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On the cover:

Part II of the coverage of Rocky Ops (North) 2019 in Denver, Colorado on the weekend of May 3rd to the 5th looks at the Saturday session on Denny Krausman's HO-scale AT&SF Colorado Division layout. The view above looks down just one aisle of Denny's layout.
all this and more inside...

Western Kansas Division You Tube Page

The activities of the Division are on my original YouTube page, located here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view_as=subscriber

(Right) A scene from Todd Skaggs' HO-scale home layout



The Mid-Continent Region Facebook Page

Created in August of 2017, the Mid-Continent Region now has its own Facebook page. It's open to all members to post everything model train related. You are encouraged to post any activities such as train shows, clinics, and upgrades to your home or club layouts. This is your page, so feel free to use it, just take this link to your page:

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A view of the "Wichita & Ark Valley Railroad" HO-scale layout built by the Augusta Model Railroad Club in Augusta, Kansas

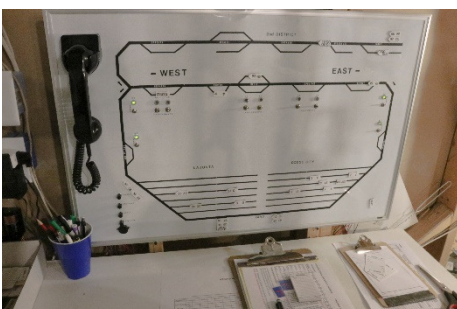
Rocky Ops 2019

Part II

The second session of Rocky Ops (North) 2019 was held on Saturday, May 4th at Denny Krausman's HO-scale AT&SF Colorado Division layout, a point-to-point with 200-feet of main line and 50-feet of branch line. Denny describes his layout as a prototypical design based on the Santa Fe's line through Southeastern Colorado in 1948. The Operating District is from Dodge City, Kansas to La Junta, Colorado on the first district with the modeled portion being from Medway siding in Kansas to Granada, CO. The Second District is modeled from Holly, CO to Kornman.



(Above) My entire view of the layout during the session as I was assigned the be a Hostler in the main yard and it ended up being a lot of fun.



(left) the Dispatcher's Desk

PERIOD	TIME	CREW	REMARKS
1000 EXTRA	1000	CREW	F
19	P	1000	CATCH
4	P	1000	CATCH
12.5	P	1000	CATCH
200 EXTRA	1000	CREW	F
3	P	1000	CATCH
9	P	1000	CATCH
92	F	1000	CATCH
17	P	1000	CATCH
91	F	1000	CATCH
21	P	1000	CATCH
35	F	1000	CATCH
22	P	1000	CATCH
GFY	F	1000	CATCH
42	F	1000	CATCH

(Right) The Crew Call Board

Rocky Ops 2019

Part II



(Above) at the foot of the stairs, turning right heads into the main portion of the layout



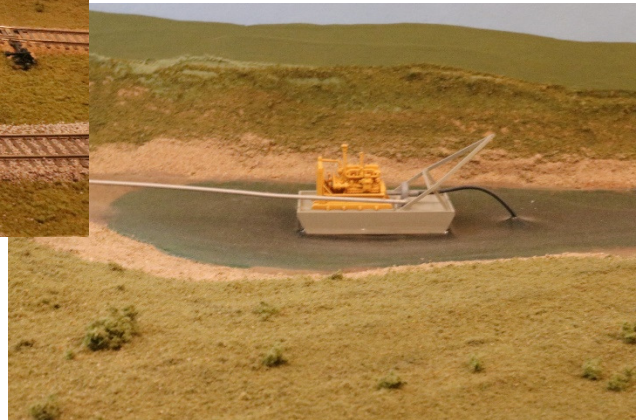
(Left) Some of the operating crew



(Right) the ALCO PA's in charge of the passenger train

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(Above and Left) The Operating Crew for this session.

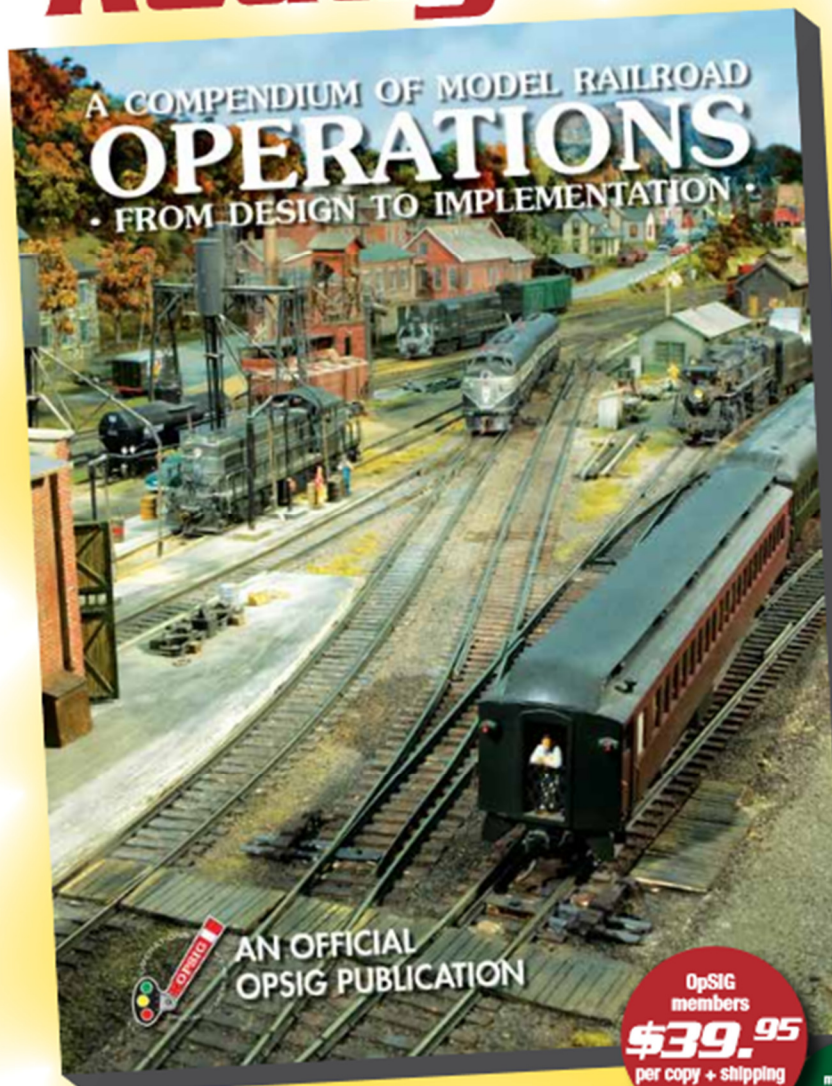


Dennis operates the layout as close to the Santa Fe timetable of 1948 as possible which includes seven passenger trains in each direction daily, the First District has two scheduled locals with one or two extras while the Second District originated and terminates at Holly, CO.

A fun time was had by all participants and we are truly grateful to Dennis and all the layout owners for opening-up their homes and layouts for us. Hosting an event such as this requires a lot of preparation work from repairing bad order cars to tuning engines and not the least is cleaning all the track while making sure all the signals, switches, and throttles are all working. Again, a big Thank You to all the layout owners.

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The Real Deal

Todd Skaggs – Dodge City, KS. – HO & N Scales

Recently Todd took a trip to Colorado and shared his pictures, Todd writes “Here are a few more pics of the old Santa Fe bridge just south of Larkspur. Unfortunately I didn't get there in time so the pics of the front-end power were taken from a head-on vantage point.”

Todd Skaggs Photo



Todd Skaggs Photo



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The Real Deal



Todd Skaggs Photo

(Right)

On a hot Summer day in June, I caught the BNSF Local Pair tied-down at the Depot in Garden City.

The 1629 is a little worse for the wear but as they say, "it's not the years, it's the mileage".

This would make a very interesting modeling project.



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WKR Layout



Since the Rocky Mountain Train Show back in March, all work on the WKR layout has been suspended, mostly because a lot of my tools have been packed-up and moved.

My Wife, Kathy, and I are constructing our new home in Dodge City, KS. along with a metal building. The metal building is nearly complete with some finish work to be completed. (Left) The front portion is the garage for the ambulance, another vehicle and shop area.

(Below) The remaining portion will be the new home of the WKR layout with bathroom and utility room



Date Book

July, 2019

30th – 3rd
Tue – Sat

Toy Train Operating Society National Convention
Drury Plaza Hotel https://www.railserve.com/jump/train_shows.cgi?ID=219

Wichita, KS.

August, 2019

25th
Sunday

Mid-America Train & Toy Show
https://www.railserve.com/jump/train_shows.cgi?ID=210

Kansas City, MO.

September, 2019

28th & 29th
Sat & Sun

25th Annual Wichita Toy Train Show
Cessna Activity Center https://www.railserve.com/jump/train_shows.cgi?ID=327

Wichita, KS.

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On the back cover:

One last look at the exceptional HO-scale modeling of Dennis Krausman on his AT & SF Colorado Division layout, just one stop on the program during Rocky Ops (North) 2019.

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