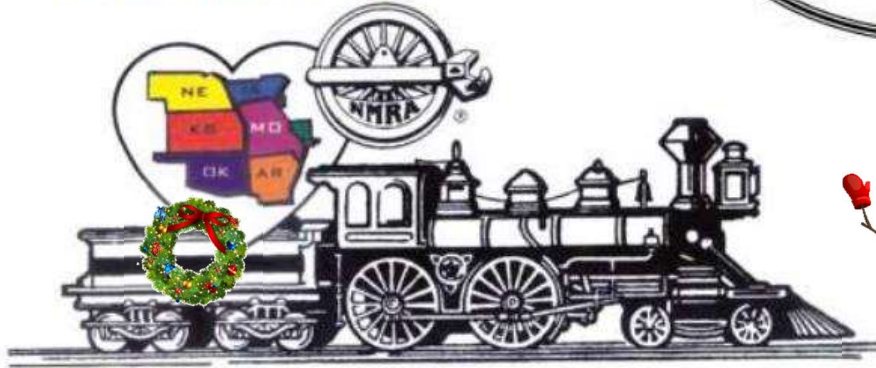


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Christmas Program

ZOOM MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

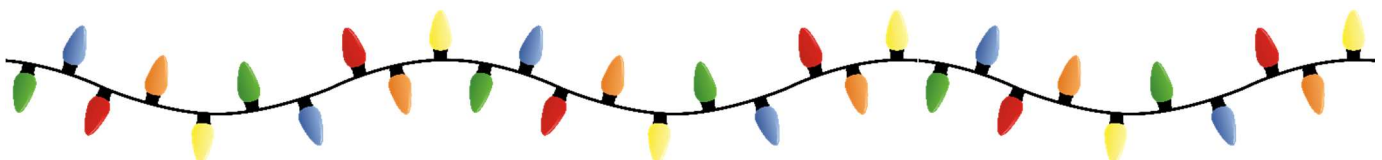
Turkey Creek Division is planning a Zoom attending presentation for our Christmas program starting at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 15, 2020. I hope many people will be able to "dial in".

There will be NO physical meeting.

Ron Morse will host our Christmas program from afar! (By telephone)

The dial-in instructions will be provided by separate email from Louis Seibel.

Greg Ohlmacher
Superintendent



Lenexa, Kansas



"If These Walls Could Talk"



Morse
Photography

Photography and Artwork by Ron Morse, MMR

Superintendent's Report



Fellow Model Railroaders. The November meeting went well. We had five members in person and 15 members online. I presented a clinic of photographs from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum, Steamtown Museum from the former Bellows Falls, VT location, and Ogden (Utah) Union Station. I would like to thank those attendees that added additional information during the clinic. That was a real plus. My wife and I had a European vacation cancelled due to COVID that would have included visits to two large German model railroads. That trip has been rescheduled, and hopefully I will have pictures for a future clinic.

It appears that the division will forgo the 2021 train show. Since we cannot lock in a venue at this time and without a venue, we cannot be positive about a date, the 2021 train show was scrapped. Now, if COVID-19 numbers decrease and things look better, then the division may replace it with some type of members only event like a swap meet.

Due to the current COVID numbers, it was decided that the December meeting will be virtual (Zoom only). We do have a clinic for December, Ron Morse is presenting some of his travel slides. I have heard nothing but rave reviews about his slide shows, and I am looking forward to seeing this clinic. Because the meeting will be via zoom, there will not be the need to sign up prior to the meeting. The zoom link will be the same as last month.

On the Achievement Program front, Marty Vaughn, Steve McKee, Larry Diehl and I met in a cold parking lot to judge several of my models. I point his out to show how flexible the judges are if you have models that need to be judged. Marty would prefer that the models be judged in person. I can see his point. Please contact the Superintendent to make arrangements to get your models judged.

This is my last superintendent report, for now. I have finished two years of being superintendent and have enjoyed both of my terms. My intent is to volunteer at the regional or national level of the organization; however, at this time I am not certain what I will do.



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Superintendent's Report *(continued)*

As always, there are too many people to thank. I want to thank the officers I served with Steve McKee, Bill Humenczuk, John Fales, and Louis Seibel. I want to thank Larry Diehl, Ted Tschirhart, and Louis Seibel for editing and distributing the Lightning Slinger. Larry Diehl, Miles and Fran Hale, Larry Alfred, and others that helped me during my two terms. Finally, I want to thank all the membership for putting your faith in me and assisting the division.

I want to wish Ron Marsh the best as he takes over as superintendent. I know that I will assist him as needed. I know that the membership will also assist him. One way you can help, is to volunteer to give a clinic or write an article for the Lightning Slinger. You did not think that I was not going to make one more gratuitous plug for clinics and articles, did you. Please let Ron know your intentions to present a clinic.

I hope to see you online for the December Zoom meeting. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy and healthy New Year.

Take care and happy modeling.

Gregory Ohlmacher
Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division, NMRA

In Memoriam of Pamela Jean (Patrick) Brown

Ray Brown's wife, Pamela, passed away Thanksgiving evening, at 73 years, born 1947. Pam was a vocalist and loved to sing with groups and as a soloist.



She had been in an unconscious state for some time. She passed immediately after one of her grandchildren played her favorite hymn, "Hallelujah" on the telephone placed next to her ear. Pam and Ray have three children and five grandchildren. She will be remembered as a joyful mother and grandma.

Pam suffered with a brain disease, Temporal Frontal Lobe Dementia, plus a rare auto immune disease that took her eyesight, and devastated the last years of her life.



Please put Pam and Ray and their entire family in your prayers.

Clerk's Report for November 24, 2020

Our Superintendent Gregory Ohlmacher called meeting to order. We had 5 people attending and 15 at home watching.

Greg covered the normal agenda items and we voted to cancel this year's train show because of the Covid-19. Because we can't guarantee a venue to hold it in and because of the lead time we need for the vendors it just won't work this year. We did vote in the new slate of officers for 2021. Ron Marsh as Superintendent, Bill Humenczuk as Treasurer, Steve McKee as clerk, and John Fales as Division Director. Some of you might think of volunteering next year for a position to help out. These are not permanent positions and everybody needs to do their part to make this all happen and not just a few. So step up next year and do your part to make this all work.

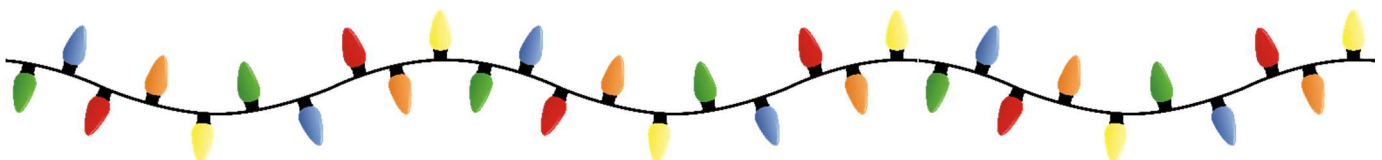
Our new Super I'm sure will be looking to get some clinics planned out so if you can give a clinic on something you know how to do let him know. Maybe we can start up the mini clinics again. That might work well even on Zoom. If you have something you might contact Larry Diehl and he might be able to help get it set up on a power point presentation. You can get authorship points by doing this.

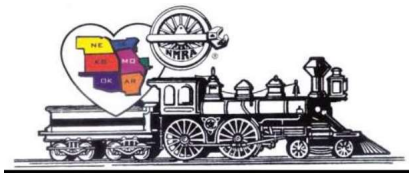
Greg did a great clinic on Photographs he had taken at Railroad museums he has visited. He had 44 photos he went over with us and had a hand out which he will email you if you want one. He had a nice assortment from places he has visited along with shots of models.

We had said last month you could send photos of your models to be judged to him because of Covid-19. That was a mistake. Marty says they still been to be judged in person. We mentioned at the meeting we can have people meet you someplace to get them judged till this virus thing is under control and we are back to normal. We are doing that this next Monday for models Greg needs to get judged. If you would like to set something up contact Marty. His email is wmvaughn@mchsi.com He will have you send your paper work to him.

Larry Diehl needs modeling articles for the slinger still. This is an easy way to gain some authorship points toward your MMR. Everybody has some part of the hobby where they have found a new way of doing something they can share with the rest of us and that's what the hobby is about is sharing what we discover along the way. New ways of doing things better or new things we have found in the market place we can share with others.

Steve McKee, Clerk





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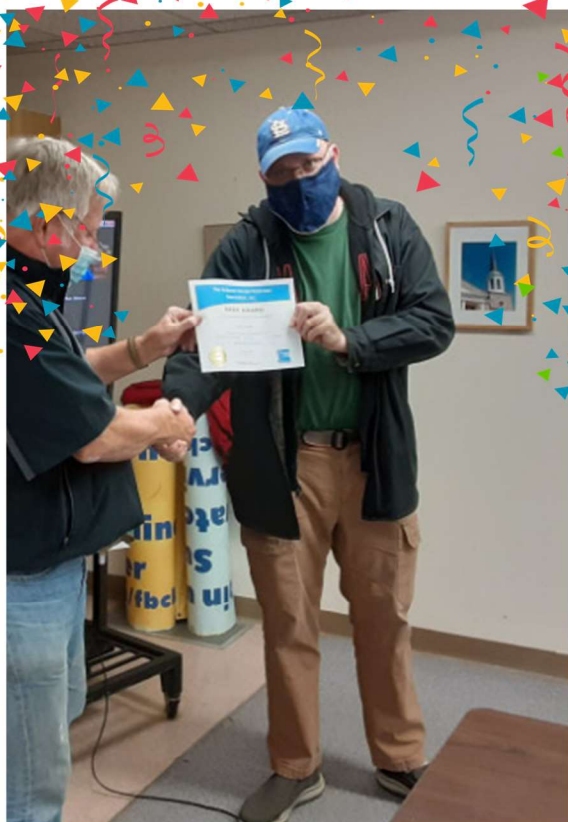
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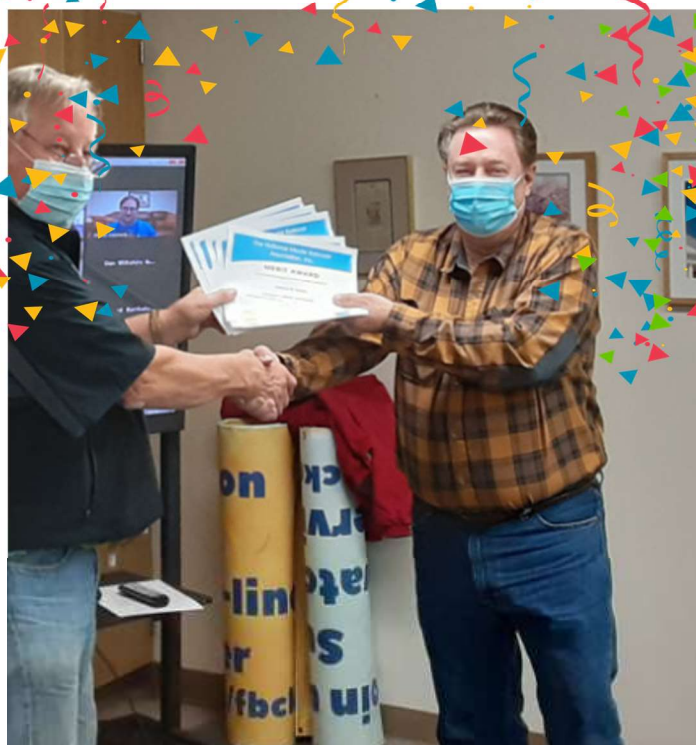
December 15, 2020

Two people received merit awards for models judged during the month of November. The merit awards were given at the November 24th meeting.

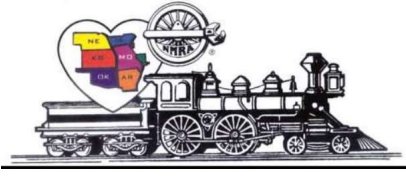
CONGRATULATIONS



Grant Harrison received a merit award in "Structures" for an HO Scale model of Quartz Hill Mine. This was a Make-and-Take Model from last year.



Steve McKee received 5 merit awards in "Cars" for 5 scratchbuilt On3 stock cars.



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December 15, 2020



At our November 24th meeting, Greg Ohlmacher presented photos he accumulated from museums visited in years past. The following are a few photos representative of the presentation. Some people were unable to see the presentation on the Zoom dial-in.



1837 "Lafayette" replica 4-2-0

1848 "Memnon" 0-8-0





1851 Cumberland Valley RR #13 2-2-2

1863 "Thatcher Perkins" 4-6-0



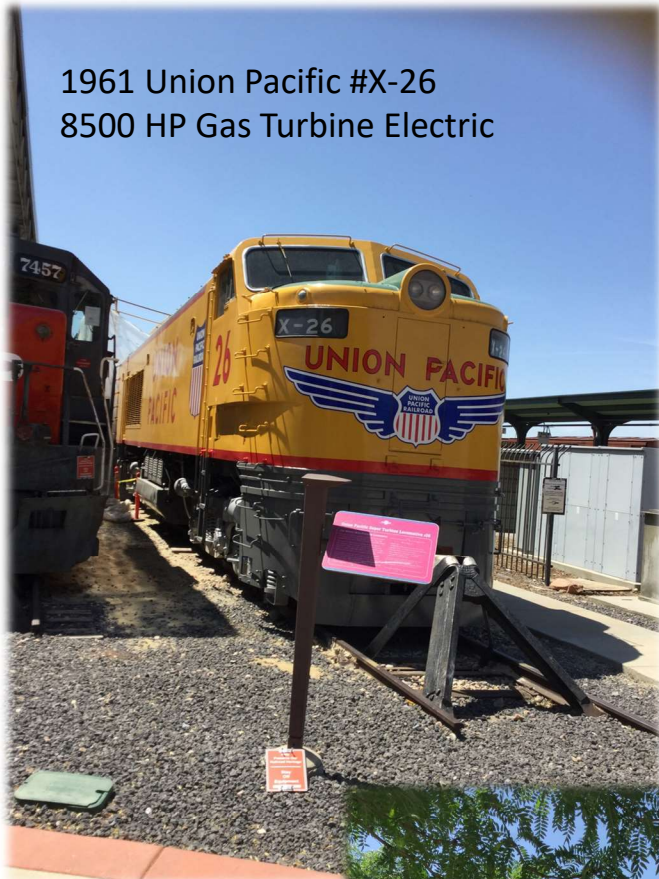
1926 Chesapeake and Ohio #490 2-6-2 "Pacific"
Rebuilt in 1946 into Class L-1 Hudson 4-6-4

1925 Box Cab
Central RR of New Jersey #1000





Union Pacific #737
4-4-0 "American"



1961 Union Pacific #X-26
8500 HP Gas Turbine Electric



1941 Union Pacific #4012 Big Boy 4-8-8-4



1918 Union Pacific #4436
0-6-0 Switcher

FORKS CREEK CURRENT

VOLUME 17 A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION By: Ron Morse, MMR

I am going to stone walls on the foundation of the freight house. I carved and made a couple of stone wall masters for Morse Productions and since I still had some sections in the "spare parts" box I started cutting some sections from them using a razor saw.



Since the stone wall casting was not long enough I had to cut two sections and glue them together. I then filled the seam with plaster, waited for the plaster to set and then recarved the stones to hide the joint.



FORKS CREEK CURRENT

VOLUME 17 APRIL 10, 2020

A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION

Making a stone wall master and a mold:

- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

Here I am pouring a flat plaster wall that I can carve stone work into. I made my mold box from wood glued to a Styrene base.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

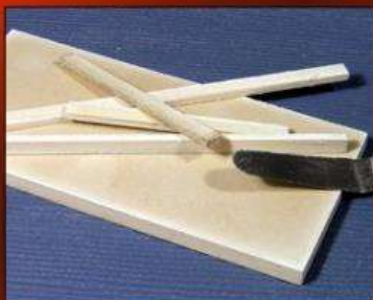
Here I am using a sheetrock knife to "screed" off the excess plaster.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

I now have my plaster wall section and I am ready to start carving the stones.



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- A prototype stone wall -

Note the variations in the color of the stones.



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Tools for working with plaster



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

Using a ceramic cleaning tool to carve the stones.



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Using a ceramic
cleaning tool to
carve the
stones.

In this photo I
am almost
done!



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

I have
finished
carving the
stones and I
am now
ready to
make a mold
of the carved
wall.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

A mold box
has been
made for the
original and
I am ready to
pour the
RTV
material.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

An RTV
mold has
been made
and the first
casting has
been
completed.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

- A. Shows a wall butt joint.
- B. Shows where I have filled the butt joint seam with a wash of dilute plaster.
- C. Shows where I have carved stone work back into the plaster fill.



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- Steps in building the Legler Barn -

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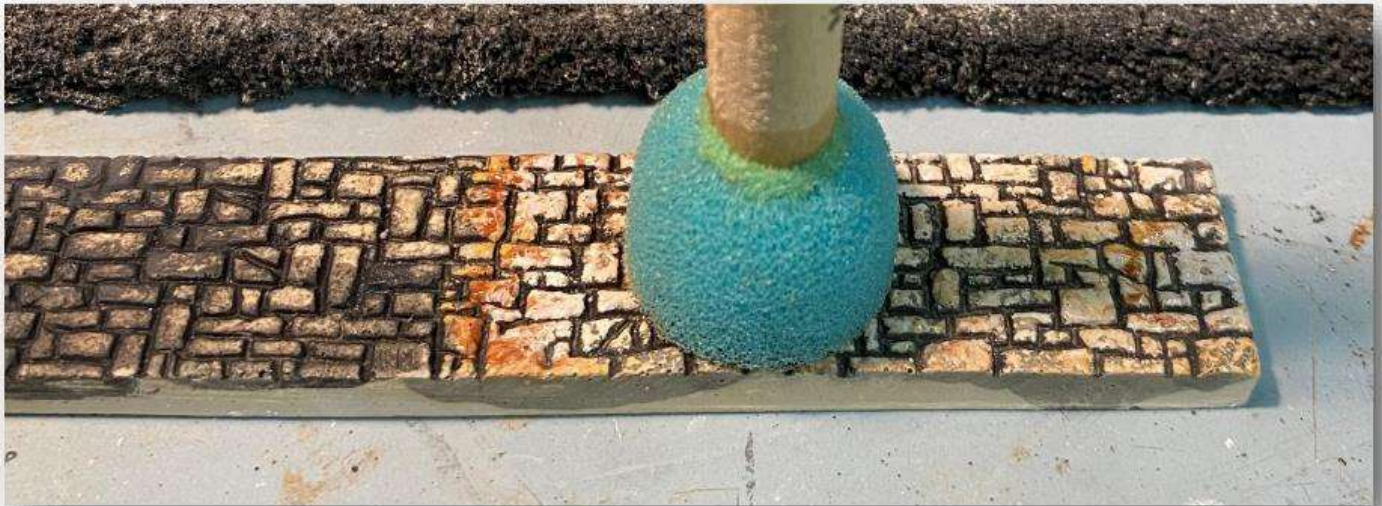
1. Bare plaster.
2. A dark gray wash has been applied.
3. Using a dry brush technique a coat of buff colored paint has been added.
4. More highlights have been added with a small brush.



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I color the casting with a blackish or dark gray wash then use either a "Dry Brush" technique or one of these foam stenciling tools from a craft store for painting the stones.



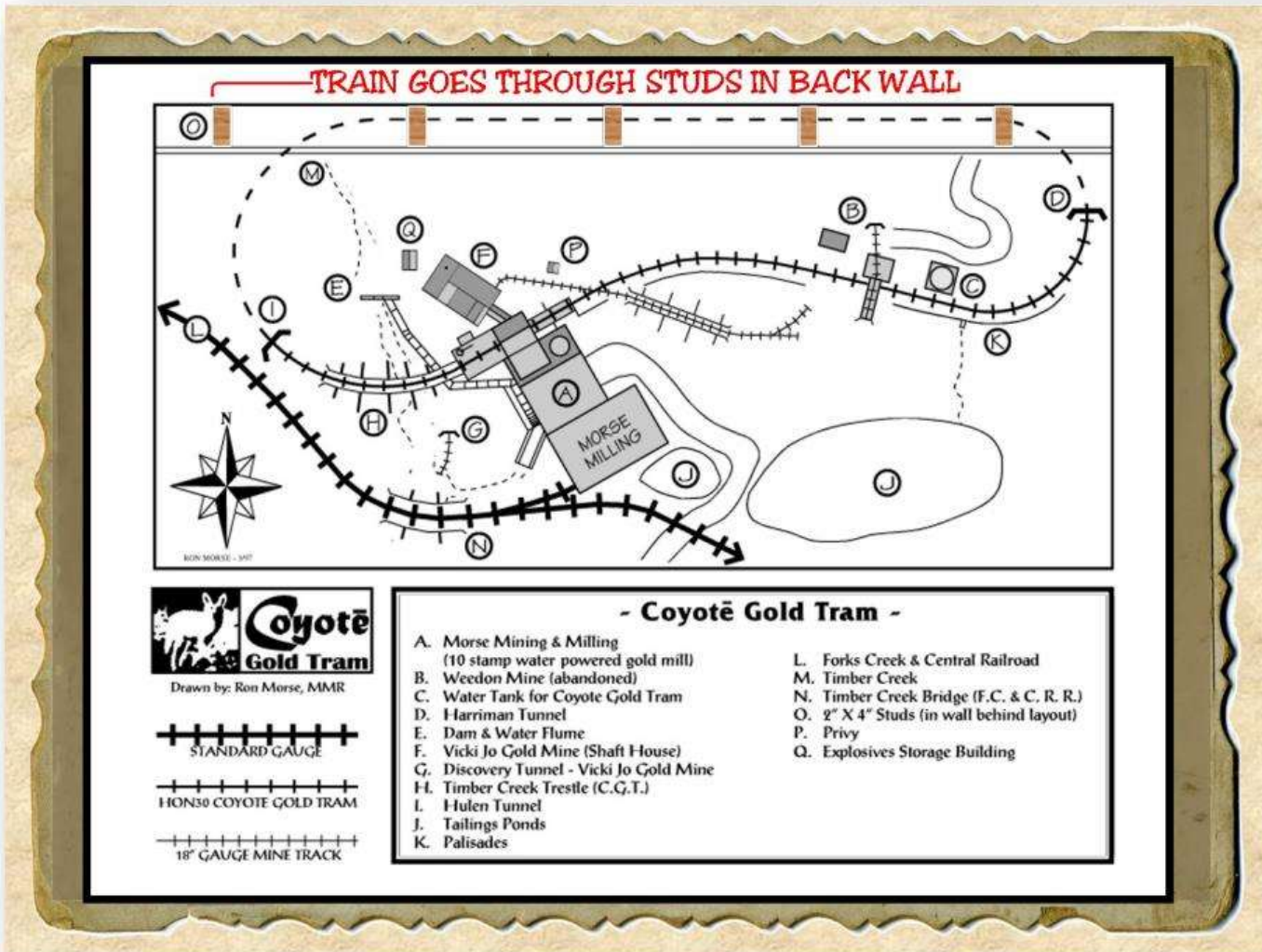
Here I have placed the wall under the loading dock. Now I need to do the walls for the other sides.



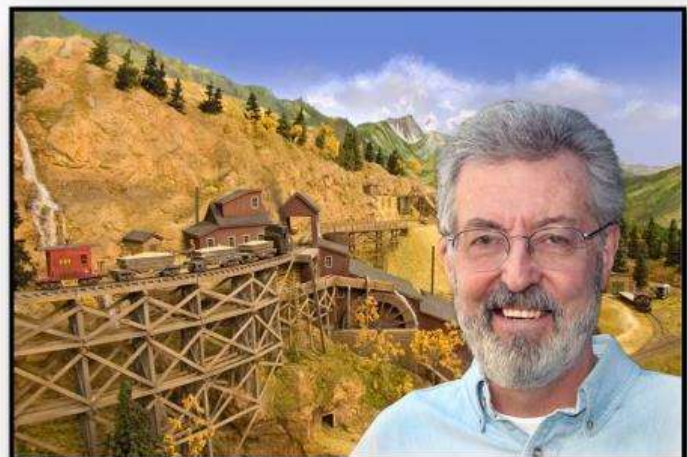


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The Coyote Gold Tram is also a part of the railroad. Here is a plan showing the layout for it.



The Coyote Gold Tram can be seen in the background.

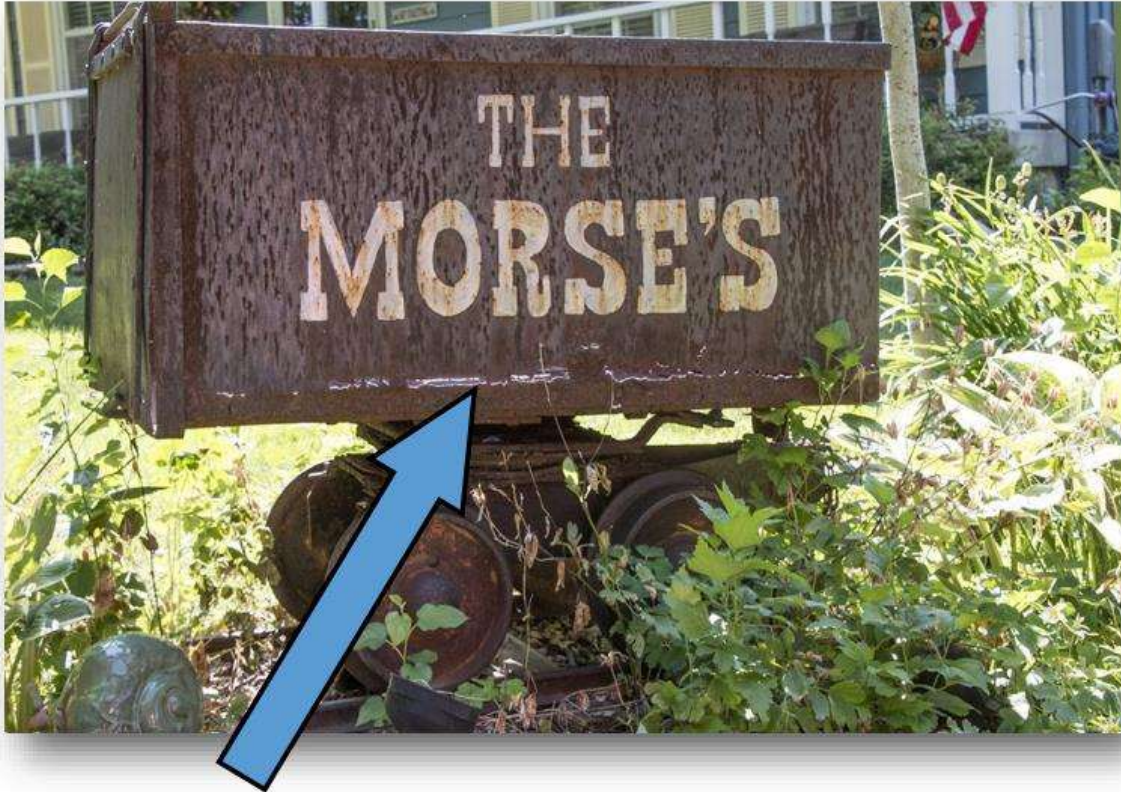




LITTLE ELLA MINE AND MINE CAR



The mine car in our front yard. There is not much holding the body on.



You can see daylight around most of the base.

As you can see in this photo the mine car is in pretty bad shape, Back in the 70's I gobbled on some pieces of metal to keep it from totally falling apart. **NO I'm not a welder**, especially on thin rusty metal :O)

I'm not totally sure what, if anything can be done to save it? Worst case scenario I'll lay in some BONDO with fiberglass mesh and paint it a rust color :O) Three sides look similar to this.





and to All
a Good Night!

