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## On The Cover:

The Boot Hill Model Railroad Club hosted the Dodge City Train Show on November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the stand-out layouts on display was "Adamsville", created and constructed by Jim Adams of Lakin, Kansas (Pictured). More coverage of the show inside...

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# Editor's Musings

The **Dodge City Train Show** hosted by the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club for 2021 is in the archives. This was the first Train Show where the WKR layout was on display for 2021, and it felt great to be back in the public eye again. The only real plus side to 2021 is a lot of time to add a substantial list of upgrades to the layout, but it was very nice to meet the public, see old friends, and make new ones.

There must be something about the Fall season as most people turn their attention to indoor activities again, but while lurking on Facebook I noticed a repeat of an interesting trend. On several different pages, I noticed a number of individuals joining model railroading groups, and announcing they are getting back into the hobby after some period of time. The NMRA National surveys also indicated that our best source for new members will come from those who are approaching retirement or recently retired.

That being said, we also must ask; "What comes first, the chicken or the egg?" The recently retired are the "chickens", but during the Train Shows, I also prompt young parents to treat their children to train sets for Christmas or birthdays. They may not be ready for train club activity yet, but you could say these are the "eggs" for the next generation of modelers.

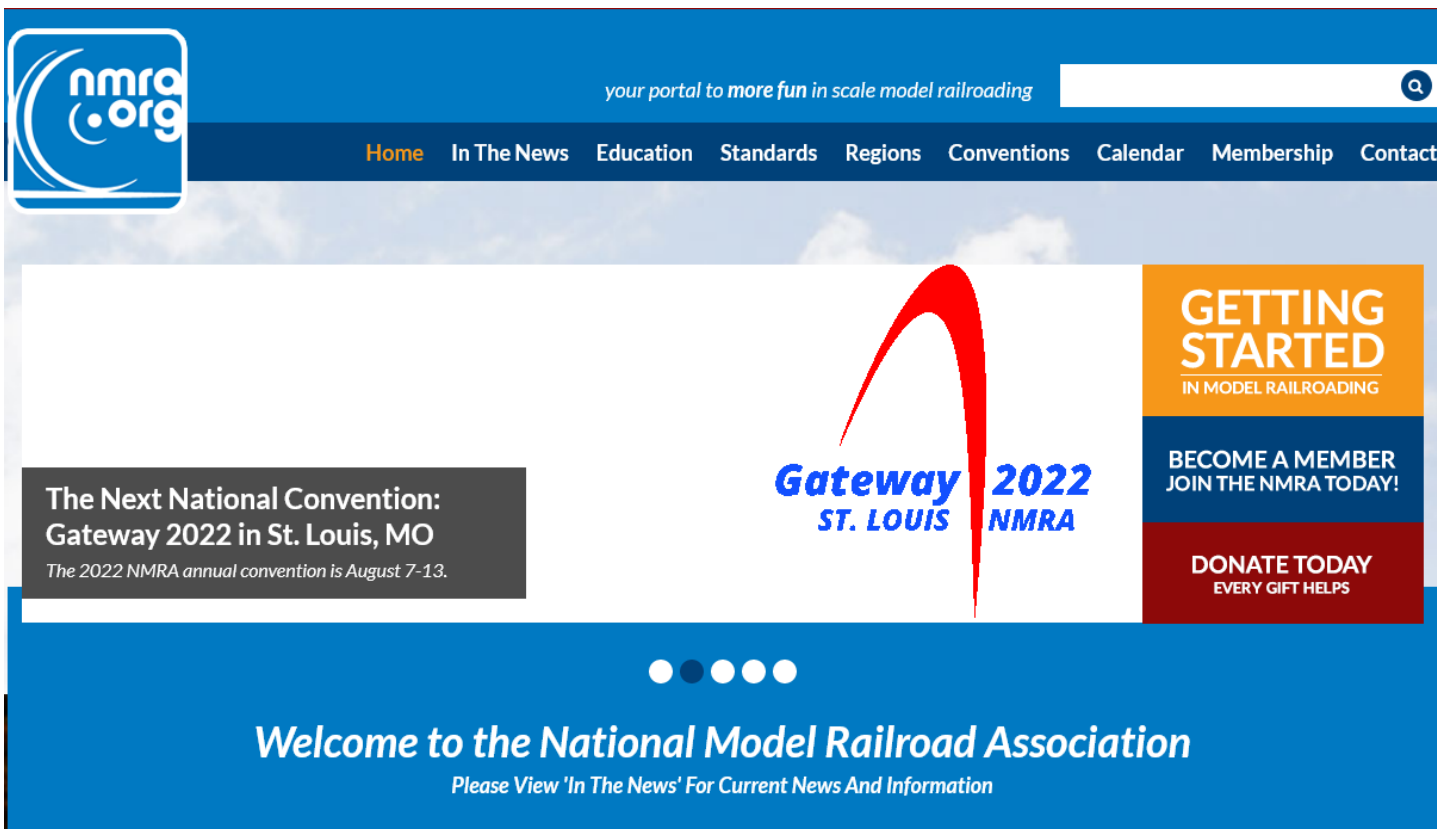
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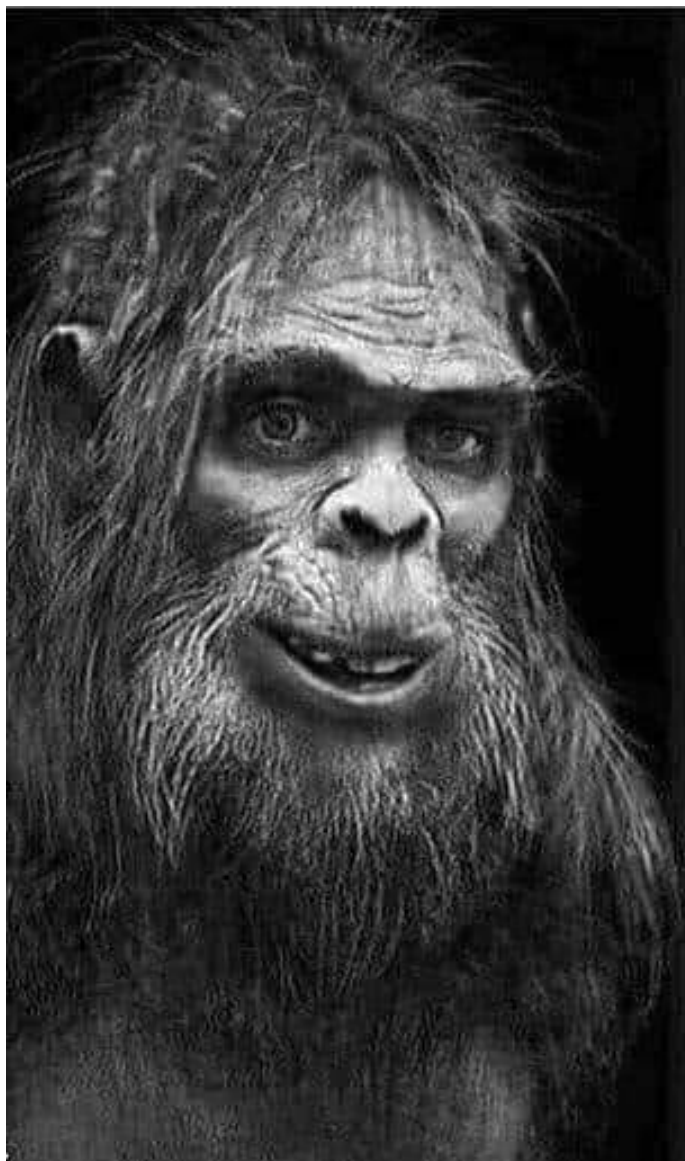
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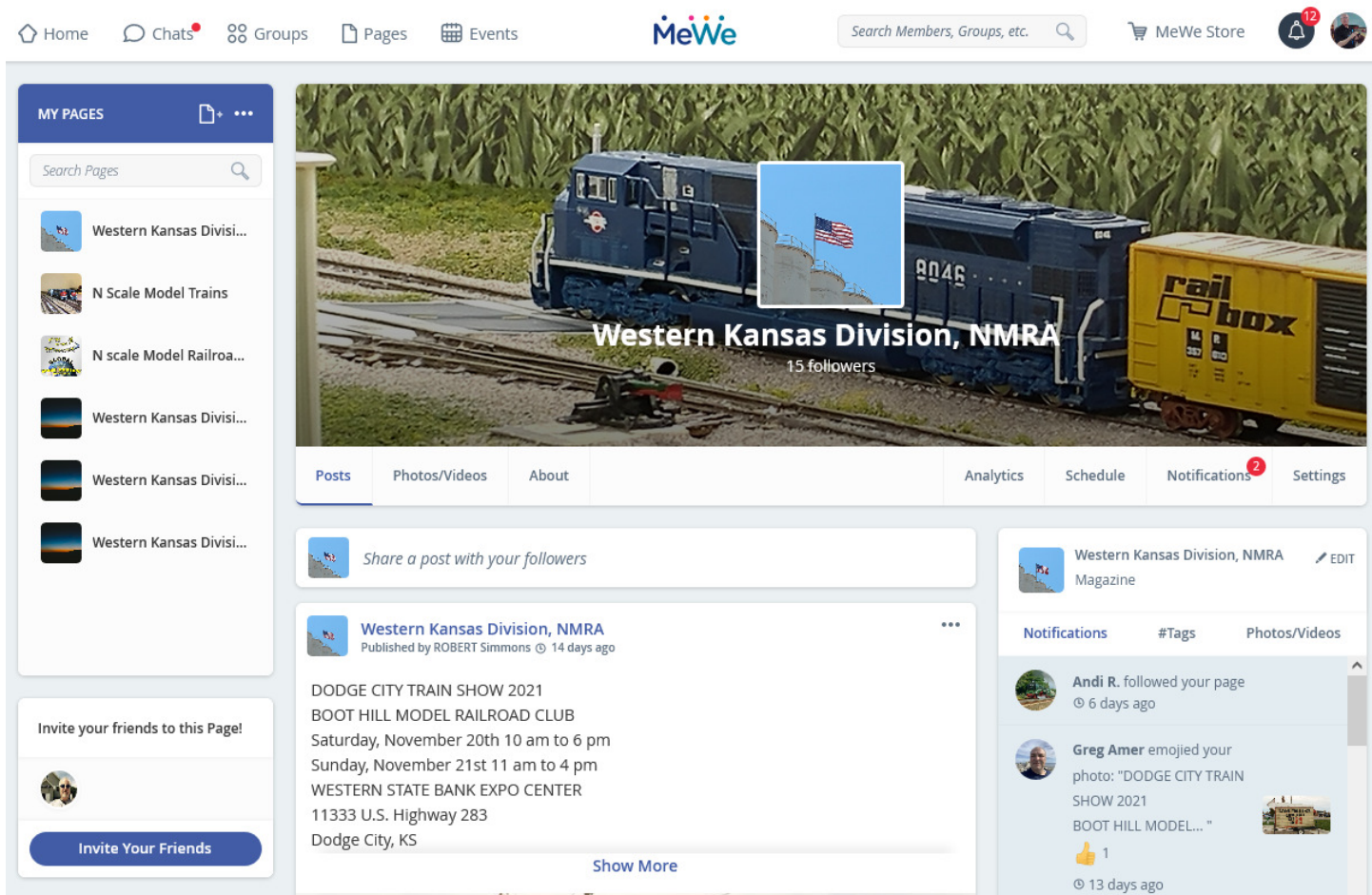


# Real Deal



A pair of BNSF locos, 1830 and 3115, are handling the switching duties, shuffling cars back and forth in the yard. The 1830 is an EMD SD40-2 which began life in April of 1974 as **Burlington Northern** 6382. The 3115 is a EMD GP50, built in July of 1985 as **Burlington Northern** 3115.





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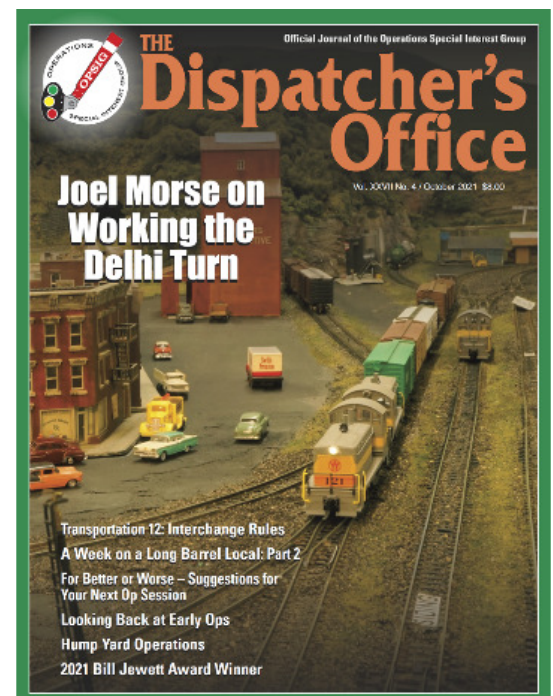


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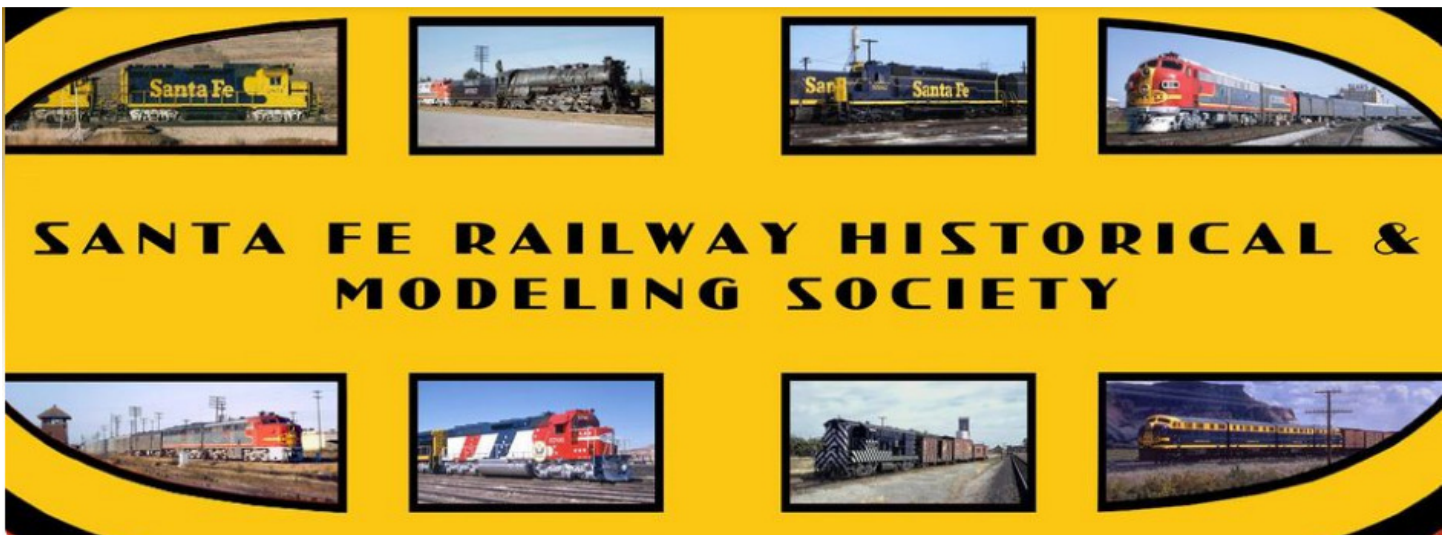
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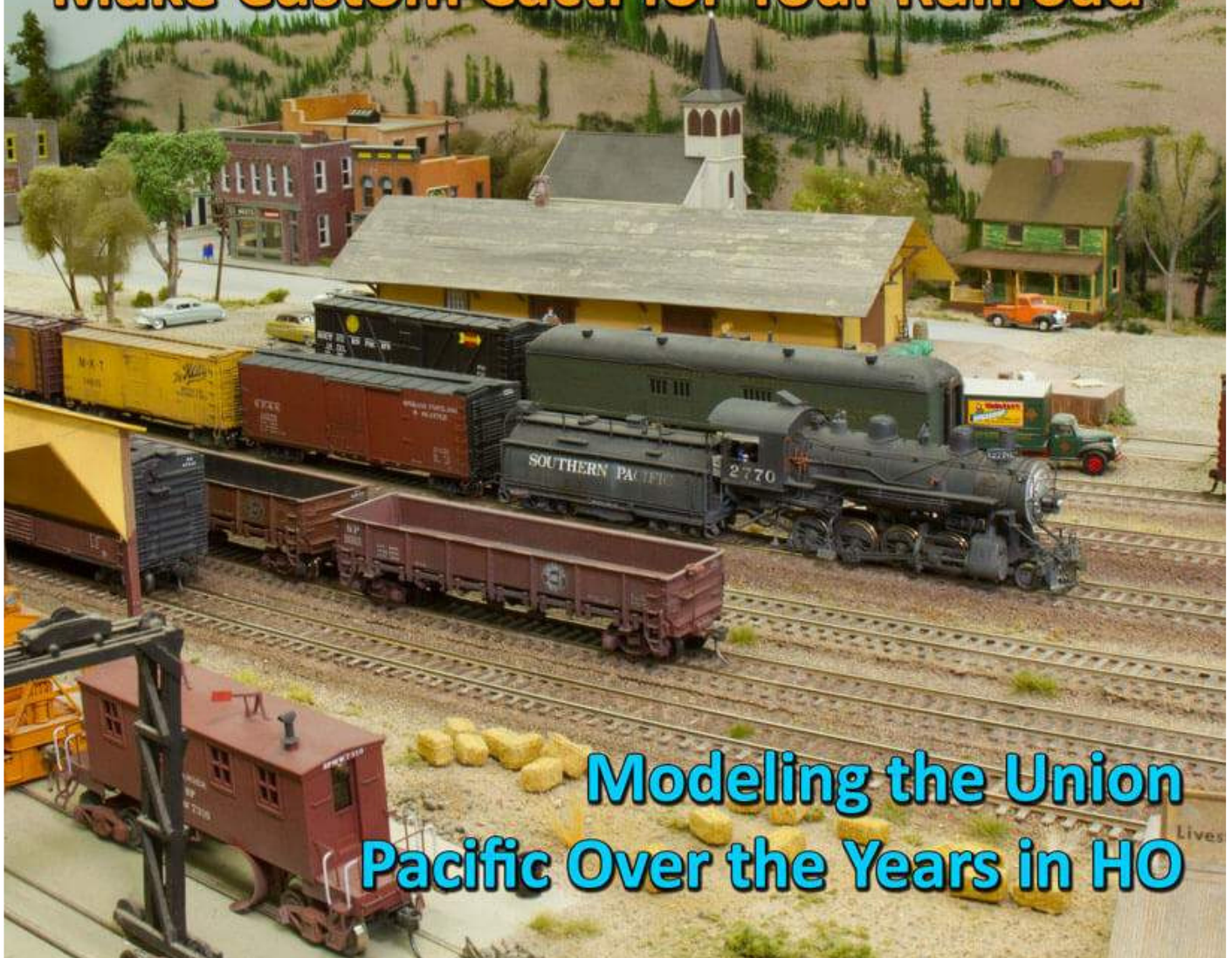
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# Dodge City Train Show 2021

The weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> the people of Western Kansas were treated to the **Dodge City Train Show**, hosted by the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club. This year's show features some new layouts along with several veteran layouts.



One of the new layouts was displayed by Boot Hill member Jim Adams of Lakin, Kansas. His home HO-scale layout, "Adamsville", is highly detailed and visually stunning with its Fall foliage.

Jim described to me the difficulty in displaying his home layout, as it was never designed to be portable, and had to be moved out of its basement home very carefully. This was his and the layouts first Train Show as an exhibitor and he enjoyed it.





# Dodge City Train Show 2021



Click on the link for the "Adamsville" video tour:

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# Dodge City Train Show 2021



Thank You, Jim for displaying this magnificent layout.





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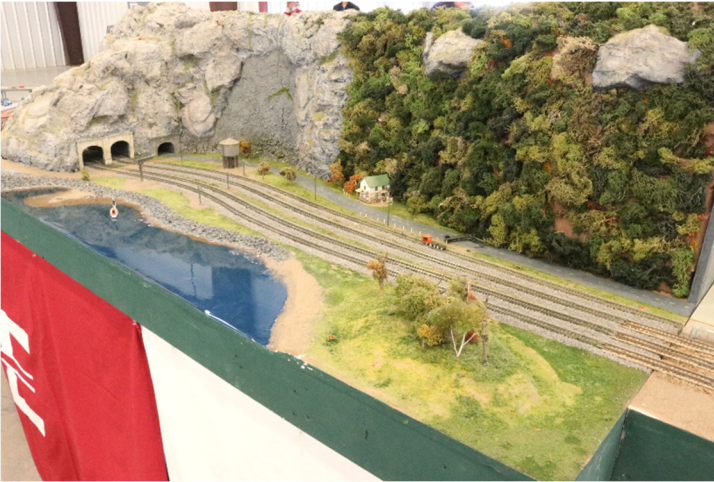


The Boot Hill Model Railroad Club displayed their HO-scale layout.





# Dodge City Train Show 2021



Boot Hill member Hector Coss of Lewis, Kansas displayed his N-Trak layout which features a scratch-built irrigation system.



Click the link to view the Coss Layout video tour:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Cdk4iYsMtA>



# Dodge City Train Show 2021



One of two extremely impressive layouts was displayed by Boot Hill Club member, and former Club President, Mark Fisher of Ingalls, Kansas.

Mark's On30 layout is a highly detailed look at logging in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The sawmill (pictured) features a moving power belt system, running band saw, and moving trolley which moves back and forth through the saw.

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# Dodge City Train Show 2021



The original On30 layout of the Boot Hill Club was displayed by member and former Club President Steve Weidner of Sublette, Kansas. Everything on Steve's layout is scratch built, including the "critter" locomotive (upper right) which pulls the upper deck mine train. The depot (upper left) was created brick by brick and features an extremely detailed interior. The upper mine (below) has a working elevator, while the lower mine (hidden) is seen through small ports at the bottom of the layout and has a running mine train with compressed air locomotive.



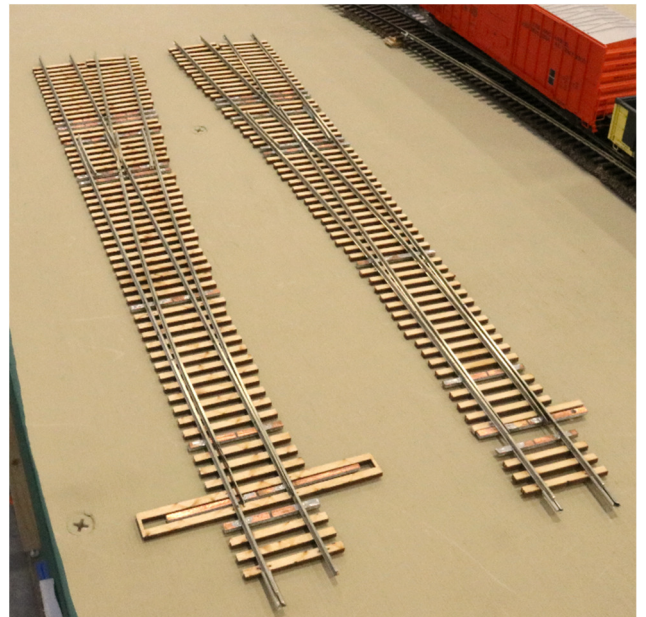
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# Dodge City Train Show 2021



Boot Hill Model Railroad Club member, Hector Coss, also displayed a pair of HO-scale “FreeMo” modules



(Left) There was a Lionel O-27 layout on display as well.

A good time was had by all, I would like to thank all the members of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club for producing this annual show.





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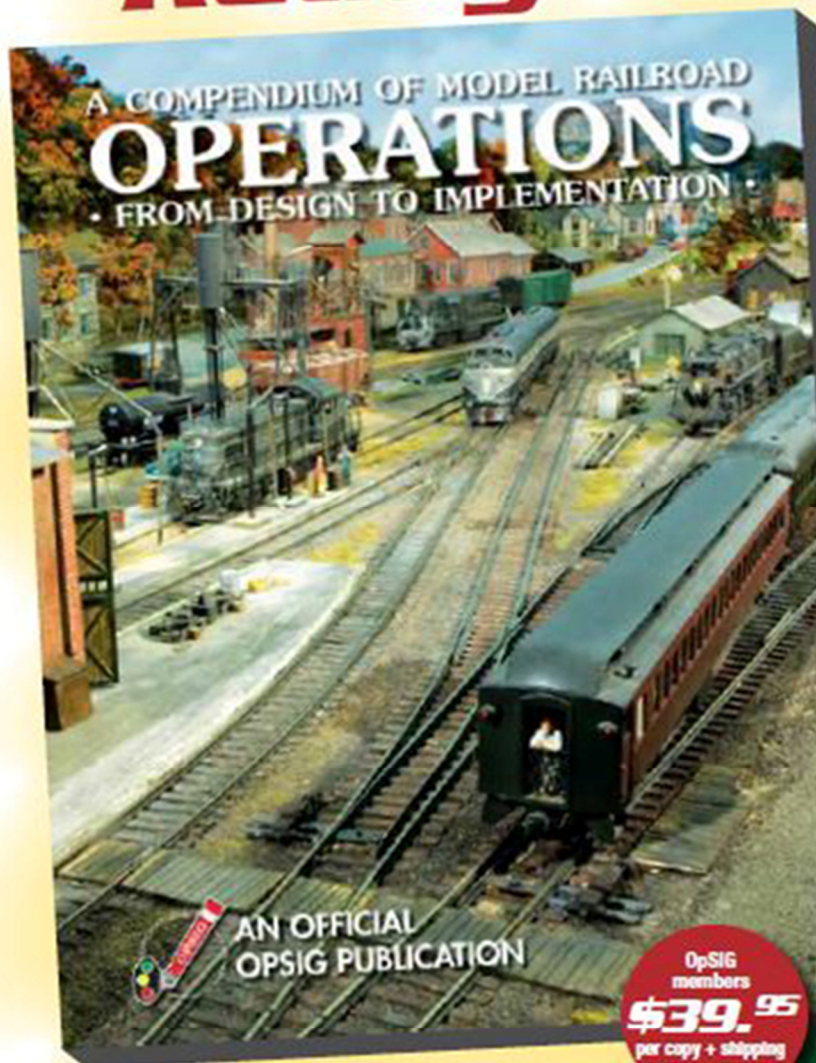
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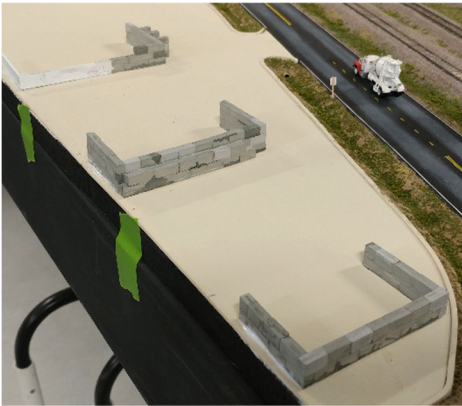
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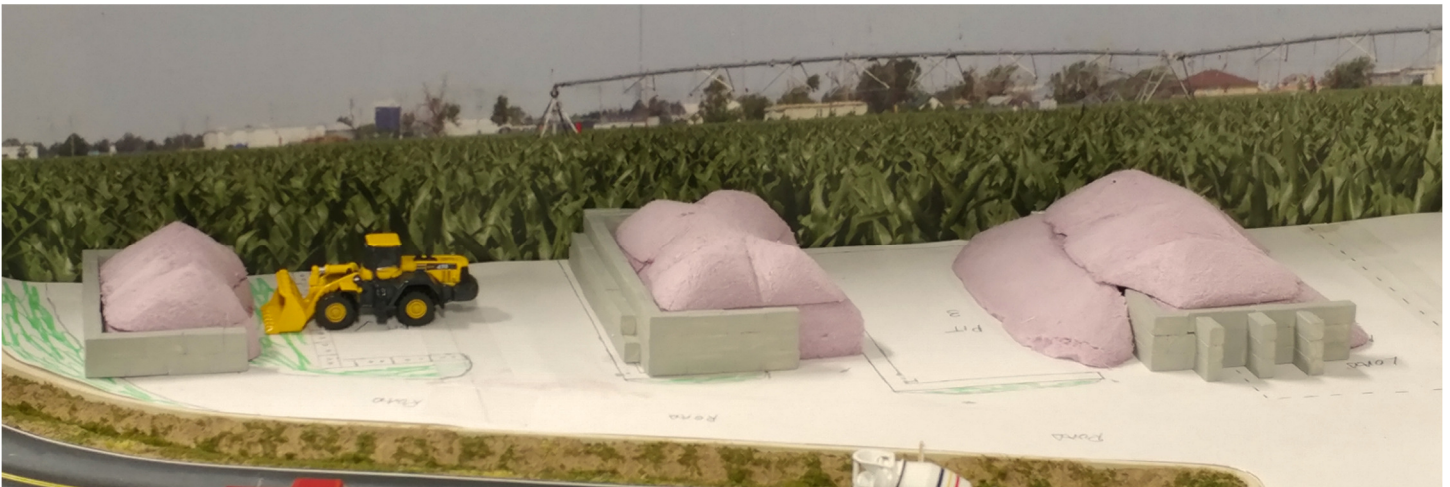
# WKR Update



In our last exciting episode, the scenery crew was working on section 12, the concrete plant, specifically the aggregate bins.

(Left) the retaining walls were constructed, painted, and weathered.

(Below) The next step was to cut, form, and shape extruded foam into the aggregate pile shapes which will be covered with the chosen material.



(Right) A visit to the Arizona Rock & Mineral website allowed us to pick and choose different size and color crushed rock to simulate the various grades of aggregate.

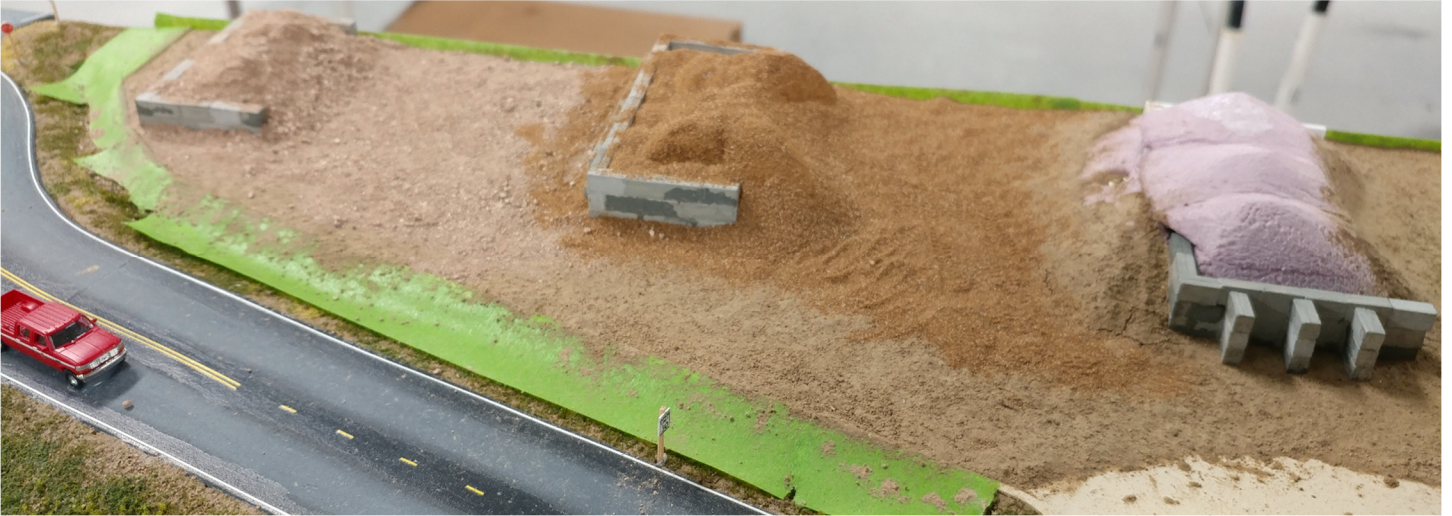


(Below) The process begins. The retaining walls were glued into position. The extruded foam forms were glued and screwed in place, then real dirt was applied in the area as a color base.





# WKR Update



(Above) We started with the smallest bin and did a first application of the aggregate.

(Below) The second bin aggregate was added.



(Below) All three bins are now “full”. Different colors were used to accent a difference between the three.





# WKR Update



(Above) The completed section of the concrete plant scene. Next the main building structure.

(Below) Breaking out a pack of trees, we experimented with using hair spray to coat the factory trees, then adding ground foam of various colors. We then planted them around the layout.



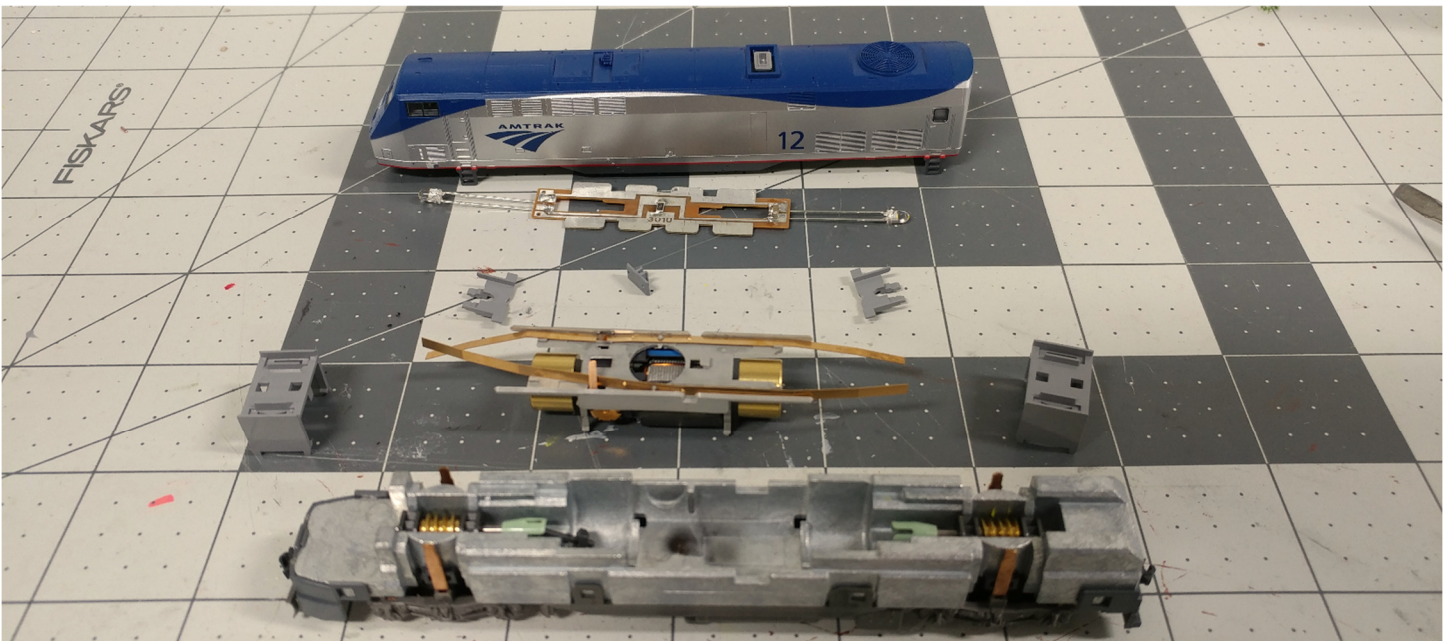


# WKR Update



(Above) More enhanced trees added to the fire station scene.

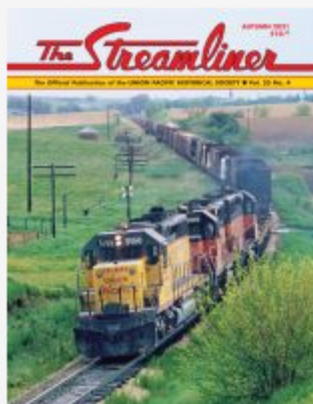
(Below) Getting ready for the Dodge City Train Show, the mechanical department took over and did a complete strip-and-clean on all the Amtrak locomotives by Kato. Each loco was disassembled, cleaned, the motor bearings lubed, and electrolytic grease applied to moving contact points and a tiny bit on gears.







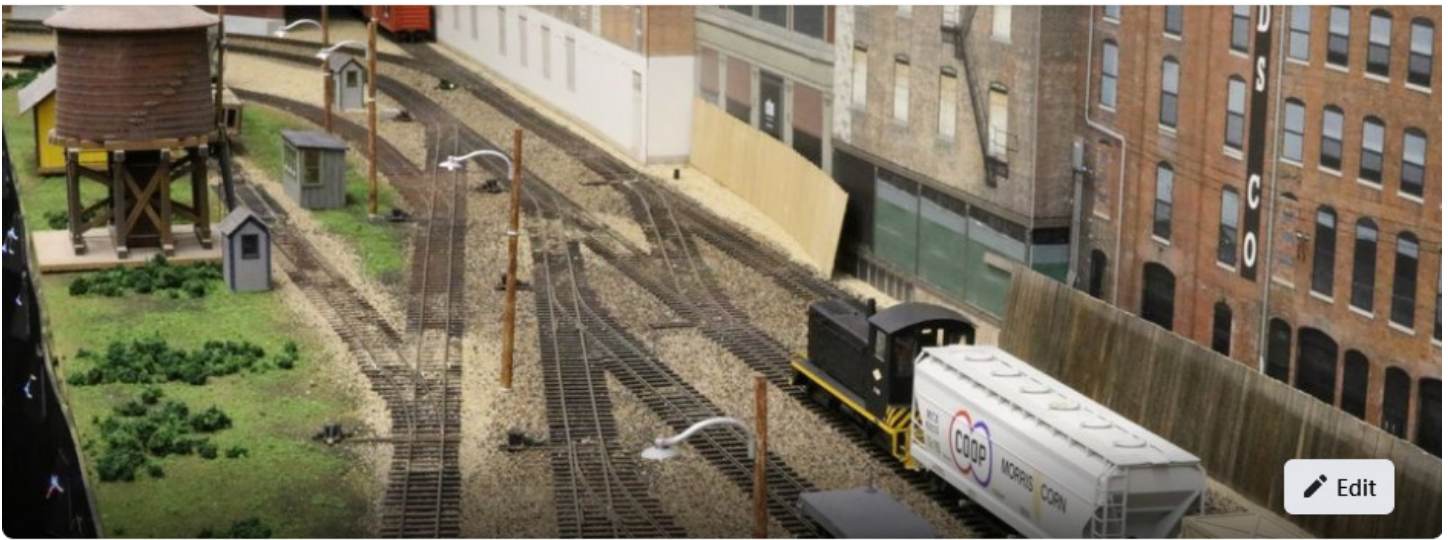
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Just before the Dodge City train Show, the WKR layout received a shipment of new motive power. These are the new Broadway Limited Imports (BLI) EMD SD40-2s in Missouri Pacific colors (I know, a shocker). The MoPac purchased four of the new units, each equipped with DCC and Paragon 4 sound units. We were just tearing down the layout for the show, so no reports on performance, but a re-numbering is in order. BLI only offered two road numbers, so there are duplicates, plus we already have an Intermountain unit with 3131.







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## January 2022

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
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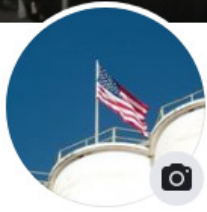
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