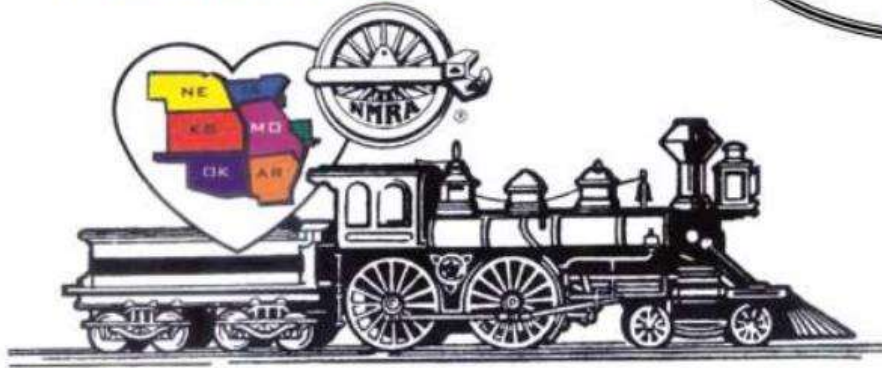


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Turkey Creek Division is planning an in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Tuesday, October 27th.

- 1) Nominations for Turkey Creek Officers
(voting at November meeting)
- 2) Clinic – Greg Ohlmacher will discuss the Missouri Pacific Depot in Ottawa, Kansas and how he modeled the depot.

The Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, KS occupies the former Santa Fe passenger station, but the Santa Fe was not the only railroad in town. The Missouri Pacific also traversed Ottawa on its way from Kansas City to Pueblo, CO. The MoPac maintained a passenger depot on First Street, just east of downtown. The foundation of that depot is still there. The Old Depot Museum has a model railroad that has a nice model of the Santa Fe station. The museum director asked me to create a model of the MoPac depot.

- 3) Clinic – Larry Diehl will make a brief presentation on how to model wood shingle roofs.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we would like to know how many members and guests would like to attend. Please respond to this email by Monday noon, October 26th if you plan to attend. You can contact Greg Ohlmacher, Superintendent, at gcohlmac@sunflower.com, if you have any questions. Thank you and stay healthy.

Members of Turkey Creek Division please let us know if you will be coming so we can determine which room in the church we will need.

Greg Ohlmacher, Superintendent

FACE MASKS REQUIRED!
(Please)

Superintendent's Report

Fellow Model Railroaders. First, I want to apologize for the technical issues that the virtual attendees of the September meeting had to endure. For those that do not know, the virtual attendees got the video and could see the entries, but the audio didn't work. I hope we can remedy the situation for this month's meeting. Second, I would like to thank those that entered models in the modelling challenge. It was amazing. Everyone who entered deserves praise. We have a high level of craftsmanship in our division. For those who are beginners, these modelers are a resource for helping you improve your skills. I would like to thank Larry Alfred for running the model challenge again this year. Larry does an excellent job, and the division owes him a debt of gratitude.

Modeling safely: For the second time in two years, I ended up in the emergency room with a modeling related injury. This time, I was scribing styrene with a hobby knife and sliced off the very tip of my index finger. It bled profusely, and I got my wife to take me to the ER. It is healing nicely, and I was back to modeling the next day. Like many of you I watch lots of hobby videos, and safety equipment and procedures are not a strong point of these videos. We need to be safety conscious. This is a reminder to take care when you are using tools, and practice safe modeling.

Originally, we were going to do a NMRA judged modeling event this month. Instead, we decided that if you need a model judged, just let us know first and then bring it to a division meeting with the paperwork prepared. Forms can be found on the NMRA website. For October, I will be bringing at least one model that needs judging. If you would like to bring a model, we should have judges. This also stands as a call out for MMRs to attend the October meeting and judge.

A slate of officers for 2021 will be presented at the October meeting.

I need a clinic for the November meeting. Larry Diehl could use some articles, announcements, and photographs for the Lightning Slinger. Larry could also use some help editing the Lightning Slinger. Here is an opportunity to assist the division.

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September Clerk Report

Our Superintendent Gregory Ohlmacher called meeting to order. We had 18 people attending.

Greg covered the normal agenda items and there was nothing new to discuss. Greg is asking for a volunteer to take over his job as Superintendent. It's an easy way to earn volunteer points toward your MMR. In fact since conventions have been cancelled and shows it's about the only easy way to earn the points needed for volunteer merit award.

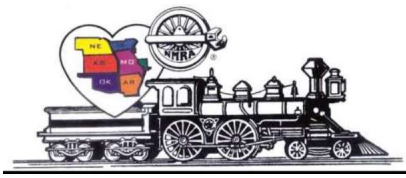
Bill Humenczuk ran the audio equipment tonight and Miles Hale helped out by being our camera man and did a fine job showing the Modeling Challenge entries.

We had some great models there tonight and I was impressed with a model done by a young man named Adam Fitzgerald, accompanied by Father Charlie. His dad promised to keep bringing him back. He had used some of the detail parts he picked up over at Pat Harriman's train estate sale.



*Attendees
at September Meeting
at First Baptist Church*

Next month if you have something you need to get judged for your MMR let Greg know so we can have people there to judge it at the October meeting, I've got some myself and all I need to do is fill out the paper work now and bring them to the meeting.



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October 27, 2020

*In recent weeks, Turkey Creek has lost
three of our aging modeling friends...
Our hearts go out to their families.*

In Memoriam

Robert Jefferies, P.E.

Peacefully departed life on August 20, 2020...

Active in the hobby including KC Live Steamers, until a few years ago when his age and his ability to get around caught up with him.

Bob was a registered mechanical engineer with emphasis on steam. Bob was also a private pilot, enjoying flying, plus he enjoyed music playing the alto sax, b flat clarinet, flute and piccolo. He served in the US Army and the US Navy Reserves. He took great interest in giving clinics at our local annual meets and monthly meetings on steam engines and their workings. He also had an interest in the Strang Line Interurban that ran KCMO to Olathe. Bob was very active in his church, Knox Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, KS.

Bob will be missed, including his knowledge of "old time" steam locomotives.

*Keep these fine friends
in your prayers.*

Henry A. Lee, M.D.

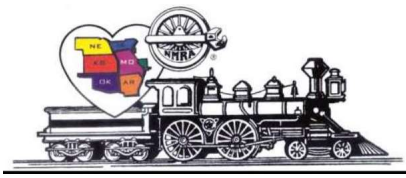
1932 – September 2020

Henry was an avid On3 modeler, building a couple of large layouts in his homes, including featured at the 1984 NMRA Convention, and he wrote several articles published in Model Railroader Magazine.

Henry was a very nice gentleman, he was a Radiologist M.D., heading the department at Baptist Memorial Hospital in KCMO, until his retirement in 1989.

He enjoyed golf and snow skiing in Colorado. When his health confined him to a wheelchair, he attended the 2014 National Narrow Gauge Convention in KC, and thereafter tore his large layout down, moved to Snowmass Village, Colorado where he spent his final years.

Henry was an inspiration to those who knew him, a definite leader in his hobby and medical practice. He will be greatly missed by all..



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David S. Jacobs, M.D.

1932 to September 2020.

David was a quiet personality, but very knowledgeable and respected in his professional of clinical pathology. David authored, edited and reviewed sixteen pathology texts and books, and more than a dozen professional publications.

David grew up in Michigan, graduating from the University of Michigan Medical School, and he carried model railroad interest throughout his life. He loved being around water sports, was an accomplished sailor, he played the saxophone and he practiced professional photography in his early years.

David served as President as both Kansas and Kansas City Societies of Pathologists. He was President of the medical staff at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, KS.

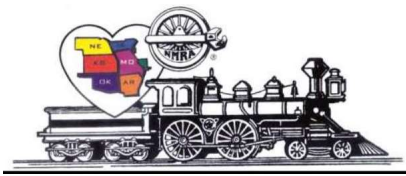
David pursued model railroading after professional retirement and he vigorously approached the hobby, achieving Master Model Railroader in 2014. His initial layout was Hi-Rail O Scale and his latest creation was a well published 6'x10' On30, very detailed logging camp layout he nicknamed "the Deuce". It was a western based Mich-Cal Lumber Company amongst the huge Sugar Pines and Douglas Firs, a modeling interest he developed over several years.

David was active until his passing. A true gentlemen who would help others in any way he could. He will be greatly missed by all.

In Memoriam



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October 27, 2020

*Congratulations
Mark Juetz,
our newest MMR*



2020 Modeling Challenge...

A Great Success!

Despite the continuing problems from Covid-19, the 2020 Turkey Creek Division Annual Modeling Challenge was an unqualified success. There were 17 members and visitors in attendance and 11 very nice model entries. The theme for this year's challenge was "No Limitations". A pleasant surprise this year was the participation of a young modeler...actually, with two entries! More on that and the challenge event itself in a minute, but first the results.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Modeler</u>	<u>Entry Description</u>
First Place	Grant Harrison	HO Quartz Hill Gold Mine
Second Place	Larry Alfred	On3 SJM&PCo Oil Facility
Third Place	Missy Levy	O Welding Building
Red Bull Award	Larry Diehl	HO Bitter Root Canyon City
Best Special Effects	Ray Brown	HO Robinson Wagon Works
Best Use of M&T model	Adam Fitzgerald	HO Make &Take Model

Other entries

Miles Hale	3D Printed Geared Drive Train
Greg Ohlmacher	HO Scratchbuilt Logging Passenger Station
Adam Fitzgerald	Athearn Southern Pacific GE C44-9W
Steve Gish	N Paper Craft Building with Wood Dock, Scratchbuilt Flat Car, & Kit Built Fruit Stand
Bruce Seaton	HO Hotel

Comments from most of those attending the meeting room indicated a high level of modeling quality for all entries. There were entries from long-time TC members, several from first timers, and two entries from a youth modeler, 12-year old Adam Fitzgerald! Some may not be aware that the Modeling Challenge program has allowed two entries per person from the beginning. Also, we certainly encourage more youth entries as the modeling challenge program continues. We were very happy to see all entries and we extend a big thank you to those that brought models. It should be continually emphasized that this program was initially introduced 17 years ago with the intent to encourage all TC members to participate. It has been pointed out from the beginning that a model could be entered, even if not totally finished...again, participation is the most important aspect of the program.

For those new to the challenge program, a brief explanation of the award categories is appropriate. All award determinations are made through popular vote by all meeting attendees. The first, second, and third place overall awards are self-evident. In addition, there are three special awards. The "Red Bull" award is presented to the entry selected as the most whimsical. The story behind this award is somewhat lengthy...you can get the whole story from the responsible players, Larry Diehl and Ron Morse. An award is also presented for the "Best Use of Special Effects". These can include lighting, sound, and/or animation. This can be a really fun aspect of your modeling entry and is encouraged.

Finally, an award is presented for the “Best Use of a Make & Take Model”. The Turkey Creek Division also hosts an annual meeting featuring a make & take model kit. The price of the kit is usually partially subsidized by the Division. Then, any Modeling Challenge entry that incorporates a make & take model is eligible for this award.

The theme for this year’s challenge was “No Limitations”. So, exactly as this states, anything could be entered, as long as it could fit through the door. This has been the theme for the past several years; however, in the past, several other themes have been employed. These included a square foot limit, cardboard structures, photo match, and others. For the 2021 Modeling Challenge, we will bring back the “Square Footer”. You can bring anything if it fits on a 1’ by 1’ base. This was the theme of the first TC Modeling Challenge in 2004. It was also introduced as a category to the National Narrow Gauge Convention contest in 2014. It always results in interesting entries, which are only limited by your creativity.

All TC members now have a full year to develop an idea and build a model entry. Please consider participating...it’s always a fun event.

Larry Alfred, MMR



Adam Fitzgerald model



Adam Fitzgerald model



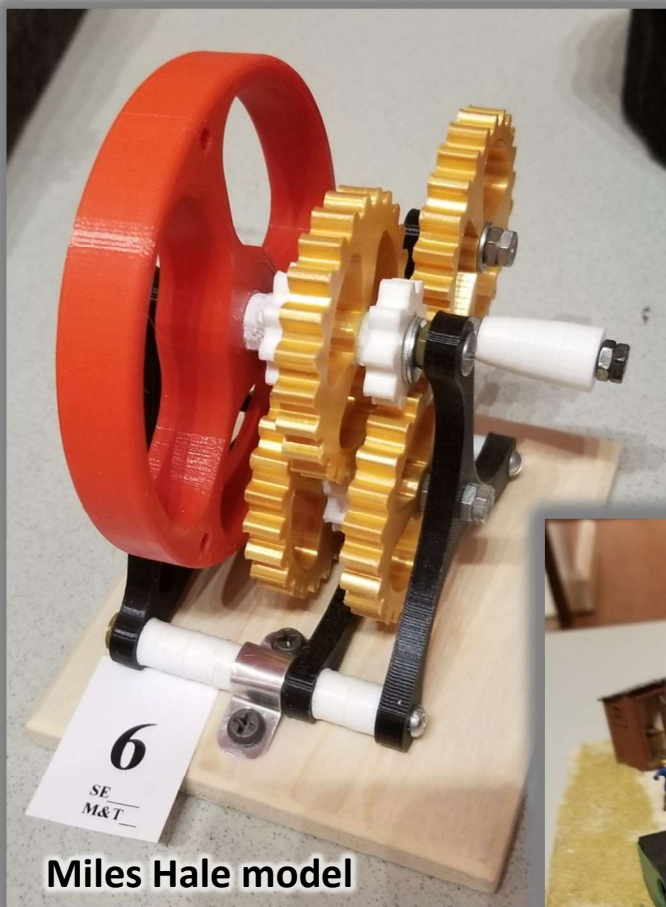
Grant Harrison model



Greg Ohlmacher model







Miles Hale model



Ray Brown model



Missy Levy model

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Grant Harrison



Larry Alfred



Missy Levy





**Red Bull Award
"Most Whimsical"**

Larry Diehl



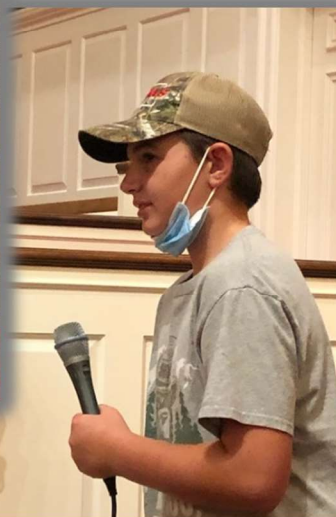
Best Special Effects

Ray Brown



**Best Use of
"Make & Take"**

Adam Fitzgerald



Adam with his Father, Charlie



Greg Ohlmacher



Bruce Seaton



Steve Gish

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So back to square one....Here you can see where I soaked the decomposed granite for about five minutes then scraped off the granite. What I scraped off is in the plastic cup. Next I glued in some wood to raise the building.



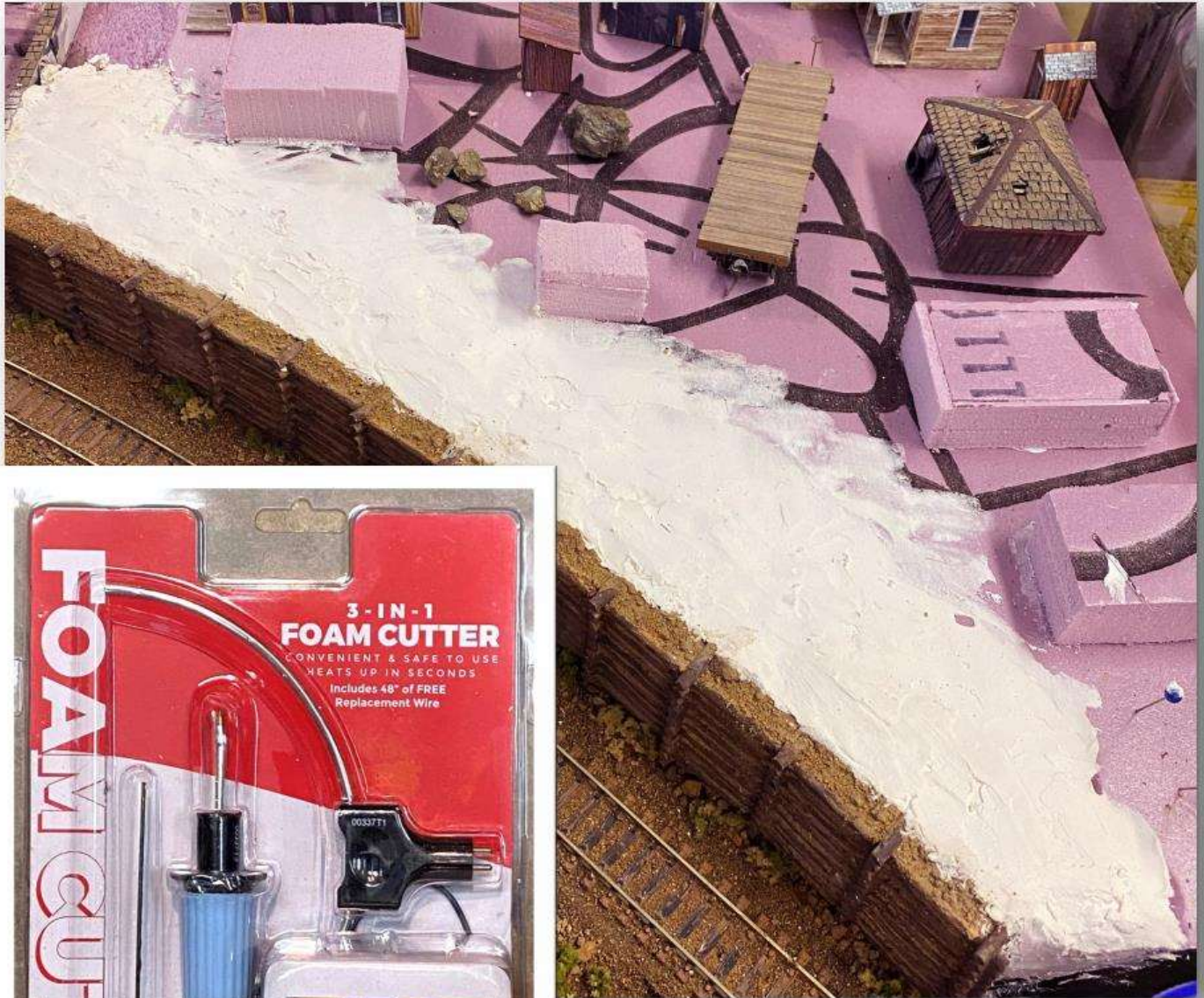
Then I had to raise the ground level so I cut some extruded foam to fill in the area and glued it in place. I used short skinny nails to hold the foam in place while the glue dries.



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Yes, I did get some of the plaster in behind the cribbing.

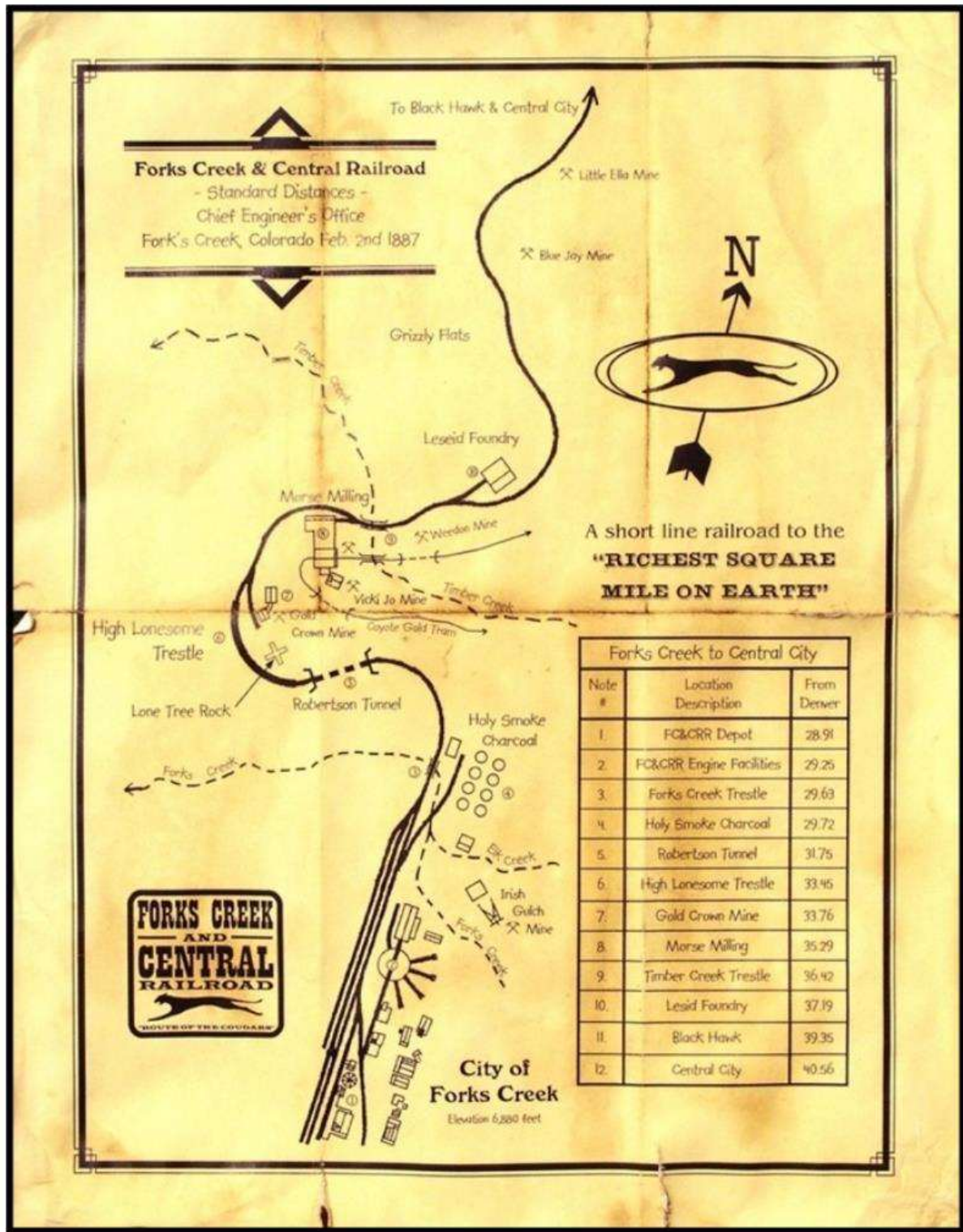


At the left is the hot wire "FOAM CUTTER" I bought. It worked fine for the small amount I had to do but if I was doing a big mountainous layout a heavier duty cutter would be a better option.



FORKS CREEK & CENTRAL RAILROAD

In real life most railroads do not go in loops but rather are "Point to Point". So here is an old "unfolded" track plan of the railroad.





LITTLE ELLA MINE AND MINE CAR



The left picture is a tad blurry but it shows my mother (Marie Morse) at the mine entrance. You can see the mine car in the background. In the second picture (at the right) is a picture of his cabin. On the bottom right you can see my grandfather examining an area he just blasted. My grandfather got the mine in the 1930's. In order to keep the mine and the claim he had to do assessment work on the mine (drive the tunnel in a minimum of 10 additional feet each year). As a teenager I helped him some in the mine. He worked the mine with hand steel "single jacking" the holes for the dynamite until his death at age 88 in 1973. His cabin can be seen in the picture at the far right. Since it was an "unpatented" 60 acre mining claim it all went back to the government after his death. After his death my dad and I went and got the mine car from the mine.





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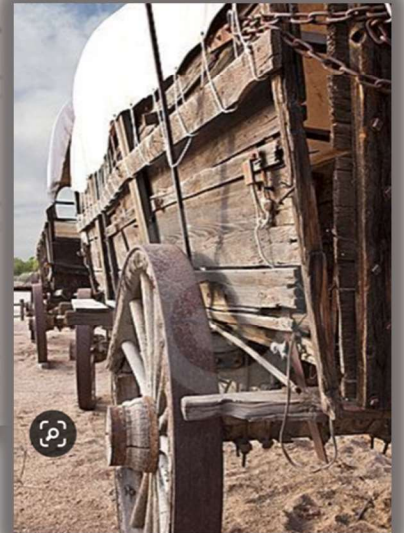
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Simple Lean-to Adds Character and Visual Interest by Chickenman Larry



and draws your onlooker into the model to study details.

Single addition of a "lean-to" roof can add visual interest to your model.

The purpose of the lean-to is to provide weather covered space to work outside on rock samples in assay of its ore determining gold and silver content.



I did add a sliding wood barn door on the side of the building.



It was made of a paper backing, apply 1x6 and 1x8 stripwood glued to the paper backing. Then cut door to the final size. I used 7'W x 9'H. Add outside bracing of 1x10's top and bottom and 1x6's "X" bracing.

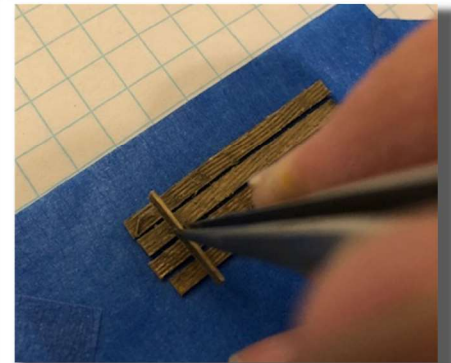
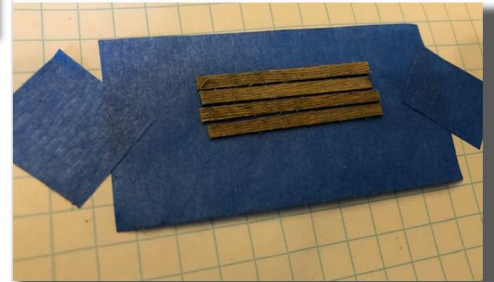


I used a black "fine point" razor sharpie to identify bolts/screws.

Roof

Use 1x8 rafters and use 1x10 and 1x12 stripwood sheathing.

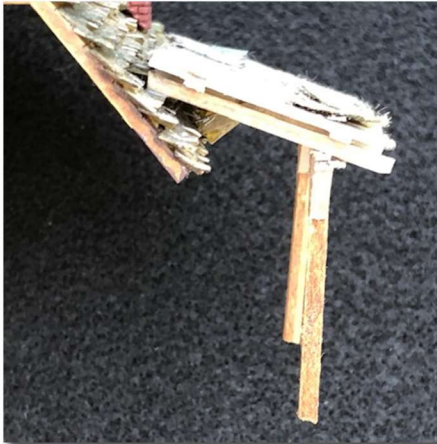
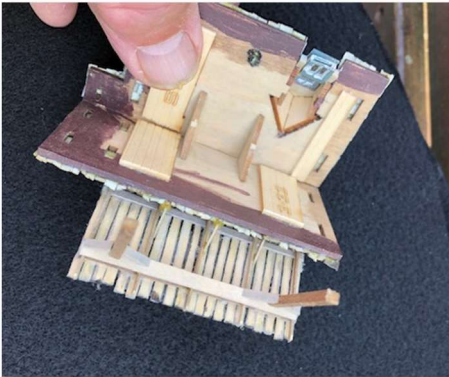
I use blue painters tape, tape to my cutting surface. "Sticky side" up.



Weather the roof sheathing boards and stain with alcohol marker before assembly. Place the boards on the "sticky tape", then glue 1x8 rafters to the sheathing:

Trim the rafters ends to angle you like the roof slope. I use nippers and Zuron cutters.

Now glue to the roof with "sparing" amounts of 5 minute epoxy at the roof angle/slope you like.



Roofing – I believe such a lean-to would have been built "cheap". Therefore, roll roofing or even tarpaper would be appropriate.

Roll roofing, I use rice paper (available at Blick's in 18x24) soak with mineral spirits, then color by dusting chalks to the color you want. Use multiple colors of chalk, but don't blend into a single color.



After dry, cut the rice paper in strips about 3/8" wide, fray or "weather" edges with a pick or Exacto knife.

Cut into lengths, 3/4" to 1-1/4" long. Premeasure lengths to fit, fray ends of pieces and the apply to sheathing with 5 minute epoxy. Let edges and ends stick up a little to create "shadow lines".

Dullcote...all over to get rid of shiny glue spots. Then lightly dust with a little bit of chalk. Use at least two colors.



Cut two columns to height needed. Glue in place.

ENJOY!





*Lean-tos on
other models
of mine*

