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We sincerely thank you for your business and wish you every happiness for the holidays and the coming year



Holiday Shopping Pre- and Post-

This is our last newsletter for this year, so it's a perfect time to mention some of the diverse items we carry in the store. Whether you have a little money or a lot, we can direct you to a great gift for yourself or a special someone else. There was an interesting article in the newspaper a few days ago that said for the first time, more people are hoping to get gift certificates than gifts – we have those, too.

For those of you who are still shopping for Holiday gifts or have Christmas money to spend, we have a good variety of collectibles, models, diecast and hobby items available. All are high-quality and we carry only one of most items.

What that means to you is that if the person ahead of you bought just what you were looking for, you're either not going to get one or you'll have to wait until it can be ordered in. The best bet is to buy the item now and avoid being disappointed.

So, you've picked out a model that you want to give to someone or maybe to give to yourself. (These are the best gifts, by the way, because you know you got it

Holiday Hours:

Tues & Wed 10-7 PM
Thurs & Fri 10-9 PM
Sat: 10-5
Sun 12-5
Mon closed

Starting Jan 3, 2006

Regular Hours:

Tues noon - 7 PM
Wed noon - 5 PM
Thurs & Fri noon - 9 PM
Sat: 10 AM – 5 PM
Sun 12 AM – 5 PM

Dec 20-23

15% off any GMP diecast

Dec 27-30

10% off any track pack, slot car or accessory

right.) Before you leave the store, don't forget to buy the paints you'll need from our terrific selection at the best prices around.

While you're here, check out our modelling supplies. We have a very useful assortment of knives, saws, shaping tools, glue and even battery operated and electric paint mixers for those small jars of paint.

In addition to the products we've featured in previous newsletters, we have some great jigsaw puzzles at various levels of difficulty. We even stock "family" jigsaw puzzles with 1/2 regular sized pieces and 1/2 large pieces for the kids.

Jigsaw puzzles make an excellent gift since they can inspire an enjoyable casual get together for family and friends of all ages.



BOXING DAY SALE

Mon., Dec 26th 10-5

15% OFF ALL STOCK ITEMS

Just a thought:

Instead of making New Year's resolutions, why not just decide to be a better person – one day at a time?

Art School

For those who like or would like to dabble in painting, we have paint-it-yourself youths T-shirts. The kits come with original art pre-stamped on a good quality T-shirt, paints, paint brush and instructions. Make this shirt your own with your choice of design painted in your choice of colours.

We also carry paint by numbers sets. These kits invite people to enter a world of art and creativity without having to know everything about painting first. What better gift to yourself or someone else than that of creativity and relaxation in one box.

Many battles have raged between artists and hobbyists over the artistic value of these paintings through the years. However, the fact remains that for many people they're an inexpensive and guided way to test the water without a formal education or a large investment.

These kits allow you to learn painting techniques, colour mixing and brush control at your own pace. Some people move on to creating their own paintings (about 10%) and some continue to enjoy the benefits of having part of the decision making done for them in advance.

This is a peaceful hobby that doesn't take up a lot of space. Did you know that a corridor in the White House once held a gallery of paint by number paintings?

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What a Difference 30 years makes!

1975: Long hair
2005: Longing for hair

1975: KEG
2005: EKG

1975: Acid rock
2005: Acid reflux

1975: Seeds and stems
2005: Roughage

1975: Going to a new, hip joint
2005: Receiving a new hip joint



Tips and Tricks

To get better results from cans of spray paint, gently warm the can in a bowl or sink of hot water. Don't use boiling water or open flame, just hot tap water.

If the can has a paper label, seal it in a plastic bag before putting it into the water. Let it sit for about 5 minutes before you are ready to paint. This will thin the viscosity of the paint and give you a superior finish.

Unclogging Paint Cans

Content from (www.woodzone.com)

1. To clean the nozzle, pull off the nozzle and drop it in a small container of paint thinner for a few hours.
2. Next, take a small pin or wire and clean the inside of the nozzle from the end that connects to the can (not the nozzle tip).
3. Scrub any paint off the nozzle tip with a cloth or brush.
4. Rinse the nozzle again in paint thinner to remove any particles you just dislodged.
5. Put the nozzle on a can of WD-40 and spray a little through the nozzle.

If the nozzle is still clogged repeat these steps. To prevent this problem in the future, turn the can upside down and spray until the stream becomes clear. Then wipe any paint off the nozzle's tip.