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# 43rd National Narrow Gauge Convention



Tim Bain photo

## *A Mile High & Three-Foot Wide*

From August 30, 2023, until September 2, 2023, Denver Colorado will be the epicenter of Narrow-Gauge Activities. From the full roster of informative clinics presented by well known model railroaders and railroad specialists, to the largest dedicated narrow gauge retail space anywhere, the convention hotel will be the hub of the week's activities. Both on-site model railroad displays as well as home layouts will be on the schedule for those wishing to experience state of the art narrow gauge model railroading. Prototype venues at nearly every point on the compass are there for those venturing out. Most are less than a half day's drive, many only an hour's travel. Visit them as part of the convention or add them to your before or after convention travel plans.

Remember, Denver is easily accessible by air, rail, and road. So, planning travel could not be simpler. The Hotel's Special Convention rates won't break the bank either! The area hosts food options for every taste and budget.

Who: All Narrow Gauge modelers

What: **43<sup>rd</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention**

When: August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Where: Crown Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center  
Denver, Colorado

Why: Fun!

Info: <https://www.43nngcdenver.com/>





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The Quarterly Bulletin Of The Katy Railroad Historical Society, Inc.

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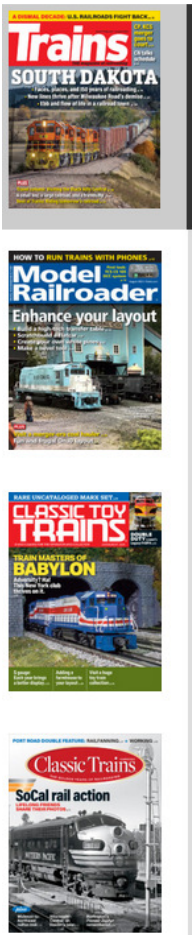


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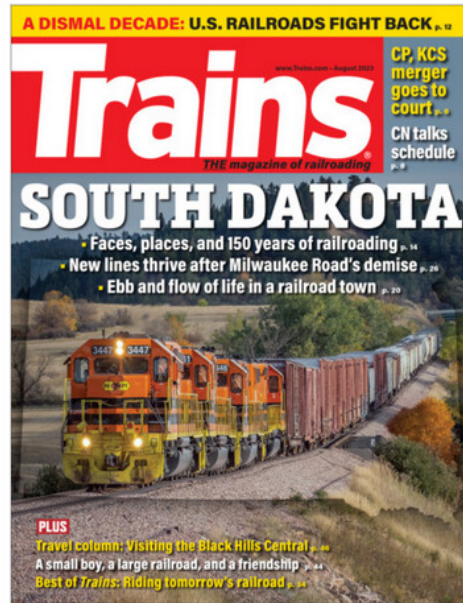


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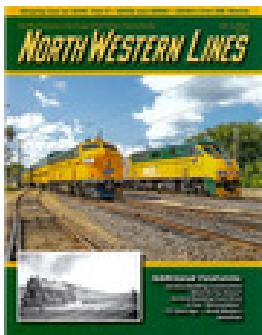






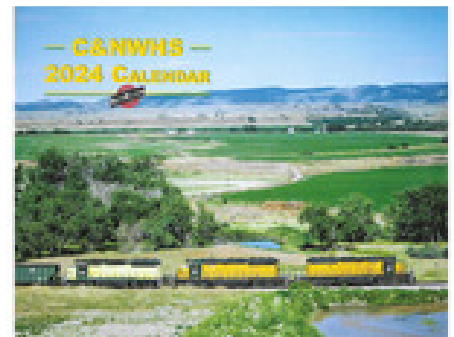
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July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Collinsville, IL

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The **Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet** took place in St. Louis, MO. at the end of July.

Thanks to *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine for the photos.

Here are just a few photos from the meeting.





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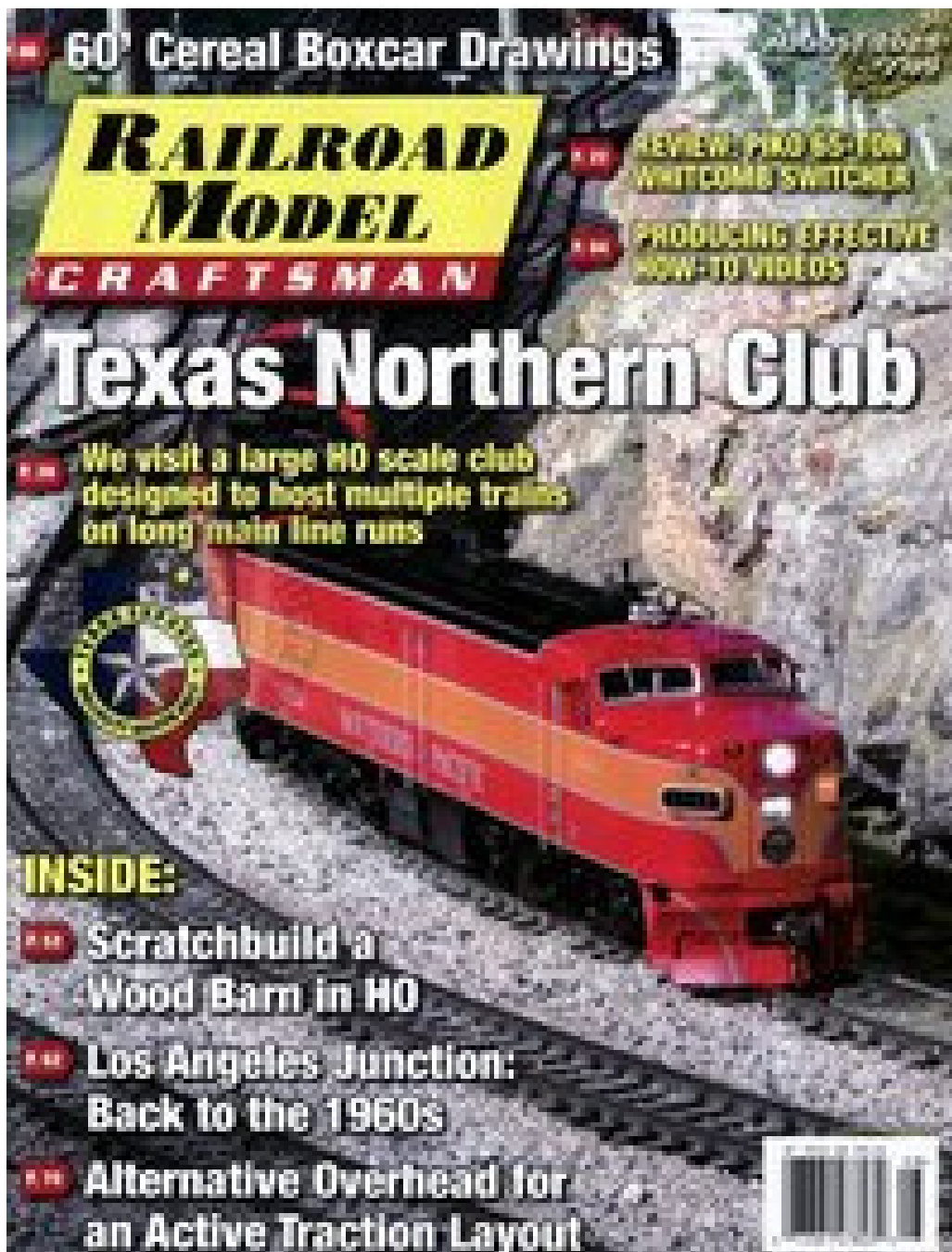


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**DAN MUNSON** - Long main line runs are balanced with local switching on this HO scale club layout

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**WILLIAM E. BOTKIN** - A one-evening project to add fine details to an unusual company service car in HO

### **Pullman-Standard 60' Boxcar**

**JAMES KINKAID** - Boxcars for breakfast cereal (and sometimes steel and paper products, too)

### **Scratchbuild a Gambrel Roof Barn**

**PATRICK LAWSON** - Cut your own scale lumber to make a convincing model of this rural structure

### **Backdating Los Angeles Junction**

**LANCE MINDHEIM** - Inspired by the prototype, this compact shelf layout was backdated to the 1960s

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## Forced Perspective



This is a "forced perspective" scene - the foreground box car and the figure are **On30**, while the background is **H0** scale. Just a photo experiment from years ago.

Modeling and photography by Bob Boudreau.  
— in [Saint John, NB, Canada](#)

# Open House



Show up to run trains on our layouts  
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### scheme w/ DCC Amtrak

Kato's new ALC-42 "Charger" model represents the Siemens Diesel-Electric engine as it has been ordered by Amtrak long distance service. This model differs from other regional variations of the "Charger" model with an extended nose section, larger fuel tank and sandfill tank, and other internal modifications to make it better fit Amtrak's needs for cross country travel.

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(Below) MPHS members attending the recent Railroad Prototype Modelers meet in St. Louis, MO.



Missouri Pacific Historical Society

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L-R, Pat Hiatte, Dave Wehner, Rene LaVoise, Jim Rose, Luke Welte, Kevin Love, Ray Gebhardt, David Huelsing

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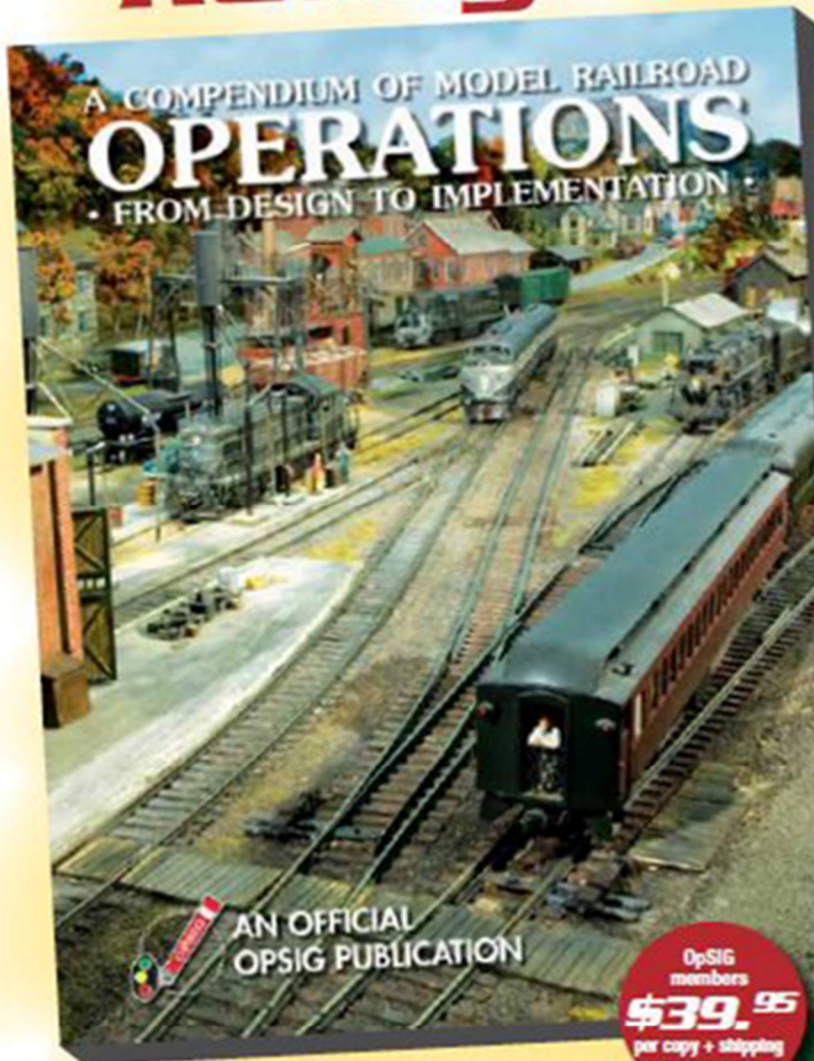
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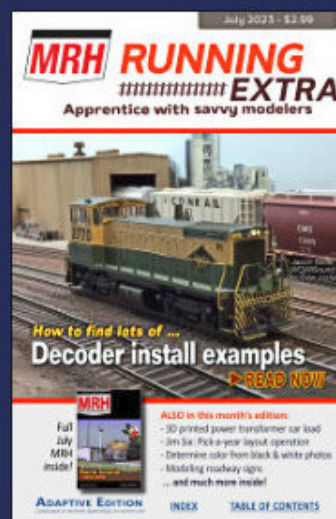


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# A Trip Back In Time

In mid-July I had a chance to visit with Mark Fisher of Ingalls, Kansas, a member of the **Boot hill Model Railroad Club**. Mark models in On30 scale and his portable layout depicts logging in the 1800's using animal power and narrow-gauge railroads. His layout can function as a stand-alone layout or be joined to other similar layouts.



(Above) Mark Fisher next to his portable layout.



(Above Both) Mark has recently started “weathering” some of his rolling stock as shown with this boxcar.



# A Trip Back In Time



During the picture taking, I asked Mark, “What do they call the device with the big wheels?” He replied, “the Big Wheel.” In the time of animal power, loggers would yoke oxen in the front while in the rear cut-down tree trunks would be chained to the shorter back end with the chained end raised off the ground, so the oxen only needed to pull one end of the trunk across the ground greatly reducing resistance. Pretty smart fellows our ancestors. Both Steve Weidner and Mark have done extensive research into this period of time.





# A Trip Back In Time



(Above) Mark's depiction of felled trees floated down river to the sawmill. The flue (top center) has a moving chain where the logs would be attached and hauled up the flue to the sawmill floor.

(Below) Once the logs are on the sawmill floor they are loaded onto an angled hopper where they slide down to the moving trolley that runs them through the saw. This trolley moves back and forth on Mark's layout.





# A Trip Back In Time



(Both) Inside the sawmill.





# A Trip Back In Time



(Above) A portion of Mark's home On30 layout.



(Above) Mark has also built a collection of boat models.



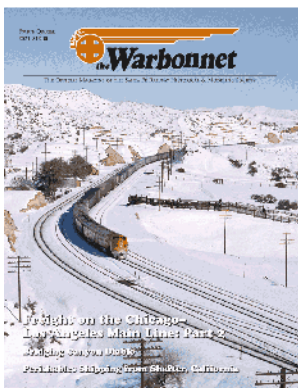
(Left) Recently Mark has been constructing and weathering more structures.

At the end of this month, Mark and Steve are displaying their layouts at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Denver.





The **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** is an independent non-profit corporation devoted to preserving, studying, and sharing information about the former Santa Fe Railway; from its rich history, fascinating operations, to its distinctive equipment and facilities.



The Society's flagship quarterly magazine, *The Warbonnet*, offers lavishly illustrated articles on the history and modeling of the Santa Fe and its affiliated companies. Each issue is at least 40 pages, often more, typically includes articles by noted authors, often accompanied by full color photos, maps and drawings; modeling articles with useful "how to" tips; letters from Society members contributing additional information on past articles, and product reviews. Issued in March, June, September, and December of each year.

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### UPCOMING MINI-MEETS

The Society is pleased to announce that MINI-MEETS are restarting! Here are the planned mini-meets so far:

- **October 14, 2023, Denver Area Mini-Meet. [Updated 7/15/2023]** Time 9 am to 1 pm. Lone Tree Library, 10055 Library Way, Lone Tree, CO 80124. Registration is \$5.00 at the door starting at 9:00 am; program starts at 9:30. Clinics:
  - Steve Patterson, *Life at Seligman*
  - Steve Patterson, *Fred Harvey*
  - Mike Tomei, *Layout Construction Views*
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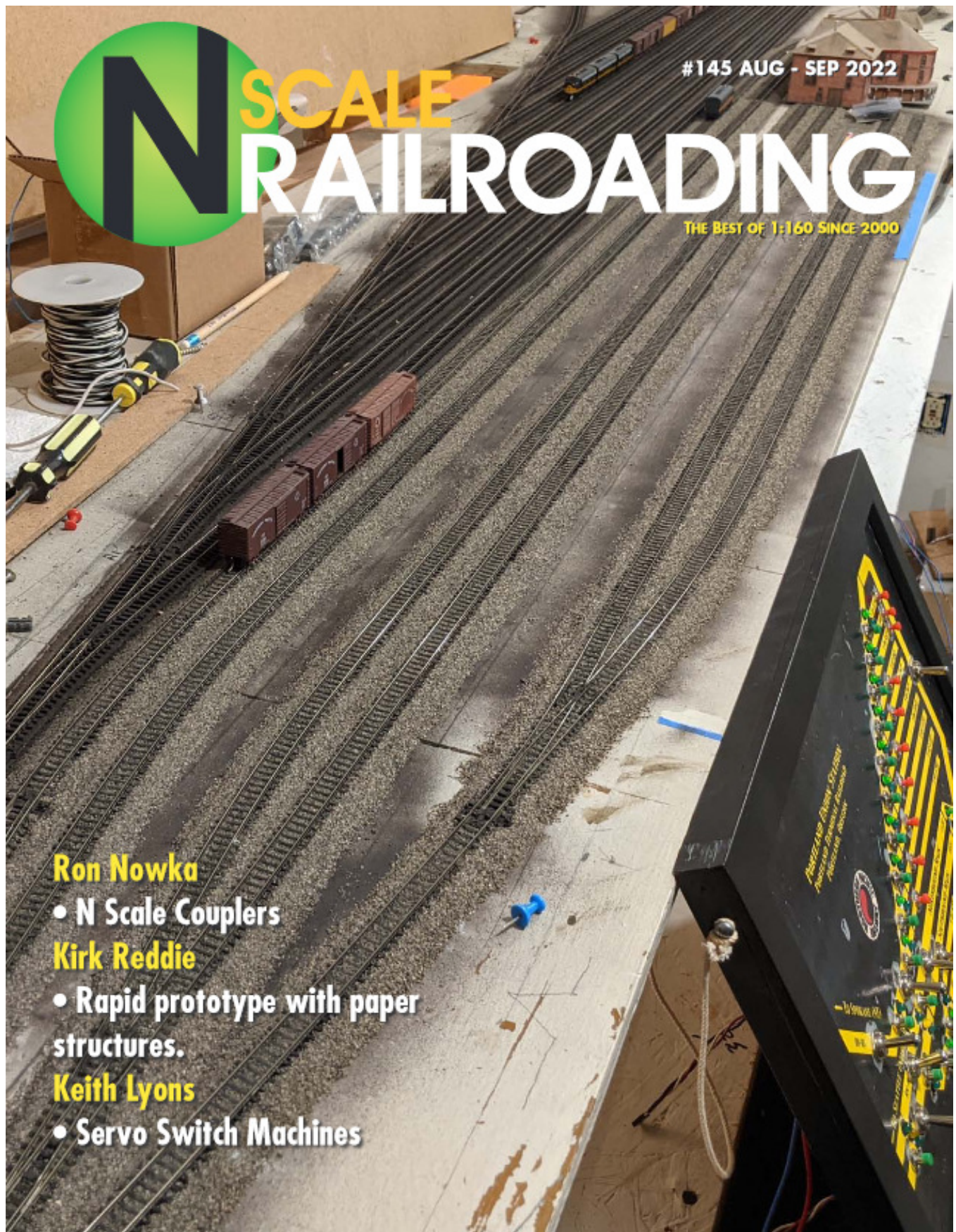
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We publish a quarterly magazine, *The Dispatcher's Office*, which in addition to containing articles and information on railroad operations (both prototype and model), contains listings of operating layouts, sessions, and events that members are invited to attend.

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# Oddballs

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## Morrison-Knudson 5000C



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In the early 1990s MK Rail, a long time locomotive remanufacturer, announced its plan to compete directly with EMD and GE Transportation by beginning its own high-horsepower locomotive program, starting with a 5,000 hp, DC drive locomotive and continuing with 5,500 hp and 6,000 hp AC drive locomotives in later years.

The **MK5000C** is a 5,000 hp North American diesel-electric locomotive developed by MK Rail. At the time of its introduction in 1994, the MK5000C was the most powerful single prime mover diesel-electric locomotive ever made, a title it would hold for only for one year until GE Transportation released its competing 6,000 hp (4.5 MW) AC6000CW model in 1995.





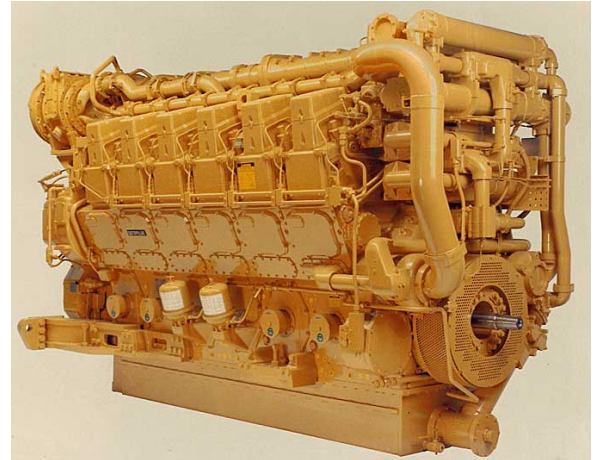
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The **MK5000C** was powered by the 5000 hp Caterpillar V12 3612 diesel engine. This diesel engine remains one of the largest engine blocks used in rail service in North America. The 3612 has dual turbochargers that are liquid aftercooled.

Like most modern locomotives the MK5000C was microprocessor controlled, using an in-house designed system called the MK-LOC. This system monitored the performance of all aspects of the locomotive and controlled the power output as well as the traction control/adhesion of the locomotive. The MK5000C also had electro-pneumatic braking, provided by the EPIC 3102 air brake system which can be found on locomotives of other builders.



## History

**Six** were built, three in August 1994 for demonstration on the Southern Pacific numbered 501 to 503, and another three in August 1995 for demonstration on the Union Pacific numbered 9901 to 9903. Due to termination of the MK Rail high horsepower program, neither railroad purchased the model, and the units were returned after one year of demonstrations. Production was stopped after the sale of MK Rail to Wabtec in 1996, and three more partially built units sat in storage until 2001, when their frames were scrapped by MK Rail successor Motive Power. One of the MK5000C cabs was used on Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad 5000, a former ATSF SD45B rebuilt into a SD50M-3. This unit is still in service as MPEX 5000 and can be found in lease service on various railroads in North America. The other six were leased briefly to BC Rail.

In 2001 the Utah Railway tested and later acquired all six from Wabtec, the owner of Motive Power. However, after one year of operation, all units were out of service due to problems with the main bearings on the Caterpillar 3612 diesel engine and Kato main alternator. The units were returned to Wabtec and had the Caterpillar 3612 and Kato main alternator removed and replaced with an EMD AR11 main alternator. At the same time, the engine blocks were replaced by EMD 3500 Horsepower 16-645F3B diesel engines from five retired Union Pacific EMD SD50 and one retired Union Pacific EMD GP50 locomotives. The six were reclassified with the designation MK50-3 and put back in service with the Utah Railway.

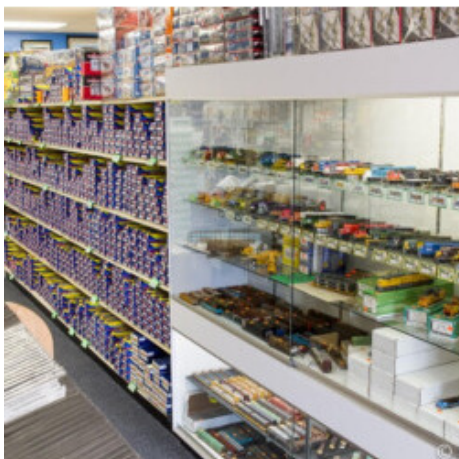
In March 2017, four units were prepared to be shipped to the Kyle Railroad, a few months after Utah Railway's coal train contracts expired. A BNSF train picked up the four units and left with them on March 14, 2017. A fifth unit left the Utah Railway in late March/April, and the final unit departed on April 6, 2017.





## Show Schedule

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| <b>NMRA National Show</b><br><a href="#">Website Info</a>      | <a href="#">Gaylord Texan Resort &amp; Convention Center</a>   | Grapevine, TX     | August 25, 2023<br>August 26, 2023<br>August 27, 2023 |
| <b>Temple Model Train Show</b><br><a href="#">Website Info</a> | <a href="#">Frank W. Mayborn Civic &amp; Convention Center</a> | Temple, TX        | September 16, 2023<br>September 17, 2023              |
| <b>Oklahoma City Train Show</b>                                | <a href="#">Cox Pavilion Oklahoma State Fairgrounds</a>        | Oklahoma City, OK | November 4, 2023<br>November 5, 2023                  |



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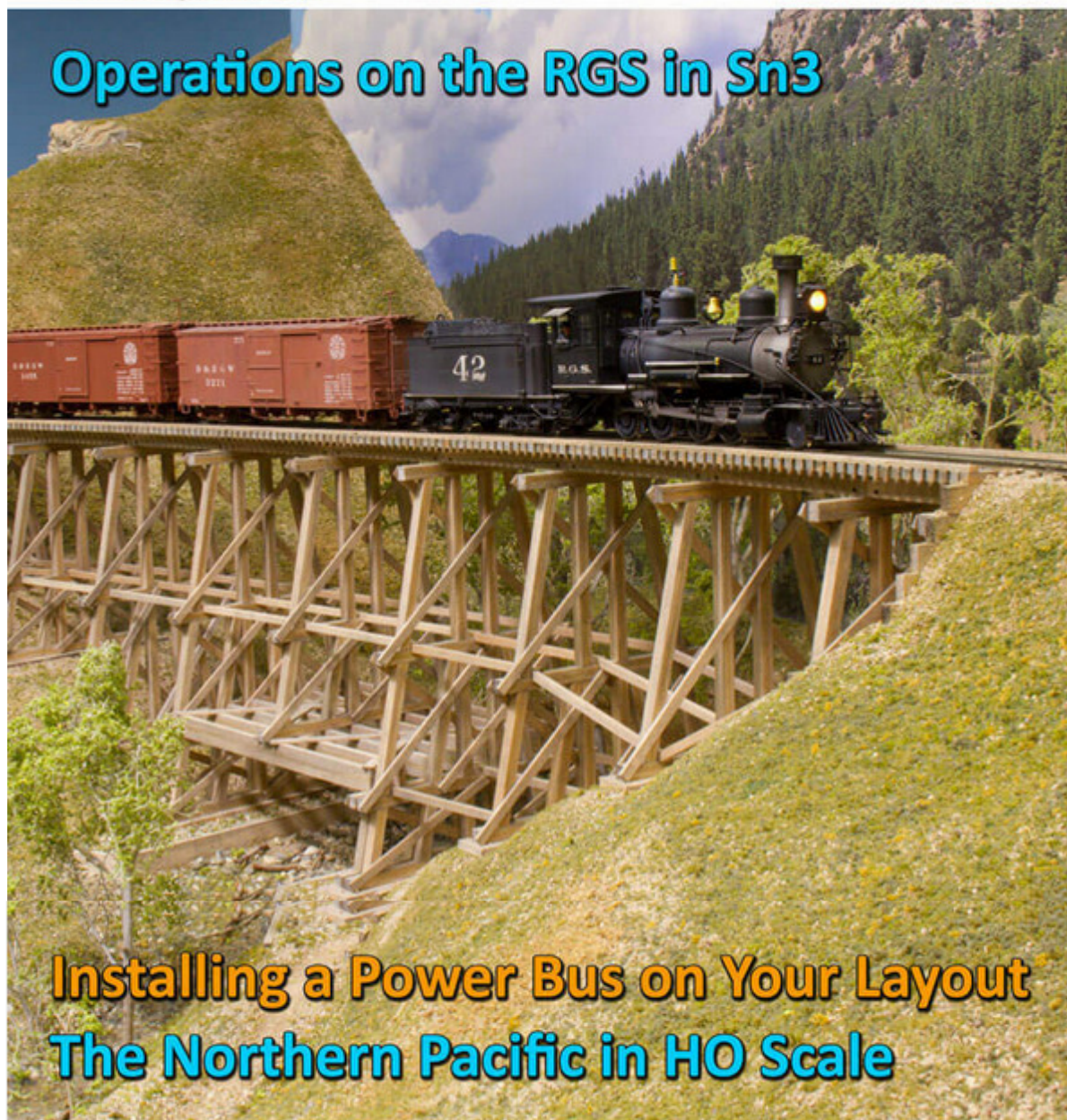
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**Upcoming Events**

The Summer 2023 Board Meeting will be held on Saturday 7/29 at 7 am CDT at the Region Convention in Kansas City.

The 2023 National convention is scheduled for from 8/20-8/26 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center. [See the website for more](#)

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## SLSF / Frisco Modelers

The primary objective of the group is to showcase models of the SLSF-Frisco like Layouts, locomotives, Freight cars, equipment and structures in model form. Projects are welcome too along with how-to posts! Early years of the BN takeover are welcome as well.



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# WKR Update

The Purchasing Department of the WKR decided to splurge on the latest Micro-Trains weathered cars, in this case a four-pack of Union Pacific grain hoppers.

Since on the WKR the MoPac absorbed the UP in 1982, some old UP rolling stock will look right at home.

Instead of ordering the collectors individual plastic cases, we opted for the foam pack as we are operators, not collectors and it was a little bit cheaper.

The weathering is unique to each car with different levels of rust.

The only issue we had with the weathering is when somebody else does the job, they model what they see according to where they are. In this case, they used a "Dark Earth" color but in Western Kansas, the soil is more clay and so is almost a light tan color.

The main point in buying these cars is to use them as "models" where we can use the same or similar techniques but substitute the light tan colors found in Western Kansas as we have a whole fleet of older grain hoppers from several different roads, and they need a good trip to the Weathering Department.

Next month we will feature bulkhead flat cars.





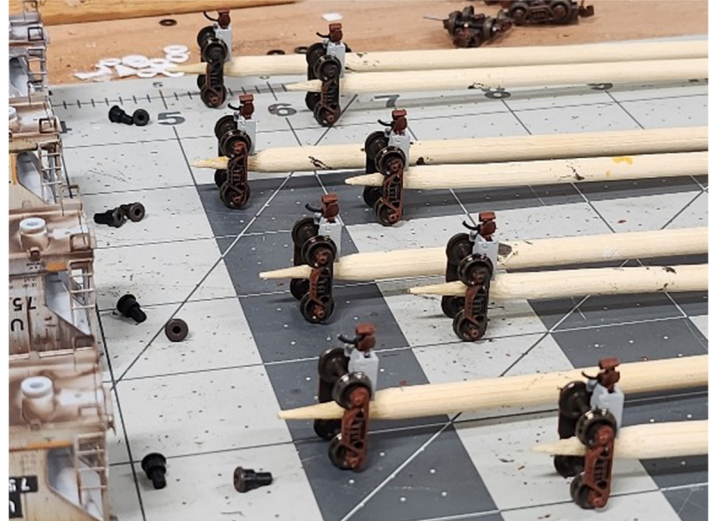
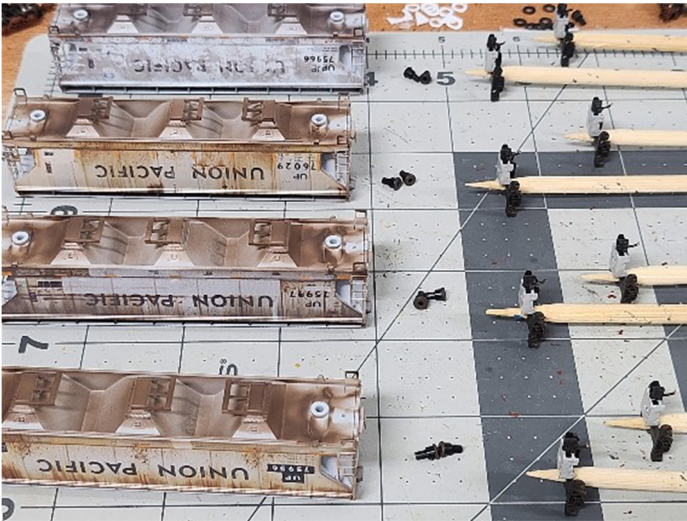
# WKR Update



(Both) A couple of views of the weathering on the underside and top of the cars.



(Below) To bring the new cars up to WKR standards, the trucks were removed, wheel sets replaced with ESM metal wheel sets, and rust color added to the side frames and couplers.







**Welcome to the Union Pacific Historical Society!** The UPHS is an independent, non- profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the Union Pacific Railroad. As of the beginning of 2016, the Society has about 1,900 members. Historians, railfans, employees, and modelers have found the UPHS to be a matchless source of accurate and in-depth material concerning historical operations, traffic, motive power, rolling stock and facilities of the Union Pacific and predecessor companies. Railroad employees, managers, and retirees are welcome.



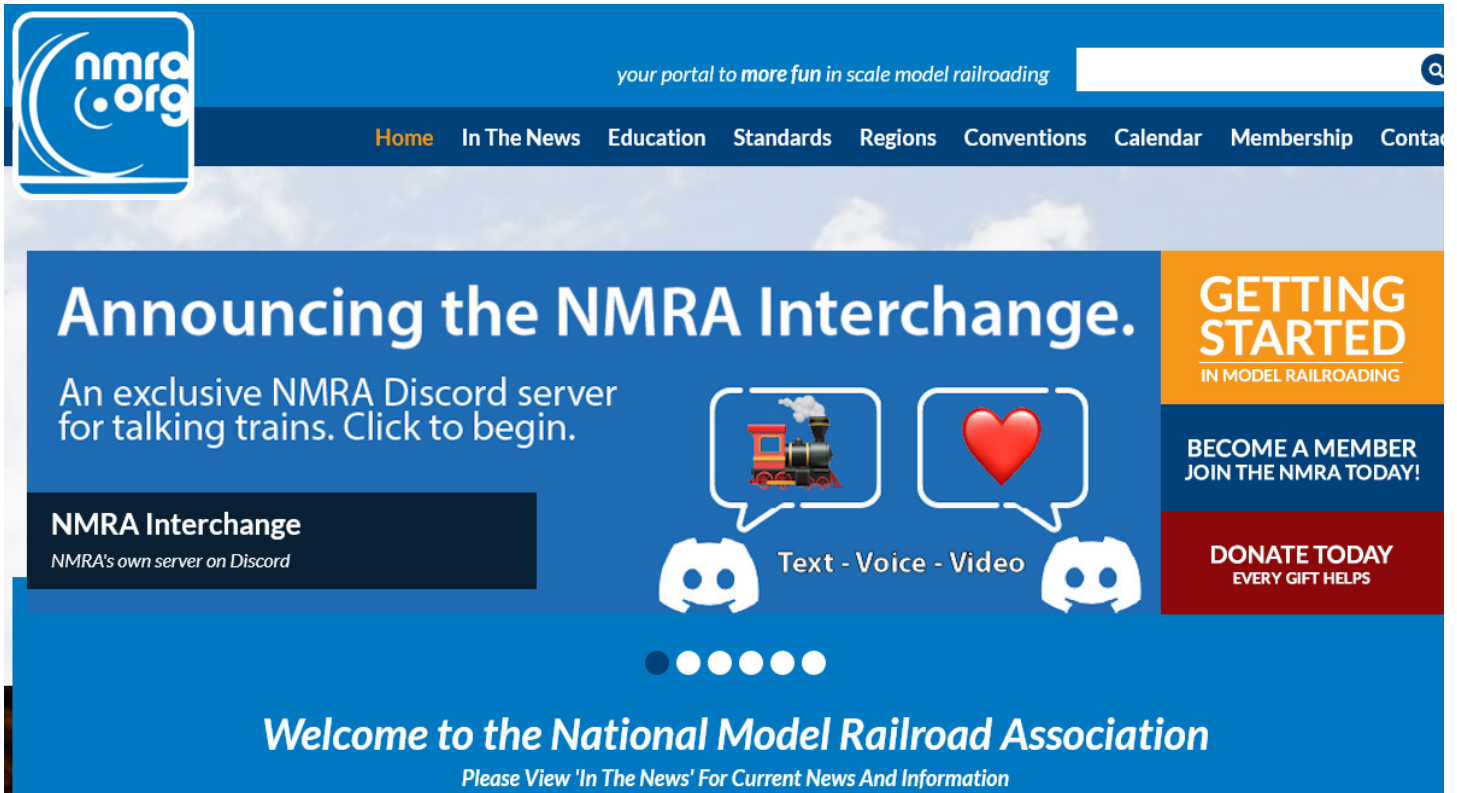
The UPHS publishes *The Streamliner*, a professionally produced and beautifully illustrated quarterly journal featuring the finest work of historians and other experts on all aspects of Union Pacific Railroad operations, traffic, management, equipment, and facilities.

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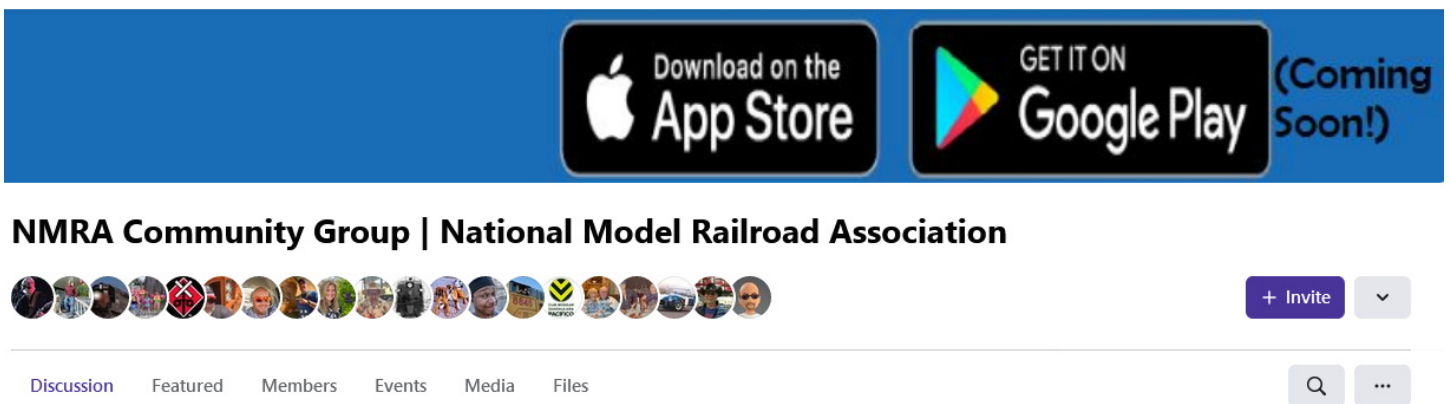
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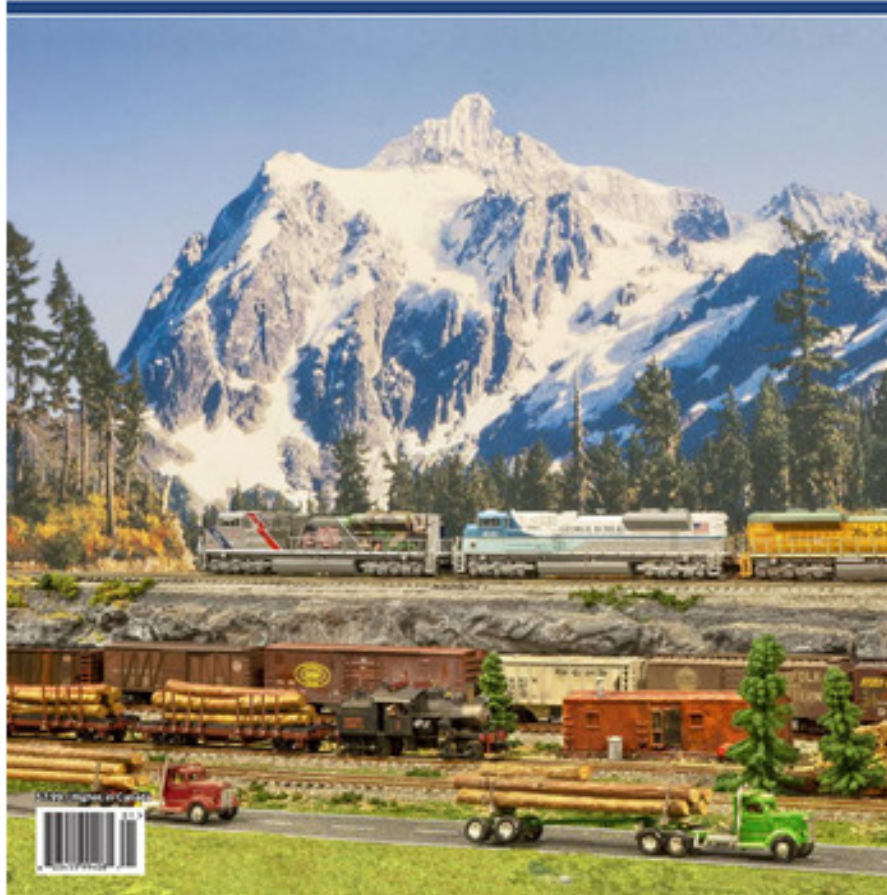
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**2023 RGM&HS Convention** Mark your calendars for our 2023 convention which will be in Denver, Colorado on **August 27-30, 2023**, and will run sequentially with the 2023 National Narrow Gauge convention which will run August 30th – September 02, 2023. Our 2023 RGM&HS Convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver – Aurora, which is a short distance from the hotel hosting the National Narrow Gauge convention (NNGC). So, it's the perfect opportunity to take in both events while in Denver.

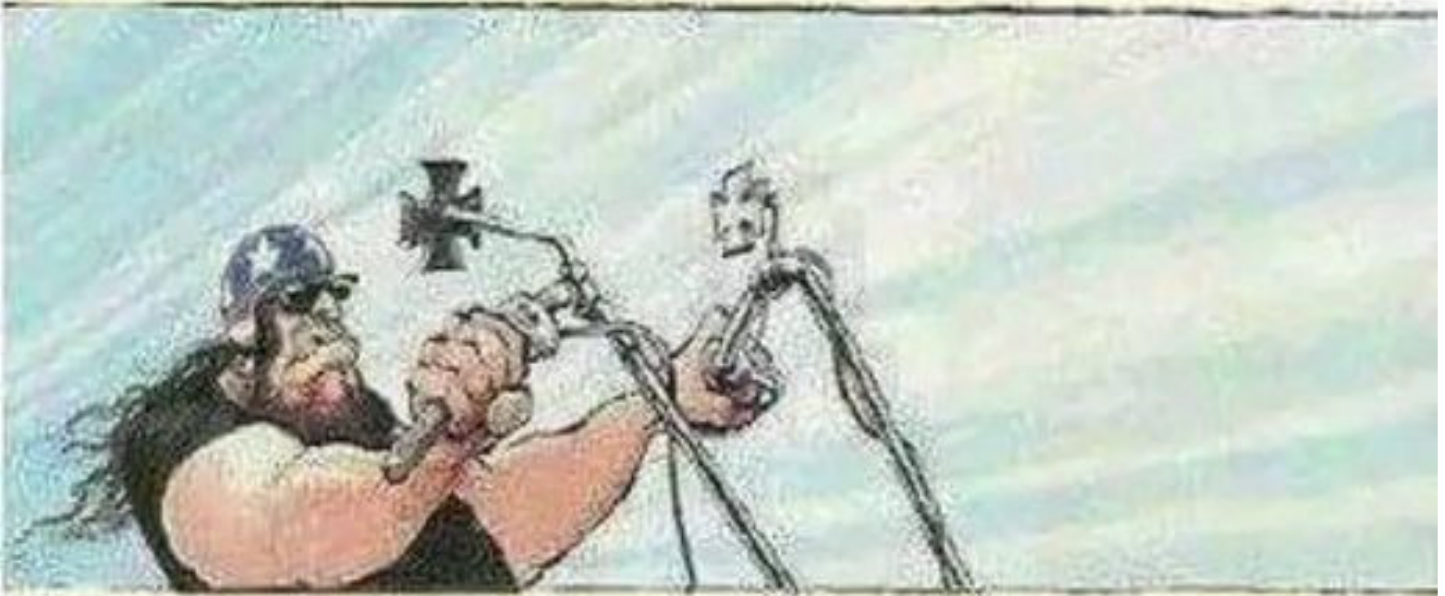
Our convention has a great line-up of 10 programs that will include color photography and explanations of Rio Grande Standard and Narrow gauge operations. The programs will cover both freight and passenger operations on the D&RGW system. Click on the **Learn More** button below for the full list of programs and other convention events being planned. Please check back here on for more updates as we get closer to the event.

Our convention fee is **\$95**. We also have a special convention rate for rooms (standard king or two queen bedrooms) at the DoubleTree for just **\$119** a night.

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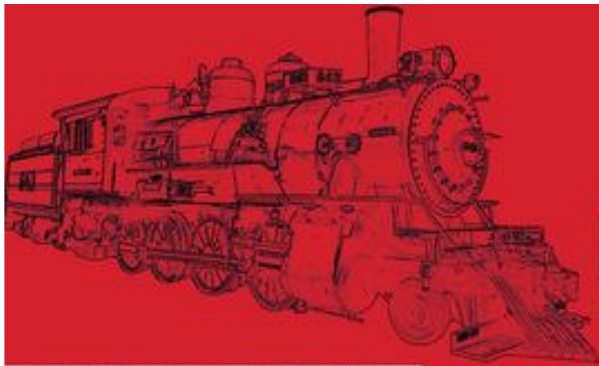
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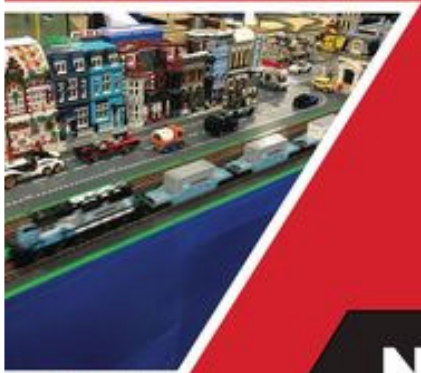
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# Date Book

## August 2023

- 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> **Texas Express 2023 NMRA National Convention** Dallas/Fort Worth, TX  
Sun – Sat <https://2023texasexpress.com/>
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **Rio Grande Modeling & Historical Society Convention 2023** Denver, CO.  
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- 30<sup>th</sup> – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Narrow Gauge Convention** Denver, CO.  
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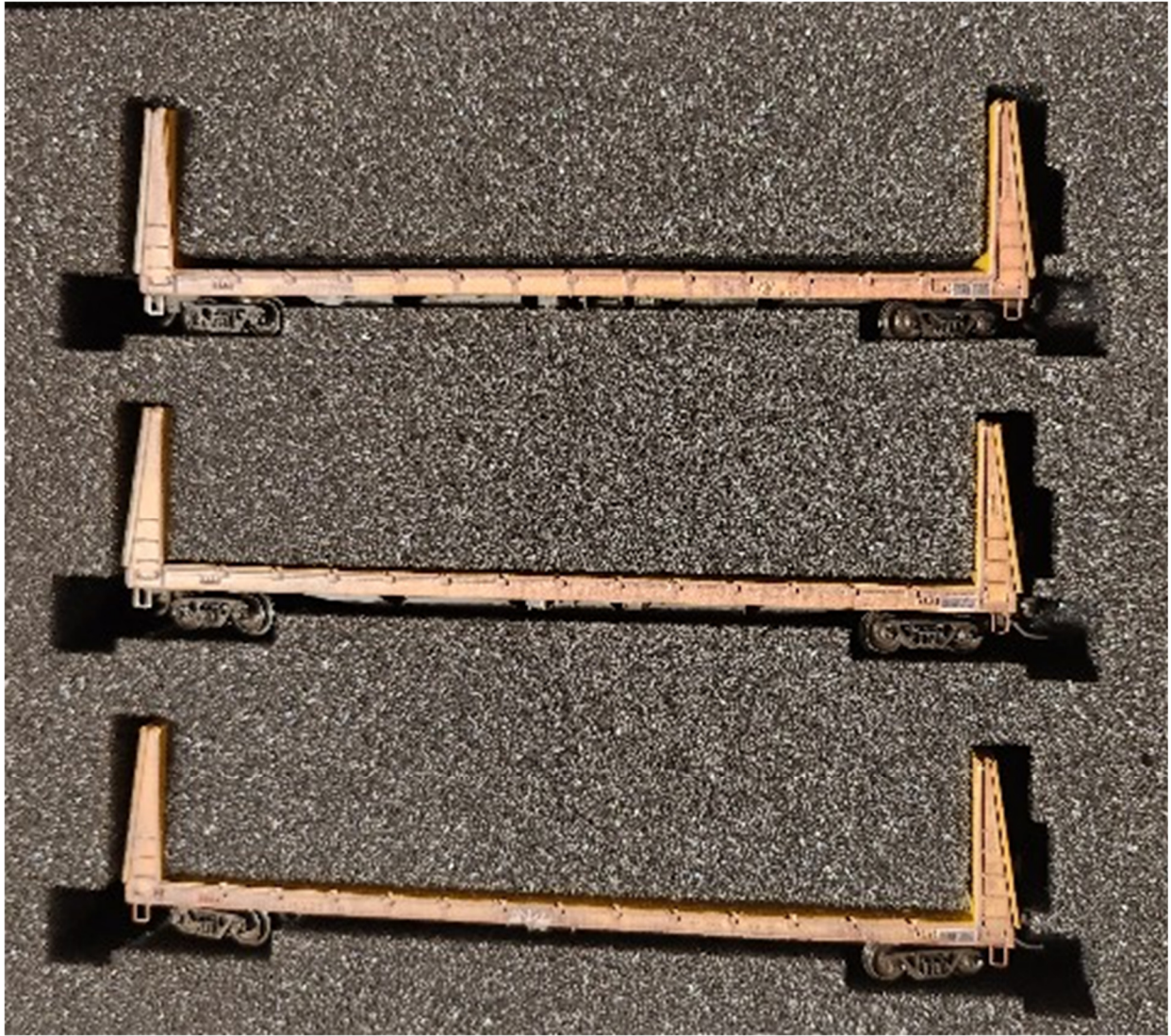
## September 2023

- 30<sup>th</sup> **TECO (Train Expo Colorado) Swap Meet** Colorado Springs, CO.  
Sat <https://tecoshow.org/>
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1 **Topeka Model Railroaders Show** Topeka, KS.  
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## October 2023

- 14<sup>th</sup> **Central Missouri Chapter TCA Ozark Division Swap Meet** Columbia, MO.  
Sat. Columbia Senior Activity Center
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> **Wichita toy Train Club Train Show** Wichita, KS.  
Sat – Sun <http://www.wichitatoytrainmuseum.org/>





**Next month: In the WKR update, a look at the new Micro-Trains weathered bulkhead flat cars join the fleet.**

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