







Mid-Continent Region

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**Western Kansas Division** 



**On The Cover:** One of the new "old" cars recently added to the WKR inventory, a "weathered" bulkhead flat car from Micro-Trains

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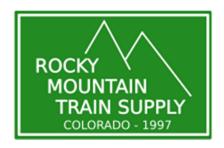
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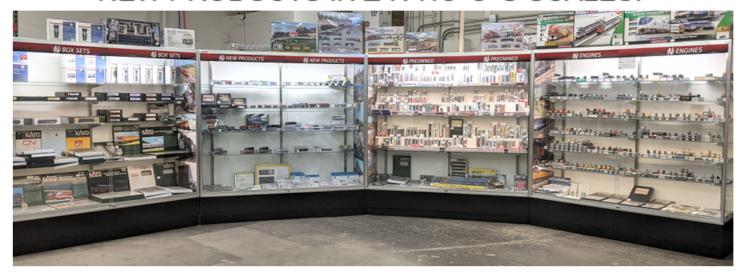
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Last weekend, the **NMRA National Convention** in Texas wrapped up. Here are a few photos from the event:



(Both) Module from the **N-Rail** layout.







Views from the **Free-MoN** layout.



#### N Scale Modular Railroading

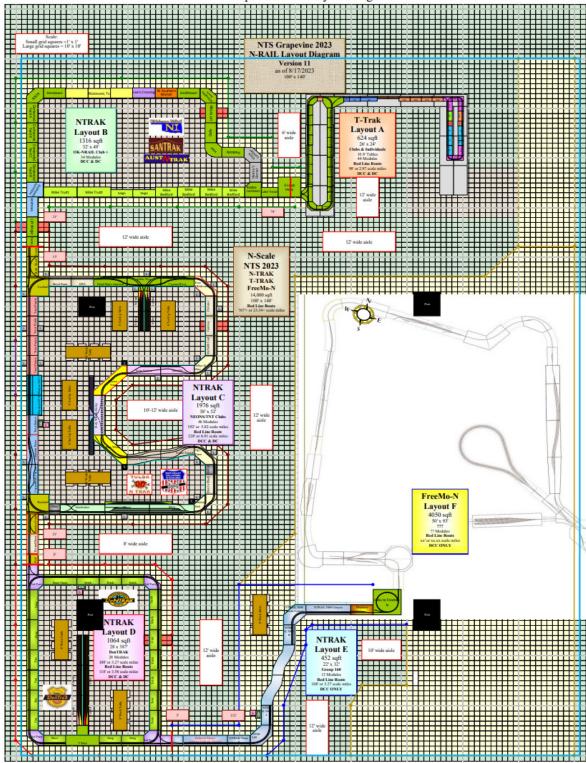
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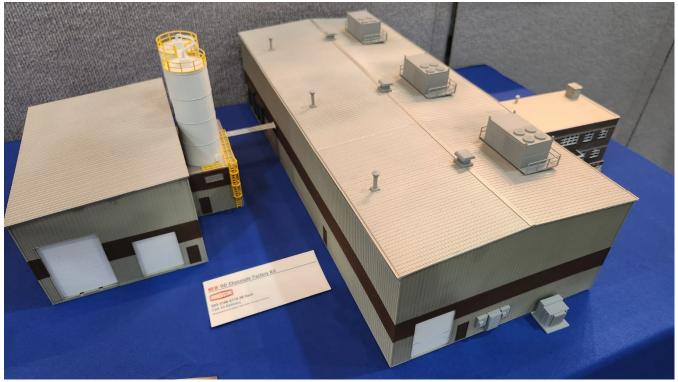


(Above) Diagram of N-Rail and Free-Mo-N layouts

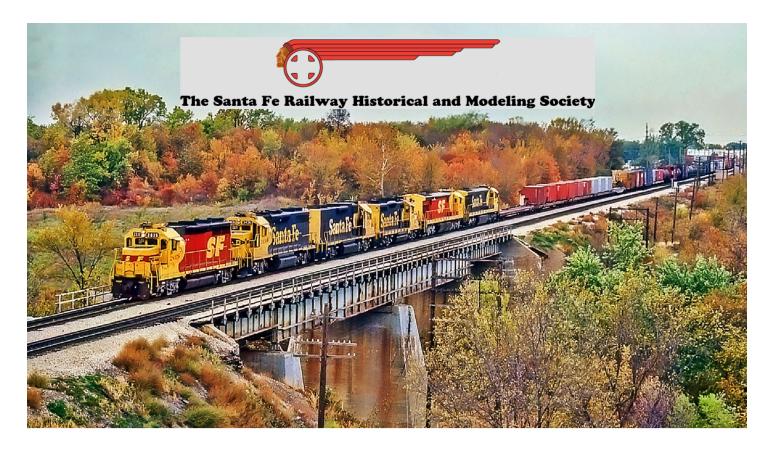


(Below) An HO-scale oil refinery.

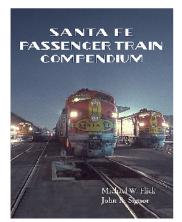




(Above) The new "Chocolate Factory" kit from Walthers in HO-scale on display at the Walthers booth



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All of the big model railroad manufacturers were on hand at the 2023 National Train Show in Texas. Here's a rundown of what was announced.



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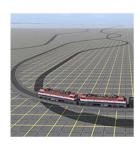
An HO scale proto-freelanced Pennsylvania Railroad branch line shelf layout designed for realistic photography.



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#### DETAILING TIPS & WEATHERING TRICKS FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

By Chris Cohan



Atlas 89' flat car with pipes. Pipes are boba tea straws.



A well-done example of pipe loads in HO-scale. Both the interior and exterior colors are correct, plus the blocking and banding are spot on. Tea straws are a low-cost choice as well.



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#### What's in the magazine this month?

Come tour Dale Kreutzer's **Rio Grande Southern Second District** in this feature focused on layout operations. This is the second part of a two-part tour. (See the July issue of Trackside Model Railroading to learn about the layout's construction and scenery. This is a top-notch Sn3 layout that you don't want to miss!

Also in this month's magazine: Freelanced Northern Pacific on the Former Camas Prairie Railroad Line Installing a Power Bus



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#### Rapido Trains HO Scale Autoflood 3 Hopper OMAX

We partnered with <u>Rapdio Trains</u> on a HO scale Autoflood 3 hopper in the OMAX paint scheme. We did 12 different numbers and an unnumbered. For more information and to order the exclusive car follow this link.

Just announced another 6 numbers. So now you can get 18 different car numbers and still expand with the unnumbered car.



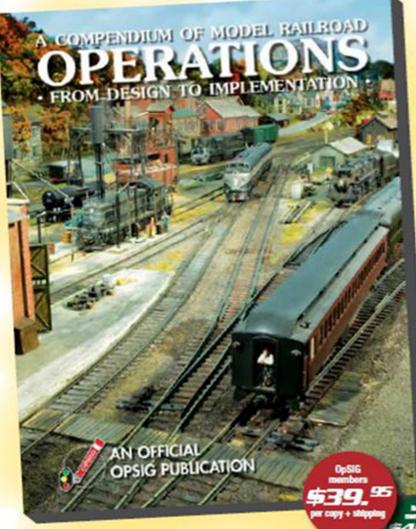
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#### Real Deal

Back on August  $9^{th}$ , I was able to spot an unusual visitor to the Dodge city yard, a former Union Pacific SD60 parked in the middle of the yard. Union Pacific purchased this EMD SD60M in February 1989 as UP 6109, later renumbered to 2264.





I had to walk some distance to get closer for better photos. This picture shows a train of 89-foot flat cars.





#### Real Deal





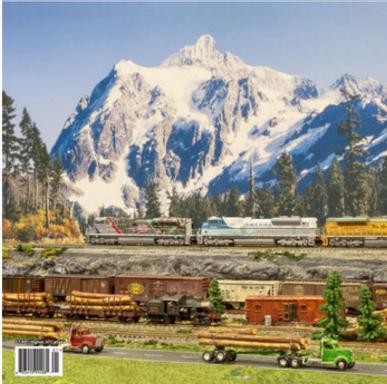
(Above) The head end power of the windmill train returning empty.

(Below) Later in the month, I saw some discussion on Facebook about some new motive power arriving for Wind River Grain in Garden City and look what turned up, 2264. Wind River Grain is an alcohol production facility that receives cars of grain and ships out alcohol in tank cars (you can see some behind the loco).









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#### Along the Line Series

Part 5: Yards by Dan Lewis, MMR

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Modeling the Pacific Coast Railway, Part 18: PCRy Box Cars; Kauai Model Railroaders by Tom Knapp, MMR #101

#### Grand Strand Model Railroad Club

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#### Once Upon A Waterfront

Part 4: Building a Floating Dock for Small Boats by Dennis Murphy

#### **Quick Notes**

McCormac's Kit by Dennis Murphy

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After much hard work by former NMRA President Charlie Getz and *Narrow Gauge & Shortline Gazette* editor Bob Brown, and many delays by the California State Parks Commission, "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento is open!

The exhibit is literally Smithsonian quality, and traces the history of model railroading from its inception to today, as well as showing non-modelers how a train layout is built, pieces of several finished layouts, and the various tools and models of our great hobby.





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## oddballs

Every so often an idea or product just doesn't catch on and is not mass produced.

#### **ALCO RSD15**



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **ALCO RSD-15** is a diesel-electric locomotive built by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) of Schenectady, New York between August 1956 and June 1960, during which time 75 locomotives were produced. The RSD-15 was powered by an ALCO 251 16-cylinder four-cycle V-type prime mover rated at 2,400 horsepower; it superseded the almost identical ALCO 244-engined RSD-7, and was catalogued alongside the similar but smaller 1,800 hp RSD-12, powered by a 12-cylinder 251-model V-type diesel engine.



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The locomotive rode on a pair of three-axle *Trimount* trucks with all axles powered by General Electric model 752 traction motors. These trucks have an asymmetrical axle spacing because of the positioning of the traction motors. The six-motor design allowed higher tractive effort at lower speeds than an otherwise similar four-motor design.



The RSD-15 could be ordered with either a high or low short hood; railfans dubbed the low short hood version "Alligators", due to their unusually long low noses.



## oddballs

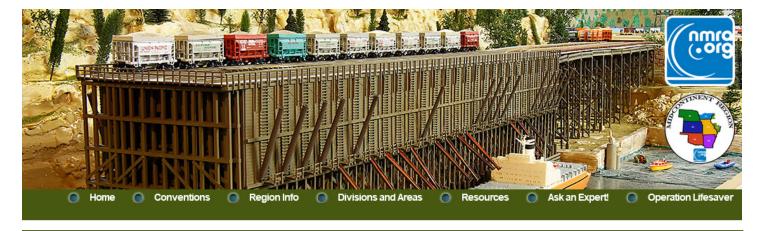
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Although, thanks to its C-C truck setup it offered quite impressive tractive effort with a continuous rating of 79,500 pounds, unfortunately by this time, since the company had experienced so many issues with the 244 engine many railroads were now leery of its products and the *Alligator* found few buyers, only 75 were produced.

#### **RSD-17**

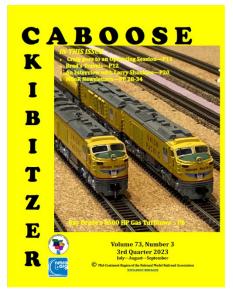
A single example of the very similar model **RSD-17** was built by the Montreal Locomotive Works in 1957. After demonstrating on the Canadian Pacific (as #7007), the Canadian National (as #3899), and the Pacific Great Eastern (as #624), the locomotive was purchased by the Canadian Pacific (as #8921). Nicknamed "The Empress of Agincourt" (for its common presence around Toronto's Agincourt yard), the locomotive served the railway until 1995, when truck problems forced its retirement.



#### Welcome to the Mid-Continent Region of the National Model Railroad Association

A 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, MCoR includes the southern half of the state of Iowa, portions of Illinois, and the entire states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Since 1990, MCoR's leadership has fostered a strong program of developing local divisions with the purpose of bringing the potential for NMRA activity and involvement to a community near you. From only two divisions in 1990 located in metropolitan areas, MCoR now has well over a dozen divisions and over 900 members.

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#### HO Scale: Athearn RTR 48' Well Car 5 Set

Since the early days of intermodal transport the railroads and freight car builders have been looking for more efficient methods of transporting trailers and containers. One of the greatest innovations in intermodal transportation came in the late 1970s with the development of the double stack container car by ACF Industries and Southern Pacific Railroad. From that point onward the container was king and the railroads and car builders searched for more efficient methods of transporting containers. In a revolutionary step from the early stack car designs, Gunderson introduced their Maxi-Stack 5-unit articulated well car in 1988. Evolved from their previous 5-unit Twin-Stack design, the Maxi-Stack (also called Maxi-Stack I or Maxi-I) boasted a lower tare weight (accomplished in part by the elimination of the bulkheads of the Twin-Stack), greater capacity, and greater versatility in regard to container lengths and widths that could be carried.



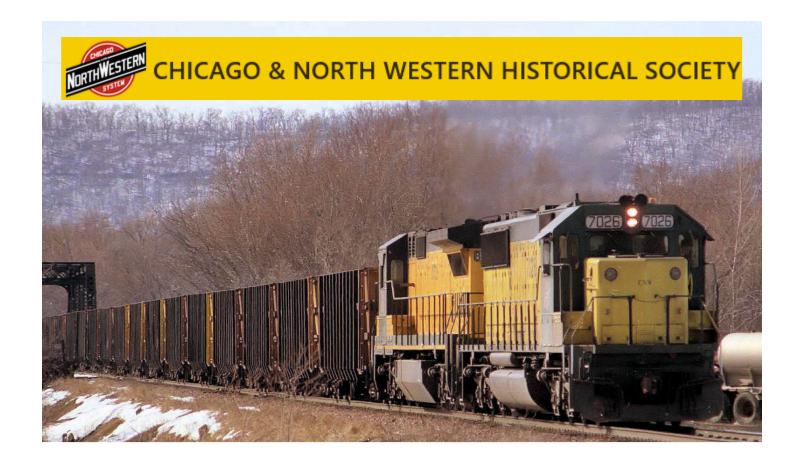
#### HO Scale: Walthers Chocolate Factory

The Cornerstone Chocolate Factory is typical of regional specialty producers supplying chocolate to other food producers. A super value with three detailed structure kits and accessories, check out these additional features:

- · Separate two-story brick office
- · Large main building w/truck pull-in and loading dock
- · Railcar and truck receiving building
- · Gravity-feed upright storage tanks
- · Pipe bridge w/piping
- · Unloading/loading rack for tank cars, hoppers and semi-trailers
- Roof-top vents and three large air conditioners, electrical equipment box and meters, truck docks with weather bellows, roadside sign
- . Easily adapted to other modern industries w/road and rail access
- . Molded in 4 colors with clear acetate

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The Chicago & North Western Historical Society was founded in 1973 by Joe Follmar and a group of Midwestern railfans interested in the C&NW, along with its predecessor and successor roads. These roads include the Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha; the Minneapolis & St. Louis; the Chicago Great Western; the Litchfield & Madison; the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern; the Des Moines & Central Iowa; and many more. The Society's purpose is to collect, circulate and preserve the history of the C&NW and its predecessor and successor lines; to create and publish a magazine; and to promote fellowship among C&NW fans and Society Members.

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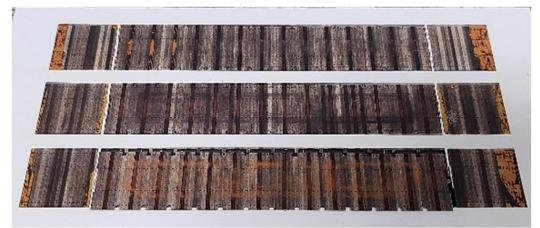
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#### WKR Update

Last month the "Update" featured the work of the Weathering Crew of the Car Department, with the upgrades to the Micro-Trains weathered UP grain hoppers. This month we continue the program with the MT UP bulkhead flat cars (Right).





These cars come weathered on the outside and underside, but not on the deck or bulkheads. The cars do come with cardboard inserts (Left), each in three pieces for the bulkheads and deck.

No instructions came with the cars, so we tried three different techniques in applying them to the cars.

The third try was the best (of course). Each piece of cardboard was trimmed to exactly fit the section, then we applied "Railroad Tie Brown" paint with a dry brush technique to the edges of the cardboard, or you could easily see the grey of the cardboard.

Tacky Glue was applied to the car section, the insert was applied, we then used pieces of 0.040 sheet styrene to spread

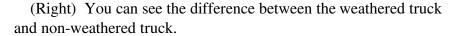


the clamping load and added multiple clamps (Above)

#### WKR Update



(Left) With the car upside down, you can see the stark difference between the original UP color of the coupler box versus the weathered color. As we did last month, the coupler boxes were "weathered" using AIM Products "Dark Earth" weathering powder.







This technique was applied to all three cars.

While we had the trucks off, the side frames were also touched with a bit of "Rust" paint, as well as the couplers.

After the new ESM metal wheel sets were installed in the trucks, the wheel faces, backs, and axles were all painted "Railroad Tie Brown".

#### WKR Update



(Left) Here is the view of car number 1 where we did not use sheet styrene during the drying process. The outside edges curled up a bit on the deck.

This is also before we touched up the cardboard edges with the brown paint where you can clearly see the grey of the cardboard.



(Left & Below) The addition of loads completes the project, or they do look good empty as well. A good addition to any fleet.



# Flex Seal now booking dives to the Titanic





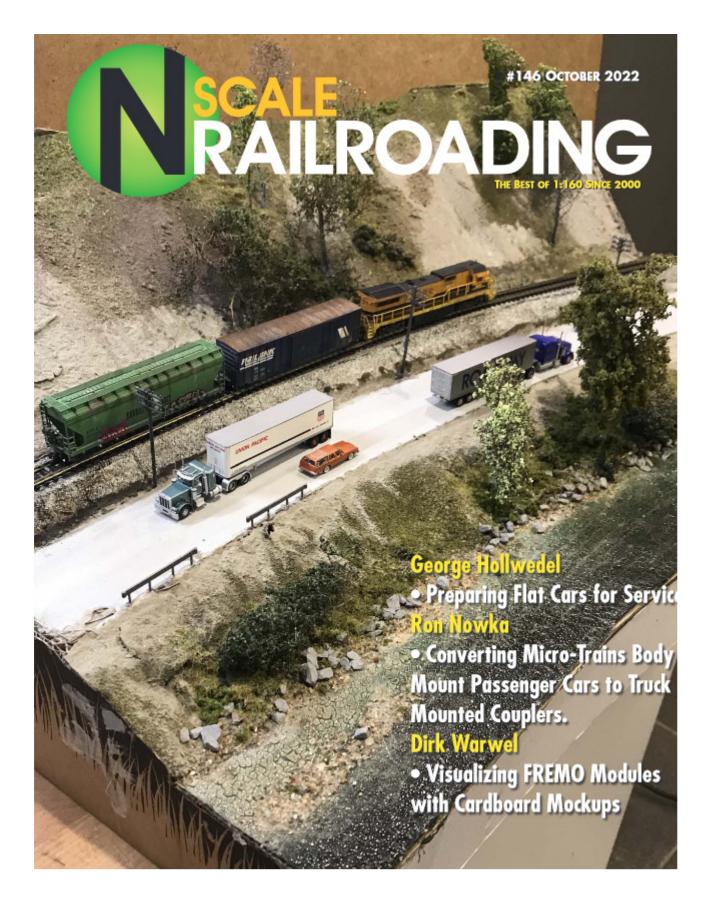
The purpose of the **Operations Special Interest Group** (**OPSIG**) is to discuss, develop and disseminate ways of operating model railroads to realistically emulate practices of the prototype.

This includes sharing information on various methods of generating, moving, and controlling traffic to heighten the feeling that our models are an active and integral part of the national rail transportation network, serving shippers and consignees throughout the nation.

Click the link for the OpSig website:

https://www.opsig.org/





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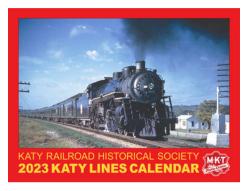


#### **Katy Railroad Historical Society**

The purpose of the society is to bring together in close association those persons who have a common interest in the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, known to many as the Katy. To increase the enjoyment of their interest through appropriate activities, like group trips to points on the railroad, photographic excursions, photo, slide, and video shows, meetings, discussions, and other undertakings of a fundamentally social nature.







You can also order your Katy calendar.

Click here for the **KRHS** website: <a href="https://katyrailroad.org/">https://katyrailroad.org/</a>



#### Date Book

#### September 2023

30<sup>th</sup> **TECO (Train Expo Colorado)** Swap Meet Colorado Springs, CO.

Sat <a href="https://tecoshow.org/">https://tecoshow.org/</a>

30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1 **Topeka Model Railroaders Show** Topeka, KS.

Sat – Sun <a href="https://nvrra.dreamhosters.com/">https://nvrra.dreamhosters.com/</a>

#### October 2023

14<sup>th</sup> Central Missouri Chapter TCA Ozark Division Swap Meet Columbia, MO.

Sat. Columbia Senior Activity Center

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Great Train Show Kansas City, KS.

Sat & Sun <a href="https://www.trainshow.com/">https://www.trainshow.com/</a>

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Wichita toy Train Club Train Show Wichita, KS.

Sat – Sun <a href="http://www.wichitatoytrainmuseum.org/">http://www.wichitatoytrainmuseum.org/</a>

#### November 2023

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> **Oklahoma City Train Show** Oklahoma City, OK.

Sat & Sun <a href="https://oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/okc-train-show/">https://oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/okc-train-show/</a>

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Train Show Loveland, CO.

Sat & Sun https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/Default.aspx

### Extra



Jerry Bruce of McPherson, Kansas travels quite a bit for his occupation and caught this train.



(Jerry Bruce photo)

#### The Main fine

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