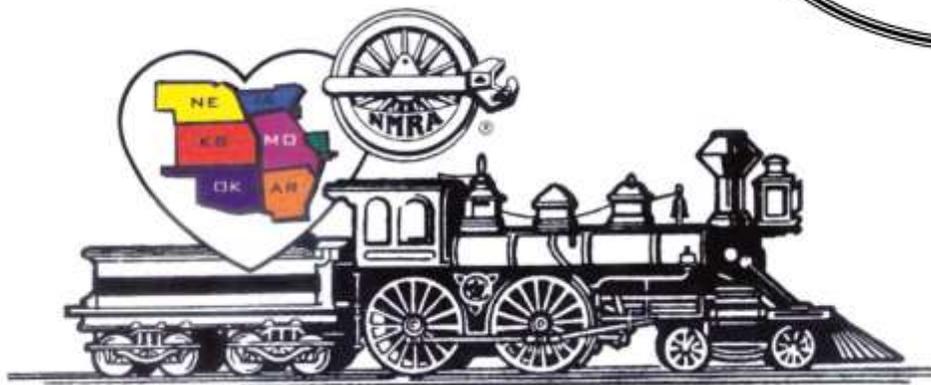


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"For all gauges and all ages"

Turkey Creek Division
Meeting
For May
Will BE

Virtual Meeting
May 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM CDT
Speaker: Gregory Ohlmacher,
Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division
Topic: Scenery and Expansion Design for His Model Railroad

More Information in Another E-mail of how to Get Online for the Virtual Meeting

The Make and Take Meeting
Has Been Moved to Another Meeting Date and Location Has Not Been Found

Fellow Model Railroaders. Like many people I'm glad to see some lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions. However, I feel that we should cancel the face-to-face meeting for May. We have a more mature membership that we need to keep safe. I do understand that we have paid our membership dues and that the division owes its members something for their money. Thus, we are going to try to have a virtual meeting in May in lieu of our regular meeting. A number of options exist, for meeting platforms including GoToMeeting and Zoom. If the division was looking cancelling meetings for several months, it might be worth the division paying for an account on one of these platforms. For one or two meetings it's not worth it. Richie Kennedy and I have been checking out Messenger Rooms which is a new feature on Facebook. Rooms will allow up to 50 people into a virtual meeting. You do not need to have a Facebook account to join and participate in the meeting. The link is provided in the email that came with this Lightning Slinger. When you open the link in a browser, you will be asked to join the meeting. The meeting will not start until Richie or myself log in. You will need a computer or smart device (smart phone, iPad, etc.) with a camera and microphone. Disclaimer: I won't guarantee that this will work. I'm not expecting this to work flawlessly. There is a virtual button at the bottom of the screen to mute your microphone. Please mute your microphone except when you are contributing to the conversation. Since we are attempting a virtual meeting, this is a chance for our members in outlying areas to attend. We don't have a lot of membership outside of the Kansas City metro, but if you are in the division, please consider joining us.

I will present the clinic this month to simplify the logistics for the meeting. I have a couple of ideas and I may talk briefly about both. The first topic has to do with scenery. I recently redid a section of my model railroad and I can explain the why of what I did. The second topic is about the expansion of my model railroad and logging railroads of western Maryland.

Clinics: I need clinics for July through November. If the COVID-19 restrictions continue to be lifted, the June meeting will be the Make and Take clinic. The model challenge will need to be postponed until August or September. We are also planning a judged model contest some Saturday or Sunday in August or September. Therefore, we do either modeling challenge or the model contest in one month and the other in the next month. Mark Juett has a clinic for an upcoming meeting, but I'm still short a few clinics. Please consider presenting or recommending someone for a clinic in 2020. Also, the Lightning Slinger can use articles or pictures. Please consider contributing.

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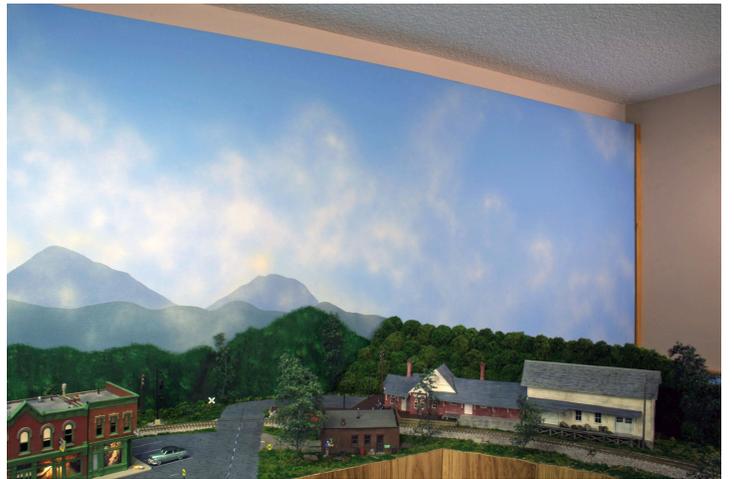
I have used the extra time at home to, at long last, construct and scenic the town of Terra Alta, West Virginia located on my Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Monongah Division. I have had the DPM kits on the shelf for so long that the price stickers on the bags said \$4.95. They make very nice structures but as I was painting and detailing them I remembered why I had not gotten around to actually putting them together for so long. I found that a few extra details such as chimney flues, electric meters vents etc. while not difficult to make, really make these structures stand out. I also used City Classics photographic interiors to fill up those big storefront windows and was pleased with the results. The gas station is a Woodland Scenics metal kit that I started to build in the 1970's and never finished. I wasn't happy with the paint job from back then and stripped it clean and started over. I also updated the gas pumps more suited to the 1950's timeframe that I model (I've had them since the 1970's too as I plan ahead). If this pandemic lasts another 5 years, there is hope that I will make a dent in the kit stash. Pictures are attached.

Stay safe.

Best regards,

Bill





The Black Rock Chronicle

... set in the heart of the BitterRoot Mountains ...

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Black Rock & BitterRoot Pass RR

Construction in BitterRoot Canyon City has been progressing thru this pandemic. The workers have all been sequestered to the home of Chickenman, and they have been working hard ... they want out and they want to get away from me...!

Businesses are Popping Up!

Chillery's Café

Barber Shop

MaBell

A Storage Building

BitterRoot Hotel,
Restaurant and
Milinery Shop
(some latest styles
for the ladies)

Livestock Bank w/Rooms
Upstairs

Hot Dog stand w/Libations!

Assay Office

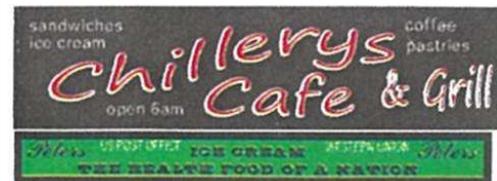
“Back of House” Cabin

Horse, Saddle & Bridal Mfg.

Jacobs Wagon Repair Shop

BR&BP RR
Station and Freight House ...
(lcl “team track”)

Water Tower (planning)



The Café has opened with great fanfair! There is outside dining and “libations” are served. Every weekend you find local musicians strumming their instruments. Daily checker players are passing the time.



The Black Rock Chronicle

The food is said to be very tasty, just like “good ol’ home cooking”. When visitors come to town, they always stop over at Chillery’s! The pork ribs are delicious!



Occasionally, they feature fresh trout from the BitterRoot River. Locals make a few extra dollars using their fly fishing skills! Just watch in front of the station where the river passes. Trout dinners are very tasty!



Chillery's Café was a Banta kit with only minor variations ... i.e., the wrap-around canopy, the large side eating deck, the scratchbuilt stair up to the hotel rooms 2nd floor.

The red paint exterior was a first for “Chickenman”, and turned out...**I like it!**



FORKS CREEK CURRENT

A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION By: Ron Morse, MMR

Greetings from Fork Creek. Ron Morse here, I haven't been to a Turkey Creek meeting in a year or so because of extreme health problems and hospital stays which have only gotten worse. Then when you combine that with the pandemic I have not been off of our property in seven weeks! The doctor says my immune system is so bad that I can't have anyone at our house other than my wife for at least two months. Actually I hadn't even worked on my model railroad in about three years. So with the "stay at home order" I decided to do some modeling. Larry Diehl (A.K.A. Chicken Man) and I have decided to do a series of articles for the Lightning Slinger. So here is a preamble for what will follow from the Forks Creek Current (the local newspaper):

New gold strike at the "Lillian Marie Gold Mine"

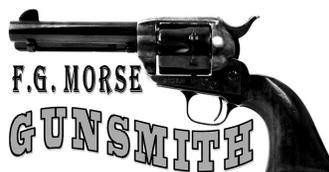
Mining activity at Forks Creek which is located in the "Richest Square Mile On Earth" has been literally exploding with activity with the reopening of "Lillian Marie Gold Mine" after a new vein of gold was discovered earlier this year. Electric power has made it to the city and the Forks Creek and Central Railroad is bustling with activity. Even a municipal water tank is being built and 30 or so businesses and buildings have reopened.

WANTED "Chicken Man"

It is rumored that the "Chicken Man" has been attempting to jump claims in the area and a reward of \$1,000 has been offered for information leading to his arrest. Please report pertinent information to



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NEW ENGINE FOR THE FC&CRR

Morse, the FC&CRR Superintendent has announced the arrival of a new three truck Heisler.

FORKS CREEK
AND
CENTRAL
RAILROAD



"ROUTE OF THE COUGARS"

FORKS CREEK CURRENT

VOLUMES 1-10 - A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION By: Ron Morse, MMR

From having run Morse Productions castings since 1987 and PhotoStructures for the past few years I decided to use a number of those structures to create what I call the Forks Creek Extension. It will eventually be added to the existing railroad. Most of the buildings are "PhotoStructures" (paper buildings we sell and these were the ones I built for promo pieces). So the question is how to arrange them. Here they are on a section of 2" extruded foam. With a couple of different arrangements.

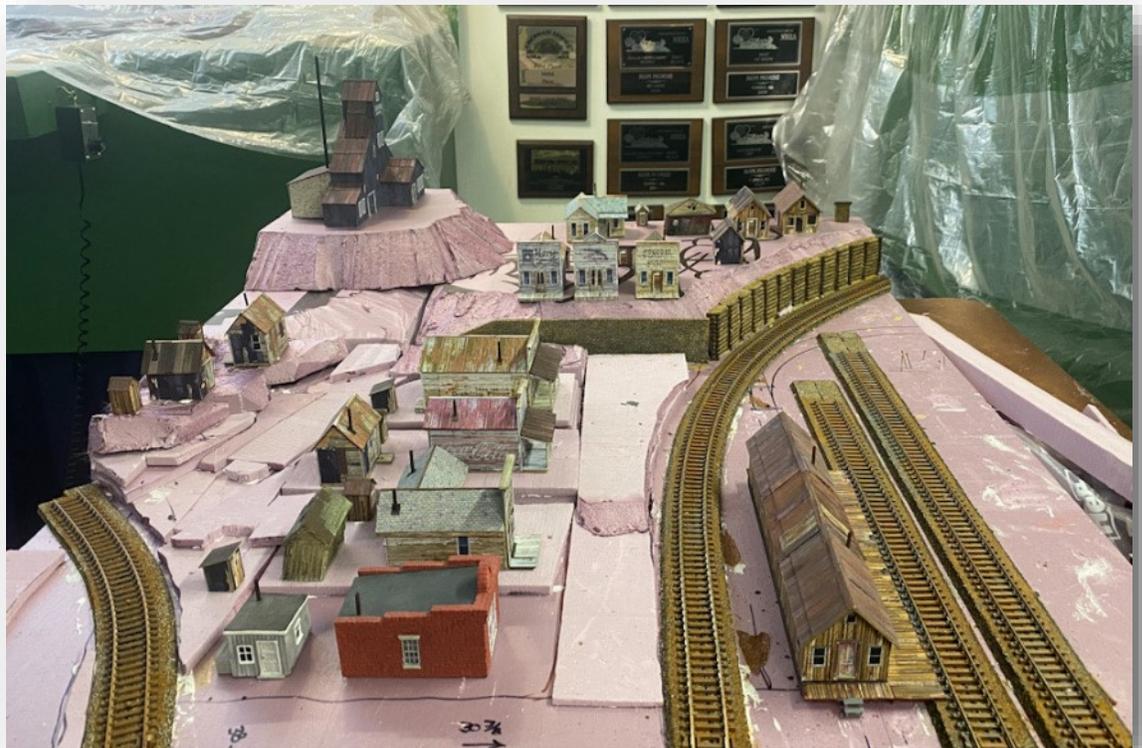


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I finally came up with what I thought I wanted so the next step was to add some topographical terrain. I bought a hot wire cutter to do the foam as cutting it on my band-saw was too messy,



Then I decided that I wanted to move the freight depot so the other side (the viewer side) would show better. To do that I had to get rid of one of the sidings.



FORKS CREEK CURRENT

Here is what the freight depot looks like in place.



I should point out that **ALL** of the buildings, cribbing, water tanks, feed sacks, wood stacks, stone walls sections, crates, barrels, rail bumpers, RR tie stacks and mine cars etc. are from our Morse Productions line of products. I scratchbuilt **ALL** the masters for these products. Below is one of our sections of MP cribbing that I will cut apart and use on the project.



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Here I have cut and painted a number of cribbing sections. Since it will be a curved wall the seams between each section will not show.



You can see the cribbing in place in the photo below.



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I added a pond with a Timber Crock (Timber Crocks only live above 8,500 feet and like living in old mine tunnels, ponds etc.....and that is a crock....actually we produced hundreds of these and one guy even bought enough to populate a "Crock Car :0)



Below are MP detail parts that I am painting.

Below are mine cars for the "Lillian Marie Gold Mine"



FORKS CREEK CURRENT

Doing scenery is a messy business. In the front from left to right are the **GROUND FOAMS, TOOLS** etc.

- **Coarse Yellow Grass (Woodland Scenics -T61)**
- **Dilute Elmer's white glue (about 50 % glue and 50% water) I prefer the white glue because if you don't like what you ended up with you can wet the area down and scrape the foam and/or ground cover off.**
- **Spray bottle of either Arid or wet water (see next point).**
- **Plastic lid for making clumps of ground foam. I put some of the coarse ground foam in the lid and spray it with Arid (a product I used in the casting business) or you can just use "wet water" (water that you have added a few drop of detergent to), then soak it with the dilute glue mixture. I then use tweezers and create and place the clumps of ground cover. Next, I sprinkle on either yellow grass or burnt grass. I then once again spray on the wet water and then gently soak it all down with the dilute glue. If you are using paper structures be careful not to get them wet. Sometimes I wrap them in Handiwrap to protect them. Use a small fan on the area to dry it... usually overnight.**
- **Tweezers**
- **Coarse Turf-Burnt Grass (Woodland Scenics -T62)**
- **Coarse Turf-Light Green (Woodland Scenics -T63)**
- **Coarse Turf-Conifer (Woodland Scenics -T1366)**
- **Burnt Grass (Woodland Scenics -T44)**
- **Yellow Grass (Woodland Scenics -T43)**

