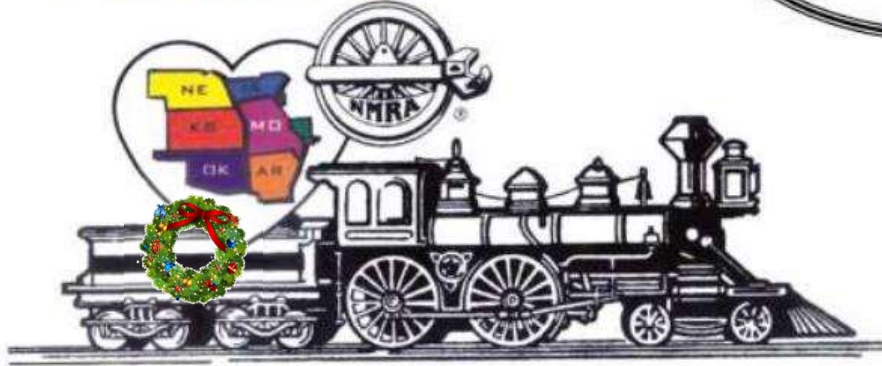


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Turkey Creek Division



February 2021

MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION, NMRA
"For all gauges and all ages"

ZOOM MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Turkey Creek Division is planning a in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Zoom participation will be offered and encouraged to keep attendance below the 10 person limit set by Kansas City.

OUR CLINIC

*(To be announced and
advised by separate email.)*

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

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. 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=MmJEdUtRQndGeDArcidCVTVJdHk5QT09>

Meeting ID: 850 8019 4385

Pass Code: 03

Superintendent's Report

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PENDING



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Clerk's Report for January 26, 2021



In attendance January 26th



In Memoriam

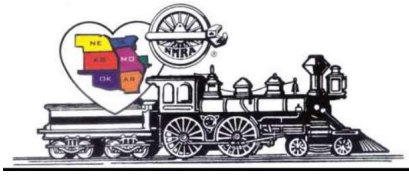
Robert L. Miller

June 8, 1936 - November 28, 2020

Robert Miller, 84, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away after a lengthy illness, born in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Survived by his wife of 41 years, Joyce; 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He graduated from Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, where he grew up. A member of First Baptist Church of Turner, Kansas. He retired from Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1996. Following his retirement, he served as an American Baptist Pastor at Greenwood and Appanoose Baptist Churches in Pamoona, Kansas for 10 years.

Robert loved model railroading, a member of NMRA, modeled the ATSF. He built out his railroad experience throughout his basement. He was a good, kind man, who volunteered and participated in the model railroad community until his illness became problematic. Robert will be missed by all.





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CONGRATULATIONS

Following the annual Mid-Continent Region Board Meeting, the Awards Committee discussed and voted to present the Larry Long Award for service to the region to Larry Alfred, MMR.



Larry Alfred, MMR

Also, announced were merit awards for models judged in the last couple of months.

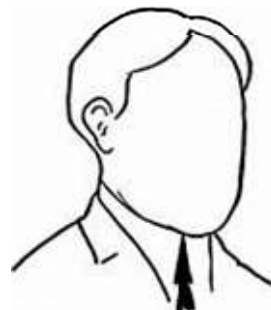
CONGRATULATIONS



Three merit awards for "Structures"

Greg Ohlmacher

CONGRATULATIONS



Three merit awards for "Cars"

Steve McKee

THE MODELING CHALLENGE GOBBLER

VOLUME 18, February 2021 ... A Randomly Occurring Notice



Keeping the BULL BUSY ...
and WATCHING HIS BACK

UPDATE

2021 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge

by Larry Alfred, MMR

I hope you all have had a chance to look at the rules set out for this years' Modeling Challenge. Details were included in the last *Lightning Slinger*. The most significant change from the past years will be the limit of one-foot square for the entry base. Please don't let this be a disincentive to your decision to enter a model. It's fun! The Challenge is planned for August 2021. This gives you plenty of time to prepare and entry...including the possibility of incorporating a make-and-take model with your entry. The make-and-take event is planned for April, so be sure to get your order in for a kit, if you are interested in this event.

This year, I will be tracking those that have committed to bringing an entry, in a similar way to that the "Hammer" (Ron Morse, RIP) did in the past. The list of those that have committed, with the scale of the entry, will be included each month in this publication. Let's make this list grow!

Here is the list as of now. We are looking for further commitments, so please get to it! E-mail me at captlalfred@gmail.com to get on this prestigious list.

**Target Date is
AUGUST 24, 2021**
(THIS COULD CHANGE IF CHURCH
IS NOT AVAILABLE WON'T KNOW
UNTIL CLOSER TO AUGUST)



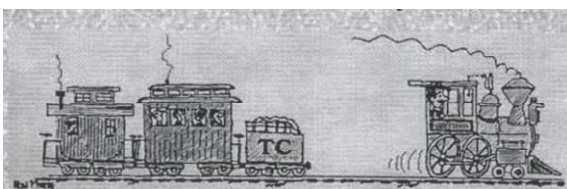
Committed:

John Fales...HO
Larry Alfred...O
Miles Hales...O

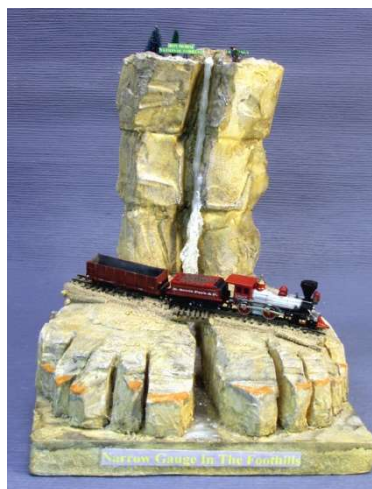
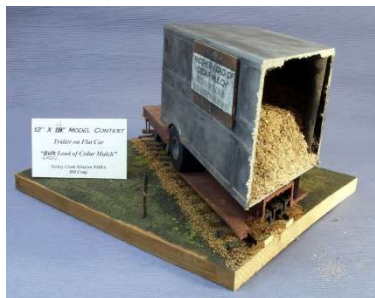
Fran Hale...?
Larry Diehl...HO
Steve McKee...O
Ray Brown...HO

DON'T MISS OUT!...

Join the Fun!



EXAmPLes OF 'X1' diSPLaYS



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!

**YOU TAKE HOME THE AWARDS!
JOIN THE FUN!**

THE MODELING CHALLENGE GOBBLER

The Black Rock Chronicle

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

Volume 21 - Issue 1

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Colorado Whiskey and Duluth Co. Drilling & Pipe

Back in June, Sierra West sent out notice of a limited edition 25 year anniversary kit he called "Duluth Company, Plumbing Wholesalers".

I thought it was a very interesting "trackside business" and a moderate size structure to work with HOn3 and standard HO Scale.

The kit could be built on a 12" x 12" base, so it could qualify as a "square footer" in a model contest such as the National Narrow Gauge Convention. In my opinion, these Sierra West kits are well cut accurately, and go together very well.

The structure was a simple rectangular plan, with a single ridge roof line, photos below.

Larry modifications...

Well, those who know me, realize I believe in "Shadowlines", "Massing Offsets", "Angle Orientations", and "Multiple Structures" to create visual interest.

I strongly believe in the "first impressions" of your models with observers, which can result in favorable reception by onlookers! ... plus continued looking! ... and study!

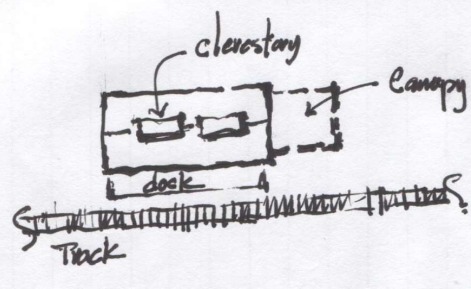
So what was my thinking to change this well designed model, in ways to increase that first impression?



Duluth Company
PLUMBING WHOLESALERS

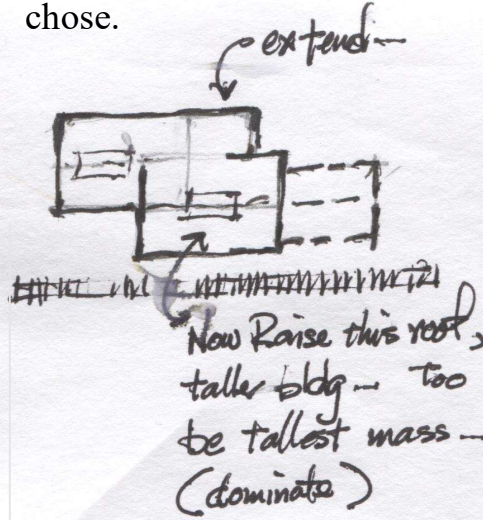
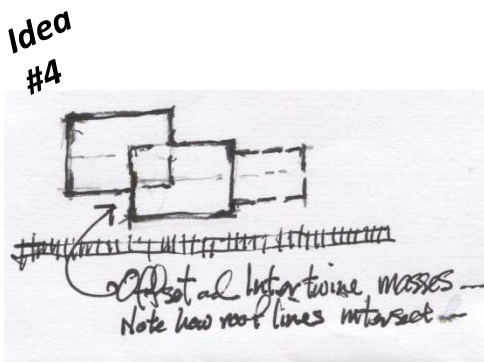
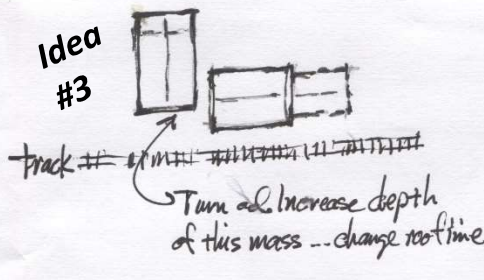
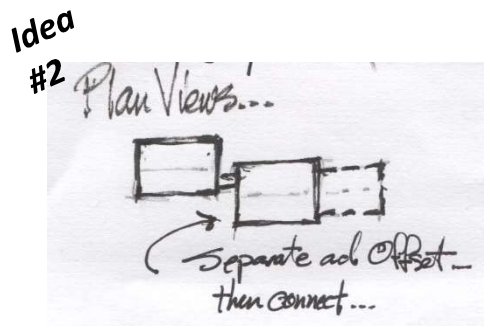
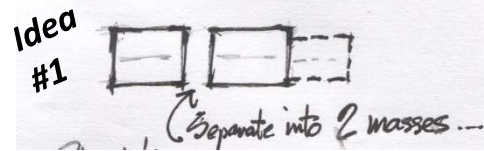


This is the concept that I chose.



Plan in Kit

I started experimenting with changes in the massing of the floor plan.



This also offsets the ridge line and helps in visual interest. The clerestory cupola's are also offset and at different heights. The docks will be different sizes.

The original width was used and I felt a whiskey maker would be appropriate for the BitterRoot Canyon City.



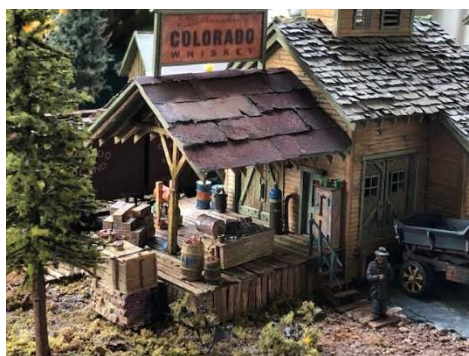
Colorado Whiskey Plant was born ... ! HO Standard



Aging warehouse



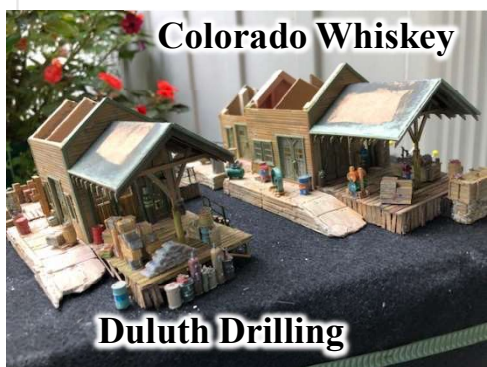
As I started constructing walls, I noted the proportion of the building and the width per the kit. I thought the building width could be narrowed and make the structure feel more “vertical”. I cut a narrow end wall, and I liked it. Dilemma! I wanted to build both buildings. So I started a companion model of 2’ narrower width.



Scratchbuilt door

Second Model

“Duluth Drilling & Pipe” was created. ... HOn3



Duluth Drilling & Pipe Co. needed a pipe unloading area and storage. Pipe of this size needs to be handled with a jib crane!

That’s an interesting model in and of it’s own! So, I scratchbuilt a jib crane!



Jib Crane

I needed a truck loading area serviced by the jib crane.

I cut down the base to make a level loading onto a “flat bed semi-truck”. I modified a Wiseman (old SS LTD) white metal kit into a flat bed trailer.



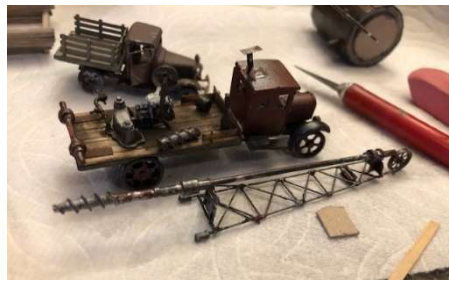
I needed drilling fluids. So I scratchbuilt two tanks and added piping details. Got help from Miles Hale 3D printing and “oval round top” for one tank.



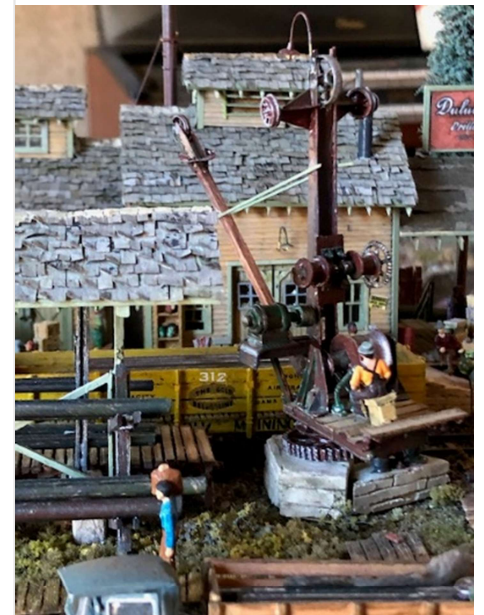
I also needed a “drilling rig” for truck mounting. Well, had to use a long bed Wiseman white metal truck kit. Scratch made the drilling tower, added car engine, transmission, scratchbuilt radiator, added extra “drill bits”.



Again, Miles to the rescue. He suggested a course drywall screw as a great size for a bit! So I ground on two screws and made two auger bits. (Now I’m drilling on the mountains! I really need a couple of rock core barrels with rock teeth. I’ll do this later.)



Drilling Rig



Jib Crane



Now ...

Note how the building masses “intertwine”.

The masses are slightly different heights.

Duluth building is 2’ narrower than Colorado Whiskey. Do you notice the slight variation?



Colorado Whiskey



Duluth Drilling

The clerestories also are offset and different heights, adding more visual interest.

The docks to RR are different sizes in front of the “offset building masses”.

The out structures vary between models: A whiskey aging warehouse. The hobs hang around whiskey plant! A pipe unloading crane; Shed storage rack; Flat bed semi-loading; Compliments Duluth Drilling & Pipe.

A gondola delivers pipe.

A box car delivers cases of whiskey, materials such as sugar, corn and barley.

You see the photos – you compare the kit pictures, and you tell me if I succeeded!



Duluth Drilling

FORKS CREEK CURRENT

VOLUME 19 A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION By: Ron Morse, MMR

I continue to work on the railroad every day. As you can see I have added some stairs to both ends of the freight depot. I touched up various small things on the building but they really don't show up on a photo.



Next I wrapped the building in a "cling" (food) wrap cover to protect it from water and glue in the next step (remember these are paper buildings that don't like water).



FORKS CREEK CURRENT

Here the freight depot is in place getting ready to do the decomposed granite ground cover.



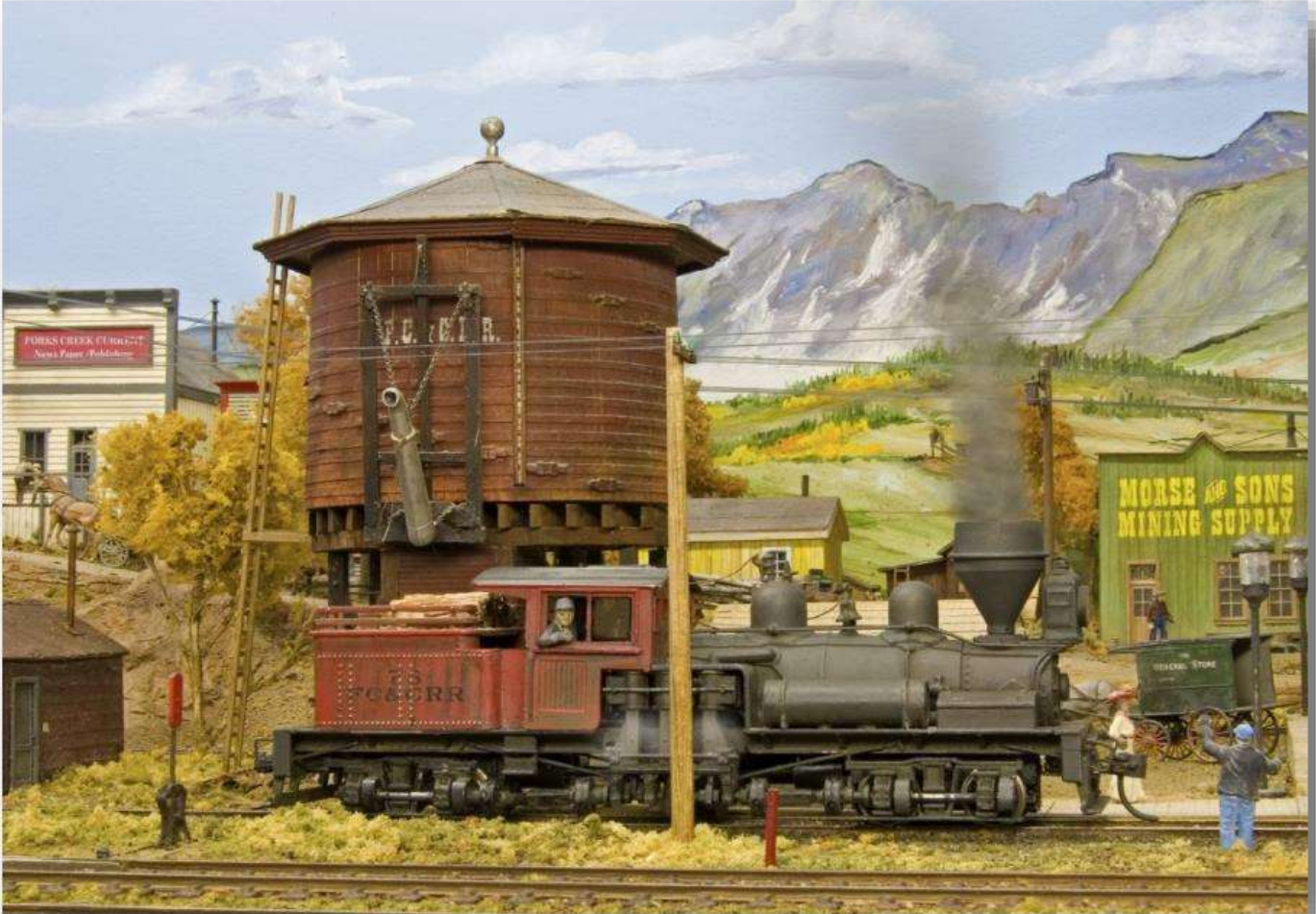
Since this was a redo where I raised the freight dock I didn't want to get granite on the track that had been done previously so using chipboard I covered the areas where I did not want to add additional granite.



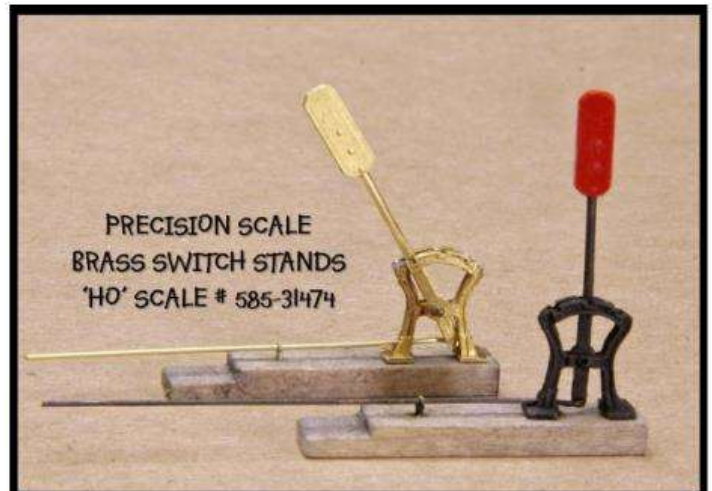


FORKS CREEK & CENTRAL RAILROAD

Engine #77 of the FC&CRR has just taken on water.



The railroad has operating "Harp" style switch stands.



LITTLE ELLA MINE AND MINE CAR

Here is the dump box (upside down) on the garage floor. It has had some "Bondo" on it. The next step is to paint the patched area with a coat of black "Eastwood Rust Encapsulator" (it costs \$140.00 per gallon!). Then I will need to add Bondo again to the patched areas and sand.



The second picture shows a rivet that has been drilled out and replaced with a carriage bolt. I think I did over 20 of these.

Indispensable items...WD-40 and Metal reinforced Bondo filler..





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CG&S RR

Gary Davidson's On3 Layout

This boy is working
Scenery is the game and
mountains are cropping up in many places!



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. (#LCCA50+1)



THE TULSA UNION CONVENTION

2021 Midcontinent & Lone Star Region NMRA

June 17-20, 2021

**Revised:
October 6th
to 10th**

<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 1st!

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 1st 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.

2021 Tulsa Union Convention

Standard Registration is \$75.00 (after July 1, 2021)
Early Bird Registration is \$60.00 (if paid on/before July 1, 2021)
Non-Rail Registration is \$30.00 (No Early Bird discount for Non-Rail)

Standard Registration

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Non-Rail Registration

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Registration can be paid via Paypal by clicking here [XXXXXXXX](#)

Or, You may print this registration form and submit via USPS.

For Privacy Reasons Please Email:

registrar@2021tulsaunion.com

For mailing instructions

2021 Tulsa Union Convention

Shopping Cart

Registration Fee		Quantity	Price
Standard:	(After July 1, 2021)		\$ 75.00
Early Bird:	(If Paid before July 1,2021)		\$ 60.00
Non-Rail	(No Early Bird discount for Non Rail)		\$ 30.00
Total			

Convention Shirts	With Pocket? Mark Y or N	Size	Quantity	Price
Shirts will be Navy in color		Small		\$ 32.00
		Medium		\$ 32.00
		Large		\$ 32.00
		X-Large		\$ 32.00
		2-XL		\$ 32.00
		3-XL		\$ 32.00
		4-XL		\$ 32.00
Total				

Clinic Supply Fee		Quantity	Price
Pete Leach-Backdrop Painting	(Limit of 10 active participants)		\$ 10.00
*Folks may audit the class on a Standing Room Only Basis			SOLD OUT

Total Registration Cost	Total
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Operating Session Preference (CHOOSE UP TO 3 ONLY--Final assignment based on date registration received)

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Santa Fe Herford Sub	Sammy Carlile	HO	
KCS 3rd Subdivision	Steve Davis	HO	
Pandara & San Miguel Rwy	Kenneth Ehlers	Sn3	
South Brooklyn Terminal	Tom Fausser	HO	
Spaendahl Yamanee & Densum	Steve Gillett	HO	
Green Country Model Railroad Club	Green Country Model Railroad Club	HO	
Tennessee Central Railway	Lane Littlefield	N	
Tulsa Junction Railway	Jon Pansius	HO	
Kansas Central Division-Coffeyville Sub	Allan Roecker	HO	
Deep River Southern	Dave Salamon	N	
Connell Northern	Sam Simons	N	
Southern Pacific	Jim Sinclair	HO	
Silverton & Lake City	David Steensland	HO3	

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A miniature diorama depicting a group of hobos gathered near a whiskey storage building and a train car. The scene is set outdoors with a wooden fence and a white tree. The whiskey storage building is made of wood and has a sign that reads "KNOB CREEK". The train car is dark red and has "CMRR" and "E587" written on it. The hobos are dressed in various styles of clothing, including hats, jackets, and boots. Some are sitting on the ground, while others are standing. One hobo is playing a guitar, and another is playing a harmonica. The ground is covered with small plants and rocks. The overall scene is a detailed and realistic representation of a hobo camp.

The hobos are gathering near the whiskey storage building! They appear to be singing and playing instruments and having a great time!

It must be a warm day in February at the Colorado Whiskey Plant!