



# SUNSET MODELS...

## *A Cut Above the Rest....*



COMING FALL 2008  
SP M-6 / M-9 MOGULS  
TMCC - EOB - SMOKE - SOUND

# FALL 2008



# THE SUNSET MODELS STORY

**B**orn in Brooklyn, NY to Edward and Rose Mann, Morton Mann was surrounded by trains of the steam era. In the basement of their modest home was a prewar Lionel layout with cardboard kit buildings. Mort spent many hours controlling this empire. As a small boy he frequented the 1939 NY Worlds Fair in NY witnessing the now famous PRR S1 6-4-4-6 on display, at the fair, along with the other great locomotives. It was the 'O' scale train layout at the fair that really turned him on to scale model train operation.

Hanging around for months as a visitor, Mort was invited to join the NYSME. As a young man, he wasn't old enough to drive, so he took the subway from Brooklyn to all of the meetings. Although youngsters were not allowed to join, the pesky kid named Mort was there so much they finally made him an honorary member. Mort was recruited to help run the huge layout in the basement of the Newsweek building in New York City. Here, he learned all the tricks of how to build and maintain a modern (for it's time) layout. It was truly an experience of a lifetime.

After serving some time in Korea during the Korean War, Mort came home with a broader view of the world and settled down with his new bride, Gerre. They moved to Long Island where they had 3 children. Again, Mort had built a layout in the basement for his trains, this time in HO. 1967, the family moved to California. Although there were no basements in the new house, the entire 2.5 car garage was converted to a giant HO layout. One child, in particular, could often be found helping with the layout and playing with trains, his youngest son, Scott.

In 1975, Mort Mann started Sunset Models. Sunset Models was among the first importers of true scale brass models from Korea, thus beginning a 15 year long relationship with Samhongsang. While most of the models built at Samhongsang were HO scale, a few were in 'O' scale. Mort's business quickly outgrew the garage and he moved the business to an office building in Campbell, CA in 1979. Mort produced 100s of different prototypes based on blue prints and photos of the real engines. Samhongsang kept a copy of this data and has built for countless other importers the same models built for Sunset Models 20 years earlier.

In 1985, Mort attended a Cal Stewart meet in San Jose. He brought a converted and unpainted, brass NYC 4-6-2 K-5 to the meet fitted with 3-Rail pickup rollers. This was his test market of the first highly detailed brass engine in 3-Rail. Many who witnessed the shiny brass model gliding back and forth on the track commented, "What would anyone want with a detailed model in 3-Rail..." Mort was not deterred, but he did not enter the market until 1993. After receiving a fax from his builder in Korea, he learned that another builder had gone bankrupt and their entire tooling and partially completed production had been sent to the Korean bank for sale to the highest bidder. Mort's builder contacted the bank, on Mort's behalf, and successfully bid for this material. The bankrupt builder's name, at the time, was Hyo-Dung, now known as Korea Brass also known as MKT. The tooling and parts were assembled for the 3-Rail models of the PRR S-2 Turbine and 3rd Rail Division was born.

After many exciting years as an engineer at the famous Lockheed "Skunk Works" in Burbank, Scott returned to Northern California and joined a team of engineers at Lockheed Missiles and Space. After 6 more years as a Senior Engineer and then engineering manager, Scott yearned to have his own business and call his own shots. Scott Mann entered the model train scene just as things heated up. The public seemed ready for scale models in 3 Rail, but Mort alone could not manage the increase in production and complexity while maintaining his high quality standards. Scott joined his father in May of 1997.



The father son team has successfully grown 3rd Rail into what it is today, a respected producer of fine scale models for both 2-Rail and 3-Rail operation. This was accomplished with the help of the most loyal and enthusiastic staff for which anyone could hope. Gary had been helping Mort repair trains for 25 years and is a key player in customer support. Shani, Ray and Danny work daily to help modelers enjoy their models in a very personal manner. Sunset Models to continue to provide the utmost in customer care. Many of us at Sunset Models are hobbyists and understand where the customer is coming from. We want to treat our customers as we would want to be treated. Because of this, we feel that Sunset Models is the best choice for true-scale model trains today.

Sadly in May of 2007 Morton Mann passed away. He left behind a legacy of producing high valued models, priced for the average Joe. We miss him terribly and will continue his tradition while striving for excellence in detail and accuracy for models that are meant to be run. He successfully passed his knowledge to Scott over the 10 years of working daily together, so the business would continue.

In 1988 Scott started his own small business, Golden Gate Depot LLC. Originally for importing left over productions in Korea, Golden Gate Depot has recently produced some of the finest scale passenger and structures in plastic for O Scale. Now that Sunset Models Inc. and Golden Gate Depot are owned and operated solely by Scott, these two companies will synchronize their efforts to produce the passenger trains that go with the locomotives produced in Brass by Sunset Models Inc. What a great time this is for the modeler.

*We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support us by buying our models and suggesting new models as well.*

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# STANDARD FEATURES

## FOUND IN 3RD RAIL MODELS FOR 3 RAIL OPERATION

- E.O.B. Cruise Control by Train America Studios
  - 32 Speed Step Compatible with Lionel Engines
  - 128 Speed Step Compatible with MTH Engines
  - Cruise Off, Compatible with Non-Cruise Engines
  - Adjustable Chuff Rate (2 or 4 Chuffs) Per Revolution
- Lionel TMCC TrainMaster Command and Control
- Lionel RailSounds OEM 4.0
  - DynaChuff, Squealing Brakes, Tower Comm, Etc.
- Remote Coupler
- Puff n' Chuff III Smoke System
  - Synchronized to the Chuffing Sounds
  - Temperature Regulated Heater Prevents Burn Out
- Directional Constant Voltage Lighting
- Lighted Classification and Tender Marker Lights
- Sprung Drivers with Steel Tires and Flanges
- Pittman Motor with Dynamically Balanced Flywheel
- Steel Ball Bearing Gear Box, Steel Worm and Bronze Gear
- Operating Tender Water Hatches and Cab Roof Vents
- Fully Detailed Backheads and Cab Interior
  - Dozens of Separate 3D Details
  - Painted Dials and Handles
  - Crew Seats and Controls
  - Glazed Windows
  - Operating Cab Apron

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Control are registered  
trademarks of and licensed  
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# SP AM-2 2-6-6-4 CAB FORWARD

IN STOCK  
NOW!



**VERY RARE**  
**NEVER BEFORE PRODUCED IN O SCALE**  
**ONLY 50 OF EACH MADE**



**B**orn as MM-2 in the early 1900s, 12 of these articulated Mallets were upgraded with superheaters and Worthington feed water heaters and a 4 wheel pilot truck in 1936. These 4-6-6-2s were reclassified as AM-2s, they were then converted from compound to simple mallets, by replacing the rear cylinders with smaller ones, and packing the forward cylinders to have the same internal chamber size. Only a few remain. Available in 2 Rail or 3 Rail with Post War Lettering.

## AM-2 In Action





# CB&Q M-4 2-10-4

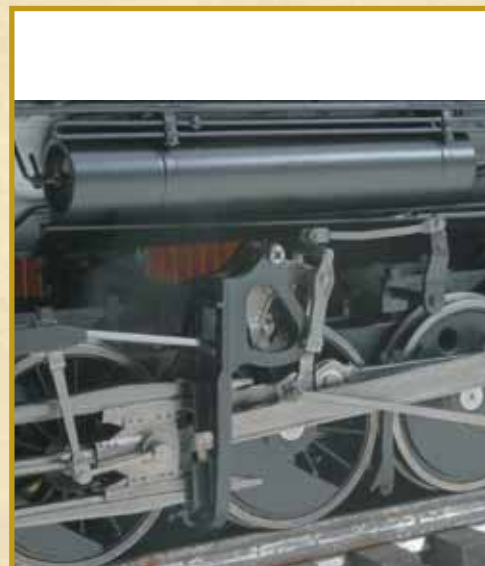
DM&IR BL-1 2-10-4 (GREY BOILER)



The BIGGEST and HEAVIEST locomotive on the "Q" the "Colorado" Class 2-10-4 come in either Worthington, or Elesco (Shown) Feedwater Heater Versions. A unique and rare piece, the Sunset built M-4a is a limited production in O Scale 2R or 3R.







**DM&IR BL-1 2-10-4 (GREY BOILER)**





# C&O GREENBRIER 4-8-4

#612 MODERN OR STATESMAN SERIES (#600 - #604)

IN STOCK  
Now!



**S**unset Models has done it again. Get the **Greenbriers** in stunning life-time brass.

Modeled as "IN SERVICE". Designed to run on 48" radius O Scale or 054 3 rail track, these models are a must for any collector or operator.

Numbered 600-604 (Statesman Series) J-3, and 612-614 J-3a. Only a few of these magnificent models remain.



Details include, numerous opening hatches and doors. Glazing in windows with painted cab interior, crew figures and full compliment of lighting.

Call your dealer or 1-800-3RD-RAIL Today. In Stock while supplies last!



# SP MT-4 MOUNTAIN

ONLY THE BLACK VERSION REMAINS

IN STOCK  
Now!



There were over 150 MTs on the SP, but none were as majestic as the MT-4 with skyline casing. Only a handful of these fantastic scale models remain. Complete with every conceivable detail, this model will grace your layout as well as your display. Own a piece of SP history today. Get the MT-4 in Black. Two numbers available as of this printing. \$1199.95, while supplies last.



# THE PRR O1 ELECTRICS

O1 & O1A (PAIRS)

IN STOCK  
NOW!



**P**RR O1 Light Passenger Electric  
PRR used these 2000 hp 2-B-2  
locomotives in pairs primarily for light  
passenger trains.

During WWII they pulled the  
Susquehannock and Lehigh Valley  
Trains. In their later years they could  
be seen at the Sunnyside Yards.

- All Drivers Powered (Great Puller)
- 042 Track or Larger Radius
- Working Pantographs
- TMCC with Electric Railsounds
- Coil Couplers Both Ends Unit A
- 2 Rail Each Unit Runs Independent
- Directional and Cab Lighting
- Lighted Market Lights

*Never before has such detail and  
accuracy been available...*





# SP M-6 AND M-9 MOGULS

**T**he SP 2-6-0 M-6 and M-9s were the most prolific Moguls on the SP system. Perfect for branch line work with tight turns, these moguls will be an outstanding addition to your roster.

Complete with directional lighting, sprung drivers, working Stephenson valve gear and fully detailed backhead. These all brass models are a bargain. 6 Cab Numbers in limited quantities.



**SP M-6 VANDY TENDER (2 RAIL ONLY)**



**T**he vanderbilt tender is only available in 2 Rail. All 3 rail models come with the Whaleback tender. Complete with EOB Cruise, TAS Puffing Smoke, Lionel Railsounds, these models will grace any layout of 042 Radius track or larger. M-9 Shown Above, M-6 Shown On Front Cover.

*Look for these exquisitely detailed and fine running models  
due to arrive in early 2009.*

*Limited quantities, reserve yours today.*



# CANADIAN NATIONAL 4-8-4

ALSO GTW U3B AND OHIO CENTRAL (EXCURSION VERSION)



The most important locomotive to the Canadian National RR is the U Class 4-8-4 "Confederations".

There are six surviving "Confederations"; number 6153 at the Canadian Railway Museum in Delson, QC, number 6167 near the CN station in Guelph, ON, numbers 6200 and 6400 at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa, ON, number 6213 at Maritime Museum Exhibition Park in Toronto, ON and number 6218 at the Fort Erie Railroad Museum in Fort Erie, ON.

Also being produced are the GTW U3b and The Ohio Central U3b "Excursion".

Arriving in early 2009. Reserve Yours Today!





# N&W Y-6A / Y-6B



The Y-6a and Y-6b are American Classics in their own right. The differences in these versions are these; The A version has a large BL Feed Water Heater on the left side in place of the air pump seen here. The air pump is moved to the right side. The Worthington FWH on top of the smoke box is removed and the smoke box is shortened because of this. The tender is also slightly different in this version. The A version has never been produced in O Scale 2R or 3R before. Only the B version shown here. Both are very important motive power for the N&W. Each locomotive will come with only the highest level detail, produced in life time brass with a HUGE Pittman motor and our "Quiet Drive" mechanism.

Arriving in 2nd half 2009. Reserve Yours Today!

# N&W K-2 4-8-2



Often mistaken for the J, the K-2 is just as important and has never been offered to N&W fans in O Scale 3 Rail. So now is your chance to own one. You can't call yourself an N&W enthusiast if you don't have one of these on your layout or display.

Sunset Models is proud to announce a very collectible and super detailed version of the N&W K-2 Mountain.

Coming in 2009 for \$1199.95



# B&O Q-4B

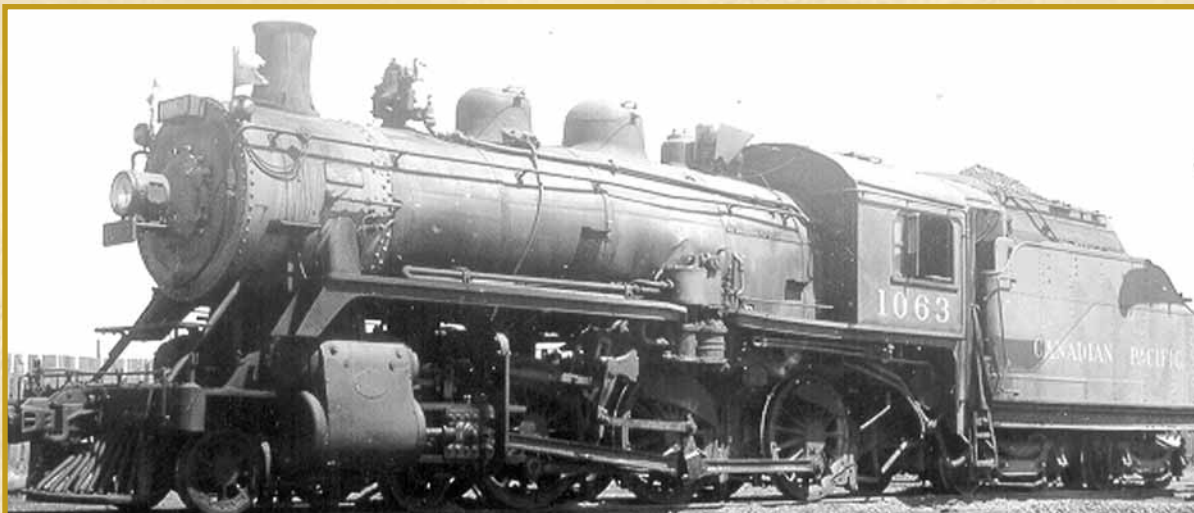
THE MIGHTY MIKADO



**H**undreds of these magnificent locomotives ran on the B&O until the end of steam. Designed by Baldwin Locomotive Works and configured by the B&O, these mikados have many features that are truly B&O. On the front you will find the round Capitol plate proudly displayed. Only a few of these masterpieces of art and engineering will be available. A must for any collector or operator.

Schedule We are Shooting for Early 2009.

# CP D-10 (EARLY / LATE)



**T**here were hundreds of D-10s working the CPR. Sunset Models is proud to present these fine brass models.

Available in early or late versions.

- Early: Half Moon Headlight, Simple Airpump
- Late: Modern Headlight, Double Pump
- Late: Skirting under running board (shown)

A unique and rare piece, the Sunset built D-10s are a limited production in O Scale 2R or 3R. Reserve yours today for under \$1000.



# GN M-2 2-6-8-0

## GREAT NORTHERN ARTICULATED

A true Mallet type as originally constructed by Baldwin in 1910 was Great Northern's M class 2-6-8-0. In 1926-27 these M-1 engines were rebuilt by GN as simple articulated and reclassified as M-2's.

Sunset Models is proud to announce a very collectible and super detailed version of the Great Northern M-2.



Less than 100 2R and 100 3R models to be produced.

Coming in 2009 for \$1799.95

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# NYC J-3A "SUPER HUDSON"

## GREATEST HUDSON ON THE NYC



Nothing compares to the J-3A. This highly modernized Hudson boasts a "Selkirk" smoke box front, Scullin Disc Drivers and Timken Roller Bearing Rods. The huge Centipede tender brings the total length of this monstrosity to over 22 inches of pure O Scale delight.

Sunset Models is proud to announce a very collectible and super detailed version of the NYC "Super" Hudson.

Coming in 2009 for \$1299.95



# SILVERLINERS

## NORTH SHORE LINES

North Shore Line Fans Rejoice, you already have the Electroliner, but before there was an Electroliner, Silverliners ruled the roost. Coming in 2009 as a 3 car set, the Silverliners will have fully detailed interiors with overhead...well you know the story, it will have the same wonderful detailing as our Electroliner. In 3 Rail, we will have to power 1 car to pull the others, with the electronics for sound and TMCC in the Diner. For 2 Rail we will have each car independently powered to make things simple.



# GREENLINERS

Also we are taking reservations for the Greenliner, the same design as the Silverliners, but without the skirts. We suggest you order both. to make things simple.

### Coming With:

- In Truck Japanese Motor
- Working Trolley Poles
- 042 Track or Larger Operation
- TMCC with Electric Sounds
- Full Interior Detailing with Lighting
- More Fun Than you can Handle





# PRR DOODLEBUG



In Truck Motor Design. 042 Track  
Or Larger. Overhead Lighting  
Fantastic Scale Detailing.

**P**RR ran these Gas Electrics through suburban areas where there was no electrification available. Commuters jammed the passenger compartments to get the fastest, most convenient ride on the PRR.

**Order your Doodlebug Today!**  
**Coming 2009 for \$699.95 in**  
**Lifetime Brass, Full Interior Too**

# PRR GG-1 OLD RIVETS



**O**ld Rivits still stands in Strasburg RR Museum. The "First" GG-1, has never been made in 3 Rail before. Coming in all Brass.

Available in 3 Liveries:

- Original (Wiskers)
- Strasburg Livery Lettering Futura
- Loewy Scheme Clarendon Lettering

**Dual Motors, Working Pantographs, Lighted**

**Coming 2009 for \$899.95**



# UP FEF-3 TODAY VERSION



Only 150 Will Be  
Produced



The finest scale model of the FEF-3 available anywhere. The Sunset FEF-3 Today Version has never been made in O Scale. With unique detailing only on the Excursion version #844, full compliment of lighting, and all the features you expect.

Available in Today - Black, or Inservice Black or Grey with yellow Lettering.

Also being produced is the Auxiliary Tender in UP Yellow and Grey to compliment your FEF, Challenger, Big Boy or Turbine.

Only a few Aux Tenders will be produced in Brass. Coming 2009.

RESERVE TODAY!

## AUX TENDER





# A-4 MALLARD

SILVER FOX - SIR NIGEL GRESLEY - MALLARD - DWIGHT D EISENHOWER  
DOMINION OF CANADA - COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**M**allard was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley as an express locomotive specially built to power high-speed streamlined trains. Its wind-tunnel-tested, aerodynamic body allowed it to reach speeds of over 100 mph (160 km/h). Mallard was in service until 1963, when it was retired, having covered almost one and a half million miles (2.4 million km).

It was restored to working order in the 1980s. Mallard is the only surviving A4 in LNER livery and in as-built original condition with side valances (although the valances are replicas).

There are 6 Surviving A4s around the world. 2 in North America, Dominion Of Canada (Green), and Dwight D. Eisenhower in WI (Green).

These will be modeled in BR Green. Only 10 of each livery to be produced in 3 Rail.

Available 2R or 3R with Sound:  
\$1949.95

RESERVE THE FASTEST LOCO!!!



Mallard (LNER Blue)



Dwight D. Eisenhower  
BR GREEN



Silver Fox (2 Rail Only)



# GOLDEN GATE DEPOT



**REA REEFER**



**OBSERVATION  
DINER SET**

**GGD** is dedicated to bringing you scale realism at toy prices. Our coaches and sleepers are a testament to this. In 2009 we are working on the REA 54' Steel Reefer, the Observation and Dining cars for all roads that coaches and sleepers were produced. Occasionally, we produce a limited release in new roads and custom runs for dealers such as Just Trains of Delaware, Petersen Supply, JD Trains and Public Delivery Track. Look for our new concrete 100 Ton coaling tower to be released in 2009. See our web site for updates on new and exciting projects to come. Thank you for your support.



**CONCRETE  
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## GGD Aluminum Sets:

From start to finish, these are the finest aluminum sets ever produced. Boasting full interior detailing with overhead constant voltage lighting, flush mounted windows, operating doors and vestibules. Fully detailed diecast trucks are built to run.

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Next will be the Santa Fe 1937 Super Chief.

Closely followed by the 20th Century Limited 1938 or 1940 paint scheme.

Not far behind will be the SP Daylight 5+5 set, with articulated diners and coaches.

Onward we will produce the PRR Smoothsides in early and late schemes, and then on to some new projects, not yet announced.

Check our web site [www.goldengatedepot.com](http://www.goldengatedepot.com) for details and updates on these and other exciting projects.



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# QUALITY AND SERVICE



In order to provide you with the upmost in Quality and Performance, all of our models are inspected by us at the factory in the orient for fit and finish and running quality.

We back this up with a **30 Day Money Back Guarantee** and **1 Year Warranty on Parts and Labor**. If in the first 90 days your model develops a problem due to workmanship, we will even pay for the shipping both ways to repair the model. **No one else has such a generous policy in the model train industry.**

Our models feature **sprung drivers** just like the prototype and function to lessen the impact on your

layout as well as smooth out the bumps on the switches. The driver centers of our models are made from coining brass billets. Coining creates a very hard driver center. A machined carbon steel tire including the flange is pressed over the hardened brass wheel center. In diecast models the wheel center is of the same material as the boiler. It is much softer than coined brass and is susceptible to coming loose if dropped on a hard surface. The steel tire on the die cast wheel does not include the flange so this too is susceptible to damage over time. Also, the drivers in most die-cast model are not removable for maintenance. They are pressed into a solid diecast frame never to be removed again.

Real steam engines have **boilers that go all the way around**. Our models are the same. Look closely at any die-cast model and you will see that the boiler top is separated from the boiler bottom at the running board. You pay a lot of money for your trains, you should be getting the very best in materials, quality and workmanship. We pride ourselves in the highest scale accuracy in the industry, that is why you will often see our models pictured in our competitors catalogs as samples of upcoming projects.

**Join the leader in O Scale, Sunset Models.**





# QUALITY AND VALUE



Pittman Motors are high torque, high quality motors made in the USA. These motors are usually found in precision servo applications. We use these motors because they give excellent torque at low speed and are very efficient. With the 7 pole model and skewed armature of the 9000 series, we are able to achieve 1 mph speeds in our models.

In addition, we use our exclusive "Quiet Drive" mechanism to deliver power to the rails, which includes a pulley drive and steel ball bearing supports for the gearbox and shaft. There is more to a Sunset Model than meets the eye.



For over 8 years, Sunset Models has been licensed by Lionel to include the best control system on the market today, TMCC. Along with the Lionel hardware we also use their fabulous RailSounds boards for exciting full featured steam locomotive sounds.

We like the fact that customers can easily obtain the TMCC Command Base and Cab-1 Remote at any hobby shop for under \$100. With a single wire hookup you are ready to enjoy running your model right out of the box.



Train America offers some amazing devices that add excitement and versatility to our product.

Their Puff n' Chuff II "Turbo Smoke" is a standard feature in all 3rd Rail steam engines now. It uses a computer controlled fan to puff the smoke out of a temperature regulated smoke generator. No more burning out smoke units. Better open the windows, cause this puppy can really puff out smoke.

A recent addition to our 3rd Rail models is E.O.B. "Engineer On Board", Cruise Control. This system allows you to run your 3 Rail engines at constant speed up or down a grade, with or without a consist. In addition, you can adjust the chuff rate from 1 to 2 to 4 chuffs per revolution of the drivers on the fly. You can choose 3 Cruise modes, 32 Speed Step, 128 Speed Step and Cruise Off, all using the Cab-1 Remote. Get on board with E.O.B.





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