

Exciting News!!!

LCCA TO RELEASE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MODEL TRAIN ARCHIVES!

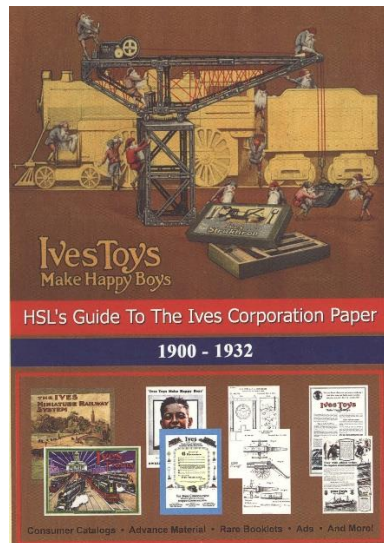
The 50th Anniversary celebration of the Lionel Collectors Club of America continues! As previously announced, the LCCA has purchased several additional model train archives for the exclusive use of our members. We will be releasing two of these archives on December 15, 2020. They will appear in our digital archives along with previously released items. ***So, be sure to keep your LCCA membership current!*** You don't want to miss out on this exciting material. The latest releases will be as follows:

American Flyer "Chicago Era" Digital Archive



This latest addition to the LCCA Model Train Archive contains catalogs of the original American Flyer Company before its sale in 1937 to A.C. Gilbert. These were the Chicago years under the direction of W.O. Coleman. The archive includes consumer catalogs from 1907, their first year, through 1937. Several Advance catalogs and price lists are also included. American Flyer became a major competitor to Lionel – the only one that continued to compete after World War II. The archive also includes a bonus section with additional Flyer paper including invitations to Toy Fair, order forms, advertisements, articles and more.

Guide to Ives Corporation Paper 1900 to 1932.



Although the Ives Corporation had been around since 1868, a devastating fire in 1900 prompted a redesign in 1901 that resulted in Ives first toy train that ran on track. For the next 32 years, Ives produced some of the most beautiful and durable toys and toy trains available from any company. This archive contains an impressive collection of Ives paper.

- First are the catalogs. The archive contains 44 Ives consumer catalogs, folders, and flyers from 1900 to 1932. Ives became a major competitor to Lionel and offered O gauge trains years before Lionel. Among Ives several firsts was the introduction of O gauge sectional track in 1901.
- This archive also includes 13 advance and dealer catalogs and price sheets.
- Another bonus is the inclusion of 69 Ives patents. This is not just a listing, but the actual patents which can be opened and read. This includes the Harry P. Sparkes patent for the reverse unit later used by Lionel as its "E" unit.
- Another section contains 94 Ives ads from a variety of magazines and newspapers.
- Two rare Ives publications – *How Six Boys Built a Railroad* from 1912 and a 1915 version titled *The Railroad That Six Boys Built*.
- Brochure on Ives Boats

To access this material members must log onto the LCCA website using their member number and password. On the Members Only page look to the left where you will see a menu. Click on Digital Publications. Once that page opens scroll down to see the various archives.

More Exciting News From LCCA!

There will be more to come! In LCCA's continuing effort to provide value to its members, during the first quarter of 2021 the club plans to release two more archives as our 50th Anniversary celebration continues! Among these will be a complete file of Toy Trains Magazine, published from 1951 to 1954. This archive includes many articles and photos including several detailed photos of Lionel's 1949 showroom layout. There'll be more for Flyer fans as well. And, remember, these archives are available exclusively to members of the LCCA and require your member number and password to access them.