

SHS UPDATE

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SHIPMENT FINALLY SAILS

According to the documents submitted to US customs, our next to last shipment from Sanda Kan should sail on the container ship MOL Paramount v.039A on Sunday, January 15th. This vessel should arrive in the port of New York on the 9th of February. Unfortunately, this shipment will not arrive be-

fore our next show in 2 weeks at the Big E in West Springfield, MA. The next shipment will be the tested remote control switches.

On Friday, January 6th a very important event occurred, the first load of our tooling left the Sanda Kan factory destined to the new builder's facility. This

was about half of our tooling. Hopefully, the balance of the tooling will be moved before the end of the month. Once all of the tooling is all at the new builder, they will be uncrated and inspected. Each tool will have to be mounted in an injection molding machine and tested. Production may begin later in 2012.

TITAN NEWS

We got a call from Tony of QSI Solutions regarding the new Titan decoders. These are 64 bit decoders with a stereo option that can still be used with a single speaker by changing a CV. These will be replace the QSI Revolution U as the micro for this decoder is no longer available. We received our first shipment of the steam version at York and we are now installing the EMD diesel version of the Titans. We still do a lot of F unit DCC sound conversions. With the ease of installation; quality of sound; the 2 additional light functions allowing utilization of all lights on our F units; the doppler effect; increased amperage; and the almost unlimited ability to change, upgrade or customize horn, prime mover, bell, whistle, crew chatter, talkback (the

decoder can be programmed to verbally read out the current value of any CV), all downloadable by connecting a QSI programmer to your computer and to a programming track make this a winner. Modelers no longer have to be satisfied with built in sounds programmed at the factory. These additional options come at the same cost as the Rev. U. We will be offering these for our switchers as only QSI has a switcher prime mover sound.

Bill Clark has customized some of the CVs for our 2-8-0. We will not be adding a 2nd speaker for stereo sound due to space limitations. If you would like to purchase a Titan DCC sound steam decoder for non-SHS installations, they are available from us for \$119.95

We are still offering Soundtraxx diesel Tsunami sound for those who have other engines with this decoder that might be used for MUing; to have the same speed curves and functions

CHRISTMAS CAR NEWS

We learned late this past Spring, that the open purchase order for our Bethlehem Steel 2 bay fishbelly hoppers would not be completed by SDK, They suggested that these should be completed our next builder. And, yes, this includes our 2010. Christmas Car. After much consideration, Mike and I feel that it is time to either return the deposits or offer credit towards a purchase. Please let us know which option you would like. If you would like your deposit returned, let us know. Those who paid by check, we be issued refund by check. If you paid by credit card, we will need a valid credit card for refund. For those wishing to use the deposit towards some product, please order now as our inventory is slowly being reduced.. If we do not hear from you, letters will be mailed out in March about the cancellation.