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On The Cover: New additions to the **Western Kansas Rails** fleet from the recent Garden City Train Show being upgraded to WKR specs.

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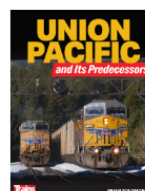


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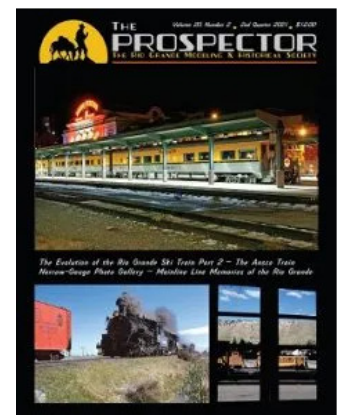
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Editor's Notes

Did you ever have the feeling that if you didn't have bad luck, you wouldn't have any luck at all? This March has been a hell of a month for me and my Family. Back in the last weekend of February I came down with a very bad case of food poisoning. It was all my fault, as a young man I was trained in food service, and instantly detected the food was not cooked, but I ate it anyway. I guess I convinced myself I was not seeing and tasting what I was. Later that night I was reminded of my stupidity with an extended stay in the bathroom. I toughed it out for a week, went to my Doctor who thought it was the stomach flu, I waited another week and when it didn't seem to be getting better, went to the Emergency Room. I told them my story, they took a blood test and a CAT scan, and immediately placed me in the ICU for the next three days. I'll save you the gory details, but I did not have anything solid to eat for over three weeks, and lost about sixteen pounds (I don't recommend this as a weight loss program). Needless to say I said a lot of prayers, and found out later a number of people were doing the same, thank you all and Thank God. Although I had to cancel displaying my layout at the Garden City train Show, I did recover enough to drive over for a few hours, connect with friends, take pictures, and shoot some video which is part of this issue.

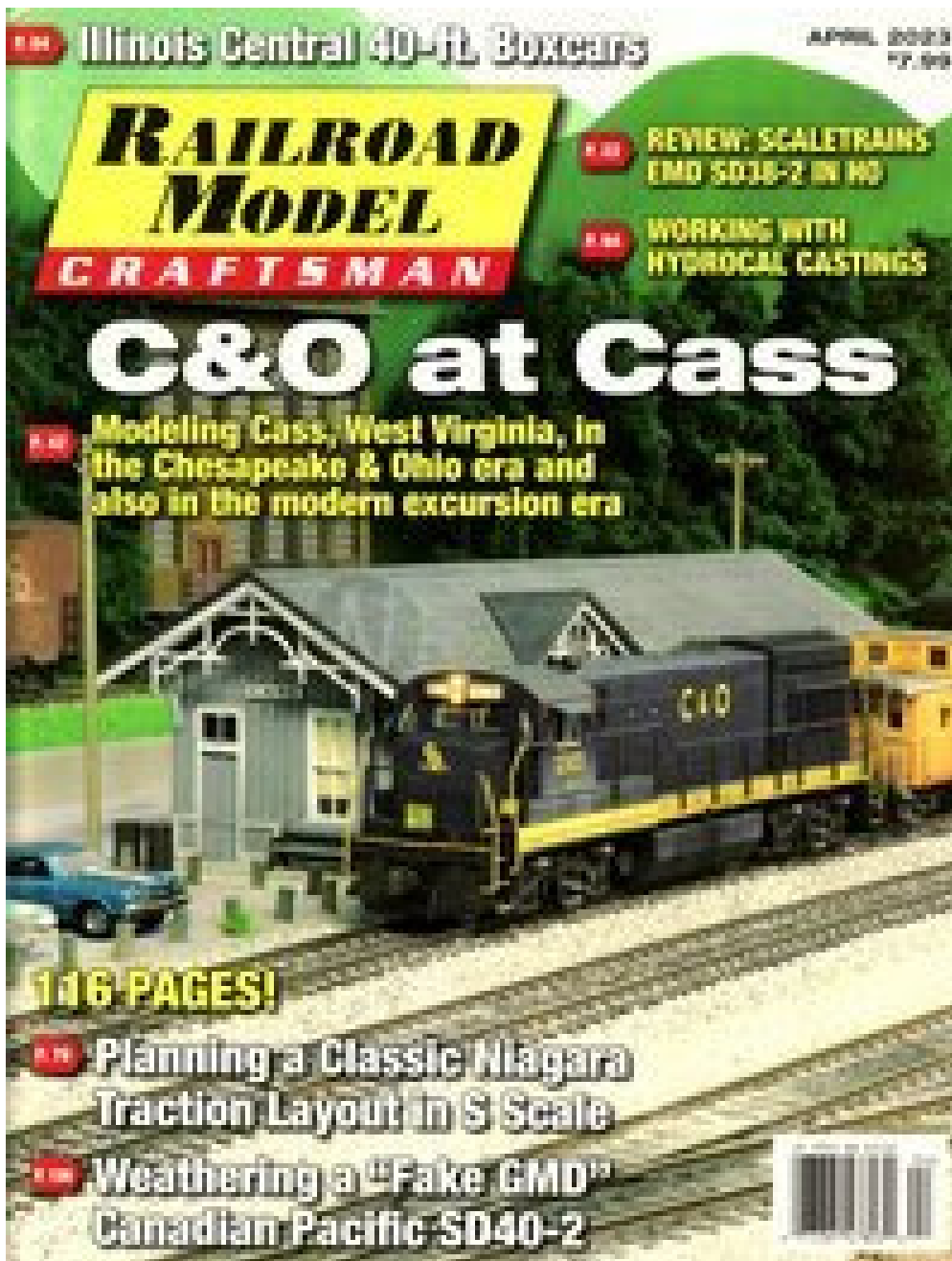
As of this writing, I have turned the corner on recovery and by April should be a lot closer to normal. Thank you all for your prayers.

Robert



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Generations at Cass, West Virginia

STEVE BARRY - In the heart of West Virginia, the whistles of geared steam still echo through Cass

Mill Gap on the C&O Ryder Sub

JOE GREEN - A creative mixing of elements supports a fun and detailed HO switching layout based on Cass

Prototype Modeling Cass, W.Va.

STEVE FUNSTEN - Scratchbuilding Cass' unique structures was part of the appeal of this diorama

Cass Comparison

OTTO M. VONDRAK - Two approaches to modeling the same locale, decades apart, in HO scale

Haussler's Covers of the 1940s

LYNNE OAKES - William E.C. Haussler's creative portraits graced our covers in the early 1940s

Planning Niagara Traction in S

TREVOR MARSHALL - Recreating the electrified Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto in S scale

Model Illinois Central 40-ft. Boxcars

TIM ALUND - Modeling 40 years of variations on IC boxcars using HO scale kits from InterMountain Railway

Animate a Train Order Semaphore

JON E. SCHMIDT - Using easily sourced materials to make your semaphore move just like the real thing

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The Turkey Creek Division and the Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, cordially invite you to join us at the “Kansas City Flyer 2023”, MCoR Annual Convention in Overland Park, Kansas from July 27-29, 2023.



What

The convention will include a full slate of clinics, home layout, and prototype tours, a non-rail program, and a full model and photo contest. The Trade Show will include 7,000 square feet of vendor tables and operating layouts.

Where

The event will take place at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 8787 Reeder St., Overland Park, KS 66214, which is easily accessible from I-35 at 87th St. in Overland Park. Registration forms for the convention and the Holiday Inn are coming soon.



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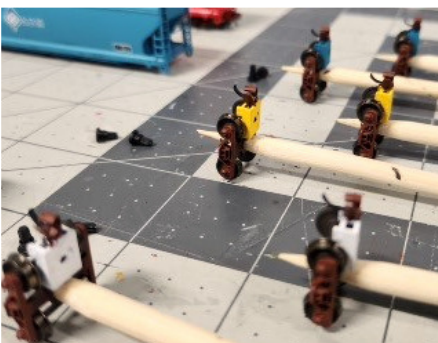
Make N-scale rolling stock perform and look better

(Left) Having visited the Garden City Train Show in March, the WKR Purchasing Department acquired a few new additions to the fleet.

The latest rolling stock from the manufacturers are good performers right out-of-the-box, and are quite detailed, however the Car Department of the WKR has set some higher standards as cars uncoupling or derailling during operating sessions totally sucks the fun out of the session.

To make it onto the WKR property, new additions must have three things: first, they must come with or be upgraded to Micro-Trains trucks and couplers, second, whether body mounted or not, the coupler box must be painted the car body color, and third, all wheels must be or upgraded to ESM (Eastern Seaboard Models) metal wheels. A fourth requirement if available is to increase the car weight (some cars are sealed from the factory). In the picture above, the white ADM car is from Atlas, and the other three are from Athearn.

(Right) All four of the new cars had removeable roofs, so it is a simple matter to add additional weight to the cars. In this case, the cars were already well weighted from the factory, but the Car Department used some small fishing weights in the bottom (to keep the center of gravity as low as possible) and used Tacky Glue to keep them in place. While the glue is drying, they moved on to the next upgrade.



(Left) All of the factory trucks were removed, and replaced with new Micro-Trains trucks/couplers. Step one required the coupler boxes to be painted body color. The Department has acquired a good selection of water-based craft paints which allows simple colors like black or white to go right on. Sometimes the craft paints will perfectly match the body color right from the bottle, and other times we mix a custom color such as the blue and red colors shown.

Ideas

Make N-scale rolling stock perform and look better



(Left) A closer view of the modified trucks. We use cooking skewers to hold the truck in place while painting. The coupler boxes are painted body color. The “bottom” wheel sets are added to keep the ends of the trucks off the mat, then the coupler and truck side frames are painted “Rust” color. The “top” wheel sets are added and we decided on Micro-Mark “Railroad Tie Brown” as a good match for the dark rust color of wheels, so the front and back of each wheel is painted as well as the axles. We paint the wheels in the truck as it allows us to spin the wheel during painting to get complete coverage. Now they are ready to install.



(Above) Eliminating the “black” coupler pocket and painting the truck and wheels makes a big difference.

Make N-scale rolling stock perform and look better

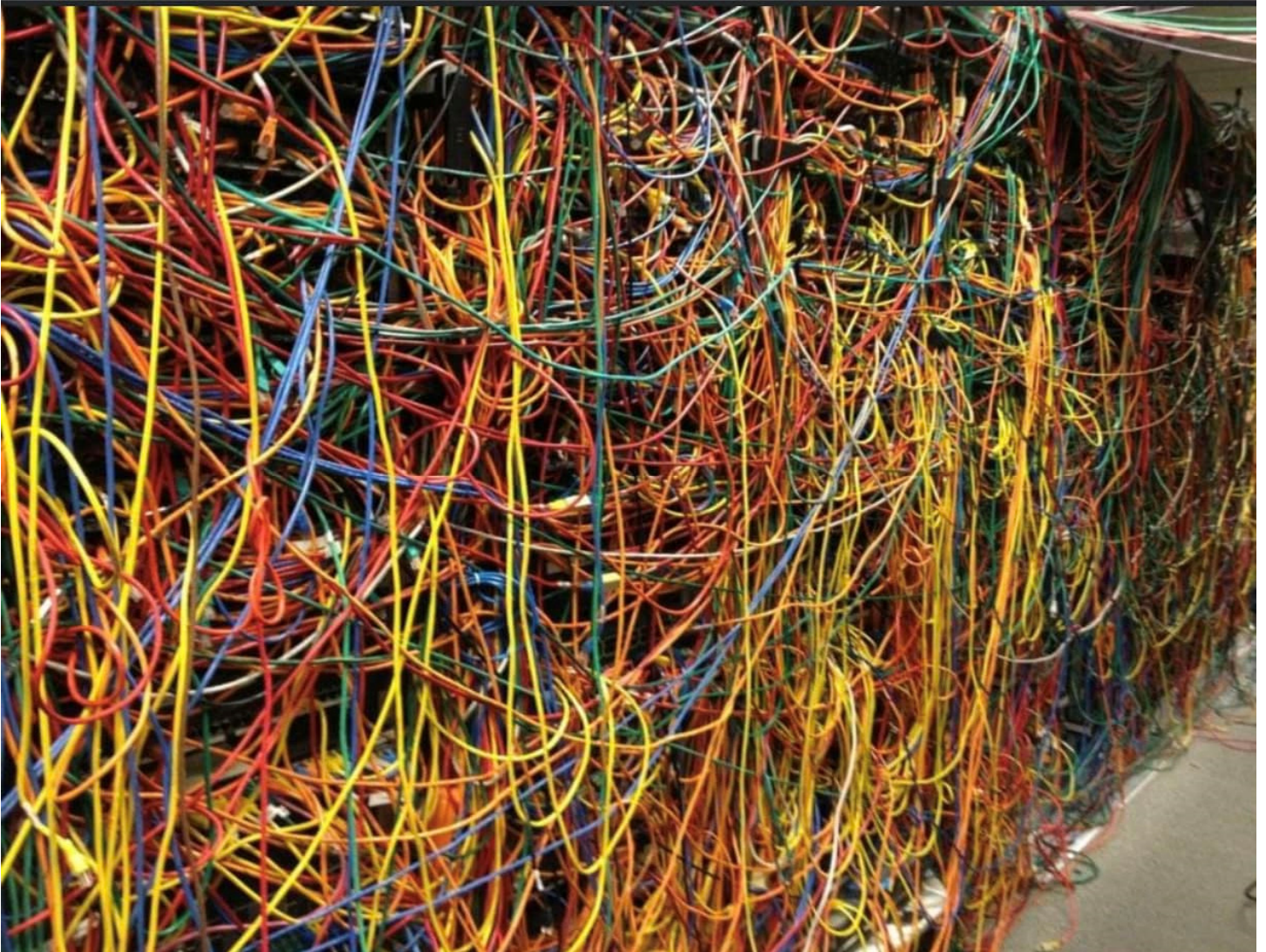


(Above) Two custom-blended colors.

(Below) Even plain white makes a difference.

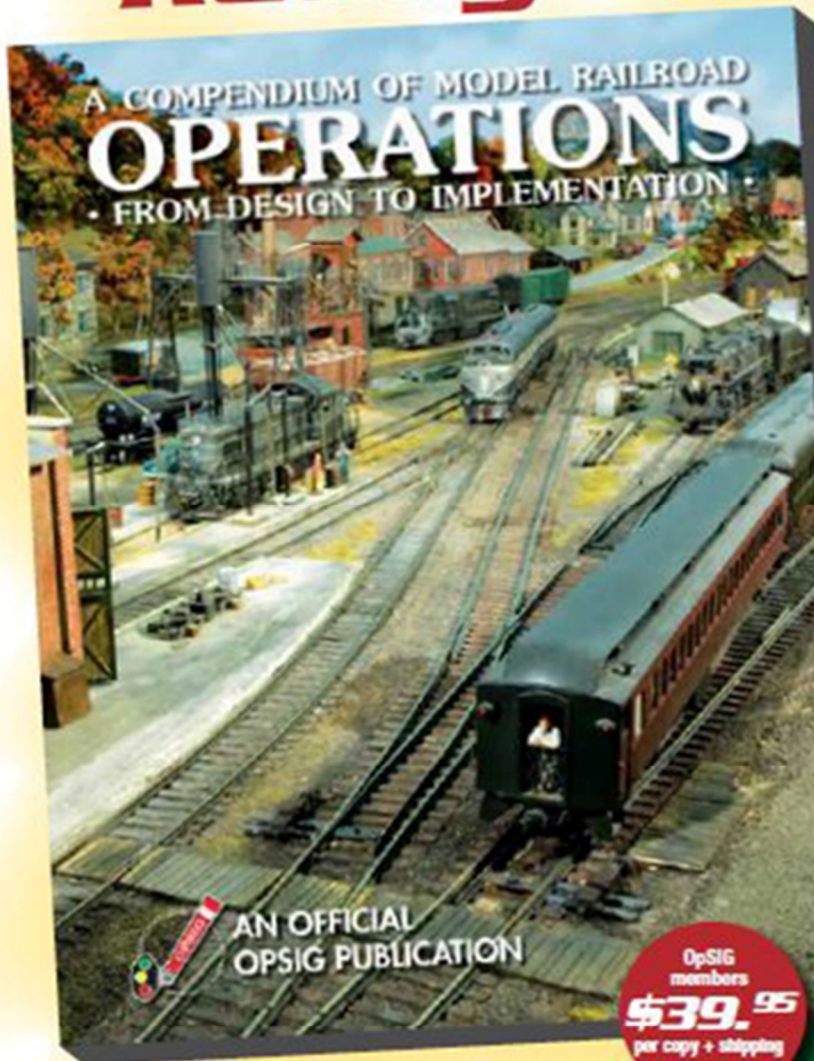


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The group began with about 140 members absorbed from the Burlington Northern Historical Society; an unincorporated interim organization interested in studying the history of the Burlington Northern Railroad.

In 1996, following the merger between Burlington Northern and Santa Fe, the group voted to follow the Burlington Northern from 1970 to 1995 and the BNSF from 1995 to the present. Then in 2018 we added coverage of the Montana Rail Link.



The Group's quarterly publication, *The BN Expediter*, is the voice of the organization that shares news about the group's activities, BN historical data, and current operations of the railroad. It is a 24-page all-color publication and will grow even larger as the society grows and more members contribute more information.

The society also has an annual convention at some location on the BNSF system with programs, tours, displays, a banquet with a keynote speaker, and a business meeting.

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- Membership is for one full year.
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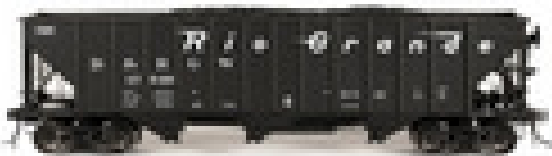


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I am David Zucker who, along with my wife Debby, started our hobby store business in 2000. It has been a lifelong dream to own my own model railroad hobby store. We have grown from a 5' x 10' x 6' trailer to a store and a web-site. We still love doing the week-end "train shows" and we travel throughout the Midwest.

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Follow the activities of the **Mid-Continent Region**, NMRA on the MCoR website, (thanks Ryan!) You will find the latest information on up-coming conventions, Tips from experts, copies of several Division newsletters, a list of up-coming events in the Region, plus contact information for the Region and all the Divisions.



Announcements

The 2023 Second Quarter issue of the [Caboose Kibitzer](#) is available. Thanks to Ray Brady for his work and please send him your articles!

Thanks to Martin Wade for making the [February 2023 issue of the Lightning Slinger](#) available!

Thanks to Jeff Cooper for making the [Winter 2023 issue of the RPO](#) available!

Thanks to Jim Madlett for

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2023 Regional Convention

The [2023 Mid-Continent Region convention](#) will be held at the Holiday Inn at US69 and 87th Street in Overland Park, Kansas from July 27 through 29. [The convention website is now available.](#) Interested in giving a clinic? See this [page](#) for more details.

Upcoming Events

The [Lawrence Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet](#) will be Saturday 3/4/2023 and Sunday 3/5/2023!

The 2023 Boy Scout RR Camporee is scheduled for 4/28/2023 in Boone, IA. Folks interested in helping out should contact [Whit Johnson](#)

The 2023 National convention is scheduled for from 8/28-9/26 at the

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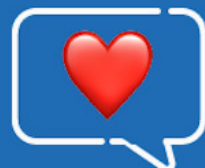
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To increase the enjoyment of their interest through appropriate activities. These include group trips to points on the railroad, photographic excursions, photo, slide, and video shows, meetings, discussions, and other undertakings of a fundamentally social nature. The encouragement of members to contribute to the collection, compilation, and publication of interesting data pertaining to the Katy, including preservation of such information for future reference. The increase of knowledge of and fostering of goodwill towards the M-K-T Railroad among members and the public. The promotion of good fellowship among the members through ethical social functions found to be beneficial, educational, and morally wholesome to those interested in the Katy Railroad.

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Oddballs

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

ALCO RS-27



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What's in the magazine this month?

Come check out Barry and Janice Dupler's steam era railroad, the South Park Branch, in HO scale. It's a freelanced branch line of the Denver & Rio Grande Western and is based in the late 1930s. You'll love watching the trains at work serving the Colorado towns and the impressive scenery of the San Juan Mountains. The Duplers model both logging and mining on the pike.

We also include a project showing you how to build basic benchwork this month and a feature on water tanks as a part of operations.



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We also discuss and communicate information about the methods and procedures used by the real railroads and realistically adapting them to the model world.

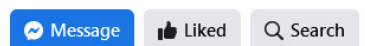
We publish a quarterly magazine, *The Dispatcher's Office*, which in addition to containing articles and information on railroad operations (both prototype and model), contains listings of operating layouts, sessions, and events that members are invited to attend.

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Garden City Train Show

The 2023 Boot Hill Model Railroad Club's Train Show in Garden City, Kansas was held the weekend of March 11th and 12th.

Although I was still feeling weak after my ordeal, I managed to make the trip over to Garden City and take a few pictures of the event.

(Right) **Donnie Becker** of Salina brought his N-scale layout for display at the show. Formerly an oval, the layout is now displayed in a linear format with return loops on each end.

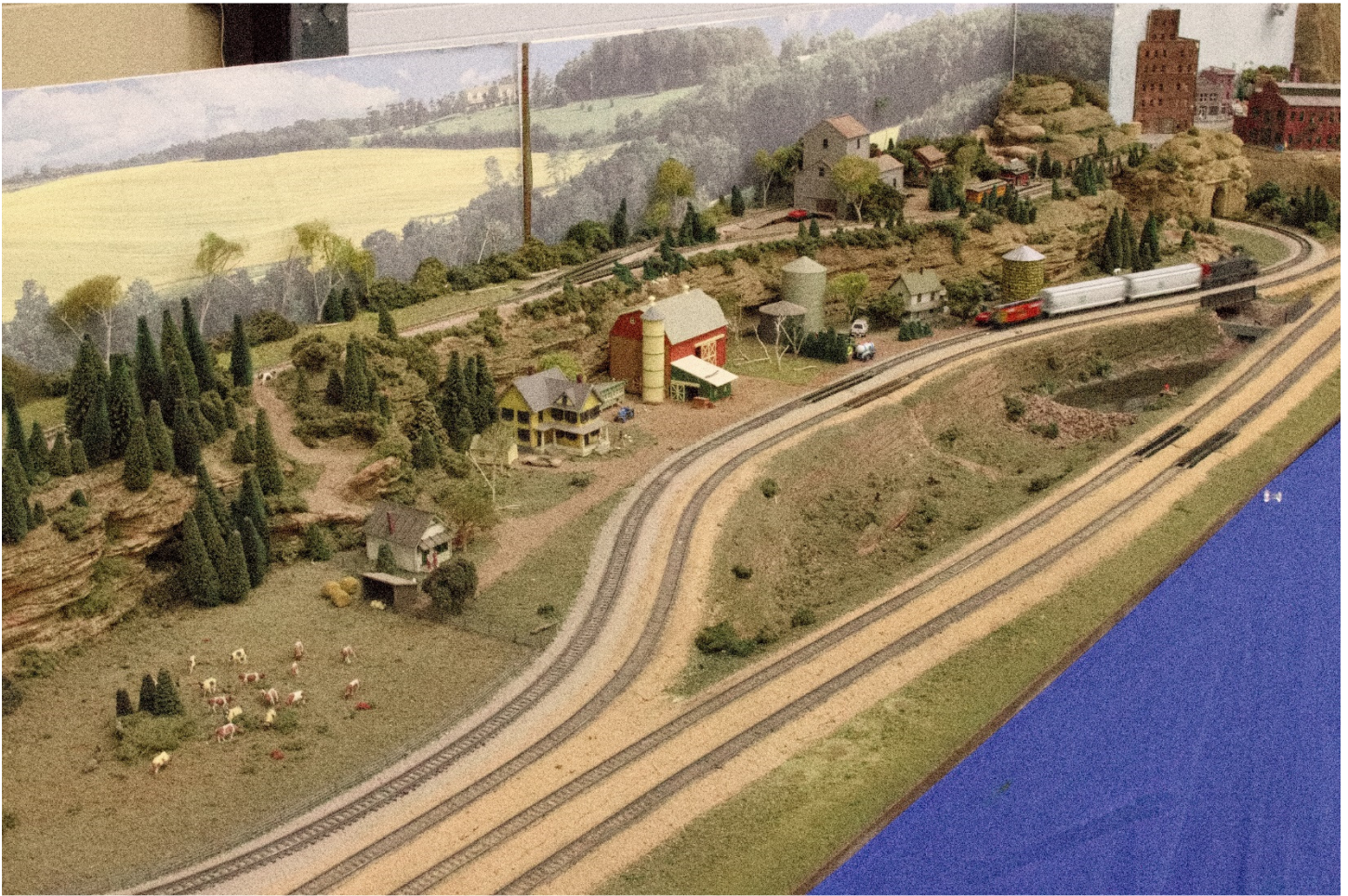


(Below) the visually impressive "Canyon Scene."



Garden City Train Show

Donnie Becker, Cont.



(Above) The twin “Farm Scene” modules.

(Left) The “River Rafting” pair of modules,



Click the link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCE_m6spasE



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Garden City Train Show



(Above) A internal view of the sawmill on the On30 layout displayed by Mark Fisher of Ingalls, Kansas.

(Right) The top view of Mark's layout gives a look into the lives of loggers of eras past when steam was making inroads into the traditional animal power.



Garden City Train Show



Hector Coss of Lewis, Kansas displayed his N-scale, N-Trak layout. (Right) Hector scratch-built the container ship for the intermodal scene.



(Below) An eye-catching module features high cliffs and lake front views.



Garden City Train Show



(Above) Hector used a corner module to accurately model his home, including the house, shop building, farm equipment, and a scratch-built center-pivot irrigation system.

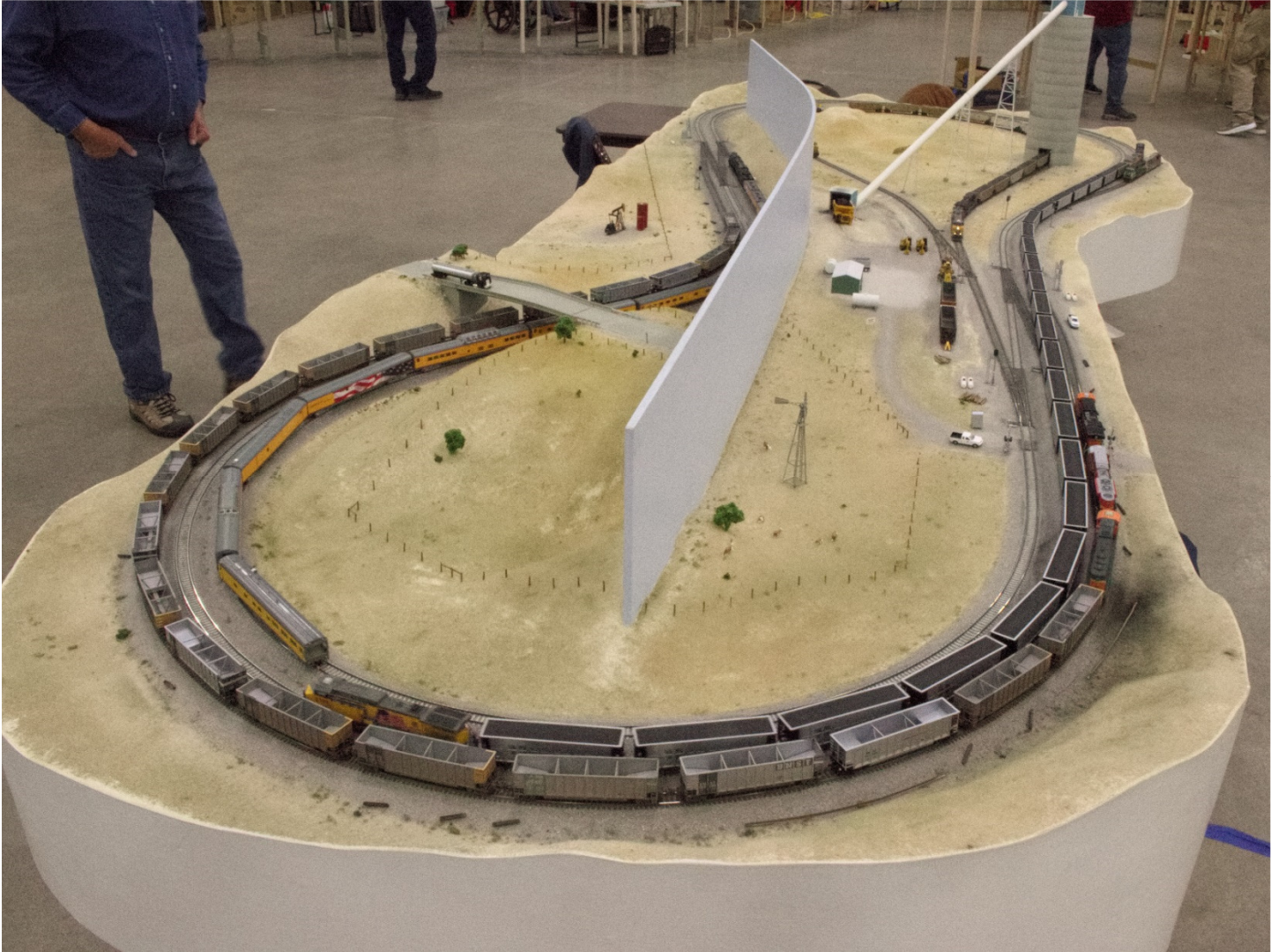
(Right) Jerry Bruce of McPherson, Kansas keeps an eye on things as the train makes its way around the city scene.



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Garden City Train Show F

Garden City Train Show



(Above) Sylvester Rodriquez of Garden City was showing off his magnificent N-scale layout which models a coal flood loader operation. This layout is packed with details everywhere you look.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WP9rDkYn-H0>

Garden City Show 2023 A

Garden City Train Show



(Above) Most attendees of the show would agree, the most detailed layout of the show was displayed by Steve Weidner of Sublette, Kansas. This is a On30 layout that features a complete, functional underground mine train visible through windows in the bottom of the layout, a working mine elevator (pictured dumping ore into the hopper) scratch-built locomotives and rolling stock, a scratch-built railroad station, plus several scenes including moving chickens.



Garden City Train Show

Steve Weidner, Cont.....



(Above) A view of the top.

(Below) The moving chickens.



Garden City Train Show

During the McPherson show in January, I discovered my DLSR camera settings had accidentally been changed, so I needed to do a factory reset after the show. I reset the options and thought it was ready for Garden City, but I had set the quality to “raw” which was said to be the best setting. However, after returning from Garden City, my photo processing program did not recognize these “raw” images, so I lost quite a few photos. Fortunately, I also shot quite a bit of videos, so I will list them here...



Garden City Show 2023 B

Click this link for a video of the HO-scale layout “Adamsville” displayed by **Jim Adams of Lakin, Kansas**:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-XQIVUMnUs>



Garden City Show 2023 C



Garden City Show 2023 E

Click this link for a video of the magnificent Free-Mo HO-scale layout displayed by the **Southern Kansas Free-Mo** group:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdtSTA-y6I4>



**They are cute and seem harmless.
But, they are loud, incredibly
expensive to keep, and
absolutely untrainable. The other
is a kangaroo. I don't really know
much about kangaroos.**



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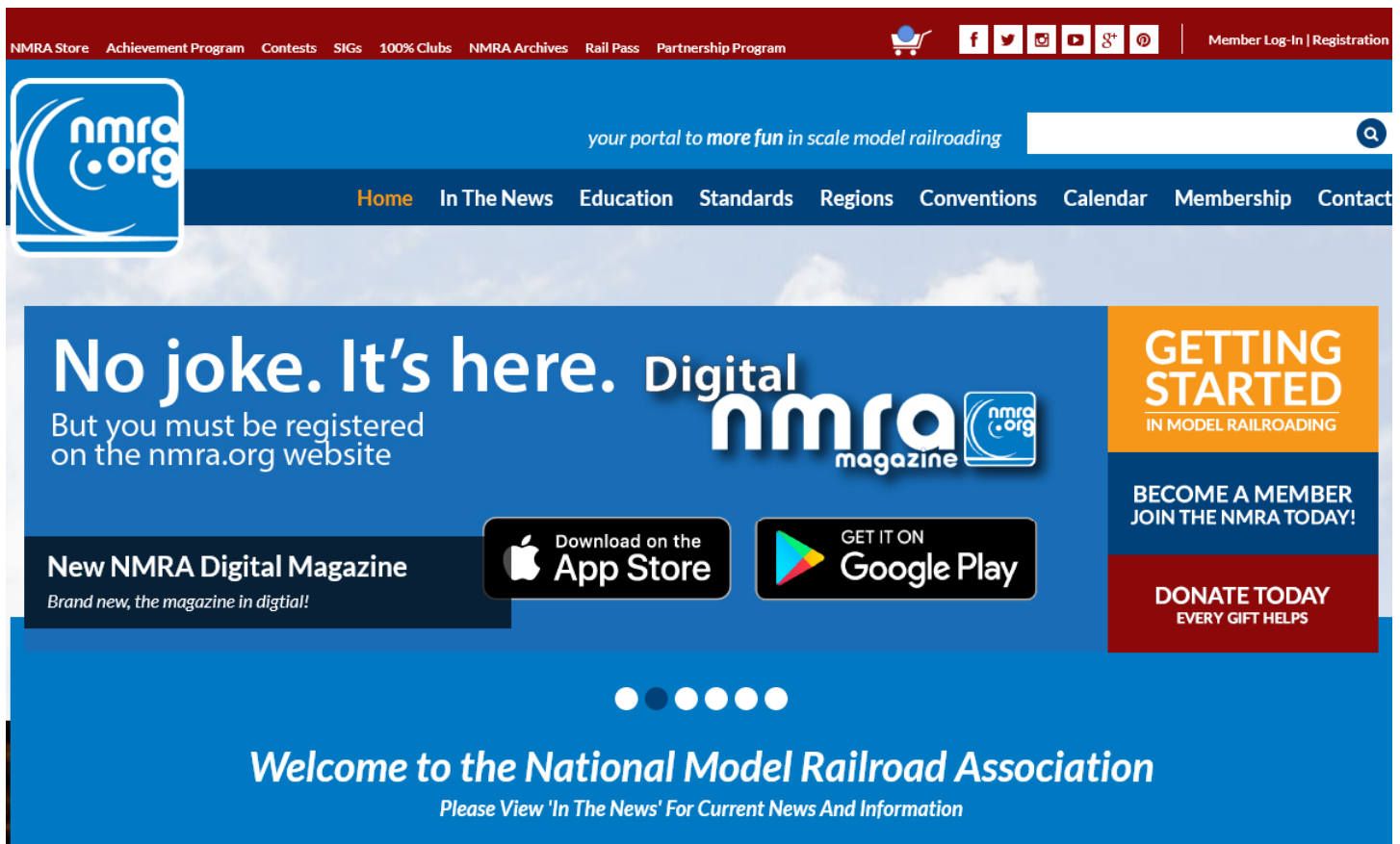
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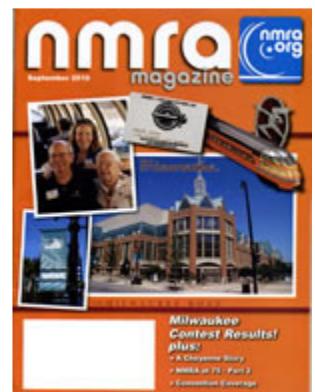


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WKR Update



(Above) The appearance of Missouri Pacific 5010, an EMD SD50 in N-scale from Atlas.

Recently The Purchasing Department of the WKR acquired a pair of pre-owned Atlas SD50 units to add some motive power to the DC only fleet. Both performed as new right out of the box and both already had Micro-Trains couplers. All they needed was a bit of touch-up as they will eventually be folded into the MPLX lease fleet.



(Above) A in-progress shot after the body shell was removed. At this point the couplers were painted “rust” color, and the grills were all “blackened for depth” before clean-up.

The method used by the Car Department to black the grills is to make a wash of black craft paint. We use a dish with a small dab of paint and a small bit of water. We then use the paint brush to quickly mix a bit at a time using more paint or more water to get the correct consistency. The wash is then applied to the grill areas then the body shell is set aside to dry. Once the wash has dried, a regular eraser on the end of a pencil is used (the pencil acts as a holder and is easier to control) to rub off the wash from the outer grills and any mistakes. This makes the painted grill ribs reappear and leaves the wash in the crevice’s creating the illusion of depth. On this model the wash was applied to all the side grills, upper radiator/dynamic brake fans and exhaust port. After using the eraser, you will need to use a dry paint brush to remove all eraser crumbs.

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(Right) The previous owner had replaced the couplers with new Micro-Trains couplers but did not paint them. Here we can see the couplers have been painted rust, but now matching craft paint was used to paint the black coupler boxes Harbor Mist Grey.



(Right) This view shows the grills after cleaning with the eraser, the couplers painted, and now the final touch, the boarding hand rails Are painted “safety white.”



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(Left) All the same items were applied to the front end.

(Below) A side-by-side comparison of a stock model and the WKR version. Both are now completed and part of the fleet.





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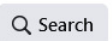
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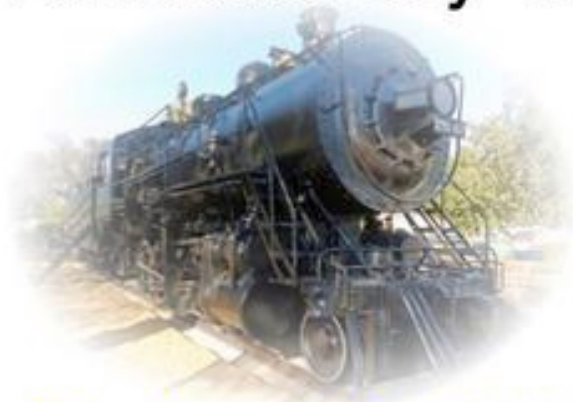
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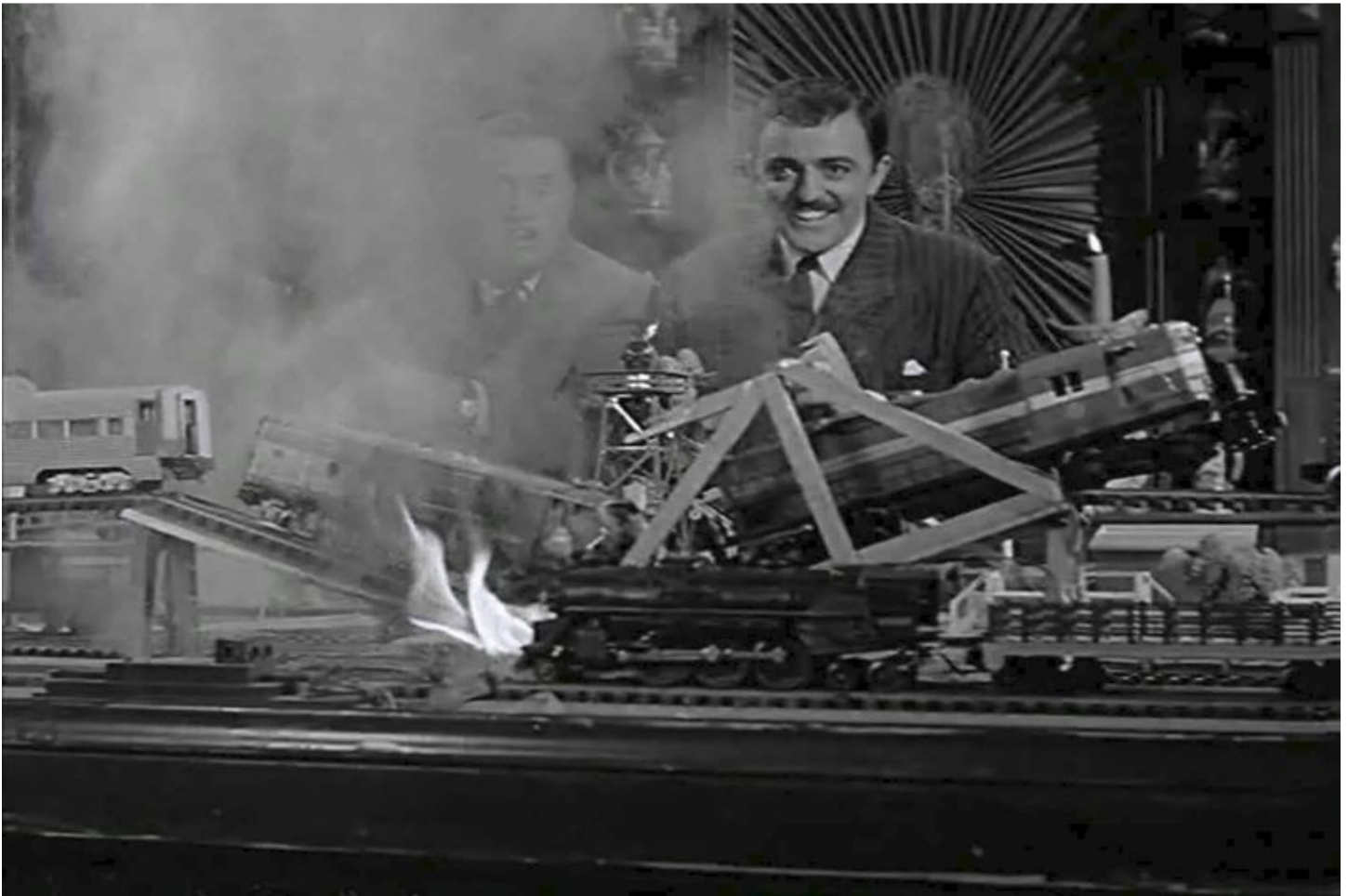


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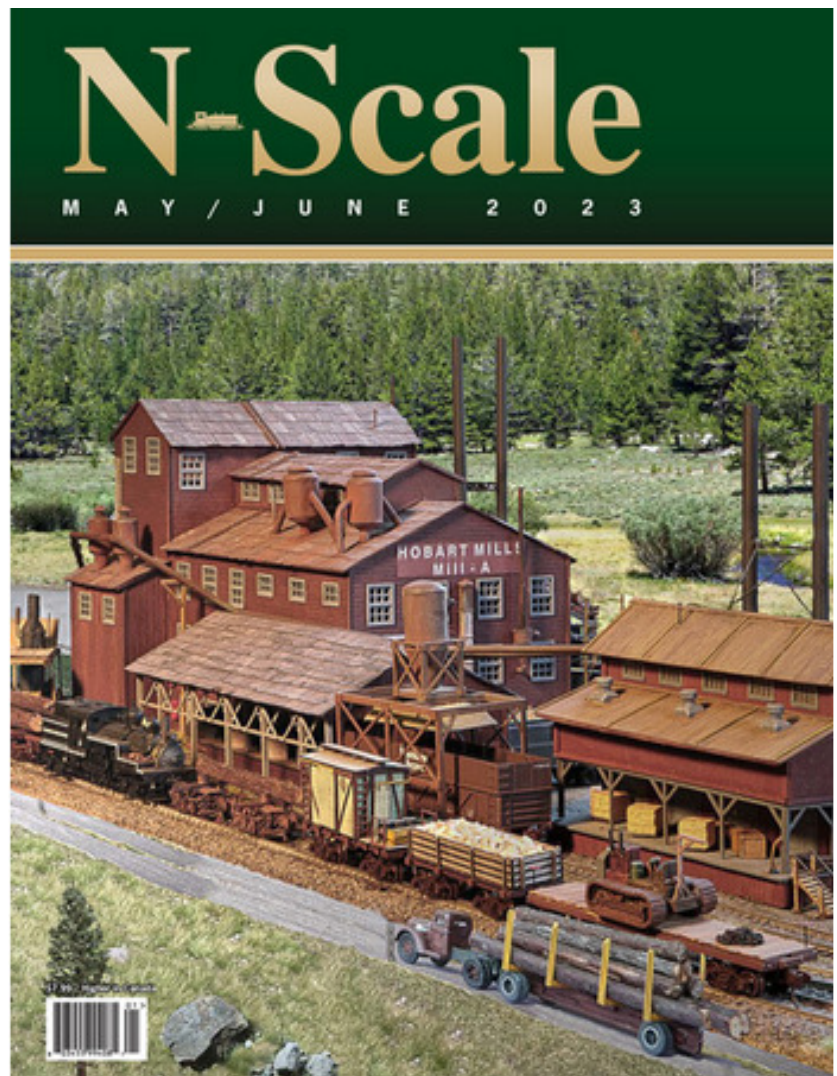
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