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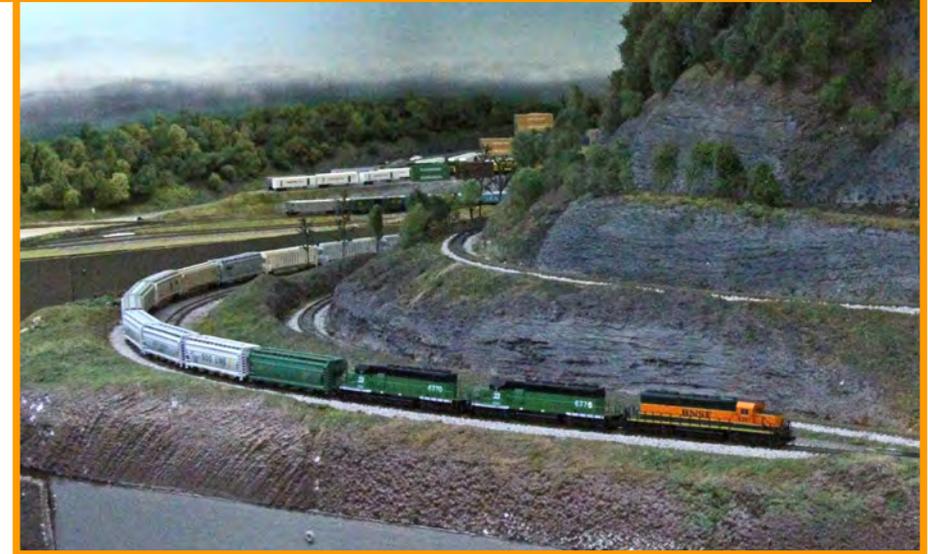
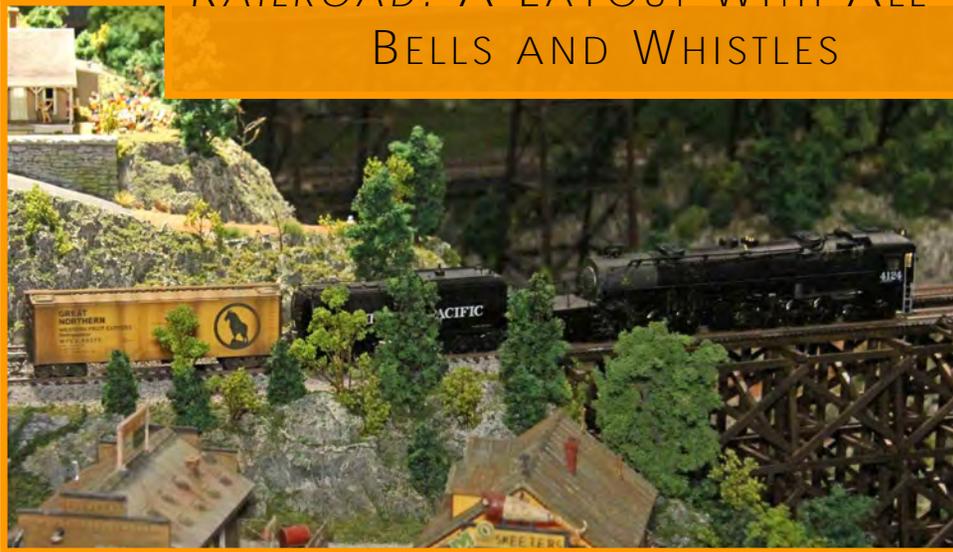
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PIEDMONT DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S WINTER 2020



I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Maybe you received some new locos, cars, decoders or maybe that structure you have been wanting to construct. I believe the holidays rejuvenate us to again get active doing things in model railroading. Our hobby is loaded with so many options to work on there should not be a lull, unless that thing called a job or other responsibilities get in the way. But it is always exciting to start something new.

If you are new to model railroading or maybe just getting back in after a break, the Piedmont Division will be offering a TRAIN 'N CAMP — MODEL RAILROADING 101 on Feb 8th from 9 AM to Noon. What a great way to get your questions answered and be exposed to lots of products and terminology. The class is always a big hit and it's also FREE! We will be holding it in a new facility this year. Lots of room and ADA accessible at HIS HANDS CHURCH in Woodstock, GA.

Many things are happening in the Division right out of the starting gates in January. We will be at the 58th ATLANTA MODEL TRAIN SHOW on January 18th. Our membership booth will be there. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Howard Goodwin MMR® Director of Personnel or myself for opportunities to serve this year. If you have an interest in teaching, you may want to get involved as a counselor for the Scouting program with the RAILROADING MERIT BADGE CLINICS.

Sally Bando has lots of model railroad open houses planned for the year as well. As a member you can visit home layouts each month and spend quality time with the owner to learn how they did certain techniques. Home layout visits are one of the greatest ways to learn. We are very fortunate to have so many superb layouts in our division.

We will also be participating in TRAINS, TRAINS, TRAINS January 25th and 26th in Kennesaw at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History. We will have this year's Raffle Layout on display along with the new Piedmont Division's N Scale Ambassador Layout. We will also have a 2' x 6' switching module for young people to try out switching cars. Of course, our membership and info table will be there as well. Lots of members will be there to answer questions and just talk about trains with you.

Hopefully you have saved the dates of March 14th and 15th 2020 for this year THE MODEL TRAIN SHOW at the Cobb Galleria. Please plan to attend or volunteer. David Gelmini, Show Manager, will be reaching out soon for folks to sign up. Every year it takes about 80 member volunteers to make it come all together.

The 2019 PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE was a great success this past season with over 5000 people visiting all the railroads. A very BIG THANK YOU to all the host, operators, committee members and of course our advertisers and sponsors.

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PIEDMONT DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



WINTER 2020



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Hope you were at the ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY! A special thanks to Diana Watson for coordinating this year's event for the Division. She did a great job and all had a fun evening. Along those same notes we presented some special awards for service to Piedmont Division members for the Volunteering and Excellence in Service to the Piedmont Division:

Brakeman Awards: Dr Paul Schenk and Jim Foley

Conductor Awards: Jim Datka and Charles Mason MMR

Engineer Award: Jim Travis

These members were very dedicated and went well beyond the normal volunteering to help the Division in all its different functions. CONGRATULATION to each one them and Thank You for your service!



Please remember to register for TRAX TO THE MAX II SER 2020 CONVENTION at the Clarence Brown Convention Center in Cartersville Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th. Along with the convention the Piedmont Division will be hosting the NORTH GEORGIA TRAIN SHOW at the same facility.

Should be a great weekend of fun, friends and trains.

Please see the website for registration: ser-nmra.org/convention/2020-ser-convention-trax-max-ii

Well, its really simple. There are plenty of model train things to do to start this year. Also, please remember to renew your membership. There is a dues price increase effective January 1, 2020.

We do so much as a Division of the NMRA, so don't miss out on the fun!

Respectfully,

—Walt Liles, Superintendent Piedmont Division

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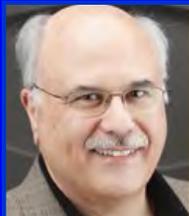


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GETTING A NEW OUTLOOK FOR 2020

Hope your holidays were fun-filled and relaxing. Santa decide to change my viewpoint this year. I had cataract surgery and had two new lenses installed. Seemed easier and certainly quicker than most decoder upgrades. The advances that have been made were certainly worth it. No more glasses and 20/15 vision in the eye without floaters. Close-up vision is also better for my N gauge modeling, which was a concern going into it.

Another big *TIMETABLE* this quarter reflecting everything that is going on in our very busy Division.

There are a lot shows this quarter. If you can assist staffing the Piedmont's booth at these shows, contact Howard Goodwin, MMR®. And don't forget to sign-up with David Gelmini to assist at our March 14th and 15th Train Show at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

The winners of the Fall Model and Photo Contest are showcased with their outstanding efforts. We had a huge module entered this time along with several beautifully detailed structures and cars. The photo entries continue to grow and, as a judge, I can say that it is often difficult to choose the winners. Many of the entries are suitable for hobby magazine publishing.

Raymond Stewart has written another excellent article describing Walthers HO gauge GP15-1. He points out that this entry level locomotive is an excellent starting point for a repainting and detail upgrading.

Perry Lamb is changing the *TRAIN 'N CAMPS* for the second through fourth quarters of 2020. Instead of three separate classes, he is conducting a progressive series that will build a complete operational module that can be the basis for a Golden Spike certificate. Don't miss the details included in this issue.

Charlie Mason includes a summary of the Piedmont Pilgrimage. It is a shame Gary Jarabek did not see the outstanding results of his efforts in chairing this very successful Pilgrimage. We will be honoring Gary later this year in the *TIMETABLE* with a tribute by Chris White and photos of his layout taken by Ovidiu Trifanescu.

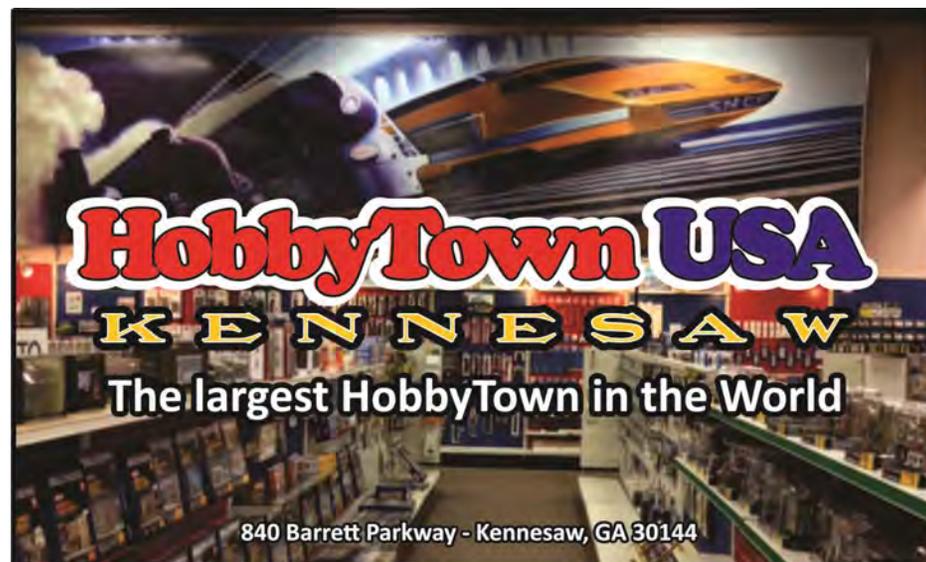
During the Piedmont Pilgrimage, I helped at two layout open houses: Mike and Lee Dunn's *MY WAY RAILROAD* and Tom Bank's *NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD*. Both had a steady flow of visitors and ended the day with about 90 each. Both layouts are featured in this issue.

Deadline for the next issue of the *TIMETABLE* is Wednesday, March 11. Want to see something in the next issue? Please submit your ideas—or better yet—write about it for the next issue.

—Jim Datka

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2020 PIEDMONT DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET

	SER CONVENTION AND NORTH GA TRAIN SHOW	PIEDMONT DIVISION OPERATIONS	TOTAL
REVENUE			
Advertising Sales	500	6,100	6,600
Contributions	2,800	2,500	5,300
Total Event Fees	28,500	25,750	54,250
Raffle Sales	1,200	1,516	2,716
Sales of Product	4,050	400	4,450
Table Rental	2,660	17,000.00	19,660
White Elephant Sales	500	1,500.00	2,000
TOTAL REVENUE	40,210	54,799	94,976
TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD		-150	-150
GROSS PROFIT	40,210	54,616	94,826
EXPENSE			
Accounting & Legal Fees		790	790
Advertising & Marketing	3,000	16,038	19,038
Bank Charges		880	880
Total Entertainment		1,150	1,150
Total Facility Rental	7,000	18,850	25,850
Furniture Rental		4,800	4,800
Good & Welfare		100	100
Insurance		165	165
Layout Cost		500	500
Total Membership Drive		610	610
Miscellaneous	600	225	825
Office Supplies		580	580
Operating Supplies		2,875	2,875
Plaques & Awards		1,900	1,900
P.O. Box Rental		250	250
Postage		100	100
Program Food & Beverages	6,000	400	6,400
Publishing	400	8,191	8,591
Security	1,077		1,177
Software & Internet	100	170	270
Storage		900	900
Taxes & Licenses	950	30	980
Total Travel, Hotel & Misc	5,000	1,000	6,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	24,227	60,504	84,731
GROSS OPERATING REVENUE	15,983	(5,888)	10,095

Monthly Financial Reports are presented to the Board of Directors.

Piedmont Division monthly meetings are held at:

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

805 Mt. Vernon Highway, Atlanta, GA 30327



Division meetings are open to everyone. Come join us to see what fun Model Railroading is. See Division Calendar for details.

We hope to see you at our next meeting!



**Are you New to Model Railroading?
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Model Railroading 101

**Saturday, February 8, 2020
9 am - 12 noon**

His Hands Church / 550 Molly Lane / Woodstock, GA

Model Railroading 101 will show you how to get started and how to take your train set and turn it into a model railroad.

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Registration is requested but not required and this class is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, please contact Perry Lamb:

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The Spring through Winter 2020 Train 'N Camps will be a continuing series designed to build an HO gauge module that—with a little extra effort and materials—offers an opportunity to earn a Golden Spike certificate.

"This series will provide the hands-on skills needed to construct an operational model train layout. This is a progressive series starting with basic construction and trackwork, through building structures and adding scenery" said Perry Lamb, Train 'N Camp Chairperson. "We focus on developing a full range of essential model railroading skills."

Because of the level of skills development and interaction, this series is limited to 8 attendees who are committed to attending all 3 seminars. The second seminar "Kitbash a Tool Shed" will be open to an additional attendees.

Attendees will build a 2' x 4' module, which is the minimum required 8 square foot size for a Golden Spike. The certification requires three types of track (turnouts, crossing, etc.) and a siding capable of permitting two trains operating at once. "The first session includes a turnout controlled by a ground throw, so only one other type of track is needed" Perry explained.

All track must be properly wired and the layout must include one additional electrical feature (signaling, powered turnouts, lighted building, etc.). A minimum of 5 detailed structures and 6 units of rolling stock are also needed. "These seminars will provide all of the skills needed to achieve these requirements," said Perry. Complete requirements can be found on the NMRA website at www.nmra.org/golden-spike-award.

The 3 seminars in this series are held at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marietta and include:

- MAY 30, 2020: MODULE CONSTRUCTION AND LAY/WIRE/BALLAST TRACK
- AUGUST 29, 2020: KITBASH A TOOL SHED FROM A BOXCAR KIT
- OCTOBER 31, 2020: INSTALL STRUCTURES AND SCENERY

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1) 1/4 chipboard base , drill a hole and glue in a 3mm warm white LED. I used Evans Designs with built in resistor and bridge rectifier so it works with AC or DC 7-19volts

2) Cover the LED with a number of layers using any clear medium to form the teepee shape. I used canopy glue but most any product that dries clear would work. Flip it upside down after each application and gravity will help form the peak as it dries (This took several days)



3) Paint the clear teepee from a palette of mixed yellow and red acrylics to create the different shades of orange/yellow randomly starting with darker shades at the bottom

4) The firewood is oak twigs split with a razor blade. Light the logs and dip in water quick so they don't disappear before assembly.

5) Glue the logs in place using the same clear glue/medium used to form the teepee

Have a quick and easy idea you would like to share? Send it to Jim Datka at jdatka@mindspring.com.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 6 PM BOD; 7-9 PM Piedmont Division Mtg
 CLINICIAN: **PETER YOUNGBLOOD, MMR®** TITLE: **MODELING DETAILS ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**
 Adding just some of the many things found along railroad tracks can make every layout more realistic. Peter will present simple one evening projects that can either be scratch-built or use commercial parts.

BRING & BRAG: Bring your favorite SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT, or whatever you have been working on and want to share.

GOLDEN SPIKE SHOW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 9 AM to 4 PM
 INFINITE ENERGY FORUM, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30097 For info go to: gserr.com

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 1 PM to 5 PM
 LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE: **MARK REED** **LITTLE RIVER RAILROAD AND LUMBER COMPANY**
 Mark won the Raffle Layout at our 2004 MODEL TRAIN SHOW which became the starting point for his current layout. This sectional HO layout models the Knoxville and Augusta Divisions of this railroad in Eastern Tennessee during the late 1930s to early 1940s. Contact Sally Bando at sbandogeorgia@comcast.net for details.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 All Day
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 SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM, 3595 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096

COASTAL RAIL BUFFS TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 10 AM to 5 PM
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 10 AM to 4 PM
 THE NATIONAL ARMORY, 1248 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, GA 31406 For info go to: coastalrailbuffs.org

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 thru SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 9:30 AM to 5 PM
 SOUTHERN MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR AND LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY, 2829 Cherokee Street Northwest, Kennesaw, GA For info go to: southernmuseum.org

MODEL RAILROADING 101

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 9 AM to Noon
TRAIN 'N CAMP CHAIRPERSON: **PERRY LAMB**
 Covers various aspects of Model Railroading including tools, structure kits, benchwork, how to control your model railroad and other topics. There will be plenty of

time for questions so bring your favorite. Registration is requested but not required and this class is free and open to the public. HIS HANDS CHURCH, 550 Molly Lane, Woodstock, GA 30189 To register or for more information, please contact Perry Lamb: perry_lamb@mindspring.com

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 6 PM BOD; 7-9 PM Piedmont Division Mtg
 CLINICIAN: **JOE SULLIVAN** TITLE: **OPEN LOADS FOR GONDOLAS**

This clinic covers the many types of loads found in open gondolas: bulk (coal, sand, wood chips), lumber and logs, steel and pipe, scrap and tarp covered loads. Discussion will show how to model, paint and weather them in both HO and N scales. There will be a handout on key points, internet references and suppliers of loads.

BRING & BRAG: Bring your favorite GONDOLA LOADS EXAMPLES, or whatever you have been working on and want to share.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 1 PM to 5 PM
 LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE: **STEPHAN BARTELSKI** **BLUE RIDGE LINE**

This HO layout is a representation of the Etowah Old Line, aka Georgia North Eastern, in the last weeks before CSX transferred the line to GNRR. It is only partially completed but in the future will include key features of the line including the Hiwassee Loop, Marble Hill switchback, Georgia Marble mines and the Copperhill mine. Currently track is laid from Elizabeth to Tate.

Contact Sally Bando at sbandogeorgia@comcast.net for details.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 6 PM BOD; 7-9 PM Piedmont Division Mtg
 CLINICIAN: **HARVEY GEORGE** TITLE: **TIPS FOR A REALISTIC FREIGHT TRAIN**

Harvey will present practical tips to insure your rolling stock accurately represents the era you are modeling. Using photos of both prototypes and models, he will present details and practices keyed to the years they were applicable.

BRING & BRAG: Bring your favorite FREIGHT CARS WITH GRAFFITI, or whatever you have been working on and want to share.

PIEDMONT DIVISION MODEL TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020 10 AM to 5 PM
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 10 AM to 4 PM
 COBB GALLERIA CENTRE, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 Three garden layout open houses
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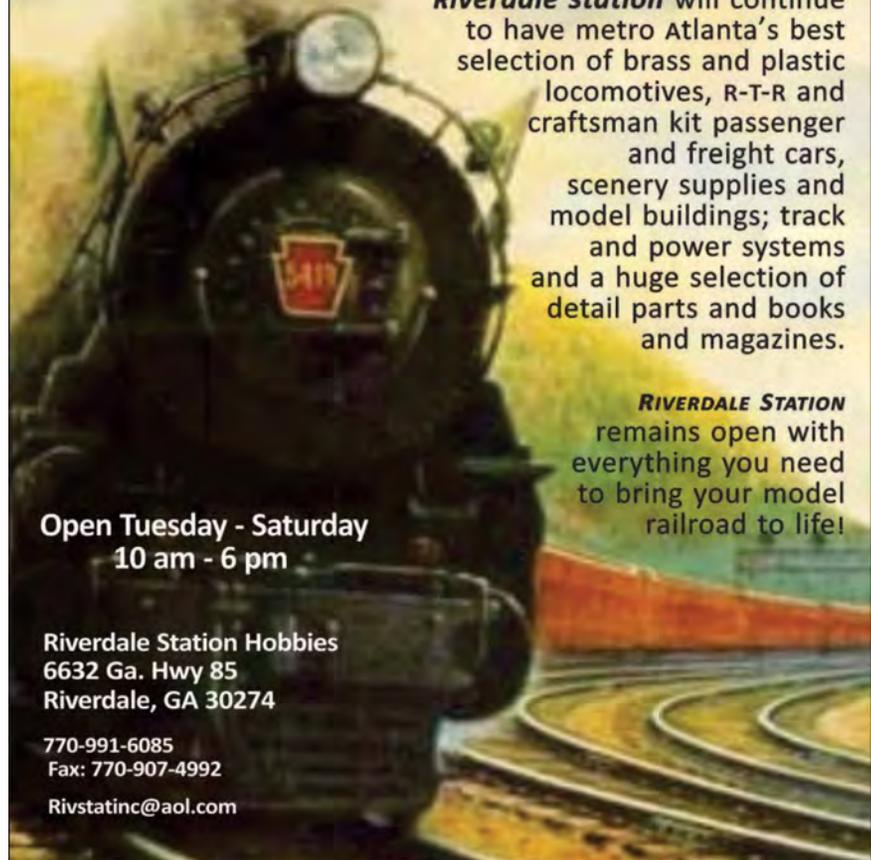
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Winners of the Fall 2019 Model and Photo Contest begin on the next page. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the winners.

Congratulations go to the Piedmont Division members listed on the right who have received AP certificates or awards during the Fall quarter.

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| Russ Bundy | Golden Spike Award |
| Steve Funsten | Master Builder - Prototype Models |
| Justin Jankauskas | Golden Spike Award |
| Alan Mole | Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical |
| Bill Robertson | Association Volunteer
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—Charles Mason MMR
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PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE WRAP-UP



The 2019 Piedmont Pilgrimage is now complete. This year, our 17th pilgrimage, we had 72 host railroads plus the Southeastern Railway Museum on the tour. Six of the hosts were first-time pilgrimage participants. N-scale, HO-scale, S-scale, O-scale, and G-scale were all represented. There were indoor layouts and garden railroads on display for our many visitors.

The 72 individual hosts reported a total of 4680 visitors. Approximately 480 additional people visited the Southeastern Railway Museum as a part of the Piedmont Pilgrimage. The total attendance over the two-month period was approximately 5160 people.

The 2019 pilgrimage committee consisted of Gary Jarabek (chairman), Charlie Mason (schedule), Rick Coble (booklet), Jim Foley (booklet advertising), Tom Gordon (operator assistants), and Scott Povlot (website). Unfortunately, Gary Jarabek died shortly before the pilgrimage began and did not see the fruits of all his diligent planning.

We want to thank all the hosts, who spent many hours preparing their railroads for the open houses; the division members who served as operator assistants; members of the Pilgrimage committee for their efforts in organizing the tour; our advertisers and sponsors; and all of our Piedmont Division members who supported the pilgrimage.

Planning for the 2020 pilgrimage starts in April. So begin thinking about putting your railroad on display next fall. Invitations to NMRA members to be tour hosts are generally sent out in May.

The first Piedmont Pilgrimage was held in November 2003. The individual responsible for creating the concept of the pilgrimage was Bob McIntyre. The following individuals and groups were hosts on that inaugural pilgrimage:

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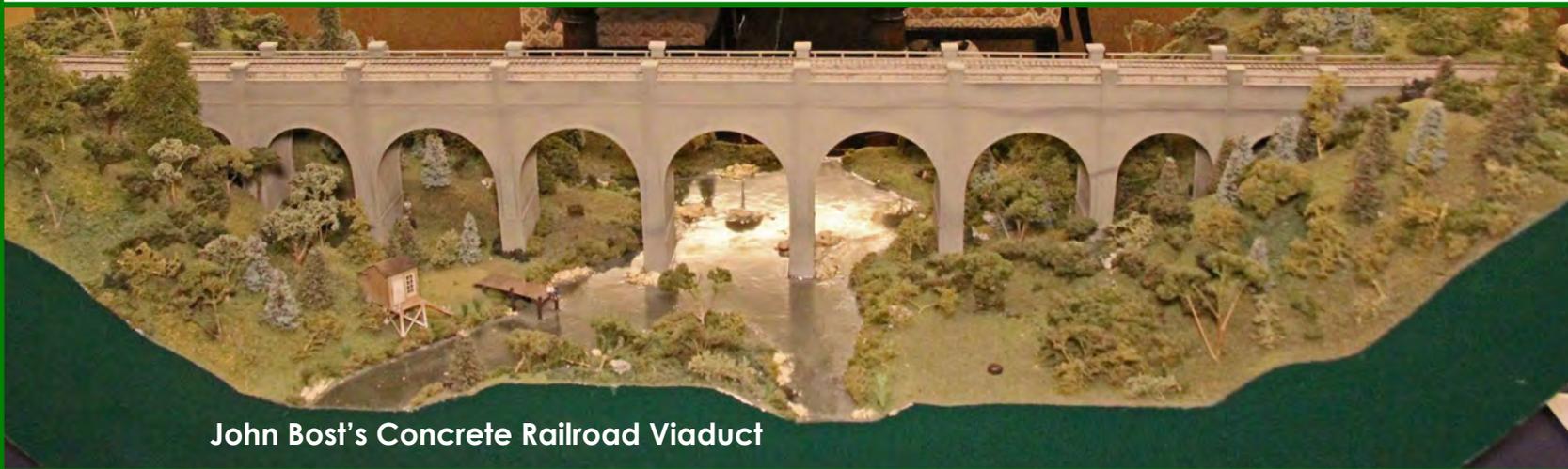
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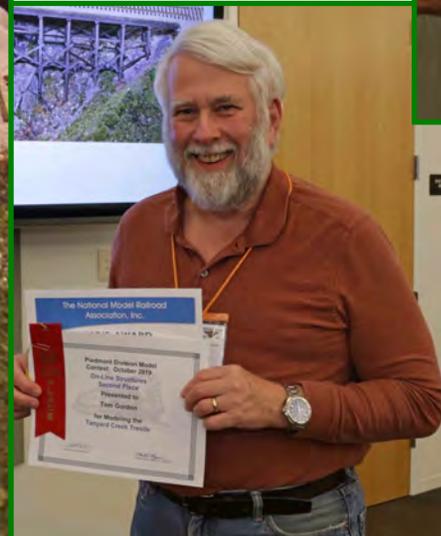
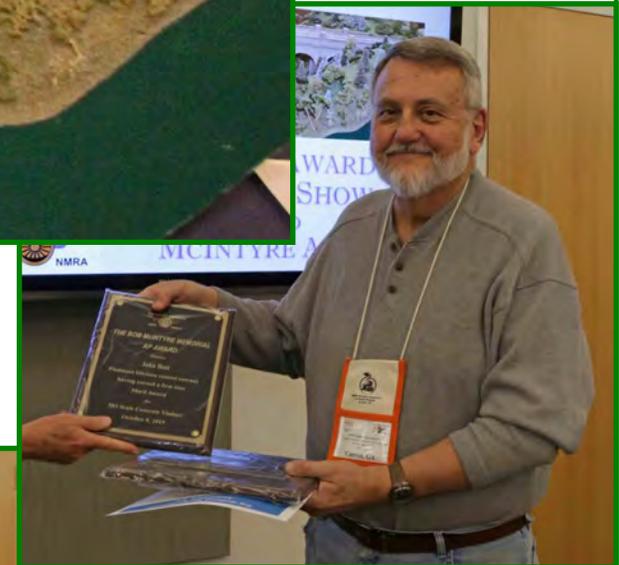


John Bost's Concrete Railroad Viaduct

ON-LINE STRUCTURES – SECOND PLACE AND MERIT AWARD



Tom Gordon's Tanyard Creek Trestle

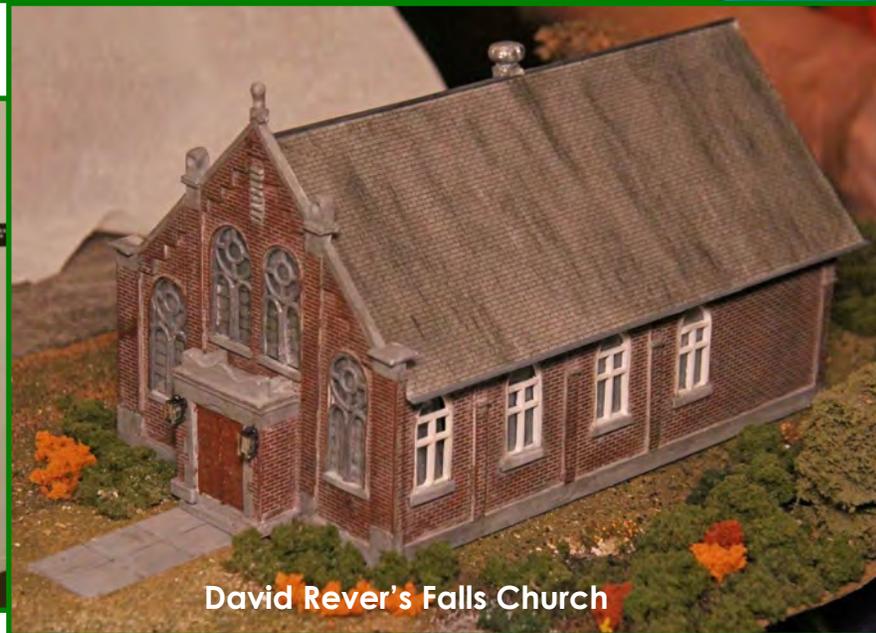
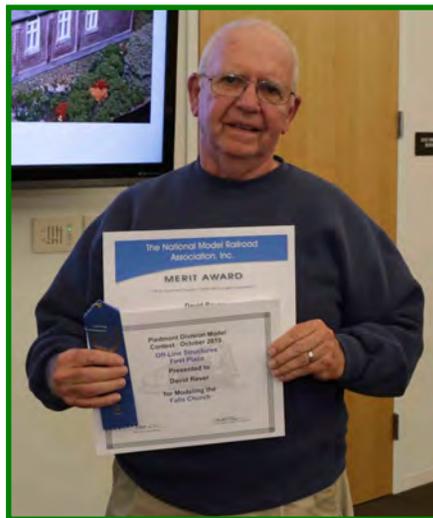
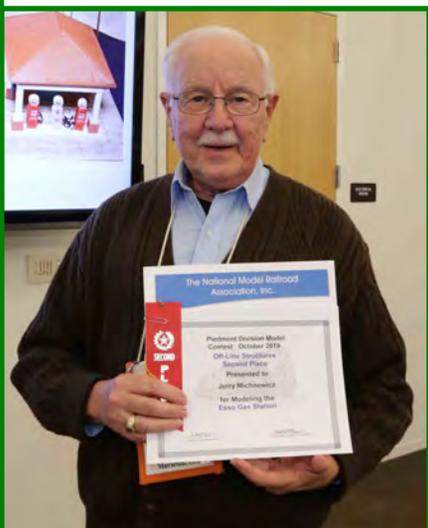


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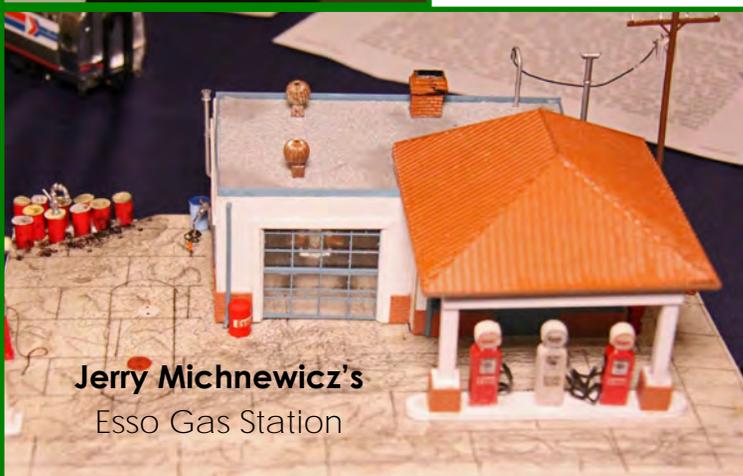
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FREIGHT CARS: REVENUE
- FIRST PLACE
AND MERIT AWARD

Mike Cummings'

UP Bulkhead
Flatcar #15771

FREIGHT CARS: REVENUE - SECOND PLACE

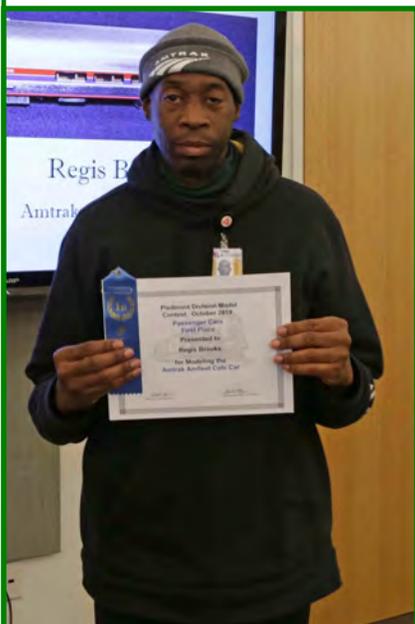


Jim Williams' NYC Depressed Flat Car with load

FREIGHT CARS: NON-REVENUE
- 1ST PLACE



Jim Williams' Brownhoist Wrecking Crane & Boom Car



PASSENGER CARS - FIRST PLACE



Regis Brooks' Amtrak Amfleet Café

PASSENGER CARS - SECOND PLACE



Regis Brooks' Amtrak Budd Diner-Grill Car

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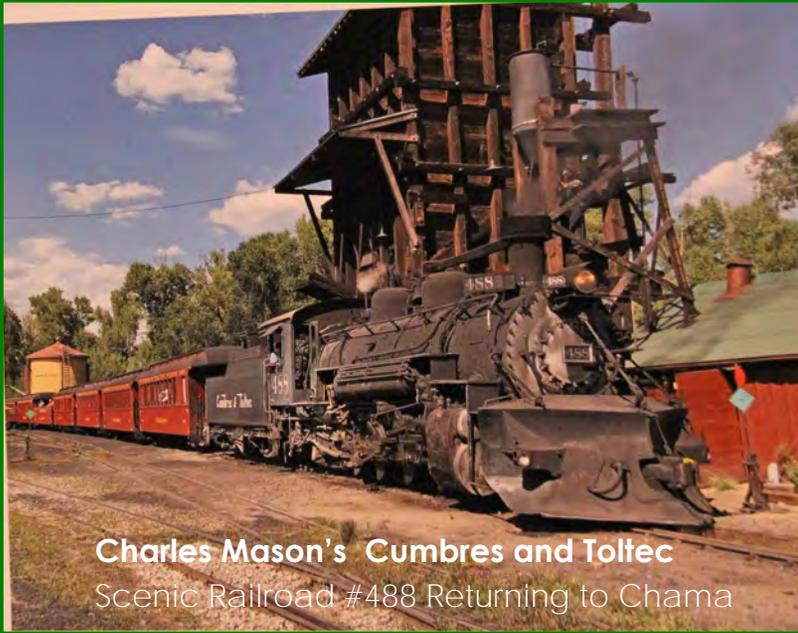
COLOR PRINT PROTOTYPE – FIRST PLACE AND BEST IN SHOW



Charles Mason's Chama Enginehouse



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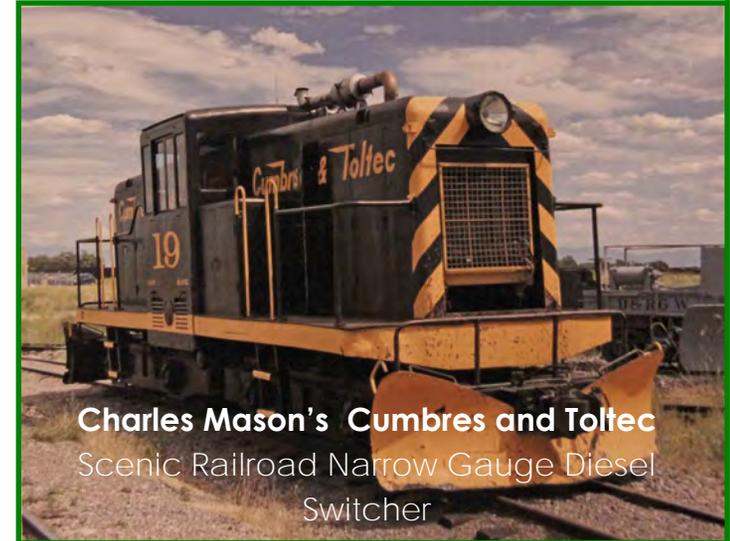


Charles Mason's Cumbres and Toltec
Scenic Railroad #488 Returning to Chama

COLOR PRINT PROTOTYPE
- SECOND PLACE



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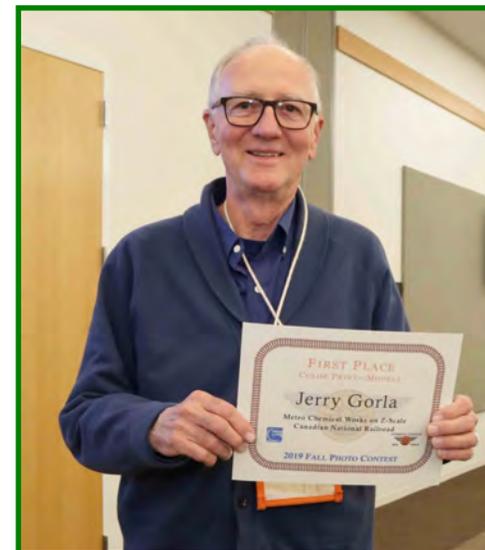


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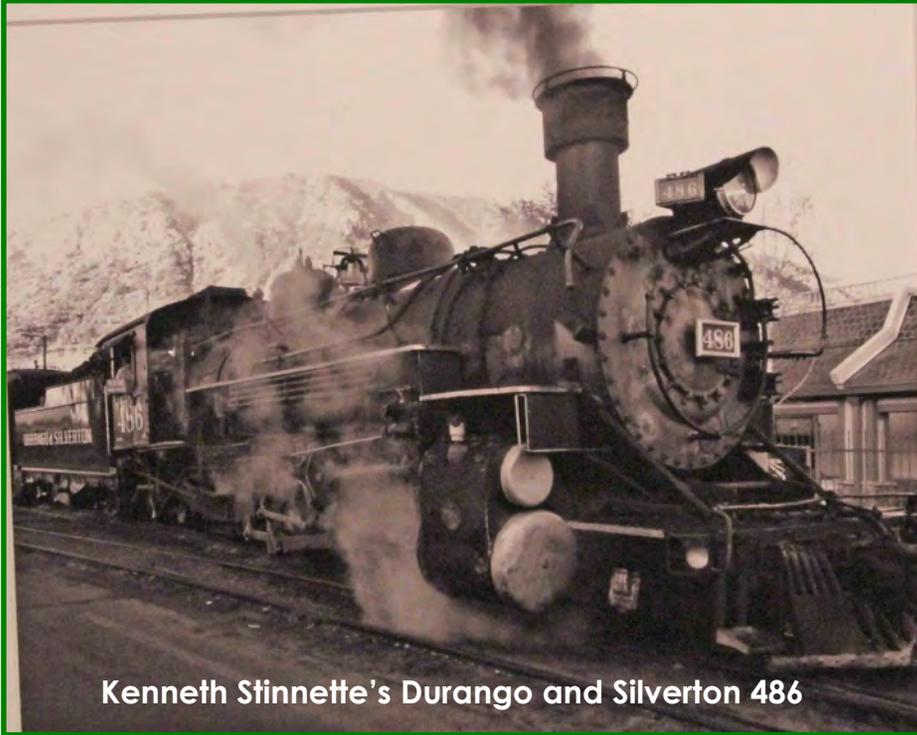


Jerry Gorla's Metro Chemical Works on
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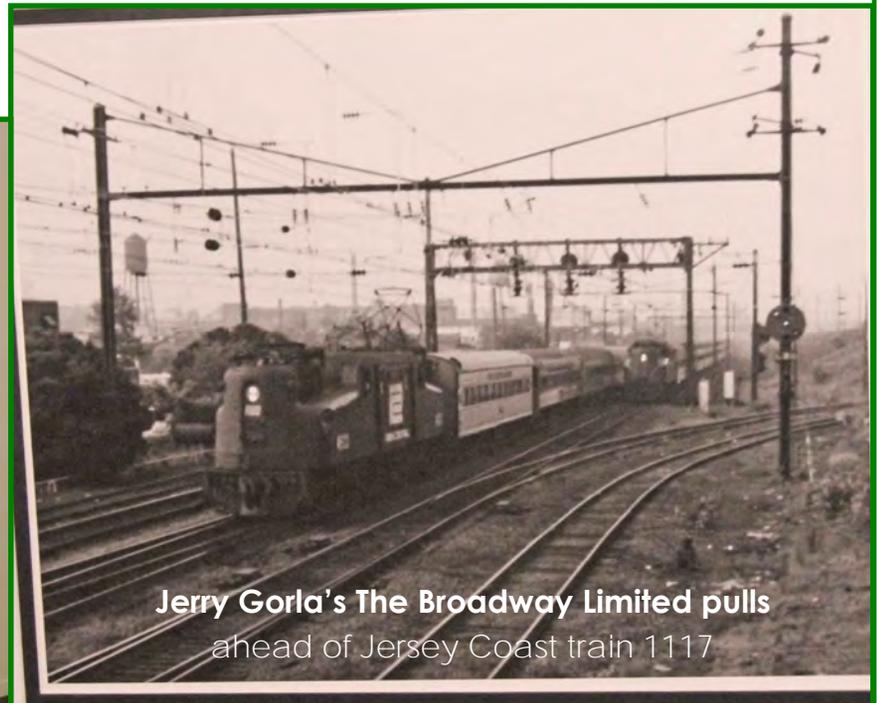
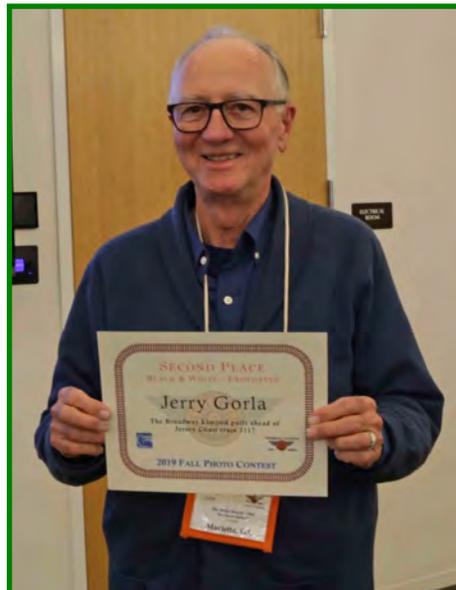


Kenneth Stinnette's Durango and Silverton 486

B&W PRINT PROTOTYPE – FIRST PLACE



B&W PRINT PROTOTYPE –
SECOND PLACE



Jerry Gorla's The Broadway Limited pulls ahead of Jersey Coast train 1117

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WORKING ON THE RAILROAD – FIRST PLACE

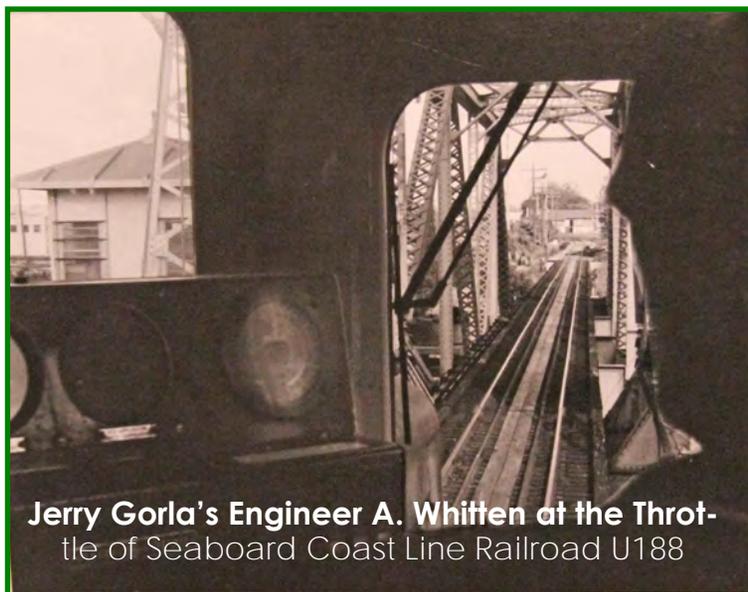


Charles Mason's Unlocking the Switch

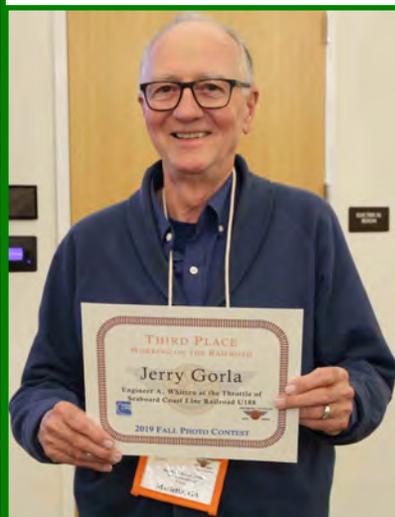
WORKING ON THE RAILROAD – SECOND PLACE



Kenneth Stinnette's Louisville and Nashville Railroad #152 Boiler Repair



Jerry Gorla's Engineer A. Whitten at the Throttle of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad U188



WORKING ON THE RAILROAD – THIRD PLACE

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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING

STEFAN BARTELSKI: CLOUD COMPUTING FOR MODEL RAILROADING



Stefan brought the concept of cloud computing down to earth. The "cloud" is simply software that runs via a website on the internet. You do not need to purchase and install software, and many are available at no cost. It makes your info available on any PC, tablet or smart phone, and makes data sharing easy.

Database applications are perhaps the most useful to model railroaders. Stefan showed how he created a repair ticket system that allows operators to log problems as they occur with the ability to upload a picture. Stefan can then prioritize each issue, create to-do lists and track progress.

Stefan showed how to set up an account and create a database on Airtable.com. He demonstrated how to create a table, customize the view and how to do updates from a smart phone.

He also made a sample of his repair ticket system available: Register at [AirTable.com](https://airtable.com), then click on the 'UNIVERSE' link at the top of the page. Next, search on 'Stefan Bartelski' or '3RT'. You can copy it to your account by clicking on the box and then 'COPY BASE.' Use it as is, or modify as you wish.



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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



CHARLIE MASON AWARDS BILL ROBERTSON
HIS CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR MASTER BUILDER—
SCENERY AND ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER



STEVE FUNSTEN RECEIVES HIS
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
FOR MASTER BUILDER—
PROTOTYPE MODELS



CHARLIE MASON AWARDS RANDALL WATSON HIS
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR MODEL RAIL-
ROAD ENGINEER - ELECTRICAL

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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING BRING-AND-BRAG: TRACK MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT



PERRY LAMB DESCRIBES HIS
KERSHAW MOBILE CRANE



NORM LUNDIN PRESENTS HIS
BURLINGTON NORTHERN
MODERN ROTARY SNOWPLOW



MARTIN GULDNER SHOWS HIS PENNSYLVANIA
CENTRAL RAILROAD MAINTENANCE OF WAY
CRANE AND CRANE-TENDER CAR



TOM BANKS DESCRIBES HIS BNSF RAILWAY FIRE FIGHTING FLAT CAR FEATURING
TWO WATER AND ONE FOAM TANK WITH WATER CANONS ON BOTH ENDS

Photos courtesy of James Bando





PIEDMONT DIVISION'S NOVEMBER MEETING

CHARLIE CRAWFORD MMR: THE CASE FOR MODULAR RAILROADING



Fifteen years ago, Charlie presented a clinic entitled *Module Building for the Uninitiated*. This new clinic showed how his modular layouts have evolved and expanded since that presentation.

Charlie showed how innovations in the hobby have made it easier and more reliable to construct a modular railroad. He presented the standards used by several modular railroading groups and identified several clubs operating in Georgia.

Charlie is a member of the HO-gauge Atlanta Interlocking Model Railroad Club.



PIEDMONT DIVISION BOARD MEETING



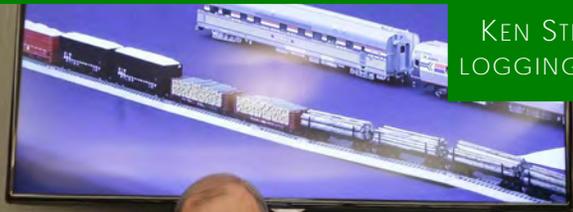
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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S NOVEMBER MEETING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND BRING-AND-BRAG



KEN STINETTE DESCRIBES HIS
LOGGING AND PULPWOOD CARS



RUSSELL BUNDY RECEIVES HIS
GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD



REGIS BROOKS SHOWS HIS
AMTRAK DINING CARS THAT
WON AWARDS IN THE OCTO-
BER MODEL CONTEST



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PRESENTER CHARLIE CRAWFORD
DISPLAYS HIS LOGGING TRAIN



GEORGE MASAK IS THE WINNING BIDDER
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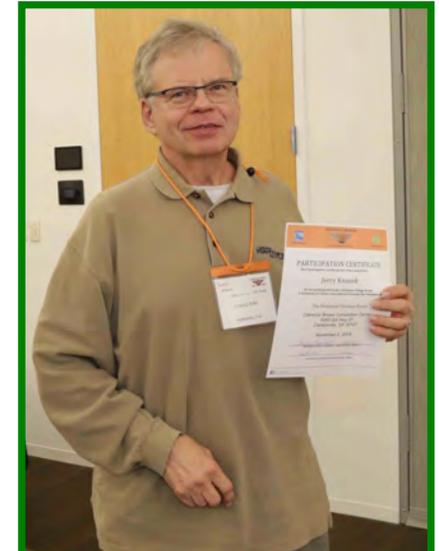
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RUSS BUNDY



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JERRY KNAZEK

TIM LAMBERT



WALT LILES



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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



The Holiday Party was a success in every way: fantastic food, great crowd, fun conversations, tough trivia questions and generous donations to Toys-for-Tots. Thanks to everyone who organized or donated food and toys. A great time was had by all!



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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



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BILL ZAWACKI, JERRY MICHNEWICZ AND DR. ALBERT CHURELLA

HOLIDAY PARTY
ORGANIZERS



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LEFT-TO-RIGHT: DIANA WATSON, DOTTIE MAIURO, SALLY BANDO,
LESLIE ANN BUNDY, AND KATHY GELMINI



PIEDMONT DIVISION'S DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



ENGINEER AWARD



JIM TRAVIS

CONDUCTOR AWARD



CHARLES MASON



JIM DATKA

BRAKEMAN AWARD



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COUNTIN' RIVETS: HO GAUGE WALTHERS® TRAINLINE DC NORFOLK SOUTHERN GP15-1

BY RAYMOND STEWART



Photo by Paul Rome

I was in the market for some light duty locomotives. I wanted something similar to a switch engine, but something bigger than the EMD SW series and smaller than the EMD GP38 or GP40. I was able to fill that need with the GP15-1. This model is not new to the market as it has been offered in the past by several manufactures in different body styles, but this is a new release from Walthers with an MSRP of \$79.98.

After several hours of research on the prototype, I learned that there were three different versions of this locomotive. But with EMD, **the version didn't matter if it was a trade-in** that reused certain parts, or a brand-new factory-built model it was a GP15-1.

The three main types are:

GP15-1 used traded-in parts off older locomotives to keep the cost down

GP15-1 T used a turbocharger to generate more power from a smaller engine

GP15-1 AC Missouri Pacific specified new AR10 AC alternators instead of rebuilt D32 DC generators.

I highly suggest that you take a few minutes and read up on the prototype information about this very unique locomotive. There is a lot of great information that can be found on the prototype here:

<https://www.american-rails.com/1575.html>

The model is the version that was used by the Chicago & Northwestern, Frisco and the Apalachicola Northern. The road names that Walthers chose for this model are as follows:

- Norfolk Southern
- CSX
- Union Pacific
- BNSF
- Conrail
- Canadian Pacific

Out of this list of road names, it is only truly accurate for the Union Pacific, BNSF, Genessee and Wyoming and California Northern. It is also possible a few others as well as they have been sold to various leasing companies and locomotive re-builders.

Being that this model is meant for the entry level modeler, this unit has a lot of potential for a modeler that is willing to spend some time and money on detail parts. It is not DCC ready as it has a DC board for lights and motor connections only. I am unsure of what type of decoder board can be used in this locomotive if you wanted it to be DCC.

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Photo by Raymond Stewart

COUNTIN' RIVETS: BROADWAY LIMITED IMPORTS HO SCALE CRYOGENIC TANK CAR

BY RAYMOND STEWART

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The locomotive comes in a Styrofoam cradle similar to what the Proto 1000 and 2000 units came in. It does have a molded plastic cover to protect the top side of the locomotive as it lays in the box on its side. The hand rails may be just slightly over-sized compared to the prototype but are fairly sturdy.

It comes with two snow plows that can easily be added by simply removing the factory applied M.U. hose holder and placing it into the factory holes. This is a nice touch I do not recall seeing on other models at this price point or any other entry level models.

There are dimples molded in places so the modeler can properly locate where to add grab irons if one desires. There are also notches for the MU hoses to be added on the pilot face. But exact placement of all after-market details should be referenced with prototype photographs.

The paint and lettering are nicely applied on the model. The model does come equipped with a metal coupler that is the Walthers version of the Kadee #5. The model ran very smooth out of the box and had a nice quiet drive.

Even though this an entry level locomotive and may be overlooked by most modelers for the more detailed versions available. this is a great model for those of us who like to strip paint, re-paint, detail and decal. This is something that reminds me of the Athearn Blue Box days and I look forward to making my basic model into a very nice detailed model in the coming months.

—Raymond Stewart



Photo by Raymond Stewart

More information on the prototype:

"The EMD GP15-1 is a 4-axle switcher diesel-electric locomotive built by General Motors Electro-Motive Division between June 1976 and March 1982. Intended to provide an alternative to the rebuilding programs that many railroads were applying to their early road switchers, it is generally employed as a yard switcher or light road switcher. This locomotive is powered by a 12-cylinder EMD 645E engine, which generates 1,500 hp (1,119 kW). The GP15-1 uses a 50-foot-9-inch (15.47 m) frame, has a wheel-base of 29 ft 9 in (9.07 m) and has a length over couplers of 54 ft 11 in (16.74 m). A total of 310 units were built for American railroads. A number of GP15-1s remain in service today for yard work and light road duty. The radiator section is similar to those found on the EMD SD40T-2 and EMD SD45T-2 "tunnel motors," leading some observers to incorrectly identify the units as such or as GP15Ts, and giving them the nickname "baby tunnel motors."

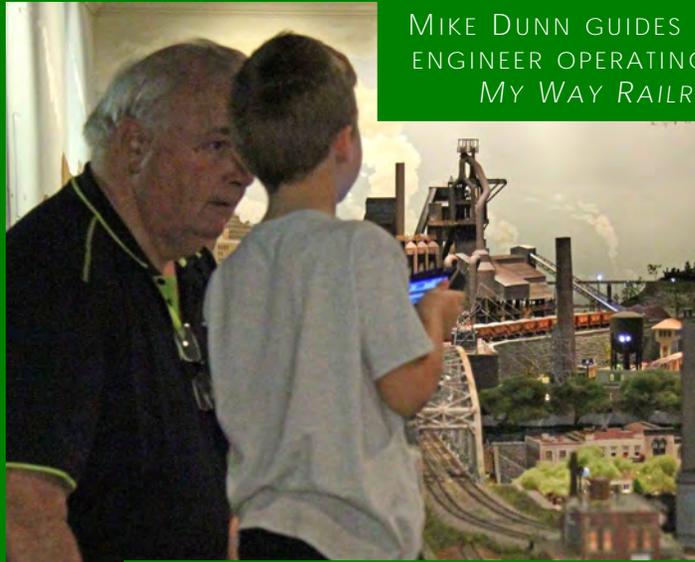
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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: MIKE AND LEE DUNN'S *MY WAY RAILROAD*



MIKE DUNN GUIDES A YOUNG ENGINEER OPERATING ON THE *MY WAY RAILROAD*



The *MY WAY RAILROAD* is a collaborative efforts showcasing the talents of many outstanding craftsmen and craftswomen—notably from David Bennett's TRAIN INSTALLATIONS LLC. The HO layout features a variety of terrains and settings, including accurately detailed prototype representations. Every scene is fully decorated to tell a complete and easily understood story.

Visitors are quickly immersed in each vignette, completely absorbed into the activities being portrayed. I watched as everyone would stop and spend minutes mesmerized while they slowly discovered all of the detail before them. Kids were excited as they found a surprise which they could highlight with a laser pointer helpfully provide by Mike and Lee—an excellent idea to keep little fingers off the layout.

The first scene you see is River Street in Savannah. People familiar with this location spent time calling out every detail they recognized. A cleverly disguised peephole at child height provides a street level view (see arrow.)

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Article and Photos by Jim Datka



FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: MIKE AND LEE DUNN'S *MY WAY RAILROAD*



An eclectic mix of locomotives operate on the railroad to provide an excellent rail-fanning experience. Each represents a beautiful or interesting locomotive covering a broad range of history and railroads. A sleek New York Central Hudson shares a roundhouse with Southern Railway steam power and several generations of Santa Fe diesels. Articulated steam engines and a Southern Pacific cab-forward locomotive show some railroad history unknown to most visitors.



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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: MIKE AND LEE DUNN'S *MY WAY RAILROAD*



Among the most impressive structures on the layout are a steel plant, a coal-powered power station and a massive timber bridge. All are expertly weathered and detailed.

This detailing is expanded to the four walls of the room which were hand-painted to provide unexpected depth to the scenes. From every angle of the layout you get the impression of a much larger world.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: MIKE AND LEE DUNN'S *MY WAY RAILROAD*



In addition to including the walls in the layout design, Mike and Lee use the space above the layout as well. From kids flying kites, to hot air balloons, a crop duster and even a pair of hang gliders spinning in the air add an unexpected dimension.

Not being content even with all of this, they have recently added storm clouds featuring thunder and lightning.

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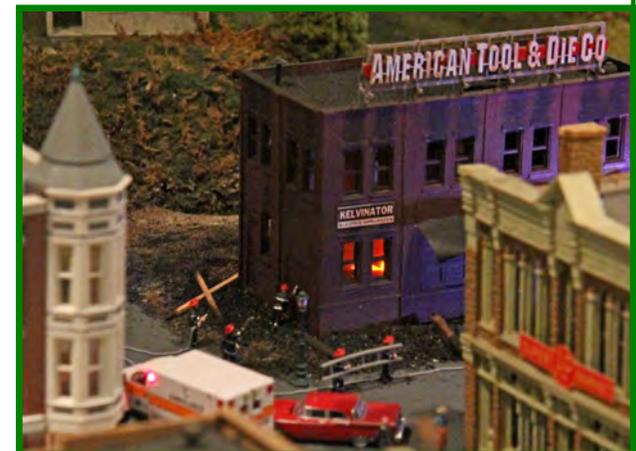


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Every scene is beautifully designed, detailed and executed. The drive-in theatre not only has a video monitor showing movies, but there is a flickering light for the projector. Fire fighters are busy battling a realistic and raging fire.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: MIKE AND LEE DUNN'S *MY WAY RAILROAD*



But more than anything, this is a layout for kids. There is so much for each child to see, they have to be dragged to the next section. Their laser pointers kept showing parents each new detail they discovered. It has more than enough to bring out the kid in all of us.

—Jim Datka





FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD

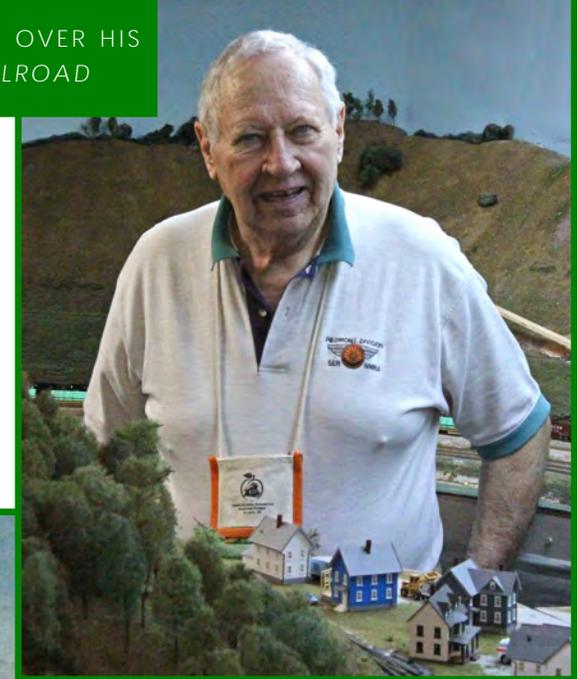


TOM BANKS LOOMING OVER HIS
NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD

Tom's N gauge NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD is an excellent example of the advantages of this scale. While this gauge can be challenging for both fingers and eyes, when executed well the results are impressive.

Large multiple track yards and long, scenic runs are possible in roughly half the space of an HO railroad. More than a dozen spurs can all be within arms length, and long unit trains can sweep through the landscape in a single spectacular view or camera shot.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD



Tom loves cars, especially limited edition offerings through his membership in the N SCALE ENTHUSIAST and from attending their conventions. Commemorative Golden Spike car? Check. Plane fuselages? Check. Weight scale test car? Check, NASA rocket on a flat car? Check. H.J. Heinz pickle and Tootsie Roll gondolas? Of course!

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD



Possibly the most impressive feature of Tom's layout is the highly detailed Cheoah hydroelectric dam. The model was built by Mike Callahan MMR for Tom's layout.

The prototype was built in 1919 on the Little Tennessee River in North Carolina to supply power to the Alcoa aluminum plants in neighboring Tennessee. At completion the 225 foot dam was the world's highest overflow dam.

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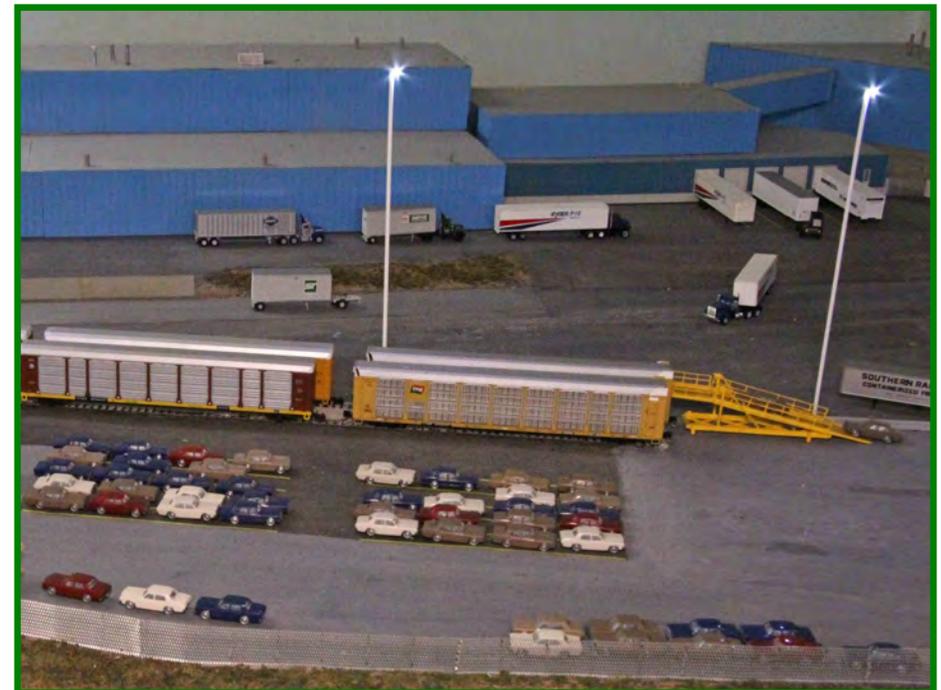
FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD



Another impressive feature is the former Atlanta-based Ford assembly plant with automobiles being shipped by both rail and truck.

There is a large volume of inbound traffic being represented as well.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' *NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD*



Tom's experience in over-the-road trucking is well represented on the layout. You can almost smell the diesel fumes at a busy freight terminal with a beautiful backdrop of the Atlanta skyline. A massive intermodal container and trailer-on-flat car terminal dominates one section of the layout. It also includes a whimsical scene with the macho drivers encountering a female joining their ranks.
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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: TOM BANKS' NORTH SOUTH RAILROAD

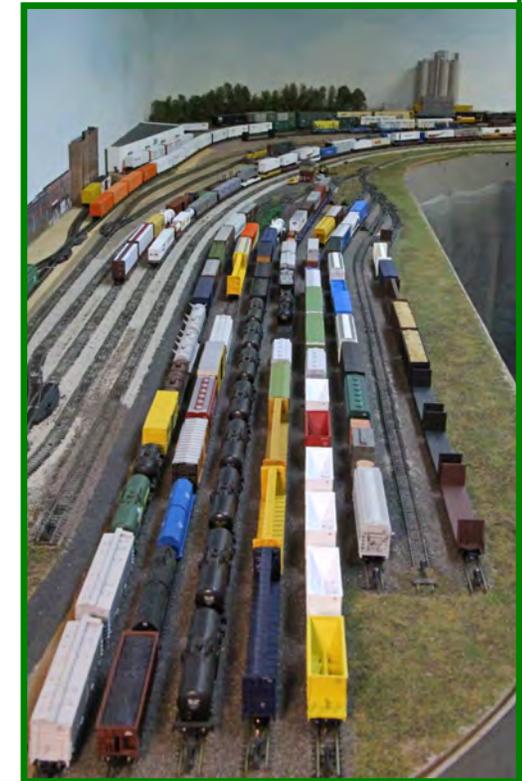
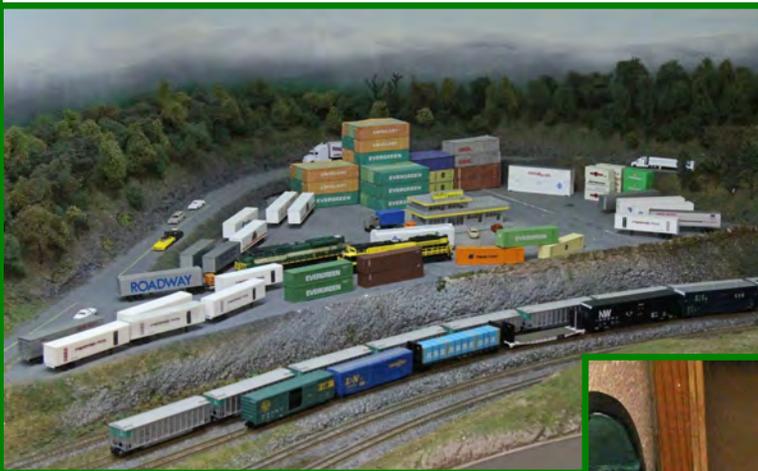


A unique feature is a hand-laid gauntlet track on the bridge in front of the hydroelectric dam—something found on the prototype.

Tom also provides visitors with examples of ore and processed metals that he has found while rail-fanning. He challenges all with “what can you find in a railroad yard or beside the track?”

Well, in Tom's basement you can find many examples of products that are shipped throughout the country and see the many ways they are delivered.

—Jim Datka





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