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Next Meeting:
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**Museum layout
work sessions
continue on
Thursday and
Saturday
mornings!**

CLASSIFICATION WHITE: RUNNING EXTRA



By Rob Seel

Every once in a while you see something come down the track that you were not expecting. And, when it happens you want to tell everyone about it, right? Such is the occasion for this **EXTRA** issue of Central Crossings.

As I was building the city bridge to span over Peachtree Yard for the club layout I was also scanning eBay for architectural trees. I needed them for a work-related project, as well as a few cars and people in 1:200 scale for a 1/16" = 1'-0" scale model. Lo, and behold, I also found **MODEL LAMP POSTS** in HO/OO and N scales! Cheap too!

When I built the station platform lights for our portable layout I had to buy materials from craft and hobby stores. And, for the twenty or so I built the cost came to around \$1.50 per finished lamp post, including the 12V lamp. They were inexpensive and look pretty good.

Then, I found these lamp posts on eBay (**lower right**). They come with 12V 70mA lamps in packages of 10 or 20. I was able to use the "Buy It Now" option with free shipping, and the cost was around \$12. How cool is that?! I bought a pack of 10 unpainted lamp posts for the Peachtree Yard overpass and painted them here at home.

I also found dozens of other designs, all sold through a handful of eBay dealers in Hong Kong. Some have 12V lamps, others are 6V, 9V or 3.5V, but often are available with resistors if you need them. They also give you the height dimensions in centimeters, so have your metric rule handy next to your HO or N scale rule. Most are already painted, but some are not – you may have to spend some time looking. But the styles are numerous and come in packages of 10, 20, and even 50 – all for about a buck a piece, plus shipping. So whether you're shopping for the club or for yourself check these out! Search eBay for "Model Lamppost," "Model Street Light," "HO Lamp Post," etc. There are people and cars too. The cars are modern, but some have lights! 







