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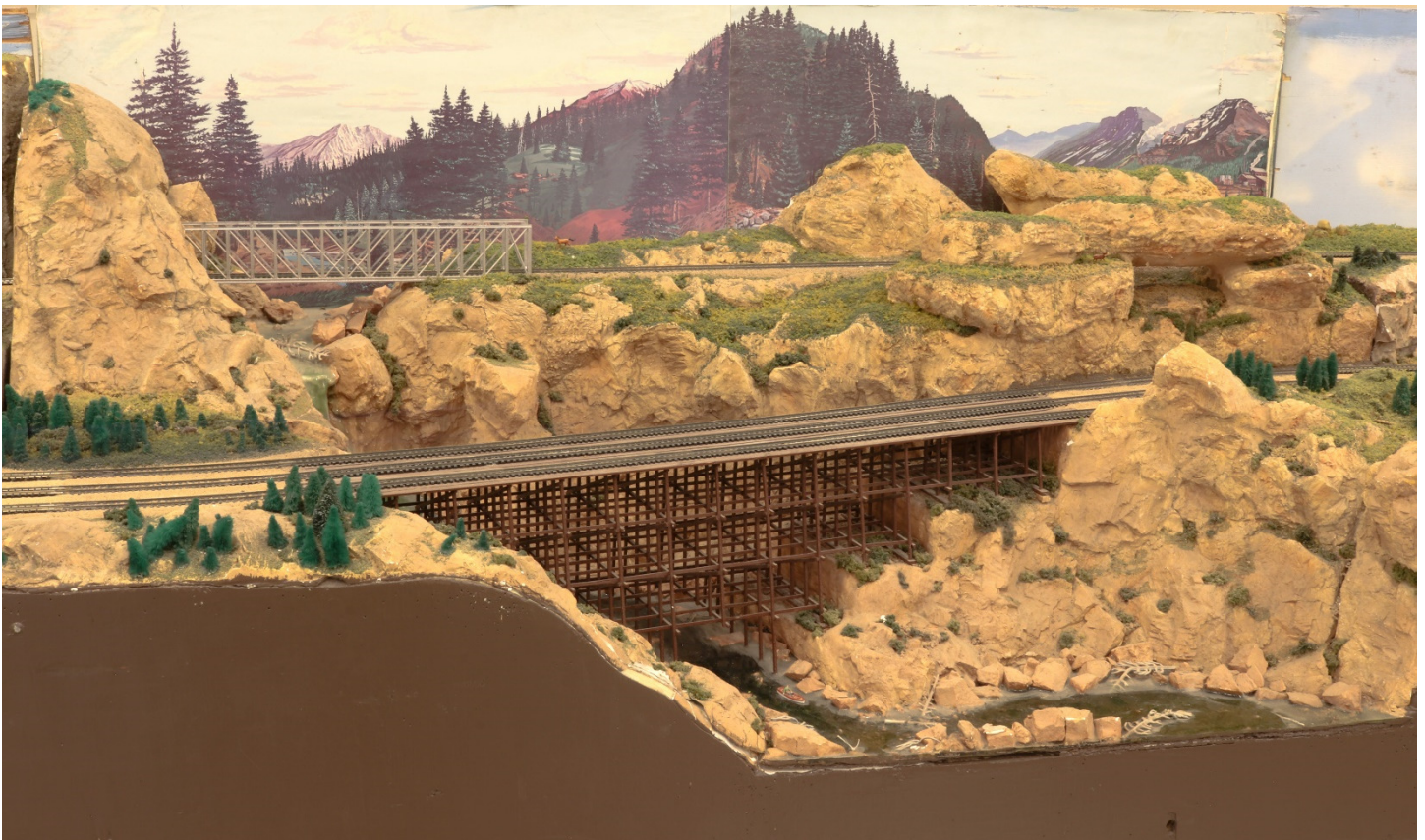
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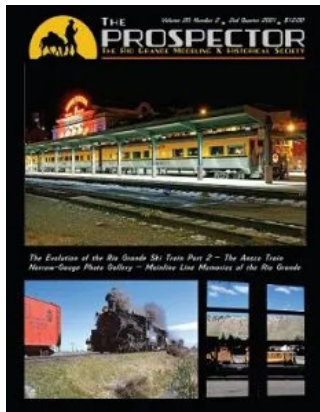


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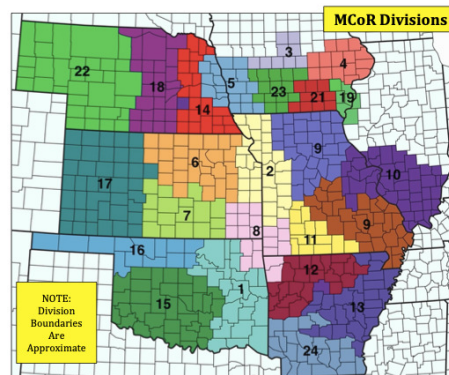
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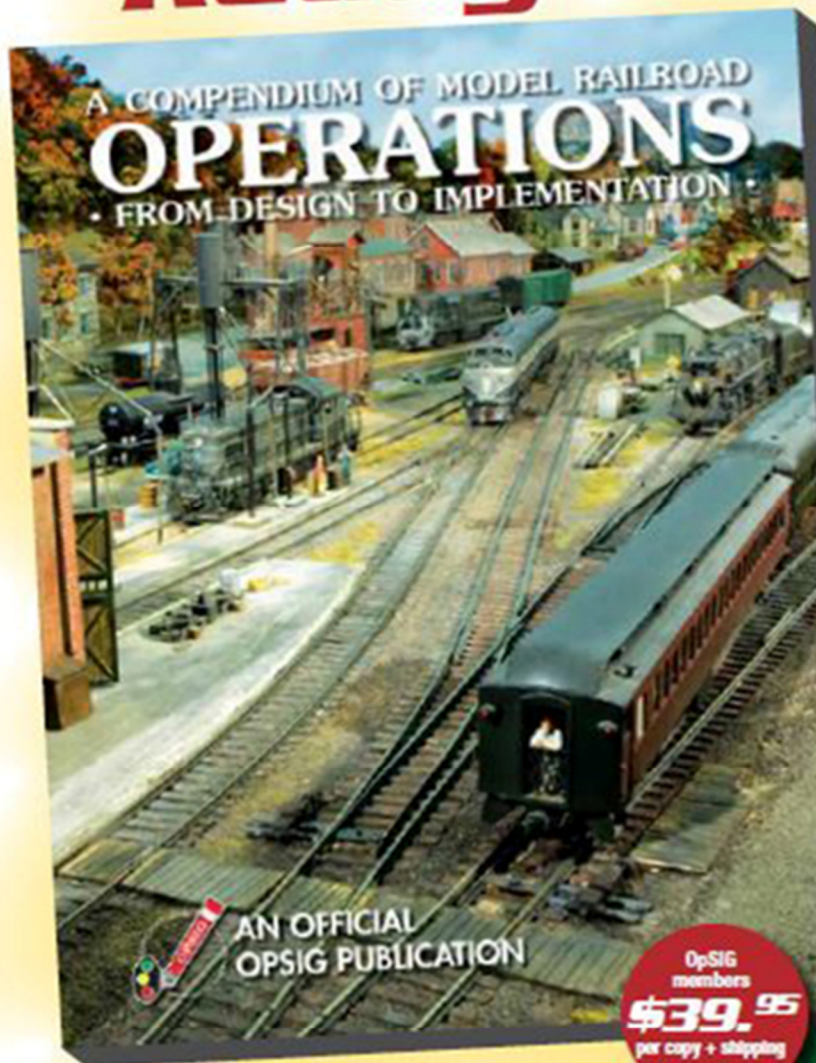
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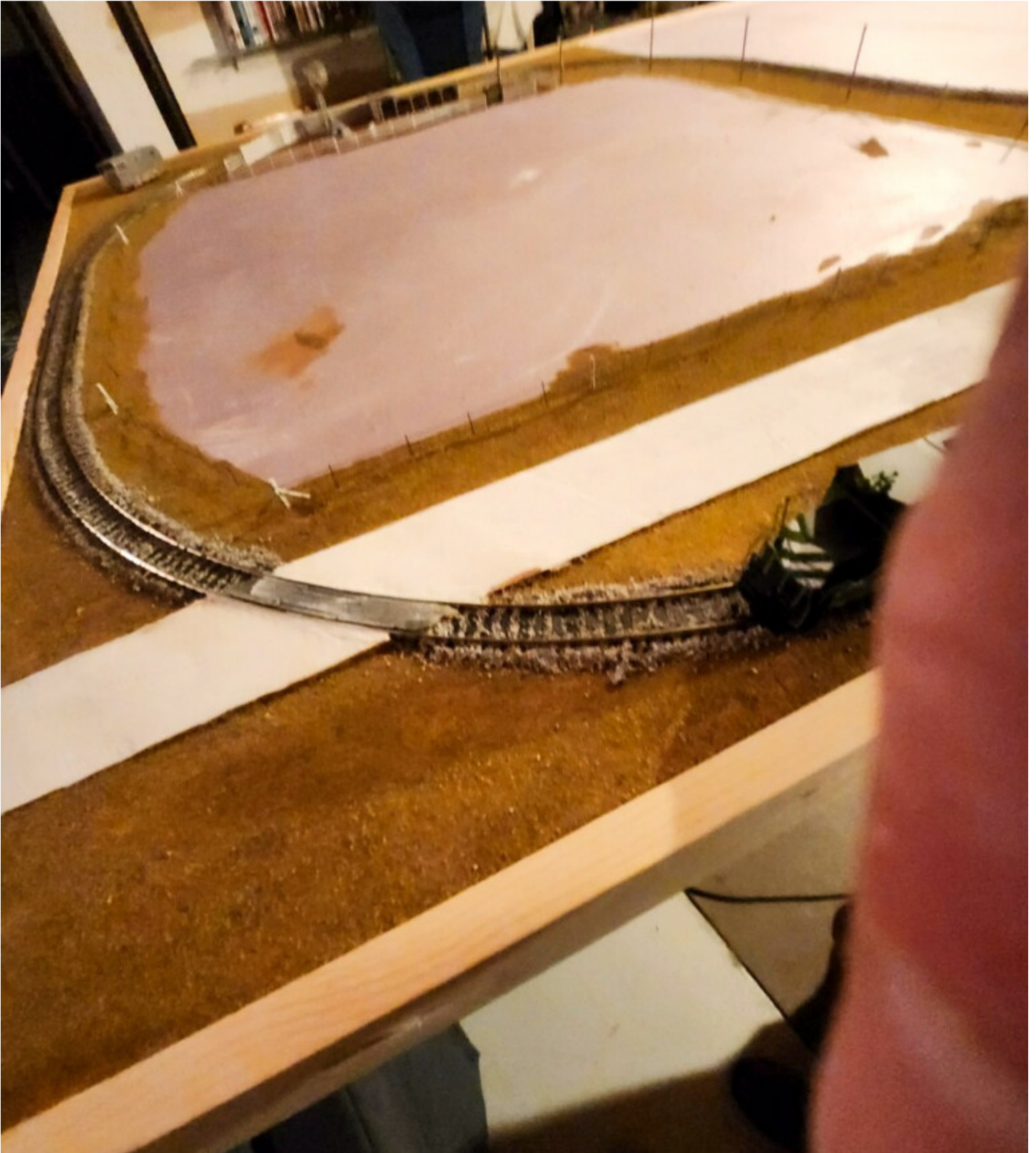
Jim Adams, President of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club, has been working diligently on his HO-scale layout, “Adamsville”. (Above) This is a view of the end of section three which depicts a suburban setting around a High School complete with track, football field, bus barn, and surrounding neighborhood.

A Stop In Adamsville



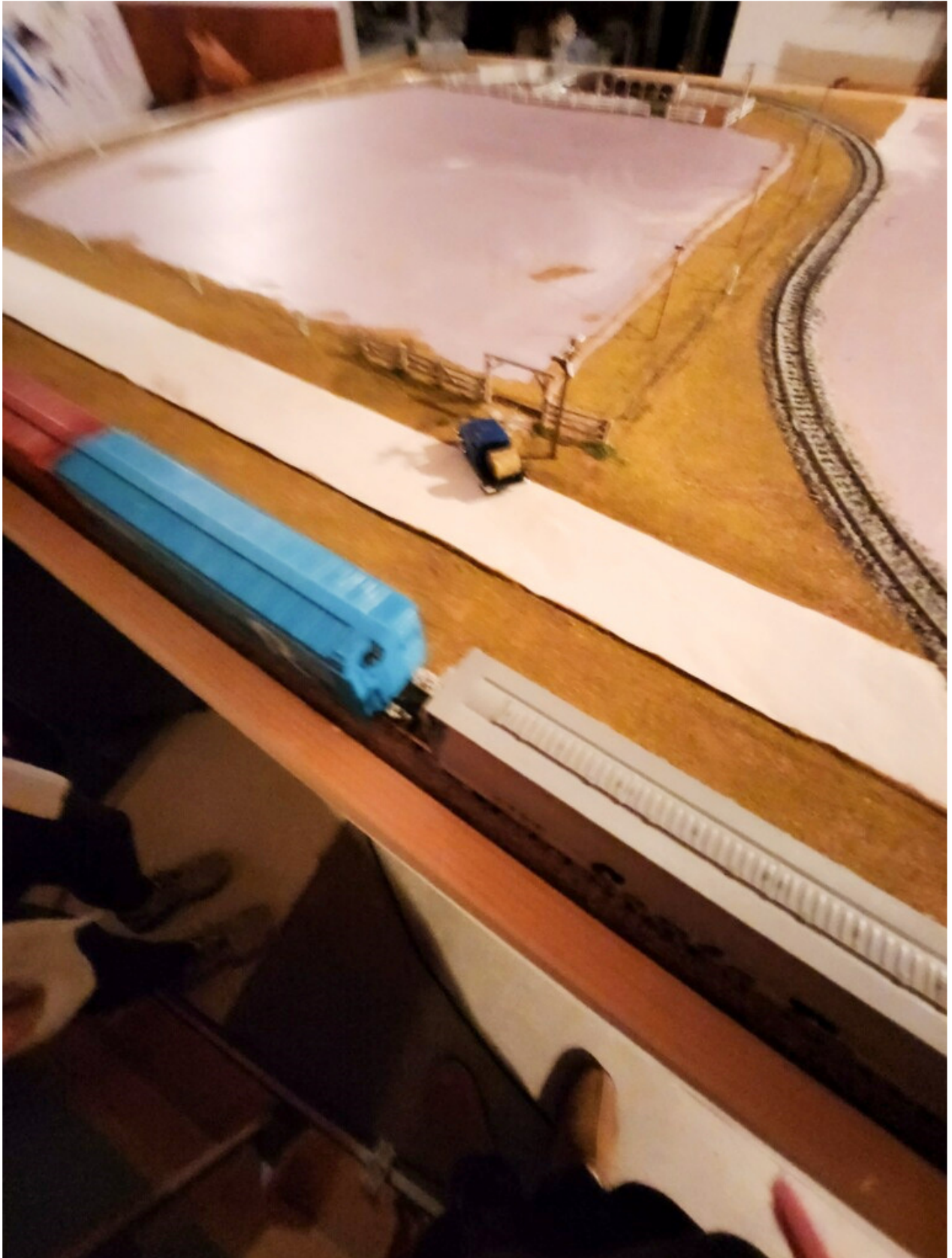
(Above) A view of section three, the same end, from the other side.

A Stop In Adamsville

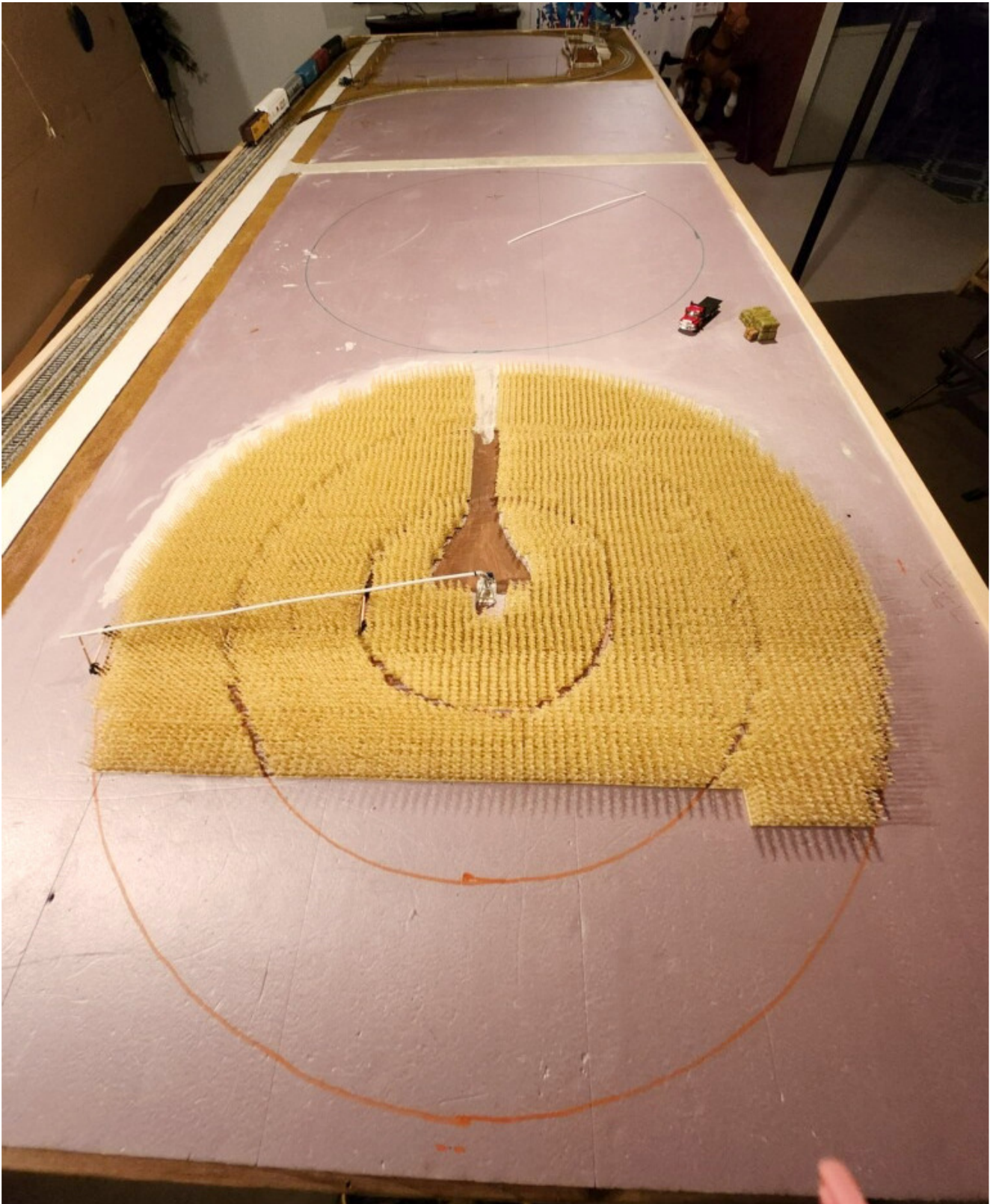


Just recently, Jim told me that he has begun the fourth and last expansion section of “Adamsville”. (Above) On the new section, on this end, Jim is planning on having a pasture in the open space.

A Stop In Adamsville



A Stop In Adamsville



(Above) On the other end of section four, Jim has added a Corn circle with irrigation system and in the empty circle in the middle will be an irrigated alfalfa field. Plans also include farmhouses and other structures. Stay tuned to this channel for further “Adamsville” updates.

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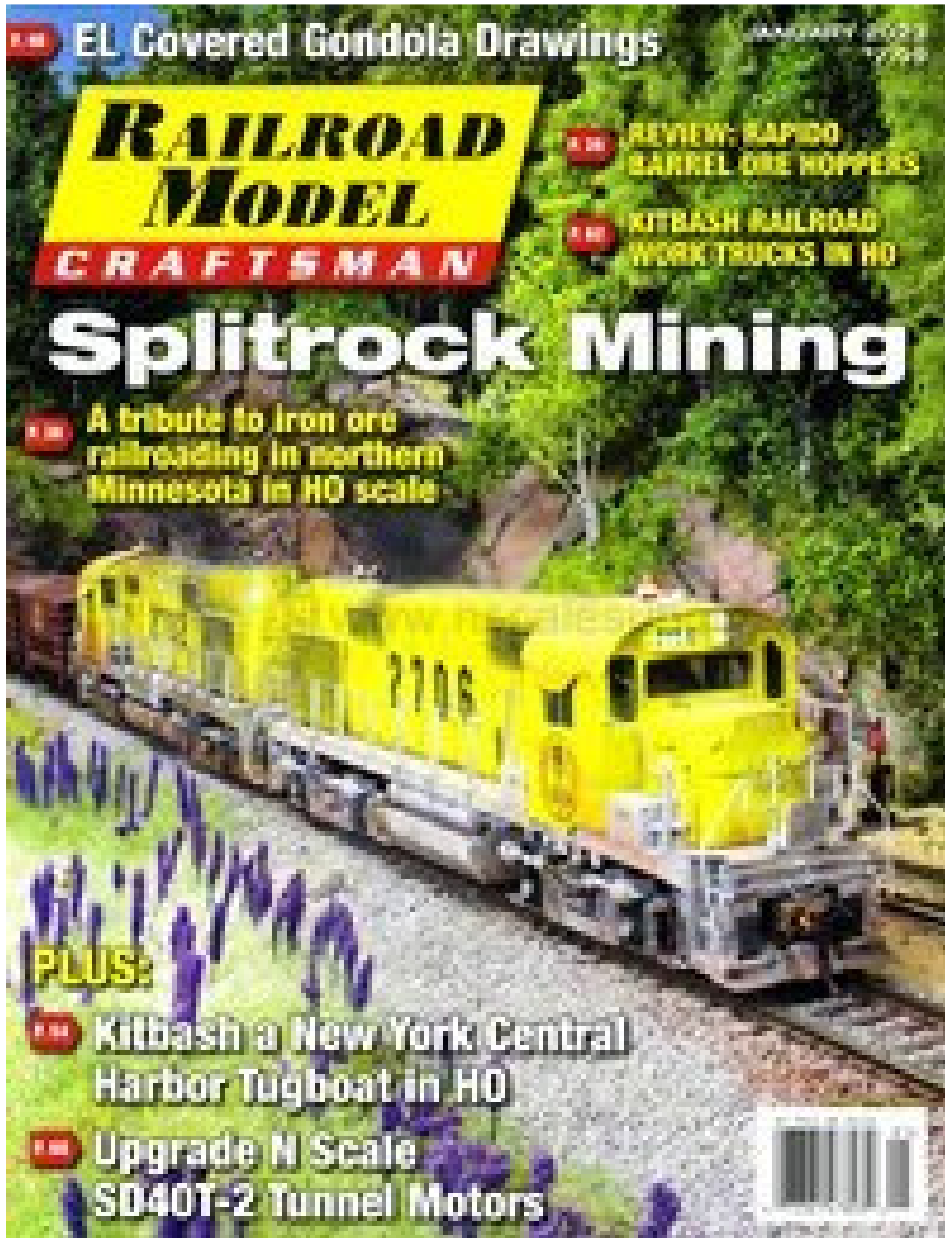
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So, you want to operate grain cars on your layout but don't have enough room for a grain elevator, no problem. Here is a simple scene that can add operation possibilities with just a short piece of track and access road. The Garden City Western RR in Garden City, Kansas uses this process.



In the top photo we see a string of five hopper cars, tractor, grain auger, air compressor, and grain truck. The bottom photo shows the tractor moving the cars with a chain.

Ideas

(Below) This photo shows a close-up of the grain auger that would feature a grain dump pan which would go under the bottom hatch. Just to the right of the blue barrel you can see the auger is powered by an electric motor. It appears that the green trailer is a portable air compressor with a red hose attached to the car to help blow residual grain out of the car.



Depending on your scale, the larger scales will have the augers available, for the smaller scales, you can check out Shapeways: <https://www.shapeways.com/> . Just below the electric motor, you can see the yellow electric cord connections, but it is unclear where the power cord is coming from.

For the tractor, check out 3000Toys: <https://3000toys.com/index.aspx>

Ideas



Now you simply need to add a tractor and grain trailer to finish the scene.

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Real Deal

In Dodge City, Kansas, **Kansas Feeds, Inc.**, a manufacturer of cattle feed components, has greatly expanded their West Plant. They added new holding tanks, expanded their tank car unloading facility, and new metal buildings. I believe the tank cars come in loaded with molasses, an ingredient in cattle feed mix. The molasses is pumped into the holding tanks, mixed with vitamins and other nutrients, then sent to feed yards to be mixed with dry cattle feed.



(Above) Part of the West Plant expansion, they added a two-track, curved rail extension, unloading racks, and new storage tanks. On January 6th 2023, I noticed one of the first parking of tank cars at the new facility.

(Below) A close up of one of the tank cars.



Real Deal



(Above) A closer look at the new extension.

(Below) Spotted in the BNSF yard in Dodge City, Kansas, a westbound Boeing train with several 737 fuselages on December 23rd, 2022.



Real Deal



BNSF 1977 is a EMD SD40-2. It began as C & S (Colorado & Southern) 980 in February of 1974. It also wore BN and BNSF colors as number 6850 and then renumbered as BNSF 1977. Here is info on the C & S from [Wikipedia](#):

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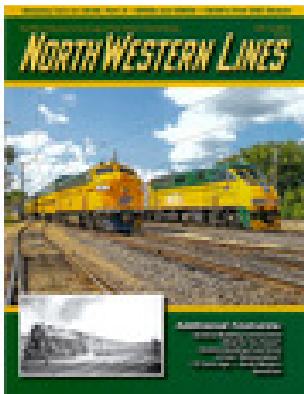


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McPherson Train Show 2023

The weekend of January 14th and 15, 2023 McPherson, Kansas played host to the McPherson Train Show in the Community Building.

The Community Building features a second story with a viewing gallery and this photo was taken from the upper deck.

The layout in the foreground is the brand-new HO-scale modular layout of the **NMRA, Chisholm Trail Division**. The Division began construction of this layout in August of 2022, so they have accomplished a lot in just four months.

In the background is the Western Kansas Rails N-scale layout displayed by the **Western Kansas Division, NMRA**.

To the right is a partial look at the **MacTrax** linear N-scale layout, the DCD&W, and behind them is the S-scale layout of the **Wichita Toy Train Club**.



(Below) A closer look at the Chisholm Train Division modules.

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McPherson Train Show 2023



(Above) The S-scale layout by the Wichita Toy Train Club

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(Below) A pair of N-Trak modules called “Fallout” displayed by the McPherson County Maker Space.

Video link: www.youtube.com



McPherson Train Show 2023



These photos show the high level of craftsmanship displayed by the MacTrax group of McPherson, KS.

This is a linear N-Trak, N-scale layout with turn around loops on each end.

This layout, winner of the **Fireman's Choice Award**, Is a real crowd pleaser with details everywhere and an excellent use of lighting.

The “ghosts” come from my use of F-stop setting requiring a very long shutter speed, but it offers much better depth of field with the entire layout in focus.



McPherson Train Show 2023



Back in 1995, the N-scale modelers of the **Boot Hill Model Railroad Club** began construction of the Club's N-Trak layout with the first two modules being already completed by Mark Fisher of Ingalls, KS. (Left) This view shows the "Farm Scene", the first two modules of the new Club layout.

Recently, **Donnie Becker** of Salina, KS. Picked-up the layout which had been in storage since 2004 and is now displaying the layout at shows again.

(Right) One of the first three-foot corners (the layout featured two three-foot and two four-foot corners) was built by Chuck Nelson of Garden City, KS. Featuring a small lake and nice detailing.

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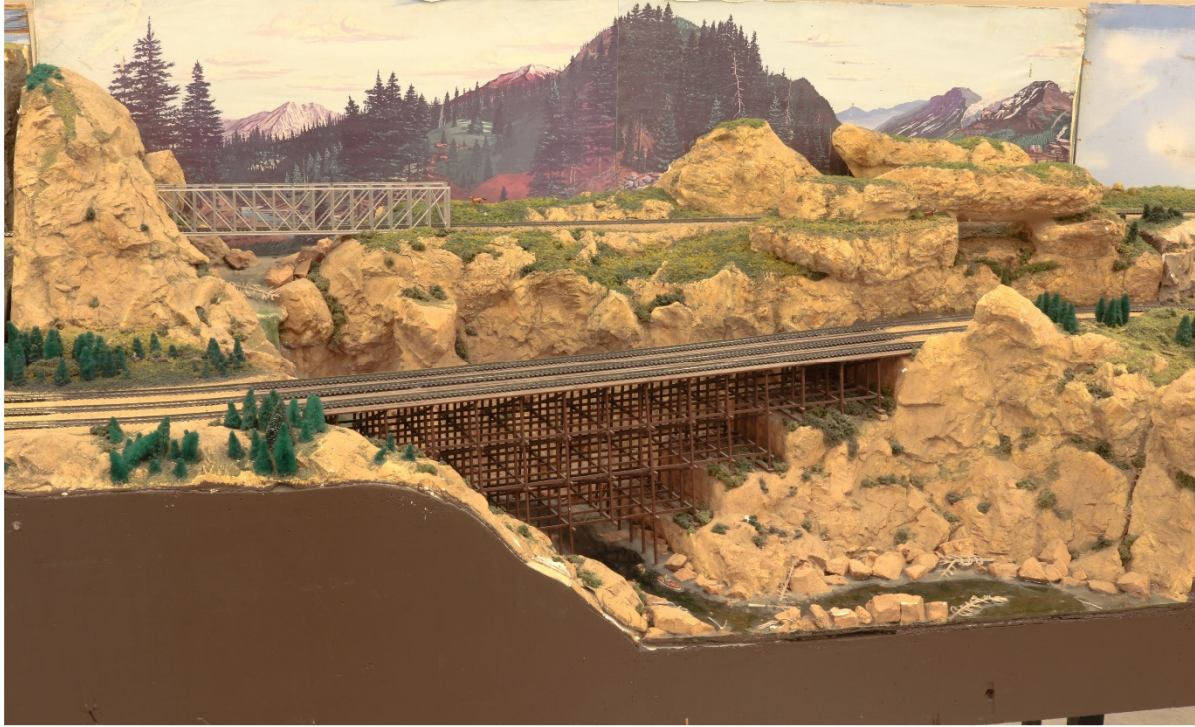
(Left) These two straight modules were constructed by Jon Ryman of Garden City, KS.

Most N-Trak layouts have three main line tracks, while this layout had the regular three track mains in front and the fourth "Mountain Division in the back plus an additional "Fisher Private Loop" on the farm scene modules.

Power was provided by power packs mounted in an exterior rack off one of the four-foot corners, but this was eventually replaced by a rolling metal cart. The Cinch Jones power connectors were ditched in favor of Radio Shack 12-pin connectors.



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(Above) One of the most visually stunning modules is the "Canyon Scene".



(Below) One of the four-foot corners, the "Harbor Scene" and a look at two more modules from Mark Fisher, the "City Scene"



Seeing this layout together again was like running into an old friend. Thank You Donnie for displaying this layout again.

McPherson Train Show 2023



(Above) This is the Lionel O-27 layout from the Hutchinson Club. The blue tablets on the front allowed kids to control the trains. Video Link: www.youtube.com/watch



(Left) The largest vendor at the show was Dave & Deb from Spring Creek Model Trains out of Deshler, Nebraska.

(Right) The “Western Kansas Rails” N-scale layout from Dodge City, Kansas.

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McPherson Train Show 2023



One of my favorite parts of displaying at Train Shows is the Saturday evening gathering at a local restaurant to visit with other participants. (Above) The main organizer of the McPherson Show was Kelly Bruce of McPherson, KS. He is beaming after a great Saturday showing.





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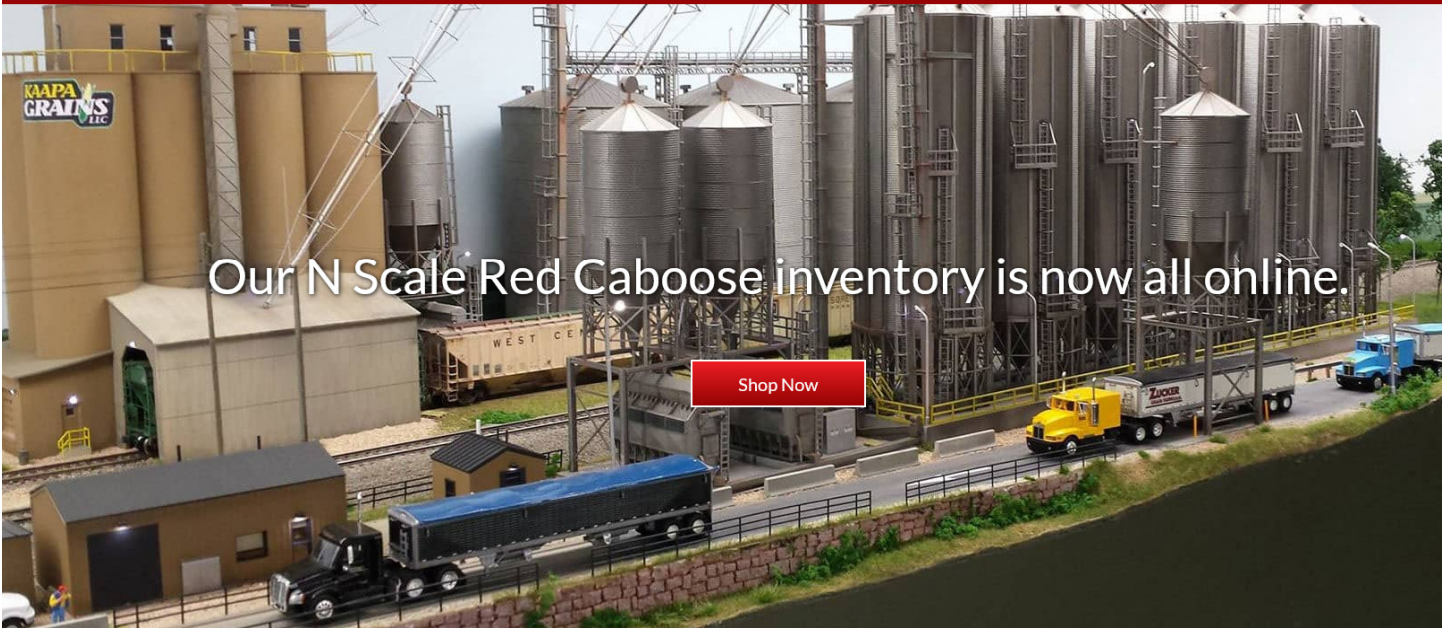
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Oddballs

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

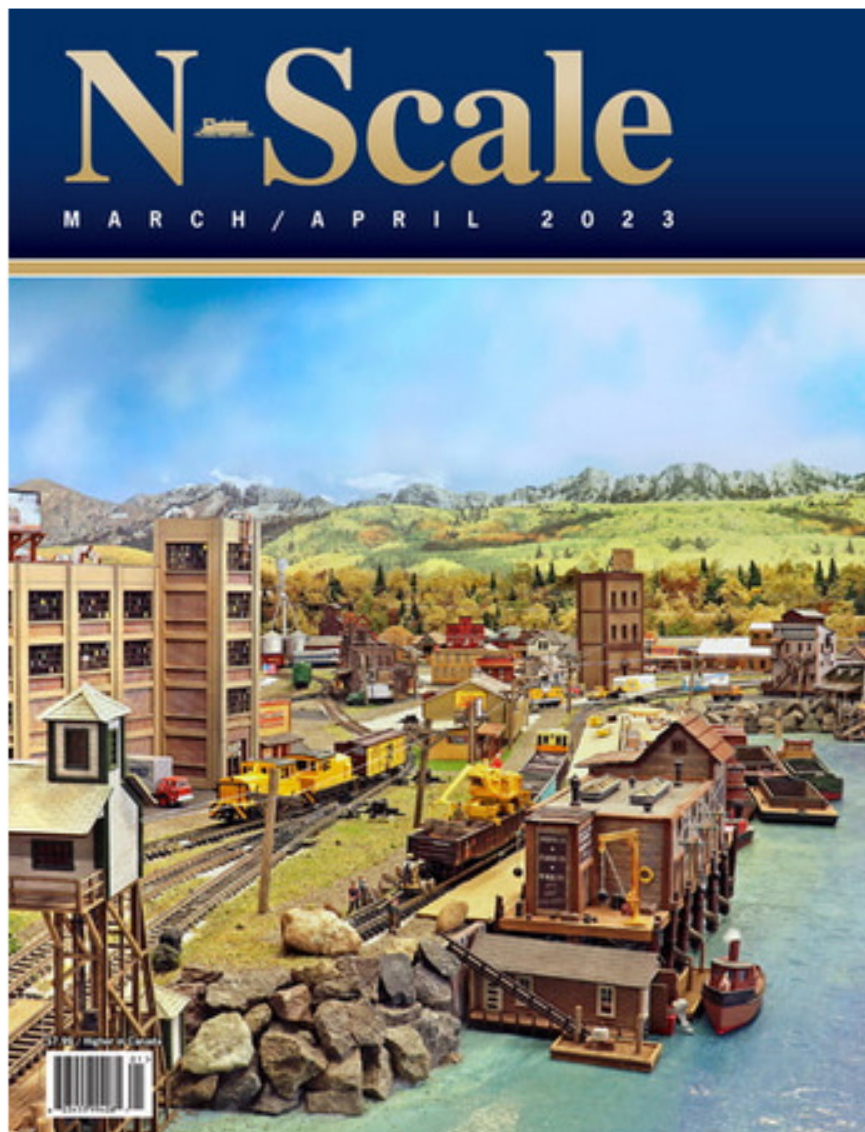
The **EMD BL2** is a diesel-electric locomotive built by General Motors Electro-Motive Division. A total of 59 units (including a single BL1) were built between 1947 and 1949. The BL2 was not very successful, as it was unreliable and occupied a gap between carbody and hood units which resulted in it suffering from the drawbacks of both designs. However, lessons learned from the BL2 were incorporated into EMD's next design, the GP7.



EMD's diesel program was well underway by the late 1940s and while F-units in production were great for moving trains over the railroad, their full-width carbody made it difficult for locomotive crews to see to the rear of the locomotive while switching. By 1948, competitors Alco, Baldwin, and Fairbanks-Morse had introduced road switcher locomotives, which used the narrow hood and full walkway of a switcher with a longer frame and the high-speed trucks of a road locomotive.

EMD developed the BL1, basing it on the F3 and using the same bridge-truss carbody construction as the F-unit with the body cut away behind the cab to provide visibility to the rear. The first BL1 was EMD Demonstrator #499, built in September 1947. The BL in the model name stood for "Branch Line", indicating that EMD felt the locomotive was best suited for light traffic and frequent switching chores.

Limiting the locomotive's success were several mechanical and ergonomic drawbacks. The BL2 was expensive and time-consuming to build because of its unique carbody design. Rather than being built in small segments which could be moved to another area for final assembly, the BL2 had to be built entirely in one place. The mechanical components in the engine compartment were difficult to access and maintain, reducing its appeal among railroad shop crews. The locomotive's carbody lacked the full-length walkways of a true switch engine making it difficult for the brakeman or switchman to move from one point on the locomotive to another during switching operations. Finally, although the industrial designers at EMD tried to build a carbody that evoked high-class passenger trains while retaining the utilitarianism of railroad work, the design never became popular. EMD applied the lessons learned from the BL2's lack of success in developing the GP7.



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WKR Update



The WKR N-scale layout made the trip to McPherson, Kansas in January, the trip was a success, but we encountered some problems.

One issue with the folding banquet table legs, the locking supports in the middle are like scissors to the electric wiring harness. Some time ago I discovered a cut wire on one connector on section 3 for the inner green line. It was not an issue as power was being fed from both directions.

However, on this trip, there was also a problem with the connectors between the power cart and section 14, so only two sections (1 & 2) had power on the green line. We had no choice but to abandon operating on the green line, but a few minutes later, I pulled on the wiring harness under section 14 to get a better look at the problem and the entire line suddenly started working again. I left it alone and the green line functioned normally throughout the weekend.

Once the layout comes out of the LTV (layout transport vehicle) the first thing is to repair the cut wire on section 3 and hunt down the gremlin on section 14.



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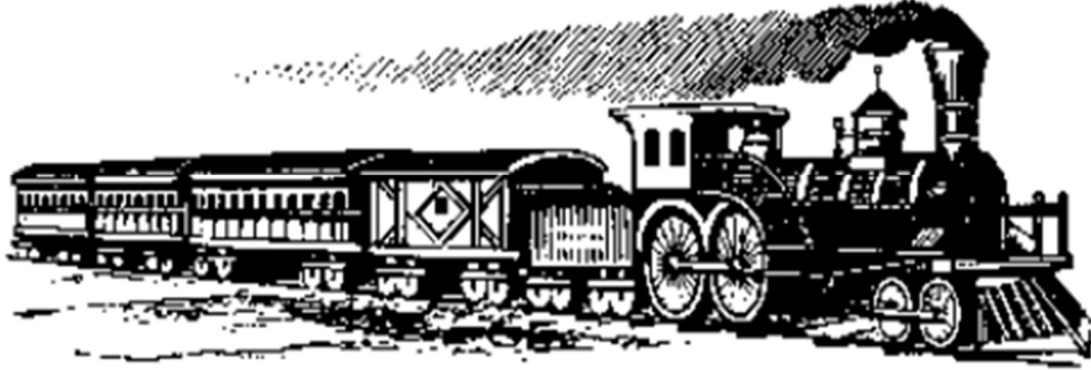
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15 th & 16 th Sat & Sun	29th Annual Train Show D & N Event Center	North Platte, NE.
22 nd & 23 rd Sat & Sun	Spring Creek Model Trains FreeMo Event Center Thayer County Event Center - springcreekmodeltrains.com/show-schedule/	Deshler, NE.



During the **McPherson Train Show 2023**, each paid entry was given a green ticket, which they were to give to the exhibit they liked the best. After the tickets were collected Saturday evening and the counting was completed, Kelly Bruce, the Show Director presented the Western Kansas Division, NMRA with the Public Choice Exhibit award for the Western Kansas Rails N-scale layout. We are deeply grateful to all the spectators who voted for us.



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