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The Head End

by Whit Johnson
MCOR PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Congratulations to Joel Priest MMR 503!
The newest MMR in the Mid-Continent
Region NMRA.

It is my pleasure to introduce the recently elected officers of the Mid-Continent Region, NMRA. At the recent convention the election results were finalized and accepted. At the close of the convention the new Secretary, Barbara Lundquist, and Treasurer, Robert Folkmann, took office. On September 1, Phil Bonzon MMR will take office as the Region Vice President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brad Morneau MMR, Dennis Brandt MMR, and Allen Merta MMR for their service the past few years as our Region Officers.

The Turkey Creek Division hosted the

annual convention this year. It was a great time. I am excited about the next few years as the convention is being hosted in some locations we have yet to experience. In 2014, it is my hope that you will make plans to join with the Southeast Region NMRA and the Mid-Continent Region NMRA as we are having a joint convention in Memphis, TN!

This year at the convention we had a great turnout for the contest. Ryan Moats MMR is the newly appointed Mid-Continent Region Contest chairman. Ryan is working with some people to create and setup a couple of new contest categories for the Region contest. Please keep an eye out for these in upcoming issues of the Kibitzer.

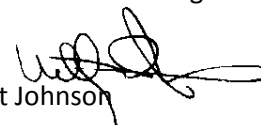
The Kibitzer publishing team is in need of our help as well. They are looking for articles for the magazine that help us to

share our hobby. Modeling articles and other special interest articles are welcome.

This is our region, each of us has an idea of what we enjoy in our hobby. Please share that with us either through your directors, or officers. Your voice needs to be heard. National is working on changes for the future and we need to watch the updates from them as well for information. Please if you have a suggestion or question send it in, to the officers of the region, or even send it to National.

Remember, this is our hobby, our NMRA, as members we need to work together so that we can share it with the modelers yet to come.

Keep the rails shining!


Whit Johnson

Conductor's Call

BY TED TSCHIRHART Editor

**Please send any changes
address
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**Send to your information to
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We REQUIRE that you be an NMRA member and if you are signing up, please provide us your NMRA membership number. Not a member? Please join! www.nmra.org. While you are there, read the rules and regulations for the Achievement Program.

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/>

90% of the questions that are being answered on the forum are in the regs.

Naturally things turn to the dark side from time to time, so here are some guidelines.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND, ASK YOURSELF...

- Did I ask for help?
- Did I help someone?

If your message can't pass the test then you are probably talking about NMRA politics, whining, complaining or way off topic. Please be on your best behavior. This is a fun site and we would like to keep profanity and rudeness off the list. The moderator has an itchy trigger finger!

Topics that are allowed:

- AP Topics on any of the 11 possible AP Certificates
 - MMR questions
 - National/Regional/Divisional/International AP Chairman questions
 - Questions about contest rules
 - Questions about model research, assembly, et al.
- Questions about merit judging

Topics that are NOT allowed:

- NMRA politics
 - Recommendations for improving/modifying or changing AP guidelines (send those to the NMRA)
 - Politics in general
 - Religious topics
 - Off topic gags and jokes
- Accusations or criticism of any member

This is a PRIVATE group for friends that are working on their NMRA and Moderators are not required to warn members of being put on moderate status or suspension or removal of membership. While we are not an NMRA sanctioned group, we do follow NMRA rules and will act to promote the organization.

If you are moderated/banned from the group and you think it was done unfairly, you are welcomed to contact the list owner Scott Perry at scottgerry@comcast.net.

Please address questions to Scott Perry at scottgerry@comcast.net. We're glad to have you aboard!

Scott Perry
List Owner

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OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

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Midland Railway Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Take the reins of the "Iron Horse"! Cost is \$150.00. At the Throttle will be at the Midland Railway for Railfest!!! You can power down the tracks behind the Flagg Coal #75. No previous locomotive experience is required. The program is a unique opportunity for rail fans to live their dream of running a

steam engine, taking a trip back in time to the golden age of railroading. A qualified engineer will be in the cab at all times, but participants will enjoy a full half hour operating the engine (including a safety orientation). Participants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license. Release forms are required. Clothing appropriate to a working rail yard should be worn at all times. Jeans or overalls, work style boots (NO OPEN SHOES or Tennis Shoes), long sleeved shirt, and gloves are REQUIRED! Failure to have proper listed attire will result in forfeiture of "At the Throttle" time. No refund or cost will be given if time is forfeited. Participants wishing to have their picture made should bring a camera. Friends or family or a member of the crew can take a photo of each "At the Throttle" participant. Tickets are available online at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.)

AUGUST 31-SEPT 2, 2013 Midland Railway for Railfest: Take a ride behind a Steam Locomotive on a trip from Baldwin City to Norwood and back. Three different times to choose from all three days!! Steam trips leave the Midland Railway Depot at 1515 High Street at 9:30am, 12pm, and 3pm all three days. You can ride behind either MKT 142 or NYC 8255 (Diesel Locomotives) for a trip from Baldwin City to Ottawa Junction and back. Choose from two different Diesel trips all three days. Tour the "Kansas City Southern Railway Post Office Car" or take the trip one our cabooses just like the conductors used too!!! Diesel trips depart the Midland Railway Depot at 11am and 2pm all three days!! Try your hand "AT THE THROTTLE" of Flagg Coal #75! Are you a steam lover? Ever wanted to try your hand at running a steam locomotive? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!!! Ride on a restored motor car! Tickets for these rides are available the day of the event at the ticket window. Enjoy a Railroadiana tent with hundreds of items to look at and purchase! Vendors from all over the Midwest will be at the Midland Railway all three days under the big tent with hundreds of Railroad memorabilia items to purchase and see! Also Kansas Operation Lifesaver will be handing out railroad safety information Admission is free with the purchase of any train ride ticket (Saturday, Sunday or Monday tickets) or a "combo pass"__V&H Trucks will have a display of on track equipment along with model train layout, Day out with Thomas toys for sale and much more!! Food will be available on the grounds along with snacks and drinks. Also visit the gift shop in the depot for collectables and other gift ideas! Tickets are available online at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.)

September 7th-8th 2013 Garden Railroad Tour: We Grow Trains in our Backyard September 7 & 8, 2013, The Kansas City Garden Railway Society will host our annual tour of 14 locations in the greater Kansas City area. We will be running and sharing the fun of trains. Tour books can be purchased for \$12.00 and allows the whole family to enjoy the great world of garden railroading. Fairy Gardens have become popular and we have combined trains and fairies for a unique perspective as this year's theme. Books can be purchased at the Great Plains Train Station located at the Great Mall of the Great Plains in Olathe, Ks. Books are also available at other locations around town. A complete list is on our website at www.kcgrs.com.

THE SWITCH LIST

SECOND QUARTER 2013 By Louis Seibel

September 28th, Ozarks Model Train Swap Meet

Howard Johnson Inn Conference Center 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 6445804 Doors open at 9am to 3pm \$6 adults, children under 12 free with paying adult. Operating display railroads, swap Tables door prizes. Table rental \$20 each Vendor setup Friday September 27 after 5. Food & refreshments will be available. For more information call David Brashers 417-848-1739 or email dbrashers69@yahoo.com. Vendor registration forms available on OMRA website. Greg Sullivan at 417-664-4208 or email at sullibud@gmail.com or web site <http://omraspringfield.org>

September 28th & 29 Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum's 19th Annual Train Show

and Swap Meet Times Saturday 9 to 5; Sunday 11 to 4, Location: Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS 67210 Concessions are available on site. Admission: \$6.00 for both days. Children under 12 admitted free. After the Train Show/ Swap Meet, the public may tour the Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum for 50% off admission (\$2.50) with a hand stamp from the Train Show that weekend. For information, contact: Shari Shockey-mshockey@hughes.net Jim Hickman-jwhickman@att.net Check our website www.wttcinc.org

October 6th 30th Annual Train Show in Washington, Iowa, KC Hall 606 West 3rd Street Hours 9am to 3pm, Admission- Adults-\$5, Kids 6-12-\$1 All gauges & railroadiana, Lunch available. Contact-meworley@iowatelecom.net or 319-653-3782

October 19th 4th Annual Silver Rails Model Train Show. The American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation (APRHF), a non-profit 501c-3 organization, is hosting the show on Saturday 9 am to 3pm at the Silver Rails Event Center. The Silver Rails Event Center is located at 202 E. Moore Street in La Plata, Missouri.

We will have operating train layouts and lots of trains/ railroad memorabilia for sale. Vendor space is available for \$20.00 a table. Entry fee is \$3.00 per person at the door all proceeds from the entry fee go to benefit the local food bank. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Breakfast and lunch will available on site. For more information please contact Bob Cox 660-287-1714 or by email president@aprhf.org For more information call Bob Cox, President of the APRHF at 660-287-1714, or by email: president@aprhf.org For more info about the APRHF please visit: www.aprhf.org & <http://www.aprhf.org/2013/03/19/silver-rails-model-train-show-october-19th-2013/>

October 19-20 2013, The Great Train Plains Train Show Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 10 -4 The Great Mall of the Great Plains, 20700 W 151st Street, Olathe, Ks 66061 Adults \$7 under 16 Free \$2 off with coupon on web site Vendor, Manufactures Exhibits, Vendors, and Model Railroad Layouts. For more information Contact John Roberts at 913-406-3400 and Website

www.greatplainstrainshow.com

October 19-20, 2013 -Western Kansas Train Show 6th Year of Show

Saturday 9:00 to 5:00 Sunday 11:00 to 4:00 Buy and sell new and used model trains 100 tables of trains for sale plus large operating layout, food vendor on sight and door prizes!!!! Adults \$5 Admissions 12 and under free! Ellis Country Fairgrounds 1343 Fairground Rd. Exit 157 on I-70 Hays, Kansas 67601

Vendors tables \$30 each.

More information Contact Kevin Keeler

Phone: 417-838-95615 Email: KLK@mchsi.com

www.k-n-d-collectibles.com

www.ozarkexpreehobbies.com

November 23rd & 24th The 2013 Boot Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show

in Dodge City, KS, at The Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 HWY 283 South, Dodge City, KS, 67801. This is located just SW of the intersection of HWY 283 and 56 on the South side of town. Show times are 10am to 6pm on Nov 23rd and 11am to 4pm on Nov 24th. Admission is \$5.00 each with children 10 and under Free when accompanied by an adult. There will be several Vendors at the show. Tables are \$15.00 each. Please register your need for number of tables by SEPTEMBER 30th, if at all possible, to reserve floor plan space. Other Model Train Clubs are invited to be a part of our show, and usually do, from Garden City, McPherson, Bennington, KS, North Platte, NE. Woodward, OK., and of course , Dodge City. We do not have a web address. I am the contact for the show: Don Delzeit 2415 Howell Ave, Dodge City, Ks, 67801. Phone 620 338 7139. My email address is ddelzeit@dodgecity.net. If I am unavailable, call Henry Turner Phone 620 271 4306

November 30, December 1, 2013: The Great Train Expo.

Gateway Center is located at One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from HO Scale, N Scale, Lionel (O Gauge), G Gauge, Z Scale, American Flyer (S Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, MUCH MORE ! **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals

and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

November 30th, 2013 The Joplin Museum Complex will host a model train show and swap meet on Saturday, November 30th from 9:00am to 3pm. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. Included will be operating layouts and over 70 tables of items for sale or trade. The Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For additional information please contact Rick Gardner phone 417-673-4888 or e-mail rickgardner4449@gmail.com.

December 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 2012 The Santa Claus Express

is pulling into the Midland Railway again this year!! Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Trains depart at 10 am, 1pm and 3pm every day. Enjoy Christmas music, Carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs, a cookie and hot cocoa! Santa will be on the train in his own specially decorated car! Bring your cameras and take photographs with Santa Claus! Each child receives a small gift or candy cane from Santa! Tickets are available ONLINE at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.) Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up; \$8 for ages 1 to 11*Please dress warm. Train has limited heat and you will be walking through the cars to meet Santa. Blankets, coats and tons of smiles encouraged!!

December 28-29, 2013: The Great Train Expo

Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115th Street, Overland Park, KS. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from HO Scale, N Scale, Lionel (O Gauge), G Gauge, Z Scale, American Flyer (S Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, MUCH MORE ! **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

Saturday, March 15, 2014 36th Annual Ozarks Model Train Show & Swap Meet

Remington's 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807 9 am to 3 pm \$7 adults, children under 12 free. **A portion of the admission goes to Crosslines** See a large array of display layouts featuring a variety of scales, door prizes, food/ refreshments throughout the show. Planned activities include kids can ride the Kiddie Train, test their skills

operating a train on a virtual railroad, take the throttle of an OMRA train, earn a Whistle Blowers certificate and compete in the LCCA's track laying contest in three age divisions. Bring your pre-1970 train for an appraisal or find out what it will take to make it run like new. Table rental \$25 each including lunch. Bottomless coffee all show for \$1. Vendors from the Fall Meet save 10%. Tables and special requests: Dave Brashers, dbrashers69@yahoo.com or 417-848-1739. Registration forms available on website: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or email at rwiliams3129@gmail.com

June 14-15, 2014 Memphis 2014 Rails Across the River: The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern Region and Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. The convention will be held at the Harding Academy, 1100 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117. For more information, registration and hotel information please visit the website <http://www.ser-nmra.org>

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Building a Drive-In Restaurant

By John Carty

My layout depicts the Illinois side of the St. Louis, Missouri area circa 1955. To this end I keep on the lookout for a variety of area businesses from that era. One such establishment brought to my attention bore the unlikely name of "Dodo Burger." Although this restaurant closed before I was born, I grabbed the chance to add an interesting vignette to the Daylines.

First, as I understand the restaurant operated as a drive-in hamburger joint, resembling, I suppose, Al's from "Happy Days." The place actually catered more successfully to families than teenagers. When it became a regular hang out for high school kids, the family portion of the business faltered, leading to the establishment emulating its namesake. In the year I model, 1955, however, Dodo Burger had yet to go extinct.

The first step in this project concerned a location for the business. To this end I picked a lot with an odd shape, which lent itself to a parking lot. The location chosen faces Main St. with tracks curving around one side and across the back. At the local hobby shop I found a Bob's Hotdog Stand kit produced by Model Power. This little gem provided the perfect start for the project and helped define the size of the base required.



I constructed the kit according to the instructions with a few modifications. First, I removed the mounting tabs for the inner walls and counter. Next, I added a floor of sheet styrene, shortened one inner wall, and mounted them toward the rear corner near the back door to the kitchen. I also added a kitchen vent to the back wall. Lastly, I trimmed the extensions for all but one of the sign boards which mount to the roof. I sprayed the roof and back of the signboards grey, the walls almond, and the underside of the roof as well as the faces of the signboards white. Next I brushed red acrylic craft paint onto the trim, smoke jack, and kitchen vent. I sprayed the base of the model white and painted the edges tan and the tops of the edges red. I washed the base, walls, and roof with black craft paint thinned with alcohol. I also dry brushed around the vents using

Photo 1: Completed model of the Dodo Burger Restaurant positioned on my Daylines layout. The streets themselves have yet to be installed.

black acrylic craft paint.

I used Microsoft Word to design and print decals for the sign boards. I applied these to the entire surface of the boards using the excess portions to provide a consistent color to the portion of the boards which remained unlettered. I cut a piece of styrene and applied the graphic sign to each side. I sprayed all surfaces with Testor's Dull Cote in order to seal the Decals and eliminate the shine of the gloss paint. A copy of the signs is provided below.

I cut a piece of 1/8" hardboard to the shape of the location and sprayed it gray in imitation of a concrete parking lot. Next, I located

the where the building would stand and marked the base accordingly. I determined the location of the parking spaces required and cut white Trim Film into strips measuring a scale three



Photo 2: Interior of the restaurant.

inches wide. These I applied using Champ Decalset. They broke up during the application, but fused back together with the application of the Decalset. I added pieces of sprue, measuring 0.010" in diameter, painted brown, as parking blocks to the two spaces needing them, which, according to my father who has memory for such details, were round logs in the 1950's. I affixed the sign to a piece of sixteenth inch diameter brass tubing painted red and inserted this sign into the hardboard parking lot.

A parking lot of this type requires light. I constructed three light poles from scratch using a modified version of the procedure outlined in the article "old Style Street Lights Made Easy and Cheap" which appeared in volume 49 #4.5 Fall 2008 SouthErneR. First I cut a piece of eighth-inch brass tubing into pieces four inches long. I also cut a piece of sixteenth inch tubing two inches long. A quarter of an inch from one end I drilled a sixteenth inch hole in the side of the eighth inch piece of tubing as well as a #66 hole

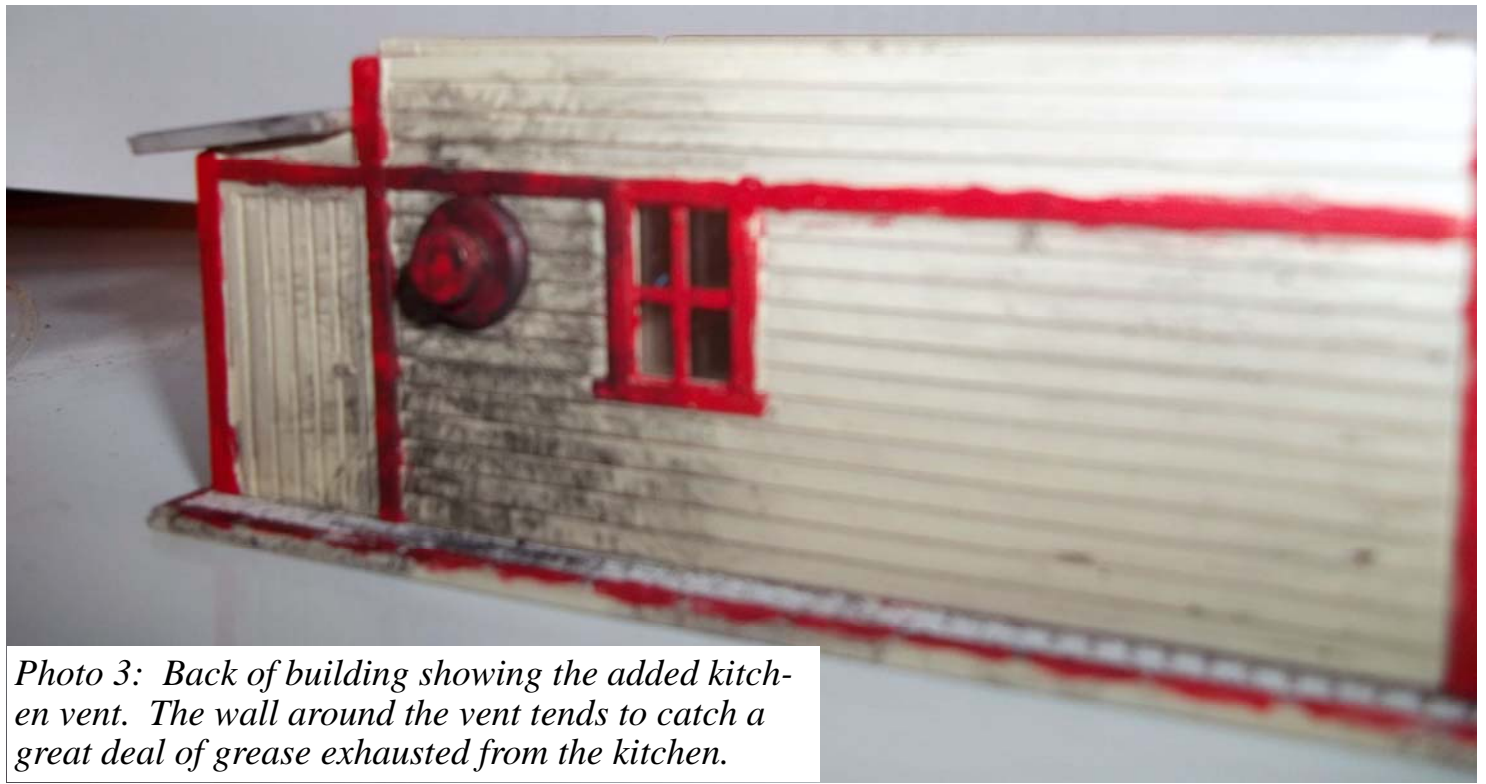


Photo 3: Back of building showing the added kitchen vent. The wall around the vent tends to catch a great deal of grease exhausted from the kitchen.

a quarter inch below it. I also drilled a #66 hole in the sixteenth inch segment of tubing a quarter of an inch from the end. I soldered the piece of sixteenth inch tubing into the hole in the eighth inch tube with the hole in the smaller tube closest to the larger tube and facing the long end.

Then I cut one lead to a half inch length, stripping the wire to the bulb. Next I slid the longer wire down the 1/16" tube after gently bending the tube slightly at the #66 hole so as to

pass the wire through the hole. I inserted the stripped lead into the hole when an equal length of the insulated wire remained. After straightening the smaller tube, I inserted the wire into the #66 hole in the larger tube and slid it down and out the longer end of the tube. I drilled the hole in a sequin with a 1/16" drill and slid a 1 1/2 volt bulb through the hole, securing the sequin in place with Zap a Gap. I filled the top of the pole with wood putty.

After covering the bulb with a short length of tubing, I sprayed the entire assembly brown.

Photo 4: Front view of building before mounting on the base





Photo 5: Side view of the building prior to mounting on the base.



Photo 6: Base after being painted grey and with the first parking stripe added.



Photo 7: Completed model viewed from the west.

Next, I streaked a little black on the poles for creosote. I installed the three of these light fixtures onto the parking lot and then secured the building as well. I drilled a hold in the assembly inside the building and added an interior light. Finally, I added the figures and vehicles. Now, I think it is time for a burger.

Dodo Burger

Malts

Ice Cream

Burgers

French Fries

Malts

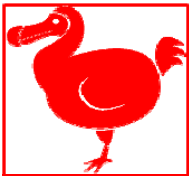
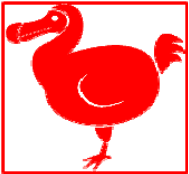
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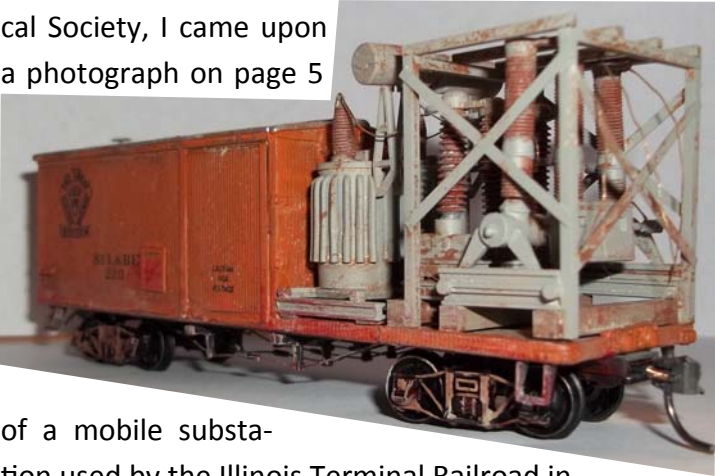
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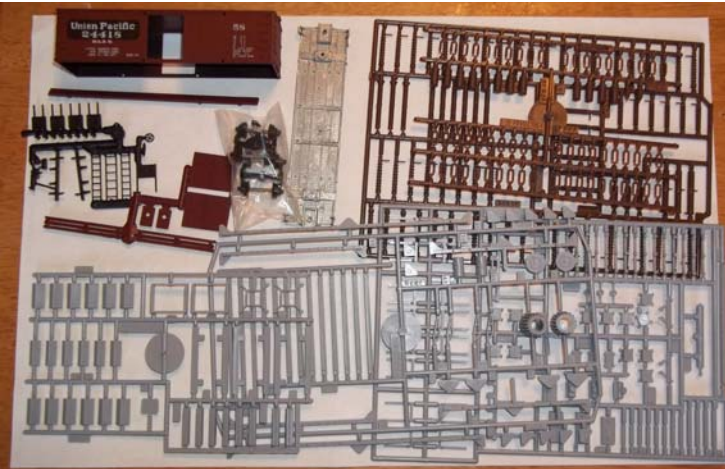
Building a Mobile Substation for the Day Lines

By John Carty

While reading a recent issue of the *Flyer*, (Volume 24, No. 2, Fall 2010) published by the Illinois Traction Historical Society, I came upon a photograph on page 5



of a mobile substation used by the Illinois Terminal Railroad in



the article “Jackson ‘Jack’ Majors, The Last Living IT Line-man.” This car provided power to the overhead in order to keep trains running, while line crews conducted repairs to a substation or other power source. Since I model the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway System, another traction line, in HO



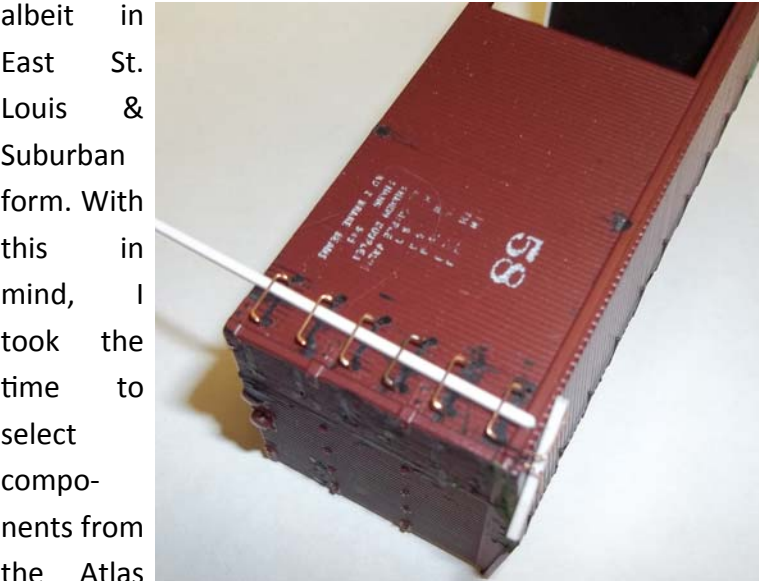
scale, such a car pro-

vides a unique piece of maintenance of way equipment to model. Succumbing to temptation, I decided to kit bash my own car patterned after the prototype whose photograph appeared in the magazine.

I started with a 36’ foot boxcar kit from Round-house. Using this kit in



conjunction with an Atlas HO Substation Kit, I created a drawing of my version of the car in the magazine. The result is a composite design which captures the feel of the Illinois Terminal albeit in East St. Louis & Suburban form. With this in mind, I took the time to select components from the Atlas kit. I also sought to use as many of the components of each of the kits as possible.





First I removed the cast grab irons, bolts, and brake platform from the body. Next, I plugged the mounting holes for the doors, and later the roof walk. I then cut the body twenty-two scale feet from the "B" end, retaining a strip of



square strip

the body at the bottom with which to cover the floor casting. I also cut and saved the "A" end, saving the buffers, leaving this end about 0.040" short. After squaring the cuts, I installed the "A" end in its new location adding a piece of 0.040" styrene to fill in at the bottom of the



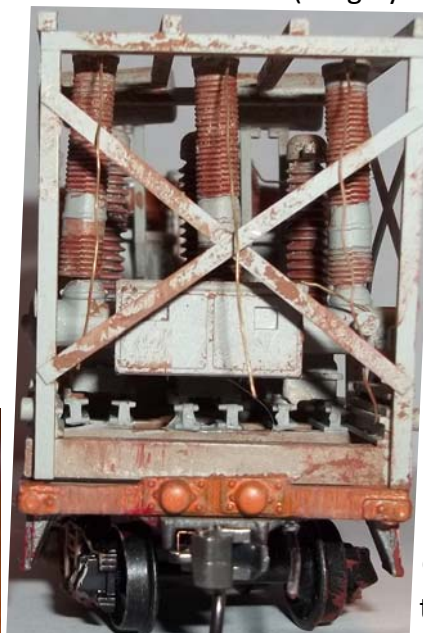
end. To this assembly, I filled the gaps with Squadron putty and dressed the seams. I also added to weather heads cut from 1/8" styrene tubing.

Next I drilled #79 holes and installed drop grab irons on the sides and "B" of the body, using a piece of 0.040" square styrene as a spacer. I also added to straight grab irons at the corner



of the roof using the same spacer. I cut two pieces of the unused portion of the body to fill the door holes and filed them to fit, again filling gaps with putty. I also covered the vertical seams with 0.010" x 0.060" (roughly a scale 1 x 6) strip styrene. I replaced the bolts in the ends of the body with Tichy 7" hex nut/

washer castings. Additionally, I added EMD louvers made by Cary on the sides and ends, and then framed them with .010" x 0.040" (roughly a scale 1 x 4) styrene. I also



added Tichy brake parts to the "B" end of the car along with a brake staff cut from 0.012" brass wire. Next, I made a new roof walk from 0.010" x 0.060" strip styrene. I also replaced the end roof walk support I accidentally removed earlier.

Moving to the floor of the car, I started by dressing the floor casting with a file. I also Current Selection

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RELIVING THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE

By Eugene Coffman

In May of this year we visited the Wilmington (NC) Railroad Museum. It is situated near the riverfront in an original 1883 freight house building of beautiful brick and timber construction. A matching freight house sits across the parking lot and is being rehabbed into a local convention center. Although an inland city, Wilmington is considered North Carolina's main seaport as it is connected to the sea by the Cape Fear River. The city became a rail hub early with the creation of the Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad in 1834 to connect the capital to the sea. The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad followed in 1840 to link the port to Virginia cities.

The phrase "Atlantic Coast Line" originated from an 1871 advertising campaign touting several seaboard RR's and their interconnections. Over time, ACL became the commonplace name of the RR and the independent roads were eventually merged into one in 1898 as the Atlantic Coast Line. Their "Southland" passenger train provided a more direct link from Chicago to Florida from 1928 to 1957. The ACL thrived during World War II as its

coastal routes proved a much safer alternative to coastal shipping then threatened by German submarines. The ACL operated with Wilmington as its headquarters until it became a "fallen flag" in 1958 with the merger to its larger competitor, the Seaboard Coast Line.

The full-size artifacts displayed outside are all clean and well preserved with the interiors easily accessible including the locomotive cab, boxcar, and caboose. The 1910 Baldwin 4-6-0 (ACL #250) has 69" drive wheels and weighed 150 tons fully loaded. It spent the last years of its long life in passenger service (Wilmington to Fayetteville) which ended in 1952.

The boxcar is the 50' RF&P 2379 (Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac). A scene is staged inside of a rail cop "rousting" two hoboes. The immaculate ACL caboose has interior placards describing the use of equipment by the crew and life as it was in this original "mobile home". The wheel lathe out in front was used to "true up" #250's drive wheels and was dated 1892 when manufactured by the Swanscot Machine Co. of New Hampshire.

The museum interior begins in the History Hall





with extensive photo exhibits documenting the history of the ACL and its predecessors. Separate exhibits cover the Civil War years, the World War II era, African American employees, "RR Women" (employees), unionization, ACL Dining Car accouterments including china, silver, linens, menus, and other collectible items. In my opinion, these historical displays were interesting and very well done.



Next was the Children's Hall with exhibits of model RR hardware over time with a lot of tin plate and some "O" and "S" gauge. There are small, functioning layouts here of "O" and "G" gauges as well as tinplate. There is also a multi-level "Thomas" layout which seemed to captivate kids for extended periods.



But, for modelers, the museum saves the best for last with the largest museum layout in the Southeast! In the rearmost Model Hall is a huge fully functional 1500 sq. ft. HO layout with some N scale used in the backgrounds as forced perspective. It is highly detailed with city street lights, round house and turntable, stations, farms, and industries. Through an automated system driven by large push buttons, the layout is highly interactive. Visitors can start one passenger train out of a sta-



We visited this museum early one morning and expected to spend a maximum of two hours. Instead, we ended up eating a late lunch. Several locations were revisited and missed features noted. I can't imagine how this user-friendly location could be improved; we enjoyed our visit immensely.

tion and receive another, shunt cars in a port or yard area, and control industrial action. My favorite was sending loaded coal cars from a mine into the power plant; the cars re-emerge empty to return to the mine for another trip.



Visiting the Turkey Creek Division and other Model Railroads in the US

by Kelly Loyd MMR
Australasian Region Secretary

My fascination for trains began at an early age when our family lived 2 blocks from the St. Louis – San Francisco RR main line in the small town of St. James. My brother and I would race to the trackside when we heard a ‘Frisco



Gary Hankin's Santa Fe

freight blow for the crossing at the East end of town and watch as the Mandarin and White units thundered past the feed store with a freight in tow, a sight both exciting and terrifying for small boys. The love of trains grew out of these early boyhood experiences and also from being lucky enough to have a Grandfather who was a



Gary Hankin's Santa Fe

railroader. He would take me to work with him at the interlocking tower where he was the 2nd trick operator



Gary Hankin's Santa Fe

and I learned how to hang orders, use the radio and operate the interlocking. I was fully capable of operating the interlocking unsupervised at the tender age of 10, which surprised the Trainmaster one evening when he visited the tower and Grandpa said, “Kelly, line that KCS out of town.” Such things remain etched upon the memory... 35 Normal, 37 Normal, 36 Right, 23 Normal, 21 Reverse and 24 Left.

A fellow Australian modeler noted at one time that there were three types of Model Railroaders in operations: - The Railfan, The Yardmaster and The Dispatcher. Railfans love to watch trains run, no switching. Yardmasters



Gary Hankin's Santa Fe

enjoy running a train, but they enjoy lots of switching, both in the yard and with a Peddler Freight. Dispatchers really enjoy overseeing the operation and “running” the entire railroad. He went on to say that The Dispatcher is a rare type and he was surprised to meet one. I think it was

Gary Hankin's Santa Fe



that exposure to interlocking and also CTC at other locations that sparked my interest in Dispatching, something that has lasted all my life.

Like so many others, I asked my parents for a train set for Christmas in 1968. I recall seeing it in the five and dime store for the princely sum of \$13. I set up that oval of



Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine District

track in my room and soon grew tired of running round and round so the next summer, I got a job delivering newspapers and saved up enough for a turnout and some track. Looking back now, I realize that was the true beginning of my desire to operate a model railroad and not just run trains around without purpose. Of course, I didn't deliver products, but I did load up a gondola with chocolates and "delivered" those.

I got a permanent layout as a teenager, a 4x8 with an oval, industry spur and a small yard. This was a lot of fun and I wired it with blocks to have a mainline train and a yard switcher. There were no car cards but I still operated

by having the switcher make up a "delivery" to the spur track, push the train out onto the main, then park the yard switcher and have the main line locomotive come and hook on, then a couple of circuits of the oval followed by exchanging the cars. There weren't even any buildings on the layout, all done by imagination. After High School, I spent 2 years working for The Milwaukee Road in 1980, in the very same job that my Grandfather taught me. The love of railroading and model trains stayed with me through life and finally I was able to build another layout some 21 years later.

My friend Gerry Hopkins likes to say, "Kelly was not

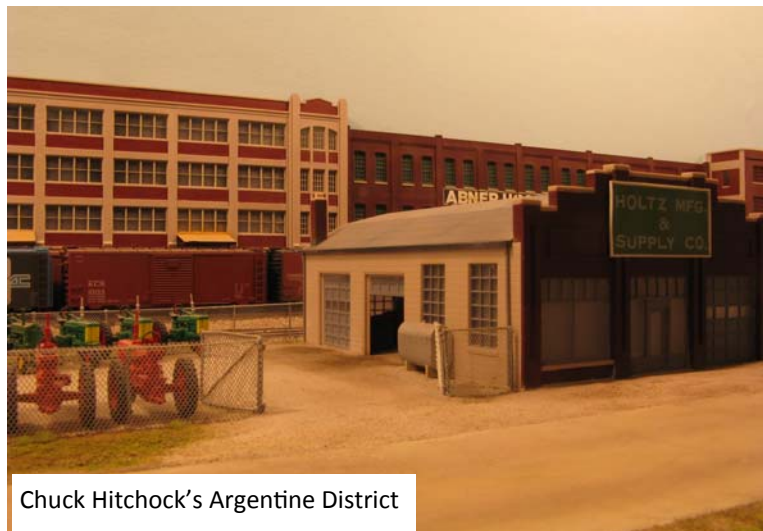


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going to have scenery, or operate or have signals. He was just having a plain plywood layout. He has failed to achieve those things." I started building my current layout in 2003 which began as an Atlas Track plan, but was expanded out via two "wings" into a nicely operating model railroad. In December 2003, I joined the NMRA in the Australasian Region and made a lot of new friends who shared my enthusiasm for model railroads. I decided

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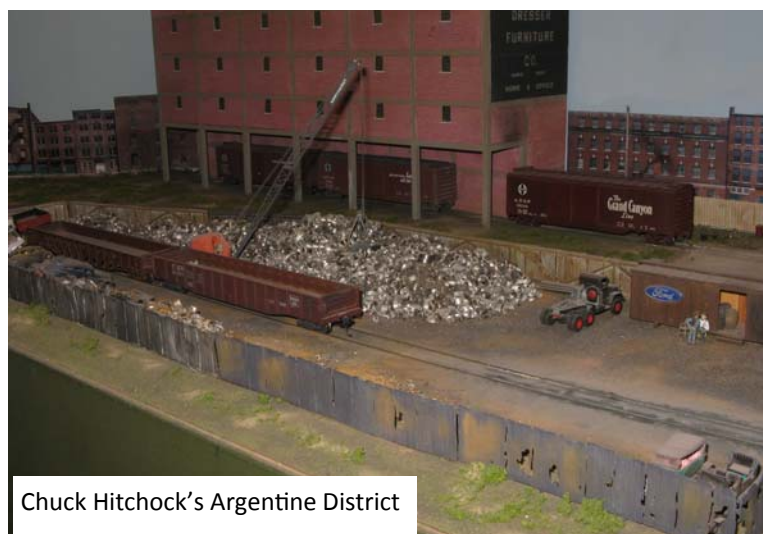
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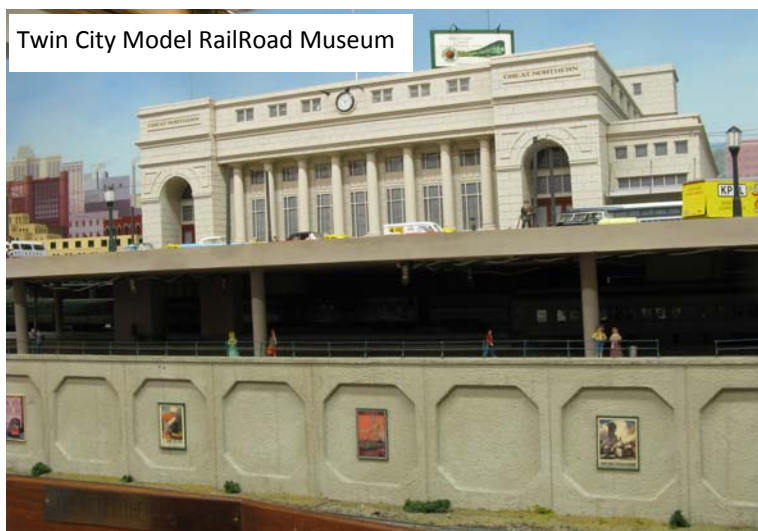
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to tackle the Achievement Program and started out with Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical. Well, you have to

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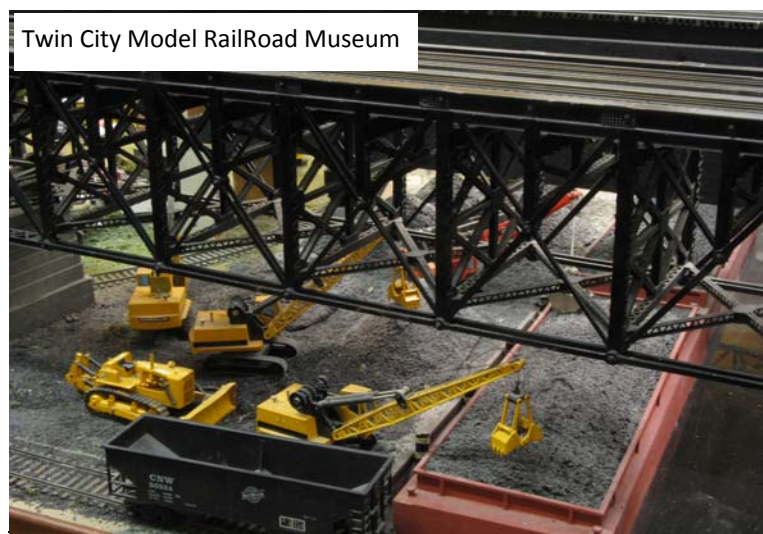
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wire your layout, so why not get credit for doing it? My background includes a lot of Electronics experience. Even so, I learned a few things from doing that certificate. Other AP certificates were to follow in time, then a

2012 to complete the seven required for Master Model Railroader. Getting a certificate was great, but even



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greater was the friendships forged and lessons learned all along the way.

I'd have to say that the greatest asset and benefit in the NMRA is the members. Without exception, every place I have visited with NMRA members I have been made to feel very welcome and shared many good times, learning, chatting and operating. I've been fortunate to see and operate on some of the most amazing model railroads in the

using an Electrical Engineering degree at Kansas State University. Kelly holds the following certificates: Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, Model Railroad Engineer – Civil, Author, Association Volunteer, Master Builder – Scenery, Master Builder - Motive Power. Master Model Railroader #482



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world, places like the North American Prototype Modelers in Milwaukee, Mike Richtsdorf's Norfolk and Western in Chicago, Gary Hankin's Santa Fe, Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine District and Bruce Chubb's Sunset Valley Oregon System. Then of course there is our own grass roots group, local modelers who share fun, operations, learning and general camaraderie. This social aspect is one of the best things about our organization to me and something I would like to see continue for years to come.

Kelly is employed as a Senior Software Engineer at Civica Pty Limited, a Software Vendor providing an Enterprise Suite of applications for Local Government. His interests include books, movies, good music, model railroads, prototype railroads, writing software and anything to do with his layout. Kelly has been married to his lovely wife Gianna for 31 years and has one son, who is pur-



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The American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation (APRHF), a non-profit 501c-3 organization, is hosting the 4th annual Silver Rails Model Train Show on Saturday, October 19th, from 9 am to 3pm at the Silver Rails Event Center. The Silver Rails Event Center is located at 202 E. Moore Street in La Plata, Missouri.

We will have operating train layouts and lots of trains/railroad memorabilia for sale. Vendor space is available for \$20.00 a table.

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Breakfast and lunch will be available on site.

For more information please contact Bob Cox 660-287-1714 or by email president@aprhf.org



Set up times will be Friday Night 6pm to 10pm and Saturday morning 7am to 8:30am.

Building St. Clair Ice

Kit-Bashing a Winner

By John Carty

In building a layout without incurring the ire of my better half, I have learned to be an opportunist when it comes to minimizing costs. To this end, when the subject of DPM Scratch Building Contest was announced, I saw an opportunity to construct a business on my list. The HO



scale ABC Cab Co. kit lent itself directly to being transformed into the local ice producer I desired for my layout. The prototype building stands at the corner of 6th and Main Streets in Belleville, Illinois. FKG Oil currently occupies the premises using the building which predecessor Peabody Coal had extensively modified. A key feature of the structure consists of retaining walls which surrounded the brine tanks and now do the same for the parking lot. Since St. Clair Ice supplied ice for air conditioning systems and retail, no dock or vestiges of the dock remained. No storage building appears to have existed, suggesting that the company stored the ice underground in the limestone caves, which, together with coal mines, dominate the substrata of Belleville. When I received the materials for the contest, the kit along with two additional walls (one singlestory, the other two-story) and some white metal castings, I photographed the property. Next I made a cardboard template of the foot print of the location for the business on my layout. I also looked up how to make ice using brine on the internet. From this I learned that not only is salt required, but also ammonia. I found the remains of a coal bunker during my survey of the property behind the west wing. I also decided to add a rail siding, so that I could ice refers

for the nearby brewery. Since beer refers lack bunkers, because the ice is deposited directly on the barrels, the company still required no platform.

First I laid out the available components on by foot print. I decided to build the two story section of the kit per the instructions. To this I decided to add a shipping wing on the east side and a machinery wing on the west side, imitating the prototype layout of the building. The shipping wing required and angled wall on the north (back) side to clear the siding. I chose the pieces for each wall of the wings carefully to minimize cuts and to take advantage of the molded ends. The angle required for the shipping wing matched the angle cast in the walls to allow easy removal from the molds. I aligned the roll up doors on the front and back walls of the shipping



wing. From the left-over

parts not needed for the walls, I laid out the retaining walls for the pit which would hold the brine tanks. I used the tops of the unused wall pieces to take advantage of



the molded parapet.

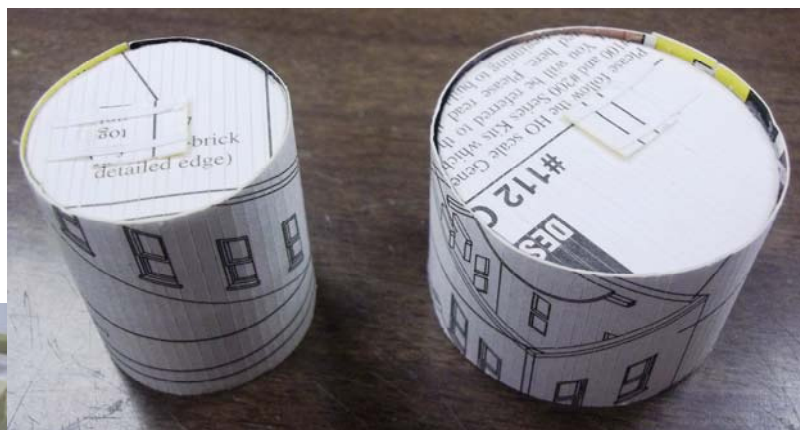


I started by sanding all pieces per the

with the brickwork facing into the pit. I added the louvered vent (metal casting) along with a coal bin consisting of short brick wall pieces topped with the doors made out of piece of roll up door removed earlier. I also added a projection to the front of the shipping wing to

instructions with the exception of the east wall of the shipping wing. Next, I assembled the office section per the instructions in the kit. I now

carefully cut the walls to fit the required configuration. I trimmed the extra two story wall to serve as the west wall of the machinery wing allowing a little extra to match the depth of the retaining wall, which would extend toward the street in front. I also added risers to the south wall of the machinery wing as well as the corner of the office. I cut away most of the rear (north) shipping door in order to model it open. After assembling the two wings, I measured and cut the retaining walls for the brine tanks. These were assembled



represent the exposed portion of the underground storage cave. I constructed the Current Selection about: blank 7/1/2013 chimney using pieces of wall cut from between the windows with a base fabricated from the left over retaining wall material. I added a cap to the chimney from strip styrene. I used the furnished roofing material to make the roofs and slabs, adding the vent to the office roof. The parts sprue with strip styrene added became the



HO Scale Ground Electrical Transformer

An often over-looked scenery item

By Kevin R. Salvo, GySgt USMC Retired, Life
member NMRA

When I started to detail the power lines and buildings of my layout, I very quickly ran out of electrical transformers for the power poles. I started making them myself and discovered that they took a long time to make. I also had a rejection rate of over 50%.

I looked around for something else to use that matched real life. That is when I noticed ground electrical transformers which are basically a box on a concrete pad. They come in different sizes depending on the electrical demands of the building connected. The shape was the same on all that I found – a box with little details that changed with size and manufacturer. A benefit of using these is no power lines showing from the poles to the unit or from the unit to the building being serviced. I was surprised to note that the installation of the units appeared to be based on ease of access with the distances from pole or building that varied wildly. I have found only two colors – gray and green.

The unit at the local nursing home was medium sized and simple construction. They allowed me to measure it, but would not allow me to take pictures of it citing HOMELAND SECURITY rules. I noted the construction and details and when I got home I made rough drawings of it. Next door to my home is the Deshler City Fire Department fire hall which has a unit as well; but was bigger and had different details (more complicated parts). That one I could photograph from my property.



City of Deshler Fire Department Ground Transformer

I chose to model the unit from the local nursing home due to the simple construction. I used left-over parts from Grandt Line relay houses (lift rings), decals from Microscale Diesel Dim Data sheets (5 danger decals), and the plastic spreader piece from Woodland Scenic Paving Tape.

For the ends, sides, and top, I figured out the sizes needed based on the thickness of the plastic to end up with a cabinet that matched the real unit. I was able to make these units in half the time of the pole transformers and I had zero rejects.

Stats for ground transformer: cabinet = L- 4'6" W- 3' H-4',
footprint = L- 5'6" W- 4'

Parts list: Lift rings from Grandt Line Relay Cabinets – 4 each.

Decals from Microscale Diesel Dim Data sheet – 1
"Danger @\$%^&*" (@\$%^&* is very small
print in two lines on some sheets that is unreadable) and 4 "Danger High Voltage" in either red or yellow (I have seen each color used on the prototypes).

The following parts are made from the plastic in the Woodland Scenics Paving Tape:

Note: measurements are based on thickness of plastic; adjust them if using a different plastic source.

Ends = 2 each – 3'X3'6"

Sides = 2 each – 3'6"X3'6"

Top = 1 each – 4'6"X3'

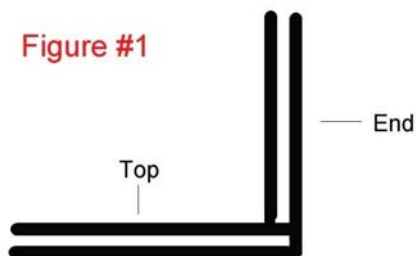
Handle = 1 each – short sliver of plastic

Base = 1 each – 5'6"X4'

Instructions:

1. Paint the base a concrete color.
2. Glue 3' side of an end piece to the 3' side of the top piece (see figure #1).

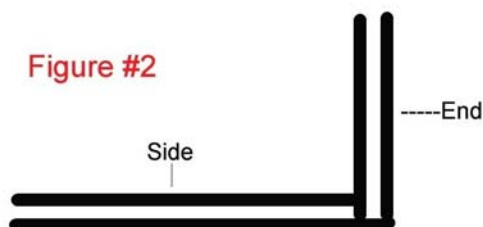
Figure #1



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3. Glue both side pieces to the end and top assembly (see figure #2).

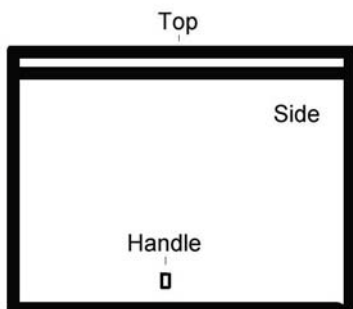
Figure #2



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4. Glue last end piece to sides and top.
5. Glue handle centered near the bottom of one side (see figure #3).

Figure #3



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- Drill two #73 holes near the top outside corners of each end; glue a lift ring in each hole (see figure #4).

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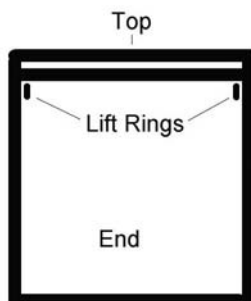


Figure #4

7. Paint the completed cabinet a light green (or gray) for an older cabinet or dark green (or gray) for a newer cabinet.
8. Place "Danger @\$%^&*" decal centered just above the handle.
9. Place "Danger High Voltage" decal centered near the top of all four sides.

10. Mount the base on layout in desired position; scenic around the base.

11. Glue cabinet centered in all directions on the base (I have noted that a few units are not perfectly centered).

Stand back and admire your work.



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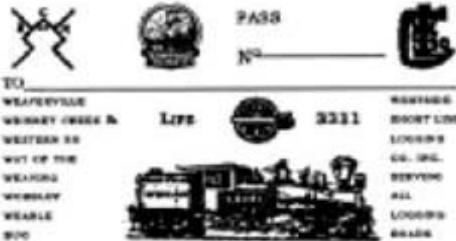


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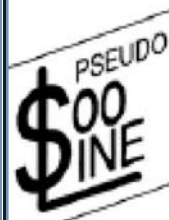
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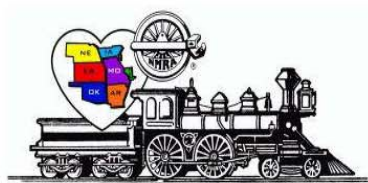


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	Business Card	2" x 3.5"	15.00	\$6.00	
	DEALER DIRECTORY				
	Business Card	1.375" x 2.375"	\$10.00		
	Pike Registry				
1	Business Card 2010	1.375" x 2.375"	\$5.00		
1	Business Card 2011	1.375" x 2.375"	\$5.00		
				Subtotal	
				TOTAL	
				PAIDED CASH	
				PAIDED BY CHECK NO.	
				TOTAL	

Make all checks payable to Mid-Continent Region

Thank you for your business!

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