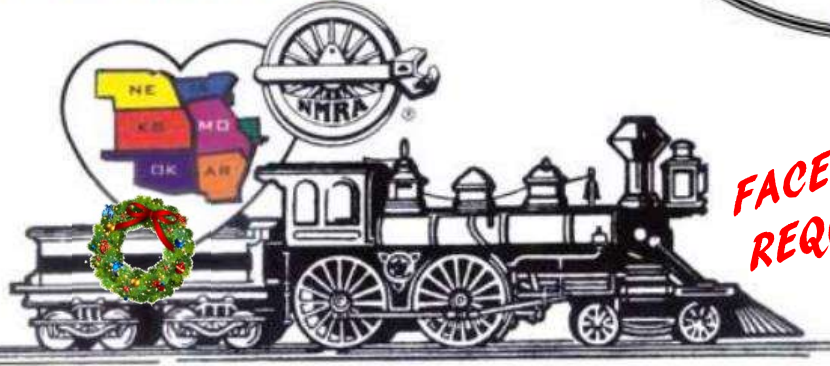


# Lightning Slinger

## Turkey Creek Division



**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED, PLEASE ...**

January 2021

MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE TURKEY CREEK DIVISION  
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"For all gauges and all ages"

### ZOOM MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

Turkey Creek Division is planning a in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Zoom participation will be offered and encouraged to keep attendance below the 10 person limit set by Kansas City.

### OUR CLINIC

**Making Water ...**  
by Larry Alfred, MMR

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Larry will describe how he constructed the water and surrounding scenery for the Bodega Bay, California portion of his layout. PowerPoint presentation, all slides projected through Zoom, narration by Larry.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, for planning which room we need to use, we would like to know how many members/guests would attend in-person. RSVP Bill Humenczuk, Paymaster, at [bhumenczuk@kc.rr.com](mailto:bhumenczuk@kc.rr.com). Thank you and stay healthy.

Ron Marsh  
Superintendent

#### Location:

First Baptist Church of Kansas City  
100 W. Red Bridge Road  
Kansas City, Missouri 64114  
(Intersection of Wornall and Red Bridge Road) (same as College Blvd.)

#### Zoom Address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080194385?pwd=MmJEdUtRQndGeDArcjdCVTVjdHk5QT09>

Meeting ID: 850 8019 4385

Pass Code: 03



# GREG'S LAST REPORT:

Fellow Model Railroaders. The December meeting snafu was my fault. I was in a hurry putting the email together for the December meeting announcement, and I copied the zoom address for a family meeting and not the zoom address in the November meeting announcement. For your information, we use the same Zoom address for every meeting. Thus, if you have the meeting announcement from November or earlier, you can use that address. However, do not use the one in the December announcement.

As I stated in last month's column, I had several structure models judged in a parking lot in Eudora. Two of the five models did not pass the test. One received so few points that I am not wasting time trying to improve it. It is fine for my layout. The other was close to getting the required 86.5 points. That model is on my workbench in pieces and I am in the process of making upgrades. Among items being redone are the roof and foundation, filling some cracks and updating the weathering. I am hoping to have it completed before the January meeting and get it re-judged at some future date.

Despite the Zoom address snafu, the December meeting went well. In the end we were able to get a dozen or so people signed in. Ron Morse's slide show was fantastic. I want to thank Ron for the slides and Larry Diehl for stepping in and presenting the talk. Ron was unable to present on account of a recent fall. We all wish Ron a speedy recovery.

This is really my last superintendent report, for now. I thanked everyone in last month's column. So please reread last month's Lightning Slinger. I will repeat that I have enjoyed my two years as Superintendent of Turkey Creek and thank the membership for all their assistance and patience.

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 and provide Larry Diehl with articles.



I hope to see you at future Turkey Creek meetings.

Take care and happy modeling.  
Gregory Ohlmacher  
Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division, NMRA



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**Meet Our  
New  
Superintendent ...  
Ron Marsh ...**



## **Superintendent's Report**

Greetings fellow model railroaders. It is a privilege to serve as the new superintendent of the Turkey Creek Division. As my first order of business I want to thank Greg Ohlmacher for his service as superintendent. His hard work and dedication to the job and the division are greatly appreciated. I come to this position with limited experience in the division but with a willingness to learn and to serve in order to see the division continue to be vibrant as it serves this great hobby we share. To this end let us work together.

We are quite aware that these are challenging times we face. Those challenges certainly extend to our hobby and our organization. I certainly look forward to the days when we can host and attend model railroad shows, swap meets, and conventions once again. 2021 will certainly present challenges for us, but it is my sincere belief that we will finish this year in a far better position than when we started it.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to share briefly about myself. I am a pastor in El Dorado Springs, Missouri. I have been a railfan for as long as I can remember. I grew up near Warrensburg, Missouri on the Sedalia Subdivision of the Missouri Pacific Railroad--my first love in the railroading world. I did not discover the hobby of scale model railroading until I was a young adult. I quickly picked up the hobby and shortly thereafter delved into N scale modeling. Currently I model BNSF Wichita Falls Subdivision in North Texas in 2008. In conjunction with my personal pursuit of the hobby I host a model railroad YouTube channel (Ron's Trains N Things), am a regular video contributor to Model Railroad Academy, and am a regular writer and video producer for Model Railroad News.

I very much enjoy learning modeling techniques from you. It is the highlight of our monthly meetings to benefit from the clinics you share. That said, I hope many of you will plan to share one or more clinics with the division in the coming year. If you have a clinic you would like to contribute, please contact me via email at [ronstrainsnthings@gmail.com](mailto:ronstrainsnthings@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Ron Marsh  
Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division, NMRA



# *In Memoriam*



## **Bernard Dean Van Cleave**

Saint Joseph, Missouri

Jul 29, 1937 – Jan 4, 2021 (Age 83)

Bernie Van Cleave ... 83 years of age of St. Joseph, Missouri, died January 4, 2021. Bernard was born July 29, 1937. He was a graduate of Lafayette High School. Prior to retirement, he was owner, operator and manager of Custom Wood Products business in St. Joseph. He also served in the Missouri National Guard. Bernie married Ruth Ann Loomis in 1957. She still survives, along with a son, daughter, 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Bernie loved camping, playing cards, bowling and was a model train enthusiast. He was a member of the Pony Express Kickers Square Dance Club.

Bernie developed an interest in model railroading later in life when he inherited his father's HO collection. His father was not able to build a complete railroad layout, so Bernie pledged to complete one in his Dad's memory. His retirement project, therefore, was to build an operations-oriented railroad in his basement. Although he was not able to host an operating session, Bernie's railroad functioned with a DCC-installed system, which he worked on until the last year.

Bernie first became interested in model railroad operations through Joe Ringbauer (Parkville, MO, Turkey Creek member), who had one of the early operations-oriented layouts in the Kansas City area. This led to participation in operating sessions hosted by Floyd Brittan, Mike Porter and Gary Hankins. Similar sessions developed in the St. Joseph area. Bernie was, also, a member of the Northwest Missouri Model Railroaders, a modular club that traveled to shows throughout NW Missouri and NE Kansas.





# *In Memoriam*



**Ronald D. Morse, Sr.**

**October 1, 1946 to January 12, 2021**

**We lost a good man today,**

January 12, 2021. He was also a good husband, a good Christian, a good model railroader, and a good friend.

Ron was married to Vicki for 54 years, had two boys and three grandchildren. Ron was born and raised in Colorado and through his work came to Kansas City in 1984. Ron loved Colorado and he frequently Jeep trailed the mountains, mining areas and old 19<sup>th</sup> century towns. He was a member of the Crossroads Christian Church in Shawnee, Kansas.

Ron struggled with health issues since his teenage years. Rheumatoid arthritis, systematic lupus erythematosus, melanoma cancer, kidney failure and diabetes. Ron is now in the Lord's hands for safe keeping. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

In model railroading, Ron inspired many persons, mentored many and led the modeling community through classes and created and taught at Johnson County Community College, a charter (founding) member of Turkey Creek Division of NMRA and active creator of the large scale modular Gold Creek RR, authored over thirty articles in Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, NMRA Bulletin, Scale Rails, NMRA Magazine and Narrow Gauge Gazette. He often contributed articles and pictures to the local and Turkey Creek Lightning Slinger. He had photos featured in NMRA Annual Calendar, his photography skills got his work featured on fifteen magazine covers over the years. Ron was an avid and very good photographer as seen in his clinic presentations to the group. He even gave classes each year on photography. In 1990, Ron achieved Master Model Railroader certification #159 through NMRA, a feat he was very proud of.

2013, Ron and Larry Diehl got into a seriously competitive modeling race, which fostered the concept of "Chickenman" and the fierce "Red Bull". The challenge and fury raged on in serious mode for several years. Ron put a "bullseye" on Diehl's back and vowed to "ride him tight", just like "Hot Bull's Breath", Diehl would not escape or chicken-out from the HEAT ... and once and for all Diehl would be put in his rightful second place! A very special friendship and mutual respect developed from this "fiery challenge", and the feud sparked modeling interest that nearly doubled TC member participation for several years.



It fostered the “Red Bull Award” at the Turkey Creek Annual Modeling Challenge showings as conceived and administered by Larry Alfred.





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one-third of the way into the property was a pull-off area. Part of the wagon sat in this pull-off. It was there that whoever was driving the truck would have to stop, pull the outside wheels off the "wheels" on the rear of the truck. This allowed the truck enough traction to navigate steep grades to head toward the sawmill. We owned the



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# AN HO SCALE DIORAMA

by Ron Morse, MMR  
Photos by the author

An "aerial



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**Coyote**  
**Gold Tram**

A close-up photograph of a rusty, reddish-brown metal door. The words "BYE BYE" are written across the center in large, bright green, stylized letters with a white outline. The letters are slightly slanted and have a hand-painted appearance. The background shows the texture of the rusted metal and some mechanical parts like a handle and a lock.



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YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



# THE MODELING CHALLENGE GOBBLER

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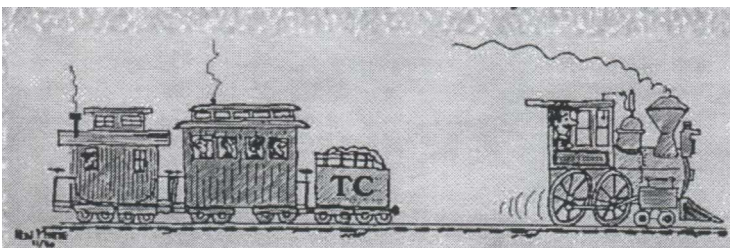
Keeping the BULL BUSy ...  
and WATCHING HIS back

Date / MONTH OF  
Modeling  
Challenge to be  
ANNOUNCED!



You take HOME the awards!

**DON'T MISS OUT!...**  
**Join the Fun!**



## 2021 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge

by Larry Alfred, MMR

Here we go again! For the 18th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme returns to the very first year of the **Challenge...the Square Footer is back!** So, this year, you may build and enter anything, yes.... that's anything...as long as it fits on a 12" x 12" (or less) base. A review of the "themes" for past 17 challenges shows the following...

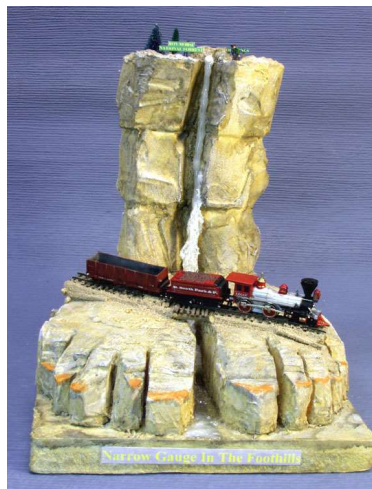
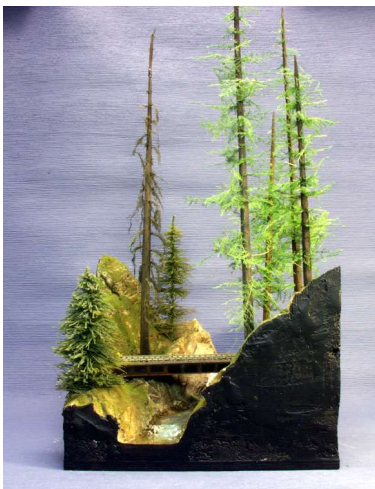
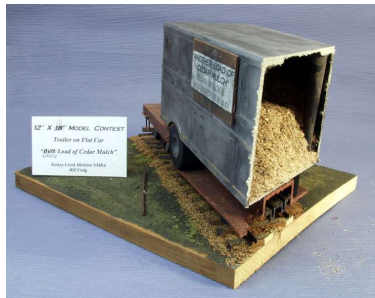
<u>Theme</u>	<u>Number of times employed</u>
No Limitation	12
Square Footer	2
Cardboard Structures	1
Photo Match	1
4 Square Feet	1

So, the front office feels it is time for a change. I hope that you will see this event for the "Challenge" that it was always intended to be and build something and participate! It has typically been on the TCD calendar in the summer months; however, with the COVID-19 virus, there is not a specific schedule for now. But, there is plenty of time to prepare an entry, so please get to it! In addition to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards, we will present awards for whimsy and special effects. There is also an award for the best use of a TCD Make-and-Take model.

Let me emphasize here that the Modeling Challenge program was conceived to encourage everyone to participate in the enjoyment of building and displaying railroad models!! Please don't feel overwhelmed, intimidated, or..... that you don't have time to join in. It is hoped that by participating you will feel a sense of "inclusion", that of being "one of the group."



## EXAmPLeS OF 'X1' diSPLaYS



**YOU take HOME the aWArDS!**  
**Join the FUN!**

# THE MODELING CHALLENGE GOBBLER

For fun, I have included the original notice of the Modeling Challenge from 2004...the information is still appropriate.

## 2021 Challenge (Repeat of the 2004 Rules)

by Rusty Rails

So, what can you build on a one square foot base? That's your challenge for the first annual Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge! In G scale, you could fit a RGS 50,000 gallon water tank in one square foot and not much more. In Z scale, you could probably model the Kansas City West Bottoms. In HO, you'll be somewhere in between.

There is no restriction on how high your scene can go, so you could model a mountain or a twelve story building. If you're into Colorado mining, you could put an ore mill on a mountain side with tracks at the bottom for cars to pick up the refined ore. If coastal railroading is your bag, then a pier scene may be for you. Another thought might be a scene with an overpass with a train on the lower and upper levels.

If you're into city scenes, you could model the backside of some trackside tenements with Mrs. McGurty waving at the engineer while she's hanging out laundry. Another scene that would be interesting would be a station with passengers waiting for a train or perhaps boarding a passenger train.

There is no restriction on the diorama except that the base cannot exceed one square foot – that's 12" by 12" maximum size. Can it be smaller? Sure. If you already have a base you want to use and it's 12" X 12" or less in size, that's fine. If you have a base that's 16" X 8", that's NOT FINE. Do you have to have a train on the diorama? Nope. It's up to you what to include.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be the rule. There will be three places awarded for this challenge. So, if you're entering a diorama, start thinking about your model now. There is plenty of time, but don't put it off. This will be a fun event!

Ok...final plea...please participate!! It is lots of fun!





# Lightning Slinger

Turkey Creek Division



January 25, 2021

**News  
Flash**

**News  
Flash**

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## CG&S RR

*Gary Davidson's On3 Layout*

**Look at this!** Gary has been making the best of the last 6 months ... The Cedar Gulch & Southern RR is built On3 and occupies a large segment of his basement, RR is about 800 s.f. ... that's big! He rivals Steve McKee and Larry Alfred! Gary's layout is running and trains take a while to make it around. "Run around" is possible but Gary designed it to be operated as "point to point". The CG&S runs through communities of Chama, Farmington and Durango. He has a large mining district, a large round house, he is contemplating a "switch back" area to reach a logging area on Level #2, and he is planning a large sawmill complex. Many bridges and trestles!

The room is a dream space all of us envy! Gary lives in a beautiful house in Overland Park. He is retired from a career of sales and engineering in specialized (very expensive) piping and pumping seals used in utility and heavy industrial applications.

Just finished this CD&E RR combine he built in honor of his grandson, Dayton. What a great job!



The CD&E RR was created for his grandsons ... Caleb, Dayton & Emmitt.



Model is a Stars Models kit.





**The mining district**

Cedar Gulch trestle ... located in the mining district:







**Long Creek Bridge**

A coffin type tank car, CG&S #5, also built this winter.







This is the “Quartz Hill Mine”, Gary scratchbuilt before he realized Wild West Models has produced a kit for the mine. Note the interior Gary built. He is in the process of positioning the mine on his layout ... Nice Model!







Gary is currently working on this *Buffalo Boy* tram house structure, completely scratchbuilt. Note, the “window opening” shutters and the ore chutes into gondola on track.





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# FORKS CREEK CURRENT

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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 -

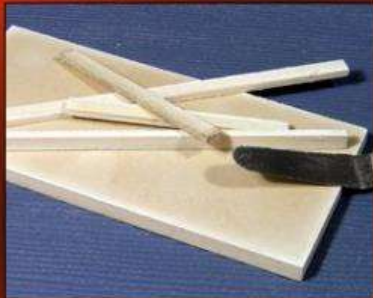
Here I am using a sheetrock knife to "screed" off the excess plaster.



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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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# FORKS CREEK CURRENT

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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 -

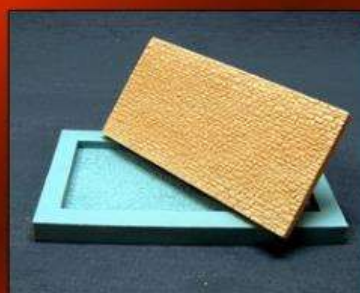
A mold box has been made for the original and I am ready to pour the RTV material.



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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 -

### PAINTING:

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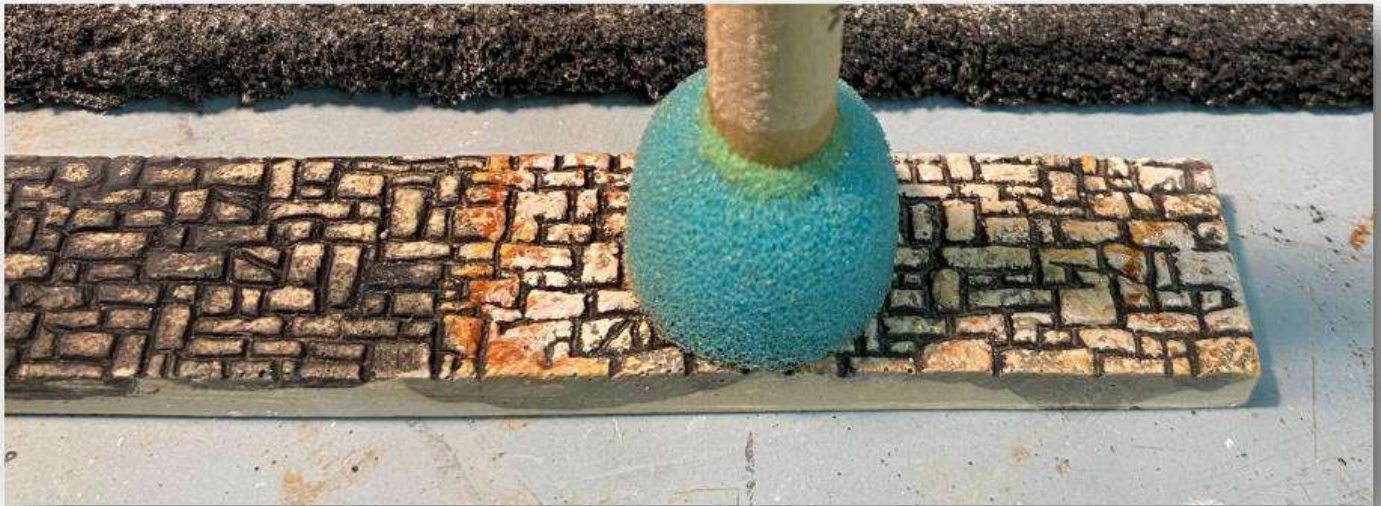
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I color the casting with a blackish or dark gray wash then use either a "Dry Brush" technique or one of these foam stenciling tools from a craft store for painting the stones.



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

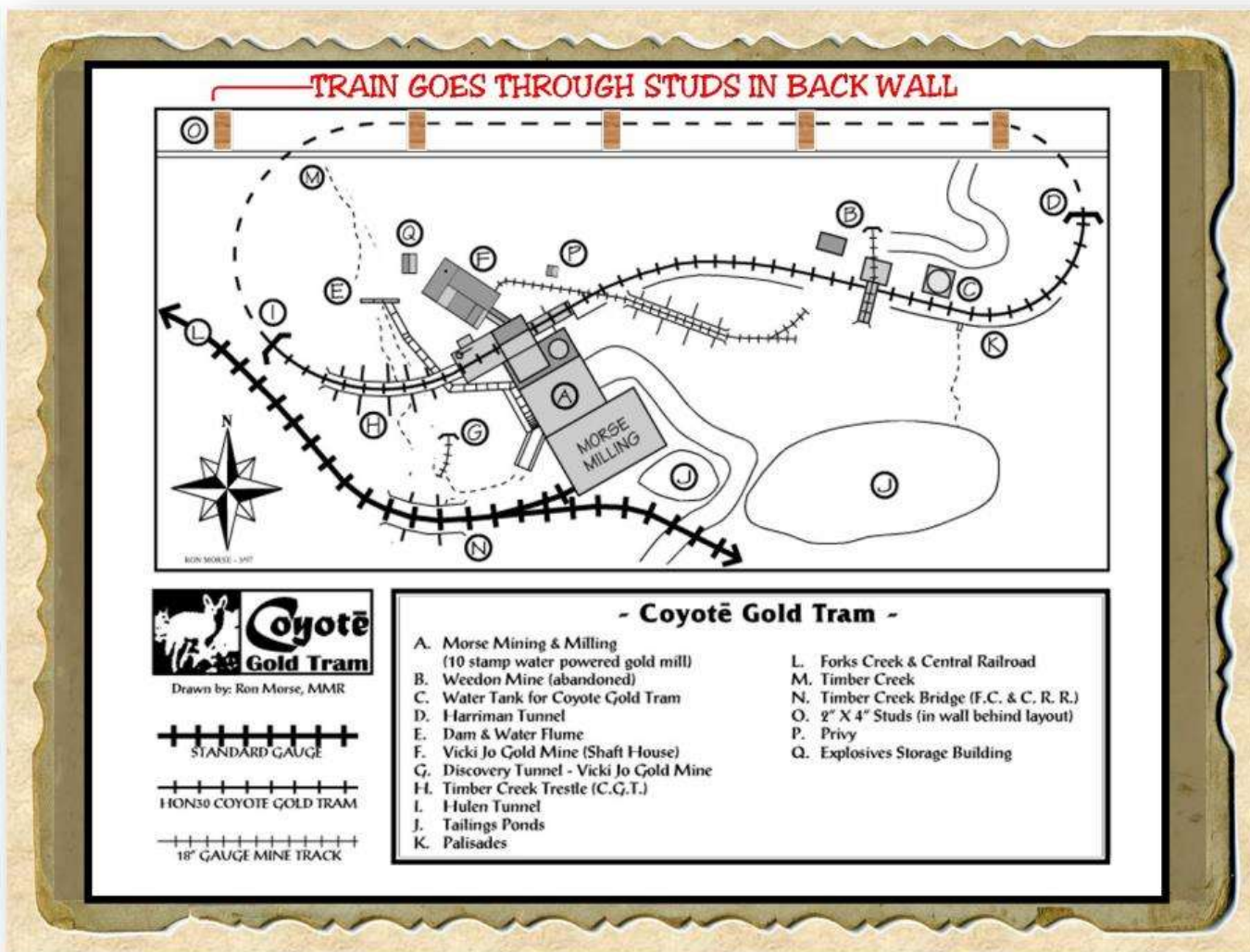




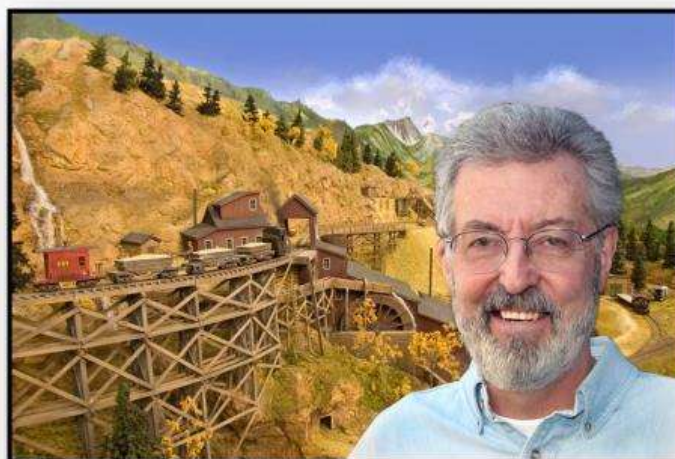


# FORKS CREEK & CENTRAL RAILROAD

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.



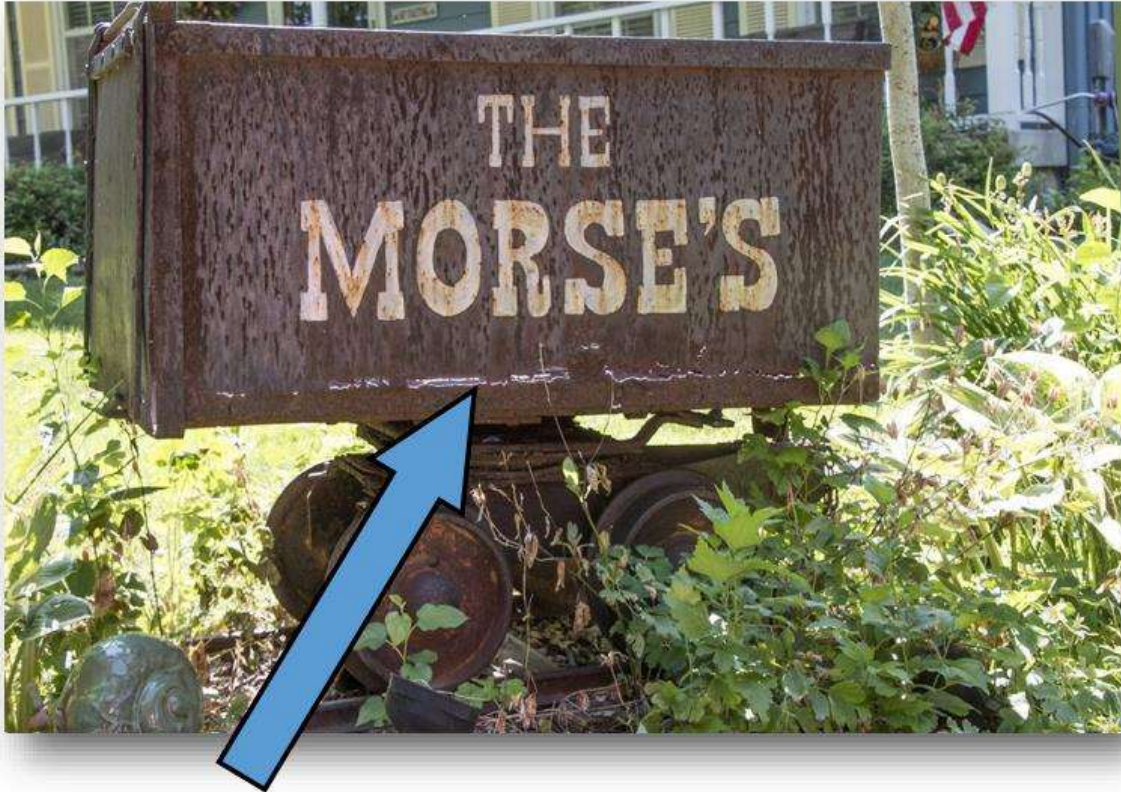




# LITTLE ELLA MINE AND MINE CAR



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.





# NOTICE



## LCCA invites Other Train Clubs to Scranton!

The LCCA invites members of other train clubs to join in the fun and activities promised for the Scranton LCCA convention. Members of other train clubs, both local and national (ie LOTS, TCA, TTOS, NMRA, etc) have the opportunity to take advantage of a limited time opportunity. The LCCA is offering other model train club members to join the LCCA and attend the convention with a special one-time rate of \$25 for a regular membership effective from July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022. All additional standard convention registration fees will apply. Interested train collectors and operators can sign up for this special opportunity by calling the LCCA business office from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT) at (815) 223-0115. You may also join and register during the convention at the Hilton Hotel registration desk. This limited offer to join the LCCA and participate in the national convention will provide Scranton area train enthusiasts with a regular LCCA membership from July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022, which will include:

- two issues of the award-winning club magazine, The Lion Roars
- access to the members-only areas of the club website
- two issues of Interchange Track for buying and selling model trains
- opportunity to purchase limited edition member-only custom Lionel merchandise
- access to the LCCA website's new Lionel digital archives featuring complete historic Lionel catalogs in enhanced color dating back to 1900

"This year, the LCCA National Convention will be dubbed the 50+1 Convention to give members a chance to celebrate last year's cancelled 50th anniversary and commemorate our 51st year. We will be offering to 'share the fun' of the convention with members of all ages. One of the many highlights will be a unique modular O gauge trains layout from LCCA FastTrack® Modular Railroad club members from across the country" said LCCA President and CEO Harry Hampson. The modular layout will be available for public viewing Wednesday, July 17, at 9 a.m. through Saturday, July 20, at 3 p.m. Member attendees will be able to bring their own modules to add to this expansive layout.

To register for the 2021 LCCA convention or get more details about all of the events and the club, visit [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org). (#LCCA50+1)





# ***THE TULSA UNION CONVENTION***

2021 Midcontinent & Lone Star Region NMRA

**June 17-20, 2021**

<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com/>

***Hurry Hurry Hurry***

There are just a few slots remaining for Pete Leach's hands-on clinic on how you too can paint your own backdrop! For the low, low price of just \$10.00, you can learn from Pete how to create a backdrop for your layout with just a few tubes of paint! Sign up now for your chance to learn from one of Lone Star Region's newest Master Model Railroaders!

And if you are thinking about registering and attending the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention next June, sign up now and take advantage of the early registration rate of \$ 60.00 available until March 1<sup>st</sup>!

While we are mindful of concerns regarding Co-Vid 19, many of us will qualify for vaccinations based on our age. So, sign up now for the convention and get your vaccination! Registration numbers will be reviewed on March 1<sup>st</sup> so we can consider the financial viability of the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention.

*Should a decision be made to cancel the convention due to low registration numbers, refunds will be issued to those who have registered. Sign up now and show your support!*

The 2021 Tulsa Union Convention is the joint production of the Midcontinent and Lone Star Regions, NMRA.





*A snowy January,  
Saturday morning...  
just you and your friends!*

