **YOU MUST SEND THE ENTIRE CAR** including *the metal inserts, trucks, wiring and light fixtures and we will bring the cars back to brand new!* If you do not wish for us handle the mechanical and assembly repair/operations for your project, then they must be removed prior to shipment, and just send the car bodies and roofs only. Price for bodies and roofs only, **\$375.00**

Broken car bodies *cannot* be accepted for restoration. We can fix most dings and dents, but really badly scarred bodies and roofs *may* require extra labor charges. We’ll let you know final pricing upon receipt of your cars before starting any restoration work on them. Chances are you won’t need it.

DELIVERY DATE will be a minimum of 3-4 months from the receipt of your order. We want to do a super job for you; please be patient with us. As usual, our full 100% guarantee of satisfaction applies to your order. Call or write to us if you have any questions about this unique offering.

*P.S. Don’t forget about your #2032 ALCO Erie Locos! If they’re not in the best of condition, we can restore them for you as well, to match your new, custom painted **ERIE** #2400 Series Passenger cars. Prices and details on Page 6!*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

By Popular Demand!

LIONEL # 2500 series Aluminum Passenger Car Restorations

2550 series CANADIAN PACIFIC

2560 series SANTA FE

2540 series PENNSYLVANIA

2520 series PRESIDENTIAL

By popular demand, we are now offering our complete restoration services on Lionel's top-of-the-line, deluxe extruded aluminum #2500 series passenger cars. Introduced in 1952 and kept in the Lionel Line until 1966, these popular cars are staples on just about every toy train layout and collection today. Sadly, most of these cars are found in rusted, inoperative, dented, and just plain unattractive condition from years of neglect and misuse.

Happily, though, we have developed new restorative techniques to completely overhaul these cars both cosmetically and mechanically so we can have them looking and running like brand new, just as you remembered them on that special Christmas morning.

Complete cars only! For these unusual and uniquely constructed cars, we only offer complete restorations only – we cannot just do the body shells. Our price and services includes: complete coach body restoration; all new decorative metal striping, exactly matched to the originals; new window strips; repainting of coach floor; repainting silver vestibule ends (observation parts on Obs cars) cleaning and re-blackening (if needed) of truck channels and truck sides; restoration of operating couplers, all new lamps; new lamp sockets, if needed, and cleaning of contacts; new wheels and collector rollers. Also included at no additional charge are brand new LIONEL® licensed reproduction boxes for each car you have restored with us. These boxes are made to exacting post-war standards are great for storage for your newly overhauled 2500 series cars.

Your cars will be returned to you in practically brand new condition – a welcome addition to your F-3 diesels to complete your set. Prices are **\$150.00** for each car, which includes all parts. We *will* do individual cars, but we recommend doing complete sets so the entire series matches. Why have one brand new car and three beat up ones?

On the next page is a listing of all the models we offer for restoration.

Available in the #2500 series are:

PRESIDENTIAL *set:*

2521	OBSERVATION	President McKinley
2522	VISTA DOME	President Harrison
2523	PULLMAN	President Garfield

CONGRESSIONAL *set:*

2541	PENNSYLVANIA	Alexander Hamilton
2542	PENNSYLVANIA	Betsy Ross
2543	PENNSYLVANIA	William Penn
2544	PENNSYLVANIA	Molly Pitcher

CANADIAN PACIFIC *set:*

2551	CANADIAN PACIFIC	Banff Park
2552	CANADIAN PACIFIC	Skyline 500
2553	CANADIAN PACIFIC	Blair Manor
2554	CANADIAN PACIFIC	Craig Manor

SANTA FE *set:*

2561	SANTA FE	Vista Valley
2562	SANTA FE	Regal Pass
2563	SANTA FE	Indian Falls

These extruded aluminum cars are probably the most realistic and desirable passenger coaches Lionel made during the post-war era. Restoring them back to their original glory will make for a welcome addition to your Lionel collection or model pike.

YET ANOTHER
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

#2350 EP-5



1956 ONLY

“SALESMAN’S SAMPLE”

In 1956, LIONEL unveiled its brand new model of **New Haven’s EP-5** double-ended 4,000 H.P. mercury arc ignitron rectifier electric locomotive built in 1955 by General Electric, for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. To fanfare its release, LIONEL decided to decorate a model of it with ‘**LIONEL**’ (what else?) emblazoned across the side where the nominal ‘NEW HAVEN’ and “NH” logo would have stood. This attention-grabbing loco was displayed at the New York City Toy Fair in February of 1956, and subsequent photos of it appeared in Lionel’s advertising materials of that same year as well.

It has been speculated that more than one of these models had been produced, for distribution at various LIONEL showrooms across the country to promote sales of their new #2350 EP-5, but it is unknown how many actually exist – or, for that matter, have *survived* over time. AT least one of the originals was known to have been sold privately several years ago for well over five figures.

No need to mortgage the house. L & L MODEL TRAIN CO. is offering exact replicas of this famous loco for sale, and this certainly would make a fine addition to any collector, operator, or just a fan of LIONEL history!

More on the next page.....

#2350

N E W H A V E N
L I O N E L

(Continued!)

Our model of this unique bit of LIONEL post-war history is *exactly matched* to the original in every respect! It sports the unusual “through the doors” orange and white painted stripes; we’ve duplicated exact style, size, height, type face and logo of the “LIONEL” nomenclature boldly silk-screened across the sides; it has a ‘painted nose’ (NOT a decal!) decoration on both ends of the loco, matching the original; AND all the top-quality first class decoration you expect from L & L M.T.C. sits on an original LIONEL manufactured styrene plastic EP-5 car body.

You can order this unique loco in one of three ways!

Car body ONLY! If you already have an old EP-5 loco, this is the option for you! Includes original LIONEL manufactured plastic car body (or “cab”), completed decorated as described above, with all trim, lenses, hardware, mounting brackets, screw and two new pantographs – exactly matching the original, **Price \$ 200.00**

Complete LOCO! You can purchase a *complete locomotive* from us, and that means an ORIGINAL 1956 LIONEL post-war EP-5 engine that has been totally rebuilt and restored to our exacting specifications, and decorated as described above. The engine you purchase will have twin illuminated headlights, operating pantographs, battery-operated warning horn, 3-position sequential automatic reverse (“E” unit) and LIONEL’s standard ‘post-war’ universal AC-DC 3-pole open field motor, powered to a two-axle magne-traction driven motor truck
Price \$ 600.00

Not Enough POWER?? Well, then you can order the hefty *twin motored* version of this unique loco which will *double* your pulling power and put your EP-5 on a par with your F-3’s, GG-1’s and FM Trainmasters. We custom retrofit and install an additional vertical motor and add a second magne-traction power truck to the loco. Wiring and specs are identical to that of a 2383 series type vertical F3. It is necessary for us to ‘keyhole’ the frame to accommodate the second motor, so the price reflects the additional labor and parts needed
Price \$ 850.00.

ALL ORDERS ARE CUSTOM PAINTED. PLEASE ALLOW MINIMUM OF 6-8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY THANK YOU.

PARTS

We maintain one of the largest post-war parts inventories on the east coast, stocking well over 9,500 different cataloged part numbers. Since we are not primarily a parts dealer, *we do not issue a separate parts listing*. We maintain our parts inventory primarily for servicing our repair and restoration business, but we will also sell parts as our clients' needs requires.

We have mostly original Lionel® frames, motors, trucks, E-units, relays, couplers, pick-ups, brackets, horns & trim parts for most steam, diesel and electric post-war locos, as well as some limited accessory, freight and passenger car parts currently in stock. **We DO NOT HAVE original body shells, cabs or boiler assemblies in stock**, although we can *occasionally* acquire diesel and electric engine bodies, particularly F-3s, but in very limited quantity. We *DO* have locomotive steam chests and pilots, side rods, wheels, trucks, smoke units and whistle assemblies, with condition ranging from excellent to new old stock. We also have many excellent reproduction parts available of hard-to-find items.

OUR MINIMUM ORDER FOR PARTS IS NOW \$200.00. The reason we must insist on this is because if we have to spend too much time filling small parts orders, we won't have the time to complete our restoration work. For smaller orders, we can recommend several reliable parts dealers who can probably help you out.

We do have a modest supply of some pre-war parts, mostly reproduction, and can help you or guide you in acquiring the parts you need if you let us know the item and catalog number, and the part for it.

When ordering parts, please use the Greenberg's® Lionel® Service Manual for the correct part numbers. We will let you know price and availability, either by phone or mail. If we don't have a part you need we might be able to find it! Again, please call or write.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL ON PARTS! *If you are not satisfied with a part, you must call us within 10 days and let us know the problem. WE will replace or repair the part at our option. All our mechanical and electrical parts are 100% operational when they leave here, but we cannot be responsible for incorrect or improper installation.*

S GAUGE

We no longer repair or restore American Flyer “S” Gauge.

REPAIRS

Home repairs are fine for light work and broken wiring. However, major jobs such as internal gear replacement, wheel pulling and quartering, armature replacement and motor tune-ups and major rust and acid damage removal are best handled by a professional with factory repair tools and years of experience.

Our new modern repair facilities can accommodate ALL pre- and post-war locomotives, cars, and accessories. In addition, we maintain an extensive parts inventory along with complete original Lionel® factory tools and service manuals. ST Series Riveting tools, 5F test sets, wheel & gear pullers and over 40 years of experience repairing model trains assure you that your trains and accessories will return to you performing at “factory specs”.

In our experience, trains in need of restoration *also* need repair. Low prices, free quotes. ALL OUR REPAIR QUOTES ARE EXACT! No unpleasant surprises. Why not give us a try? Further we fully guarantee all repairs, parts and labor for a period of one year – misuse or accidental droppage excluded.



At just about any time of the day or night over 13,000 items can be found on **eBay** in the “LIONEL” 1945-69 ‘postwar’ section for sale to the highest bidder – and that number grows daily. These items range from ‘high-end’ “mint” unused, ultra -expensive collectibles to pure junk and everything in between.

Unfortunately a great deal of the sellers of LIONEL trains on **eBay** have no idea what they are selling, often resulting in unpleasant surprises for you, the buyer. CALL US if you are about to/or have made an **eBay** purchase, and we can advise you on whether the item can be repaired or restored to your satisfaction. Most **eBay** sellers are honest; there is no need to leave negative feedback, especially if we can help you with the repair needed to bring your trains back ‘up to snuff’.

We have seen many, many items, often ones that came from **eBay** which, no matter how *bad* the condition may look to you, can be completely restored. In most instances, they can even be brought right back to “like new” condition. Our 42 years experience will help guide you to a satisfying purchase on **eBay**, and,

since we have restored so many LIONEL items, we can almost always give you a price quote over the phone that will not deviate by more or less than 10%.

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Ebay has, for the most part, replaced the swap meets as *the* main means of acquisition for used LIONEL trains for most collectors and operators today, as it is a 24 hour auction site. There are also many ‘buy it now’ items for sale, but these are rarely guaranteed. Our consultation, appraisal, advice and phone call fees are, and always will be, \$0.00. **ZERO**. Make sure you contact us before making a sizable purchase on **ebay**, particularly if you are a new or novice enthusiast. We’ll help you however we can, as not only does this promote good will in the hobby at large, but it makes good business sense if you decide to contract with us for our restoration services. We want your work! Unlike **ebay**, we fully guarantee every single item we work on.

YORK!

Without a doubt, the largest and most complete model train swap meet in the world is the Train Collectors Association semi-annual Eastern Division meet held every April and October at the York State Fairgrounds in York, Pennsylvania. **“York”**, as it has come to be known by model train buffs, is attended by dealers, collectors, operators, manufacturers, and just about *anybody* who has an interest in toy trains. It is a virtual “who’s who” of the industry, and is attended by people from all around the globe. With seven halls of trains, and shuttle service between the halls, as the saying goes, if you “can’t find it at York”, then it’s just not available.

Even in the wake of the tremendous number of auctions on **ebay**, YORK has not diminished one iota. In fact, many enthusiasts enjoy the semi-annual pilgrimage for the social atmosphere as well as the “hunt” for new additions to their layouts and/or collections. In addition to the T.C.A. sponsored show which takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, several other public train shows take place in the earlier part of the week. Many people leave for York on Sunday, plan on spending a week there, attending both the T.C.A. and non- T.C.A. shows, and end up returning home late Saturday afternoon.

If you’re missing York, you’re missing out on a lot of train fun. To attend the show, you must be a T.C.A. member. More information on the York meet and joining TCA can be found here: <http://traincollectors.org>

We now attend every YORK meet, both **April** and **October** and we set up a large display booth with many samples of our restoration work. We will usually have most (if not all) of the LIONEL post-war road names in the F3, EP-5, GG-1 and GP-7 diesel & electric series displayed, as well as many other examples of our work. Many of our clients will drop off work to us and return in six months to pick up the completed jobs, saving shipping & handling as well as avoiding risk of damage during transit. By all means, stop by and say hello! The dates vary from year to years, but the shows are usually scheduled for the second or third week of the month.

Our booth is conveniently located in the largest hall, known as the “**Orange Hall**” or “**Toyota Hall**” where we are set up along with all the major dealers in the industry, including Lionel, MTH, Weaver, Williams by Bachmann, and more. We are very easy to find as our booth is located right next to our good friend, Tom McComas of **TM Books and Video Productions**.

*By the way, Tom’s latest video production for 2014 “**Christmas Toy Train Stories**” opens up with an exclusive interview and some great train layout shots with none other than **L & L Model Train Co.** founder, **Len Carparelli** - yes, yours truly – where I talk about the hobby at large, some origins of my business and lots more. All in all, it’s a terrific and entertaining disc with plenty of great trains and stories from some of the top model train enthusiasts and well worth the modest price of \$14.99. You can access **TM Books and Video** here:
<http://www.tmbv.com>*

Our booth number at **York** is **Row JJ #5**. We look forward to meeting you.

TERMS AND GUARANTEES

With over forty years of experience behind us, it stands to reason that we pride ourselves on the quality of our work and craftsmanship and therefore guarantee all our painting for one (1) year from date of purchase against peeling, flaking or lifting under normal storage and usage conditions. We cannot be responsible for “dings” or “nicks” as a result of careless operation or handling, or storage in a high humidity environment. Under normal conditions our finishes should last the life of your trains. Repair or replacement at our option.

Repairs are guaranteed for ninety (90) days from date of purchase except for motor brushes and miniature lamps.

Our terms are:

Check or money order with order. Sorry, no credit cards or C.O.D.

Free shipping on orders over \$2,000;

Orders under \$2,000, add 5% for shipping & handling.

Turn-around time:

Due to the high volume of business, we are currently backlogged for the early part of 2014. Our turn around time is now close to 4 months for post war orders, 6-8 months on Standard Gauge and Pre-War "O" Gauge. We apologize for the long delay and will keep you informed if and when our time schedule improves.

NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS MUST ADD 6% SALES TAX

A Note from Len:

- *Thank you for taking the time to read through this. My work is a pleasure, because, as it has been noted, I “get to play with trains all day”. Naturally, there’s no question that there’s some hard work involved, but collecting and operating model trains is also my hobby. Restoring trains is my full-time business (I’m a musician part time, some nights and week ends) and I enjoy bringing these great toys of our youth back to life. Please feel free to call me anytime with your questions --L.*