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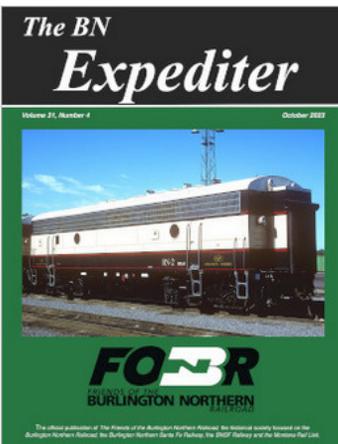
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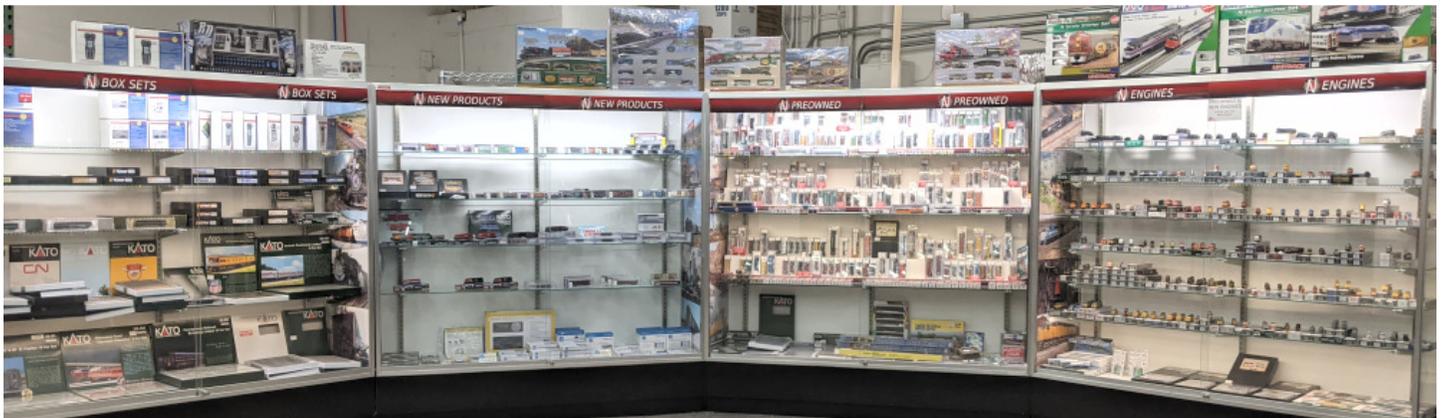


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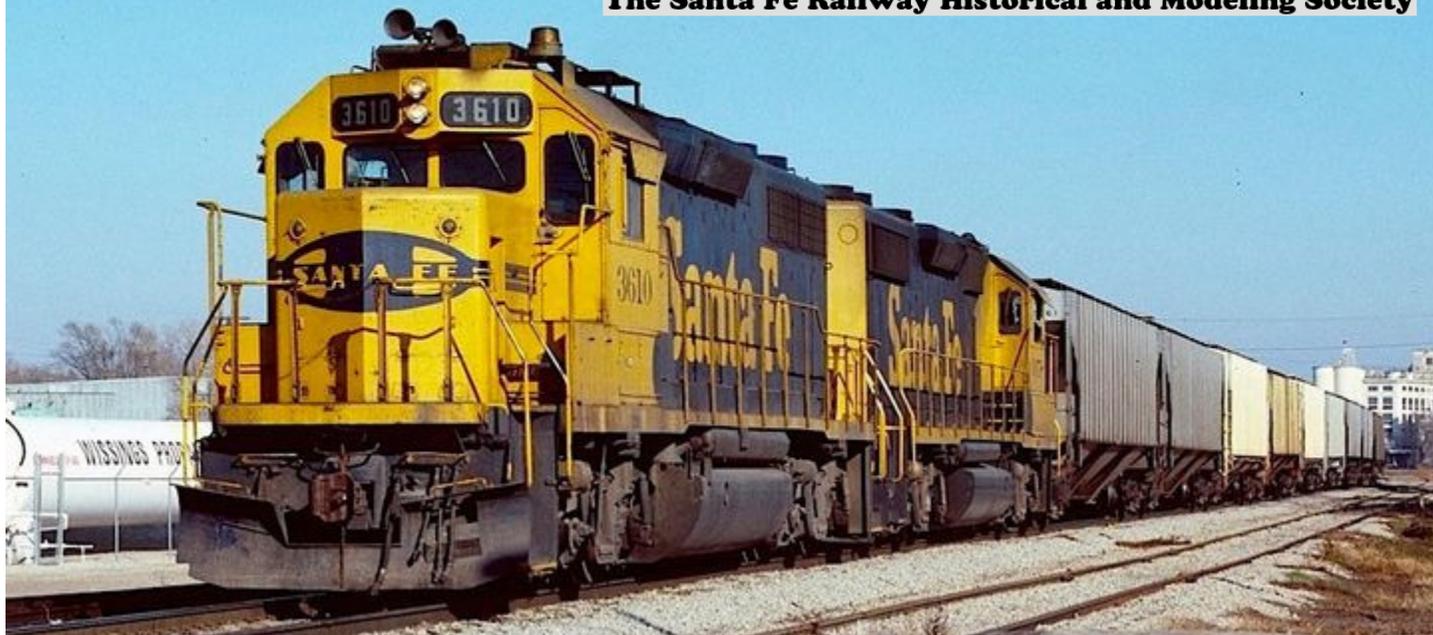
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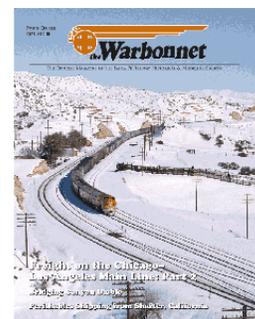


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Real Deal



Back on the 4th of November, I happened to swing by the BNSF yard in Dodge City, Kansas and found a trio of Cimarron Valley motive power.



(Below) Two images of Cimarron Valley 4053, a GE C40-8 built in 1990 as CSX 7616



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(Below) Cimarron Valley 5969 was built by GE as Conrail 5073 in 1988, a B40-8. After Conrail, it rode the rails as NS 4807, then CSX 5969, then GECX (GE Transportation a division of Wabtec) 5969.



(Above & Right) Constructed in July of 1990 as CSXT 7612, a GE C40-8. During its career it also wore CSX 7612, and now CVR 4052



Real Deal

BNSF RAILWAY DODGE CITY, KANSAS YARD

Stopping by the DC yard on October 20th, I spotted a crew dropping off some extra-long ties. I believe these would be used for installing a new switch or replacing existing ties under a current switch.



(Left) Nearby a crew was doing some welding.

Real Deal



(Both) The **4024**, **4008** and **4001** are seen here at Scott City on Friday, October 26th. The K&O seems to keep these 3 sisters together out there for "grain hops" to and from the Rush, Ness, Lane & Scott County areas, to Great Bend and beyond. According to a K&O employee I spoke with at the WTTC [Wichita Toy Train Club - Ed] show at the Cessna Activity Center, at least the Go Shock 4001 GP40-2, if not all 3 were spotted near Wichita last week, making their way around the region...Jerry Bruce of McPherson, KS.

The **WAMX 4001** is a EMD **GP40-2LW**. What is the difference between GP40 2W and GP40 2LW? The main difference between the two is the frame. The GP40-2LW units have a heavy-duty frame. They sit about two inches taller than a GP40-2W. The main beams are larger than the standard GP40 type frame.



Real Deal



(Above) The local movie star residing in Dodge City, KS. made an appearance on November 2nd. The **SFGX 1810** is usually stored on the tracks behind the ADM grain silos, I discovered it moved to the end of track soaking up the sun. The ownership is unclear, one reference I found was Seaboard Farms, however SFGX is not listed in the AAR reporting marks registry. The engine in front is not from this loco.

The 1810 is an EMD **GP7u**, rated at 1,500 horsepower. It was built in August 1951 for the U.S. Army as their 1821. (Below) the U.S. Army 1822 is shown in Willows, Florida in March of 1994. It depicts the as built configuration of the #1821, with the high hoods and AAR switcher trucks.



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(Above) The 1810's next stop was a stint on the Alaska Railroad . Once finished with its tour with the Alaska Railroad, the 1810 moved to the McCloud Shops, however the McCloud shops never did end up doing anything with the #1810, and it spent several years being shoved from one part of the yard to another. Nevada Industrial Switch finally brought a small mechanical crew into McCloud in the summer of 1993, and they got it fired up towards the end of the summer shortly before they shipped it out.

Stardom!

In 1993, the 1810 starred in the movie "*Under Siege II: Dark Territory*". (Below) a screenshot from the movie.



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In 1999, the 1810 went to a new home on the Oregon Pacific Railroad. It was said by Mr. Samuels, the owner, that when they received the locomotive, the fake brains (this was the cab used where the intruders shot the engineer) from the movie were still decorating the cab interior and had to be cleaned out.



(Below) The 1810 resting in front of the elevator in Dodge City, Kansas.



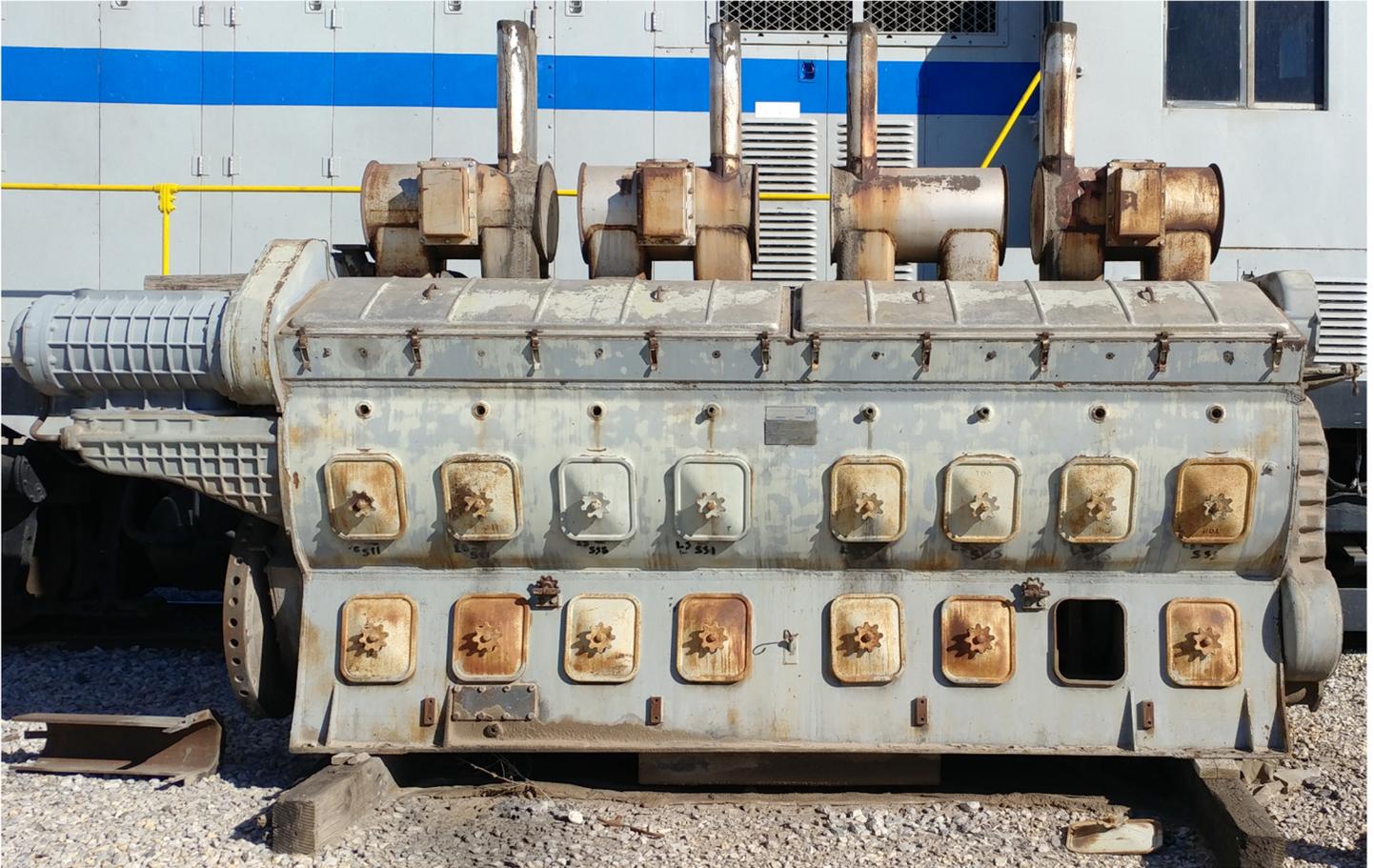
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(Below) The wheel chock used on the front truck.



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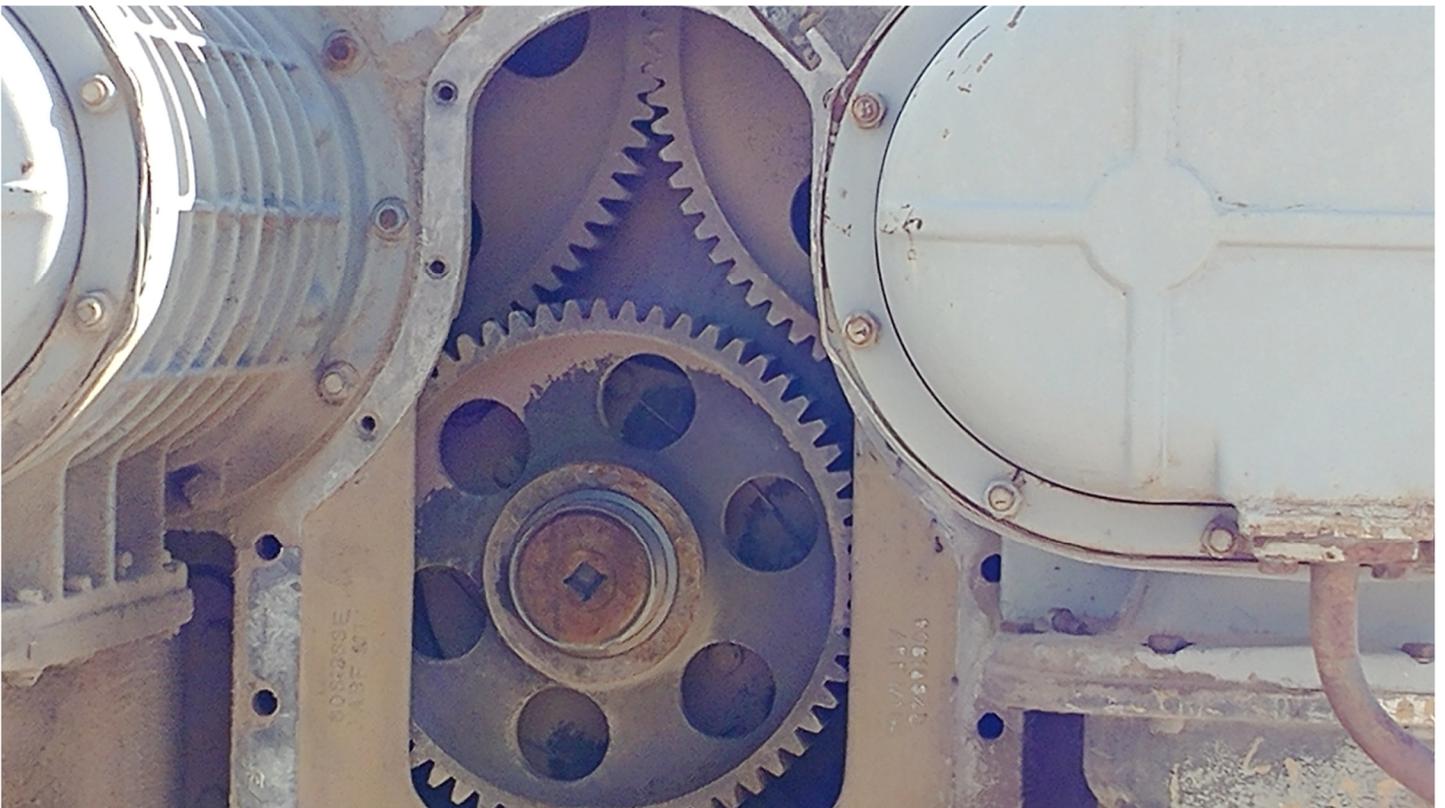


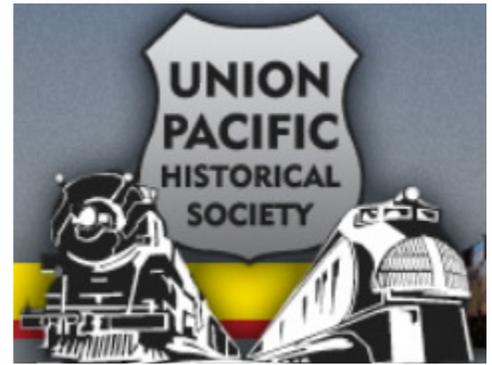
(All) It's not very often that you get to see an EMD 567 prime mover outside of a locomotive.

At the ADM grain elevator in Dodge City, KS. There is one next to the track on the East side of the elevator.



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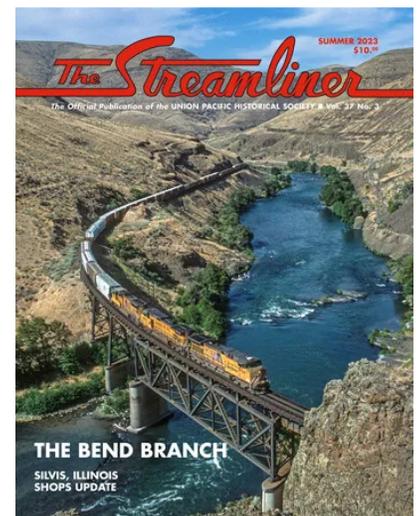
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Every so often an idea or product just doesn't catch on and is not mass produced.

The GM Aerotrain



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

The *Aerotrain* was a streamlined trainset that the General Motors (GM) Electro-Motive Division (EMD) introduced in 1955. GM originally designated the light-weight consist as *Train-Y* (Pullman-Standard's *Train-X* project was already underway) before the company adopted the *Aerotrain* marketing name.

(Right) The New York Central version of the Aerotrain

GM's Styling Section first brought the *Aerotrain's* trainset to life, as it did for all of GM's body designs of that mid-century era. Chuck Jordan oversaw designing the *Aerotrain* as chief designer of special projects. GM constructed two *Aerotrains*, each of which used one of the last two (serial numbers 21463 and 21464) of three experimental diesel-electric **EMD LWT12** power cars that the company built.





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GM based the **EMD LWT12's** power components on those in the EMD SW1200 switcher.



Like the SW1200, the LWT12 used the company's model **EMD 567C** 12-cylinder prime mover that could produce 1,200 horsepower. The power car featured a cab that mimicked an aircraft's cockpit. The locomotive's overall design was like General Motors automobiles at the time.



The company completed the *Aerotrains* by coupling each of the two locomotives to sets of ten modified GM Truck & Coach Division (GMC) 40-seat intercity highway bus bodies. Designed to resemble the new **PD-4501 Scenicruiser** buses that GMC was building for Greyhound, the *Aerotrain's* passenger cars had windows with slanted sides.



The finned back end of the train resembled the rear of a 1955 **Chevrolet** or Pontiac **station wagon**. Each car rode on two axles with an air suspension system that was intended to give a smooth ride, but had the opposite effect.



GM returned to a concept first used at the start of the streamliner era: semi-permanently coupled trainsets. The cars were 40 feet long, half the length of standard designs, thereby reducing the weight by 50%. To further reduce weight, the locomotives and cars were made of aluminum, rather than steel.

Operations

On August 22, 1955, Mrs. N.C. Dezendorf, the wife of GM vice-president and EMD general manager N.C. Dezendorf, christened the first *Aerotrain* trainset (GM-T1) during a press preview of the train. On January 5, 1956, one *Aerotrain* made a test run from Washington to Newark on the **Pennsylvania Railroad** while the other traveled in four hours from Chicago to Detroit on the **New York Central Railroad**.

In late February 1956, the Pennsylvania Railroad rented the first trainset from GM and began operating it between New York and Pittsburgh as the *Pennsy* (No. 1000). In June, the Pennsylvania reduced its *Aerotrain's* route, whereupon the trainset traveled only between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.



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After the second trainset's initial test run on January 5, General Motors demonstrated it on several railroads, including the **Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway, New York Central, and Union Pacific**. Dissatisfied with both train sets, the Union Pacific stopped operating the train sets in September and October 1957 and returned them to GM.

In October, 1958, General Motors sold both trainsets at a discount to the **Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad** (the Rock Island line), which designated their locomotives as numbers 2 and 3 while using both trainsets in commuter service between Chicago and Joliet. The two trainsets ended service in 1966, ten years after they first ran.

GM's "lightweight with a heavyweight future" was introduced at a time when passenger train revenues were declining due to competition from airlines and automobiles. Although they featured a streamlined design, the *Aerotrains* failed to capture the public's imagination. Their cars, based on GM's bus designs and using an air cushioning system, were rough riding and uncomfortable. The design of the locomotive section made routine maintenance difficult, and it was underpowered.

Originally intended to reach speeds of up to 100 mph and to travel between New York City and Chicago in 10.5 hours, modifications reduced the *Aerotrains*' maximum speed to 80 mph. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe needed a helper locomotive to enable the 1,200 horsepower LWT-12 power car to climb the Sorrento grade outside of San Diego when pulling the *Aerotrains*' ten coaches as a *San Diegan*. A Union Pacific LWT-12 later required the assistance of a 1,750 horsepower EMD GP9 switcher locomotive to transport the cars of the *City of Las Vegas* up Southern California's Cajon Pass. Uncomfortable riding conditions associated with the *Aerotrains*' higher speeds later prompted the Rock Island line to restrict its two cheaply purchased *Aerotrains* to low-speed commuter service in and near Chicago, retiring the trainsets in 1966, after a decade of active service with the various operators. . Although the Rock Island scrapped or re-used most of the trainsets' equipment, both locomotives and two pairs of coaches remain on display in museums.

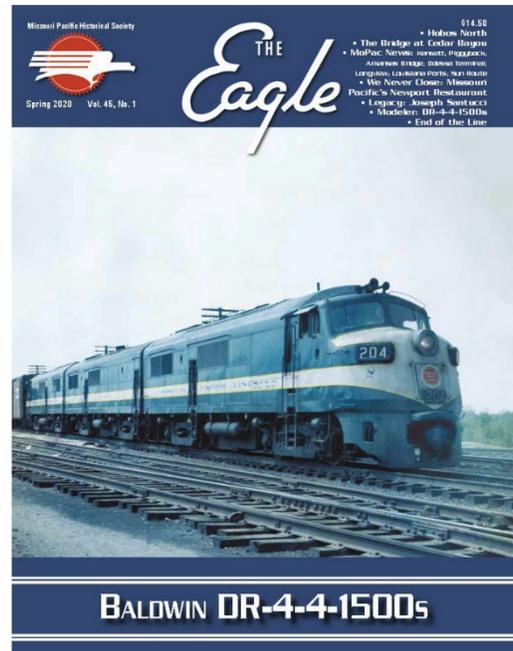


(Left) The Rock Island line's repainted *Aerotrains* No. 3 on display in the Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood, Missouri (May 2006).



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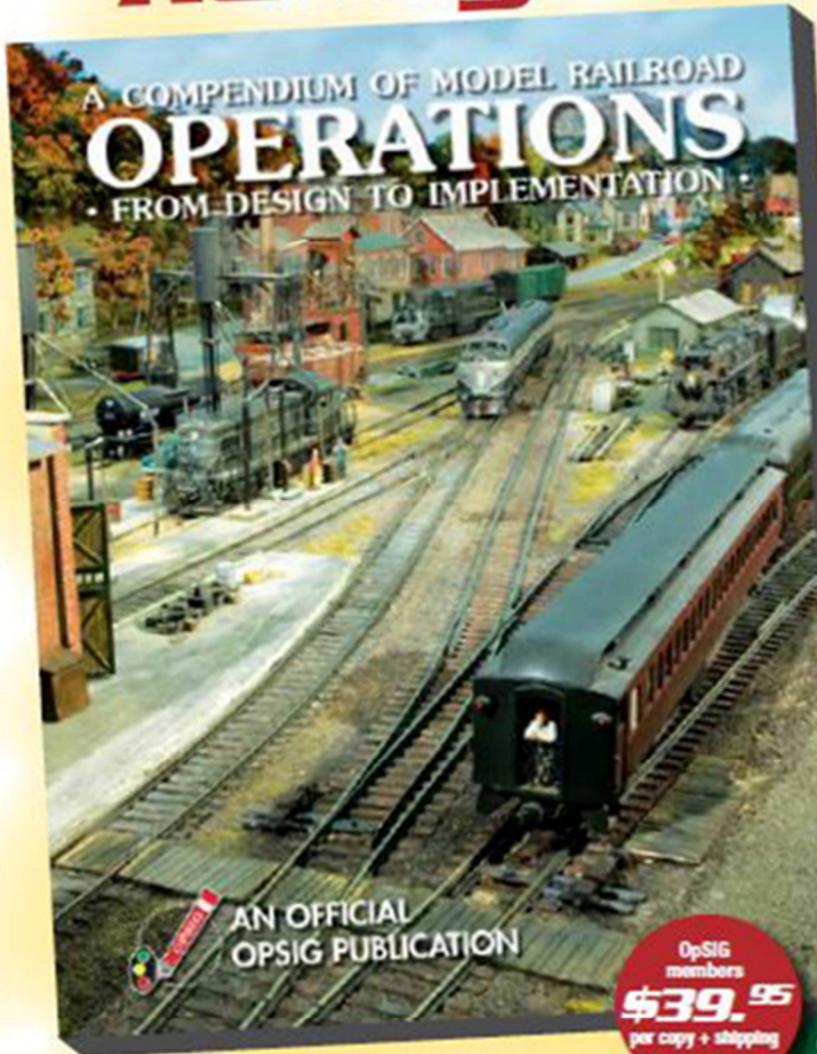
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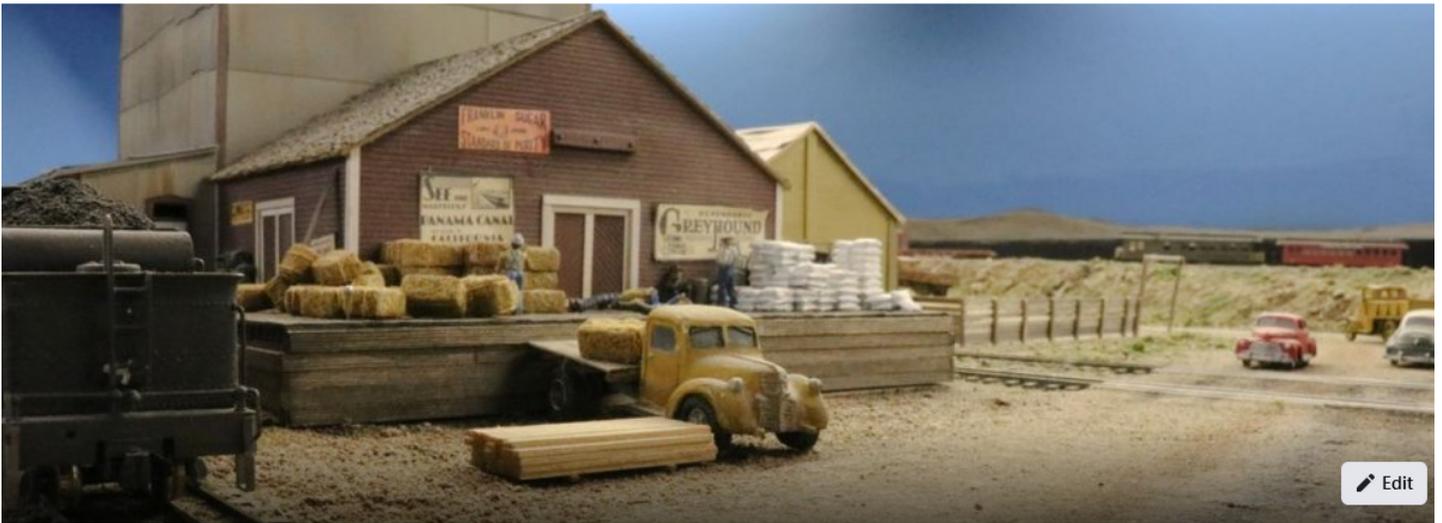
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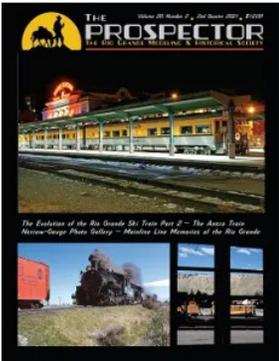
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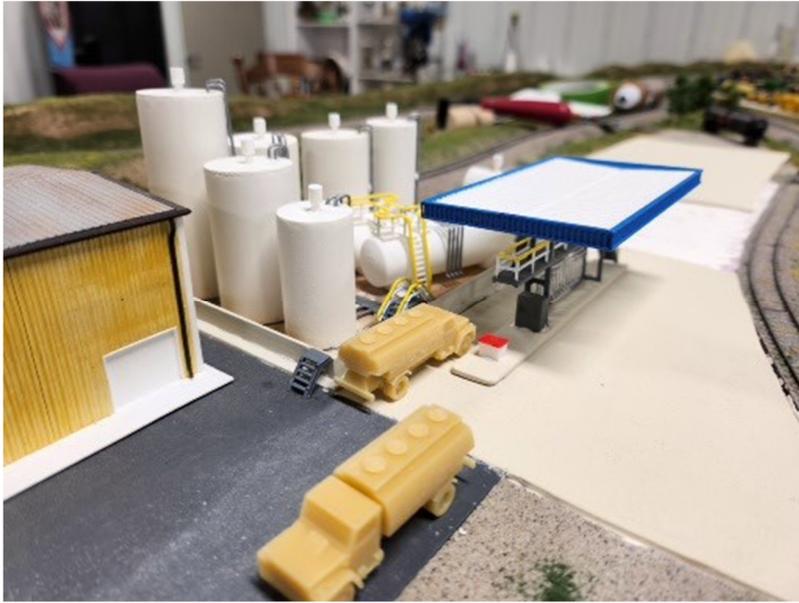
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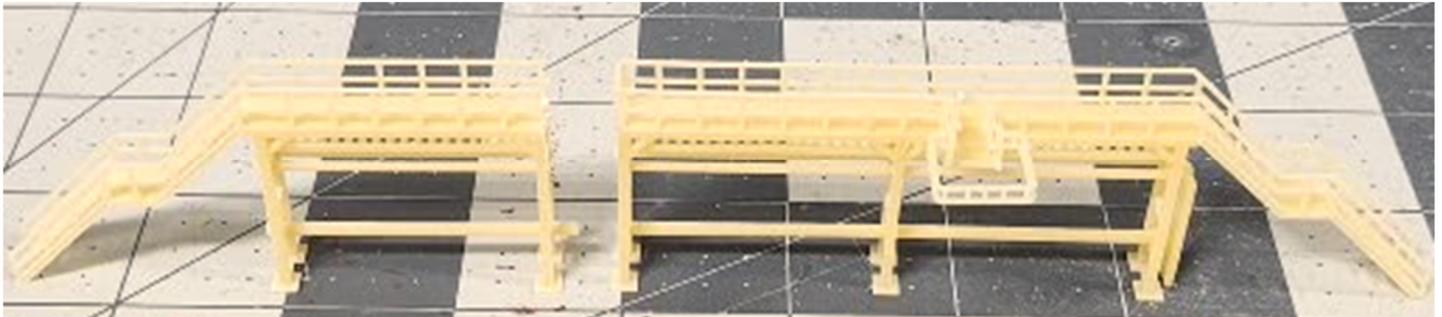


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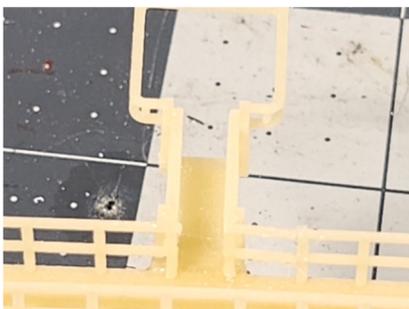
(left) The work had been divided into three phases, phase I being the upgrade to the tank farm area, while Phase II was the addition of the truck loading platform and roof. Phase III was to be the addition of the tank car unloading rack.



(Right) This is the collection of 3-D printed items received from shapeways (<https://www.shapeways.com/>). These were all designed by others for their needs, but you can buy them for yours. For the Phase III project, we required the long loading bridge in the back as well as the fuel cranes and loading platforms in the foreground.



(Above) The long loading platform arrived slightly curved from heat during shipping, but it was easily straightened with the help of a hair dryer. After measuring the siding, we decided to shorten the platform and make it single-entry. It was easy to cut through the platform one piece at a time with a xacto knife. In this view, the cut was made, and the loading platform mounted after removing a section of railing. A section of railing was removed from the scrap section of the platform to close off the end of the section on the right.



(Left) A overhead view of the loading platform added to the main platform after removing a section of railing. During the construction, we used "super glue" for the adhesive. We placed a drop on a piece of scrap, then used a cone-shaped applicator for precise application.

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(Above) The unloading platform is nearing completion and since all such structures would be mounted on concrete, we used 0.060 sheet styrene to simulate it, leaving enough extra length on each end for ladder access and other equipment.

(Right) Since these structures are to be removable, a second piece of 0.060 styrene was produced to go under the platform to match the depth of the foam “concrete”. This piece was shortened about a half-inch on each end, then glued to the underside of the first piece.



(Above) The next step for the platform was the paint shop. The entire loading platform was sprayed a primer grey. The unloading pipes, since they would be made of stainless steel, were painted “bright aluminum”. All handrails were painted “white”, with the top rails and concrete base edge being painted a bright yellow. The fuel crane was painted and installed. A separate “control panel” was painted grey then mounted under the stairs. The container on the right is for spill equipment.

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(Right) After installing the concrete parking area, the completed platform and a tank car were placed to determine where to cut the rectangular hole for the platform.



(Below) An overhead view of the final placement for Phase III. We had to select this with care to provide for truck traffic, close walking distance, parking area, turn around room, and other factors.



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(left) Once the placement of all features was complete, the next requirement was to add “weathering” to the concrete roadway. The Scenery Crew dug out our supply of artist chalks and selected a medium grey. Once the path of the vehicles was determined by “driving” the scale trucks around the area, where they would come in, turn around, park, and leave, the paths were traced using the chalk stick lightly laying down a streak of chalk, then feathering it with a Q-tip for a smoother look.

(Right) Once the chalk work was completed, the concrete was given a shot of “Dullcoat” to seal it.

(Below) Western Kansas is a somewhat dry and dusty place, so we used weathering powder to add accumulations of dust in the rarely used parts of the concrete.



The weathering powder was applied with a short and firm bristle brush, dipped lightly into the powder, then brushed over the correct areas.

(Right) We replaced the loading platform to get the proper placement for the safety bollards. We made these with cooking skewers of the correct diameter. Each skewer was cut to the proper length (above and below ground level), painted yellow, then a punch was used to poke a hole through the foam concrete, the skewer tip was dipped in “Tacky Glue”, and inserted to the proper depth.



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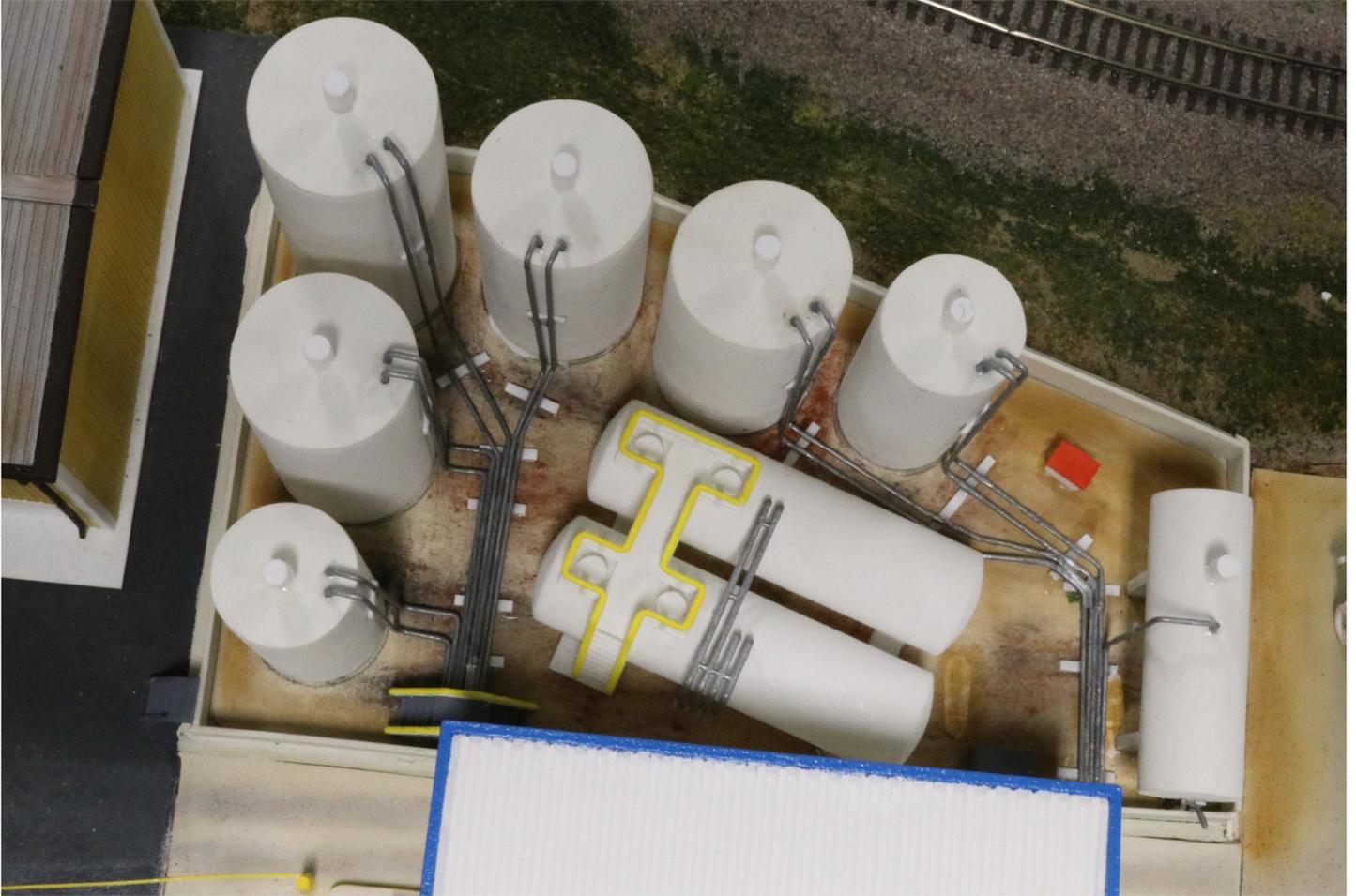


The last item to apply were the safety stripes to the pavement. (Left) Very hard to see because they blend in with the “dust” the safety stripes have been applied in a triangular shape on the left side of the platform.

(Below) The safety stripes were also applied to both ends of the Phase II truck loading platform.



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(Above) An overhead view of the completed tank farm.



(Left) Looking down on the finished truck loading platform and roof.

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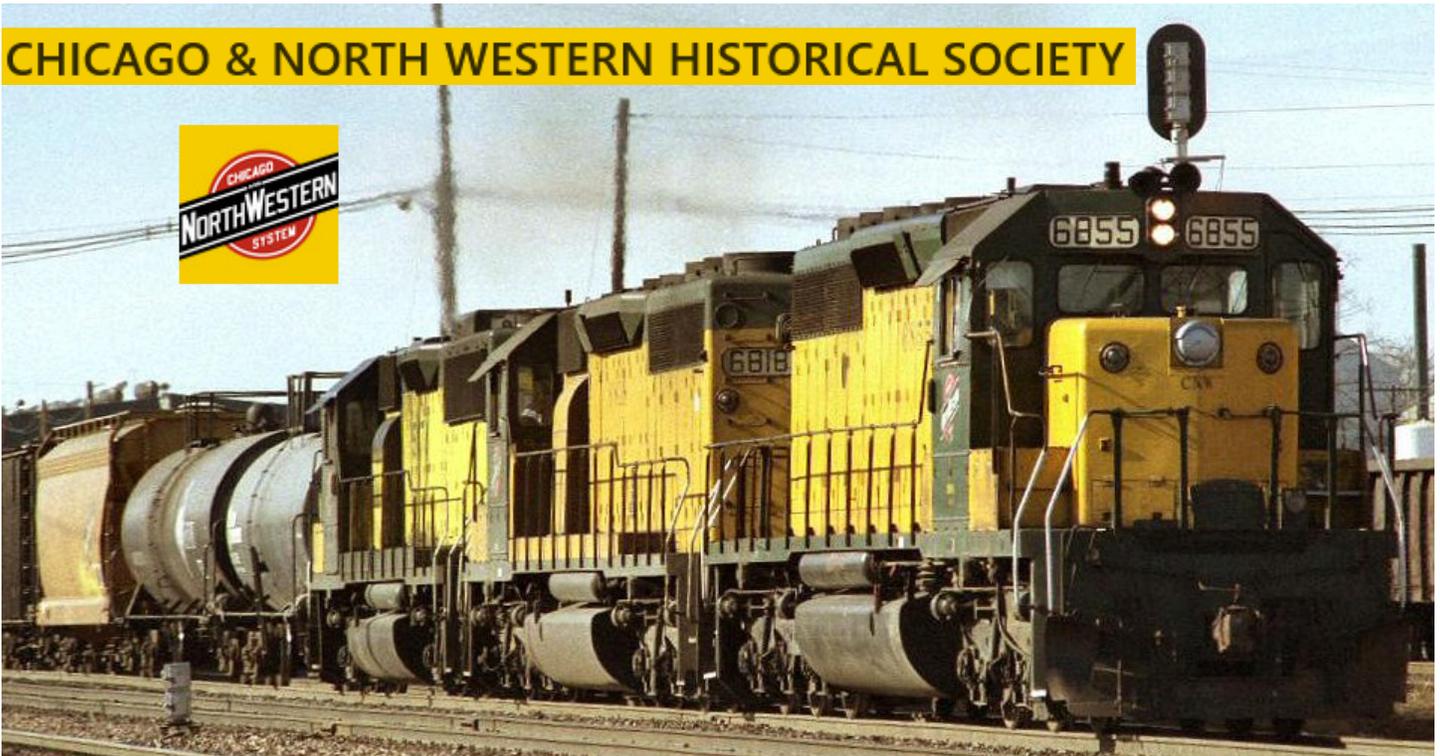
(Right) The tank car unloading platform.



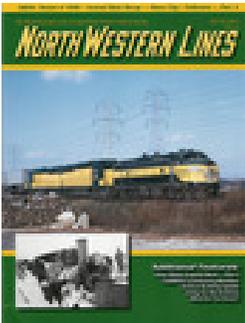
(Below) A view of the completed Phase III tank car unloading platform and surrounding scenery.



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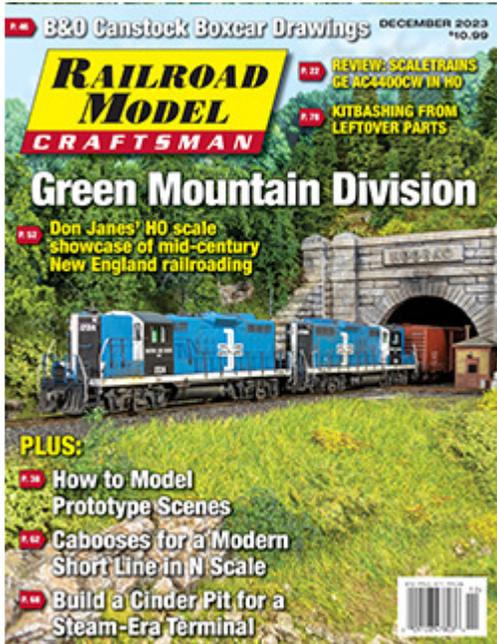


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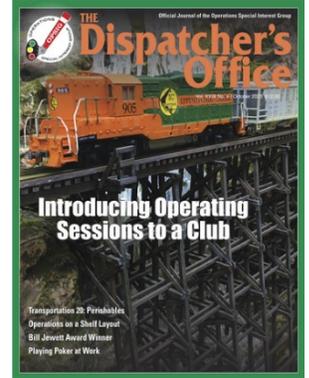


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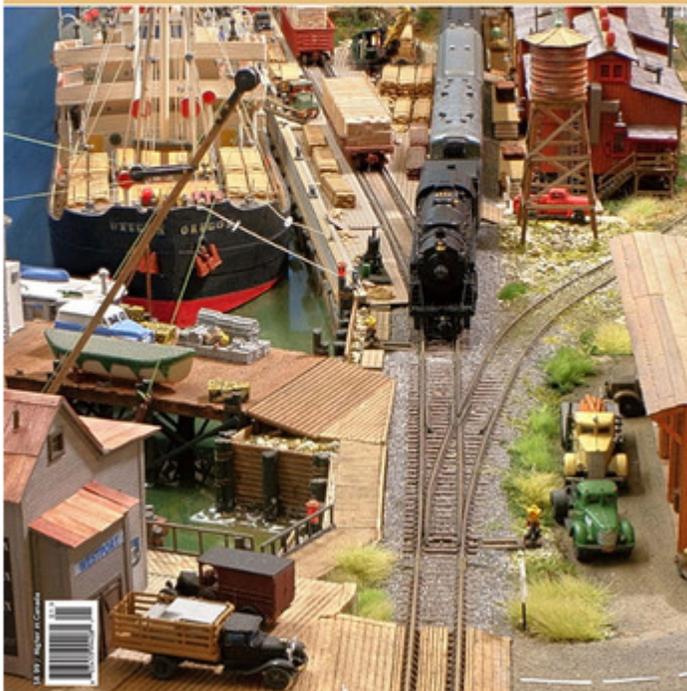


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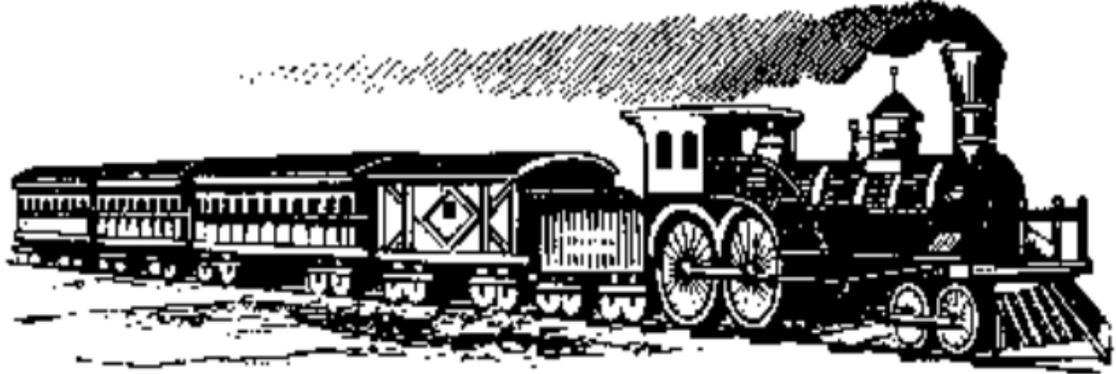
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