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A "Good News Letter" from P-B-L!

"K-27" / "K-28" Mixed Run Coming!

Tentative Delivery Scheduled for Fall of 2003!

To: All of our Old Friends and Loyal Supporters:

Hi Guys!

'Tis been said the whatever goes around, comes around... And as I sit here clacking out this epistle, (which I, of course, copy over a previous I.T. format to save wear and tear on the old noggin. . .), I first off see that it has been 'way too long since our last INSIDE TRACK went out... As in WAY too long... For which I apologize. Profusely!

And in case yer wonderin' WHY the long silence, (Heck, even in case yer NOT wonderin' why. . .), well sir, you can wade through the article "Of Flimsy excuses & Such" elsewhere in this issue; (or not, at yer discretion.) to find out what ol' Billy has come up with for what must surely appear to be a

lack of interest / support on the part of P-B-L and YOUR hobby. . .


But since this is supposed to be a GOOD NEWS LETTER, let's crank out some GOOD NEWS, shall we?

K-27 / K-28 Mixed Model Run Planned for Fall 2003 Delivery !

You have probably gleaned from this I.T.'s header that we somehow managed to sweet-talk our builder into doing a "split" model run which includes both of these locomotive classes. What you don't know is that this hinges upon our being able to provide him with an

order large enough to make it worth his while. (Minimum of 100 models of each class type will be required to pull it off.)

Assuming that a good many of you have as yet to fill out your rosters with the likelihood of never being able to find these models looming as a real possibility, (Our last run of K-27's was sold before it got here.) we figure that unless we can somehow make more available, we'll all be in trouble.

Now I realize that this past year was a tough one for all of us, but judging by the response from our last two Gazette Ads, (Not including the controversial "Jump the gun" )

D&RGW "K-28" Class #478... Will it return in 2003?

#478 Foreground Model from 1988 Model Run Shown Model in P-B-L Archival Collection. . .



There's a "working" Power Reverse behind that Air Tank. The boiler piping in front of the engineer includes the "Starter Valve" for the Non-Lifting Injector which can be seen beneath her running board. K-28's had top mounted "Boiler Check Valves". #478 has front and rear sander valves as well. And of course, the typically ALCO rounded cab corners. Isn't she a beauty?

The "K-28" Class Mikado's, (or "Mikes") were the pride of "The Grande's" Passenger Fleet. They were also the most piping and appliance bedecked of the entire roster, '36's and '37's notwithstanding. Whether it's because of the air pump being located on the smokebox front? Or their uncommonly long wheelbases? Or their typically ALCO rounded cab corners? Or their "Standard-Gauge-Width tenders with the Brakeman's "Doghouse"? Or their super-chunky appearance? Whatever it is, they've proven to be a hit with our modeling friends. It's been almost 14 years since we had a production run of 'em here, so maybe it's about time? You vote with your "buck" on this deal, so you've until November 20 to ponder over the enclosed reservation sheet. We'll be waitin' to count yer "ballot"!