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On The Cover: The recent train show in Hutchinson, Kansas saw the return of several N-Trak modules created by members of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club to the train show circuit...

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Gateway 2022

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The 2022 NMRA annual convention is August 7-13. The event is being held at the St Louis, Marriott Grand Hotel. Registrants will receive one free self-driving tour.

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Banquet

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The banquet will be held on Saturday, August 13th with a reception starting at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. The banquet will take place in the hotel's, 20th floor Crystal Ballroom. Dinner will be buffet style and feature Bistro Tender Steak and Artichoke and Boursin Stuffed Chicken Breast.

The Key Note speaker is Michael Gross of movie and television fame.

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**Jim Sacco Models a
Modern Steel Warehouse**

**Scratchbuild a Colorful
Mid-Century Billboard**

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Illinois Terminal O'Fallon Branch

STEVE GOARING - Set in the summer of 1961, this HO scale layout hosts relaxed branch line operations.

Penn Central G47 Gondolas

JAMES KINKAID - These 50 ft. Fruehauf gondolas built in 1971 and 1972 served well into the Conrail era.

Kitbashed Modern Warehouse in HO

JIM SACCO - Readily available Pikestuff kits are the base for this simple kitbash and detail project.

Scratchbuild a Three-Door Boxcar

PHIL HOLDEN - Based on a 1910-era prototype, this HO scale supply car is built using simple methods.

Scratchbuilt Billboard from a Photo

JORGE FAZ - A photo was the inspiration to build a unique mid-century billboard with dimensional elements.

Building a Small Layout for Operations

STEVE JACKOBS - Inspired by various Texas short lines, this small layout is packed with operating potential.

Corrugated Steel from Tin Foil

WALKER EMBRY - An N scale Walther's grain elevator kit is dressed up with steel panels made from tin foil.

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We also discuss and communicate information about the methods and procedures used by the real railroads and ways of most practically and realistically adapting them to the model world. So, if you like to operate the railroad you've created, this is a place to learn more and find others with similar interests.

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. [Back issues are available](#). In addition, the OPSIG web site serves as a clearinghouse for publicizing [regional operating events and meetings](#), where layouts are open for guest operations.

We also have a [Facebook page](#) and send out the *Second Section* email newsletter on a regular basis.



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Real Deal



News report from Fox 4 in Kansas City...(Edited for content)

On Monday, (June 27), an Amtrak train hit a dump truck at a public crossing and derailed near Mendon, north of Marshall. The incident occurred about 100 miles northeast of Kansas City. The Southwest Chief train was en-route to Chicago from Los Angeles with 275 passengers on board and 12 crew members.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol said the train had eight cars: seven derailed.

As of this writing, 4 people died in the collision and at least 150 others were injured.

Real Deal



The highway patrol said two women, age 56 and 57 who were sisters. The two passengers were pronounced deceased at the scene.



Real Deal



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An 82-year-old male of Kansas City was also a passenger killed in the crash. He was pronounced dead at University Hospital in Columbia.

The driver of the truck that the train hit was also pronounced dead at the scene.

The National Transportation Safety Board held another news conference Wednesday, providing more information on its investigation.

NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy said investigators determined the train was going 87 mph when it hit the truck. The speed limit is 90 mph.

She emphasized how steep the incline is leading up to the crossing. She said Thursday they will take a vehicle to reenact coming up the incline so investigators can see exactly what drivers see when they come over the crossing. Homendy said the agency has concluded there were no mechanical issues with the Amtrak train.

Homendy said there are thousands of passive crossings like this one across the U.S., but right now she's focused on getting this one in Mendon fixed.



Our deepest sympathies to all involved.

Real Deal



On Monday, June 13th, a Westbound grain train was waiting for a crew change in the Dodge City, Kansas yard. The lead unit is BNSF 8171, a GE ES44C4, while the trailing unit is BNSF 6592, also a GE ES44C4 built in April of 2013.



Real Deal



On Thursday, June 23rd I found this veteran parked in the Dodge City, Kansas yard. BNSF 681 is a GE C44-9W that came to life in August of 1994 as ATSF 681. Time and mileage have not been kind and the cherry on top was a turbo fire.



Real Deal



It was a Tuesday in Dodge city, Kansas, June 14th when I spotted this oddball in the BNSF yard. SFGX 1010 is a slug belonging to Archer Daniels Midland. It was in the middle of a train, so it was leaving or returning from the ADM elevator. 1010 has no engine of its own, only traction motors, and must get its power from another locomotive.

It was originally built by EMD in 1950 as Louisville & Nashville #2247, a 1,000-horsepower SW7.



Real Deal

It was rebuilt by General Electric in June 1979 as Southern Pacific SL-4B Slug #1010.



Union Pacific retired #1010 in 2000. Dick Samuels purchased it for use on the Molalla branch, but it was never used and was kept stored along SE McBrod Avenue near the Milwaukie shops.

In late 2007, #1010 was sold to Archer Daniels Midland for use at a grain elevator in Kansas.



Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir?"

Sir: "Like winning an argument with my wife."

Waiter: "Rare it is!"



DaBobs N Scale ManCave

64 views Jul 1, 2022 It has been two years without an N scale convention due to Covid restrictions. Finally, we start where we left off in Nashville TN with this years convention. This is Part 1 of 2 with the activities after the TVRM trip in Chattanooga. So take a look at this year's NSE N Scale National Convention for 2022.

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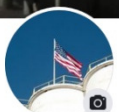
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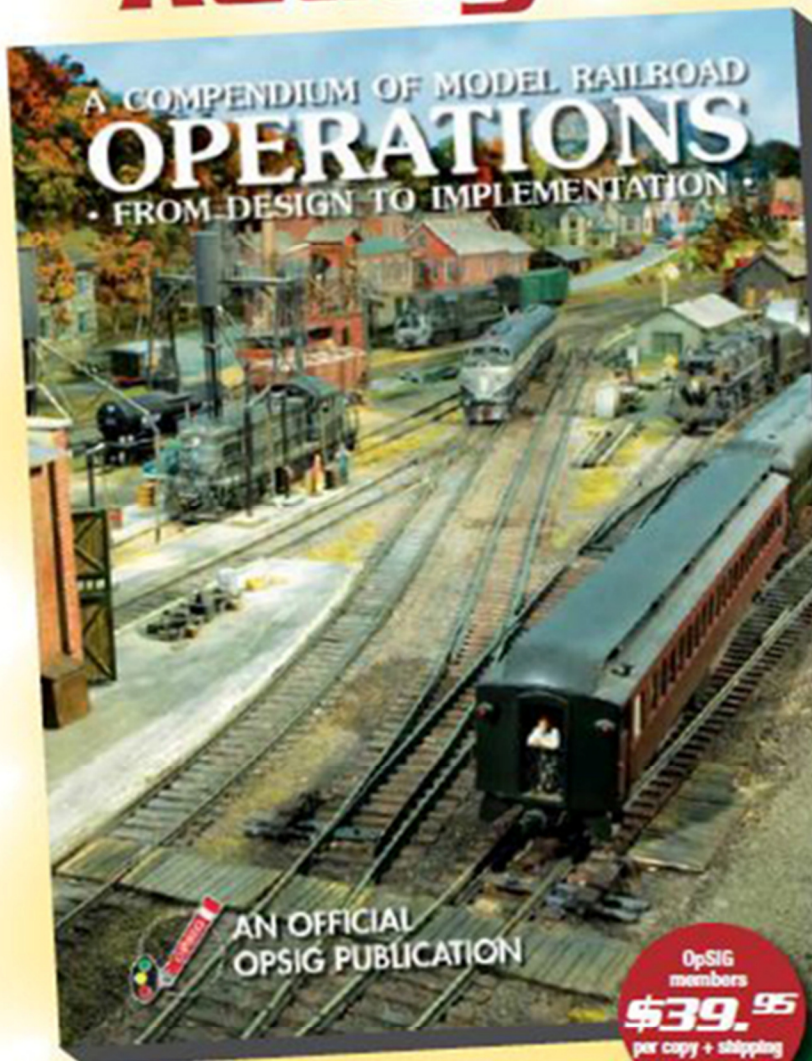
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The Group's quarterly publication, [The BN Expediter](#), is the voice of the organization that shares news about the group's activities, BN historical data, and current operations of the railroad. It is a 24-page all-color publication and will grow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

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Hutchinson, Kansas

The Kansas Central Model Railroaders are a model train club having traveling layouts in both HO and N scales. Our home base is Hutchinson, Kansas which is where we hold our monthly meetings. Most of our members are from Hutchinson, Kansas, and Reno County. As our Club name suggests, we also have members from surrounding counties.

In early June, the KCMR held their annual Train Show. I was unable to attend, however thanks to Jerry Bruce and Leroy Schmidt of McPherson for providing some pictures.



(Above) One layout on display is dear to my heart as it is composed of straight N-Trak modules formerly of the Fisher N-scale Layout of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club in Dodge City, Kansas. These modules have been in storage for at least a decade, and have now been acquired by Donnie Becker of Salina, Kansas who is now displaying them again at train shows.



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Hutchinson, Kansas



(Above & Below) The “Canyon Scene” features a three-track trestle and impressive rock work.





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(Below) Mark Fisher of Ingalls, Kansas created two 30-inch-wide modules featuring a “Farm Scene” which over the years has been loaded with details. These two modules also include a fifth track the “Private Loop” (grey ballast) which loops around behind the backboard.





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(Above) The N-scale layout from MacTrax of McPherson, KS.



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(Above) The other end of the MacTrax N-scale layout



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(Above) Kelly Bruce enjoying running trains on the MacTrax layout.

Thanks to everyone who attended our 2022 train show. Our next show will be June 3rd & 4th, 2023. The show will be in the Pride of Kansas Building located on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas

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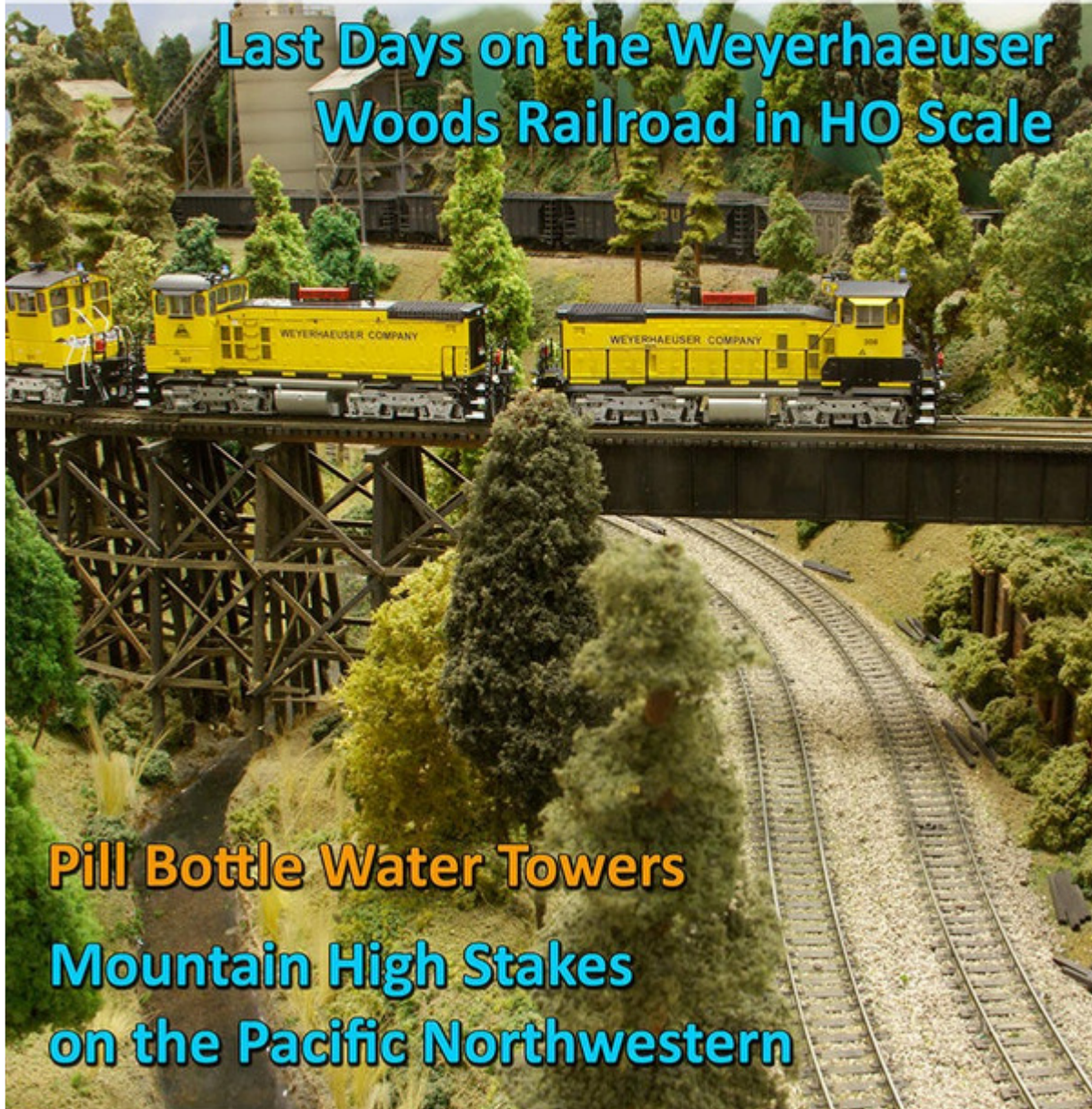


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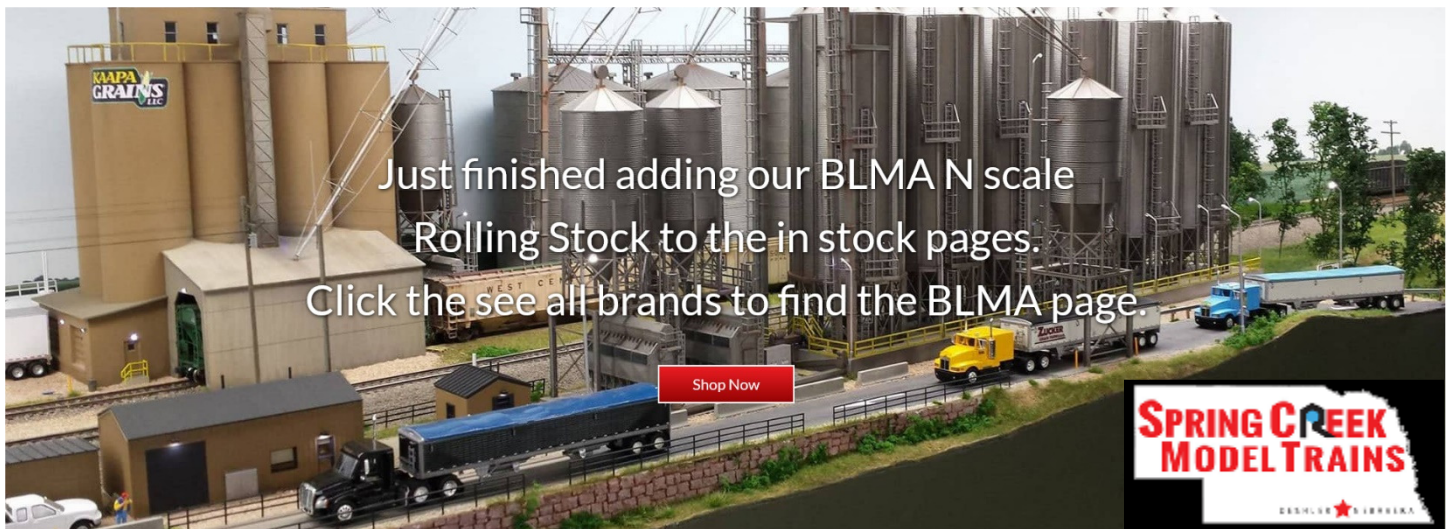


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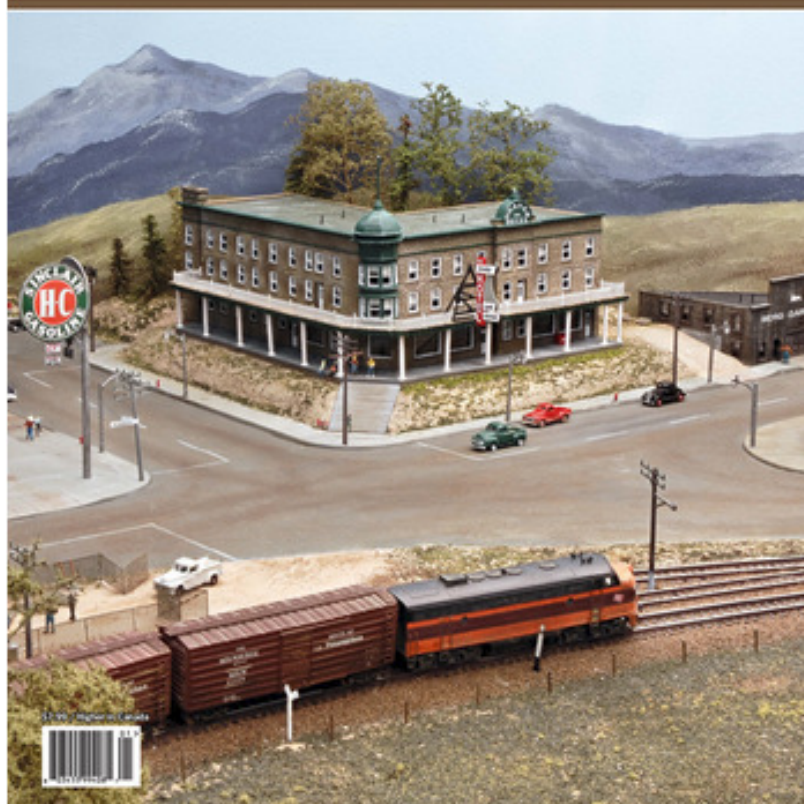
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Modeling the Pacific Coast Railway

(Part 17): Three Steps Forward and...

(you get the idea)

by Thomas Knapp, MMR #101



On the cover: Motorcar 5901, nicknamed 'the Bulldog,' rolls past Lewistown and the Graves Hotel. This 85' long passenger motor, one of two built in the Milwaukee shops, plied the North Montana Line from 1948 until 1954 before it was sent back eastward. Scratch-building the Graves Hotel is the focus of the fourth installment in the Lewistown Series by Dan Lewis, starting on page 16.

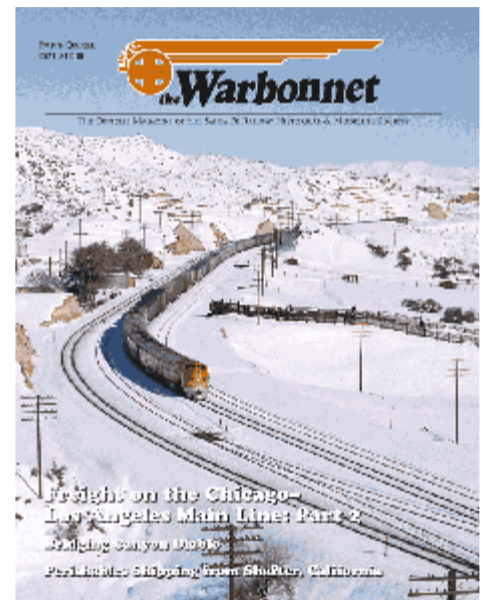
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WKR Layout Update



The Scenery Crew of the WKR N-scale layout are in the final phase of the concrete plant construction. The main structures are complete but before we can continue, we need to repair some transport damage. (Above) While transporting the layout, the edge of section 11 was compressed which crushed the foam base under the pavement.



(Left) How do you repair model concrete? The same way you repair real concrete. An oversize hole was removed from the concrete foam and a replacement piece was cut to fill the hole.

(Right) before the patch can be glued in place, we had to first repair the foam board base for support. We could have done a similar repair using a new piece of foam board, but the damage was slight, so we opted for paper towel soaked with Tacky Glue.

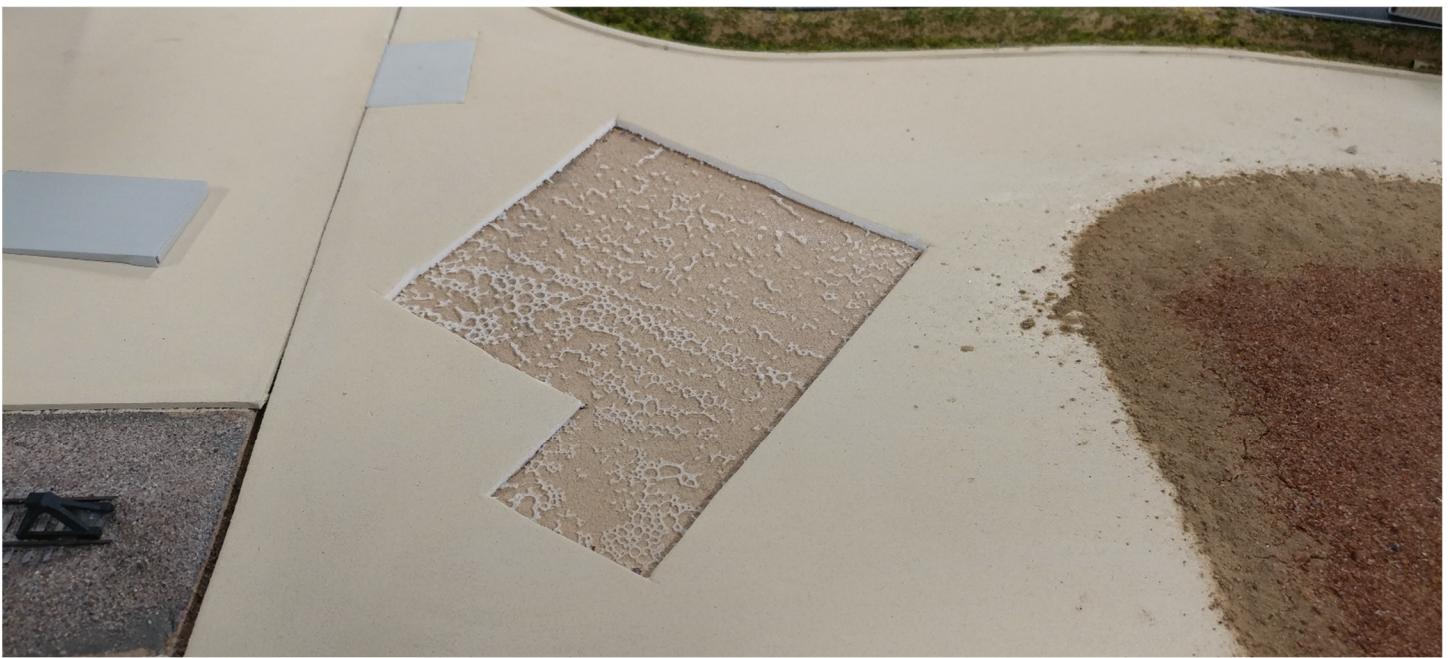


(Left) We could not find the exact formula paint to match, so we went with the light grey of new concrete to resemble a repair patch.

WKR Layout Update

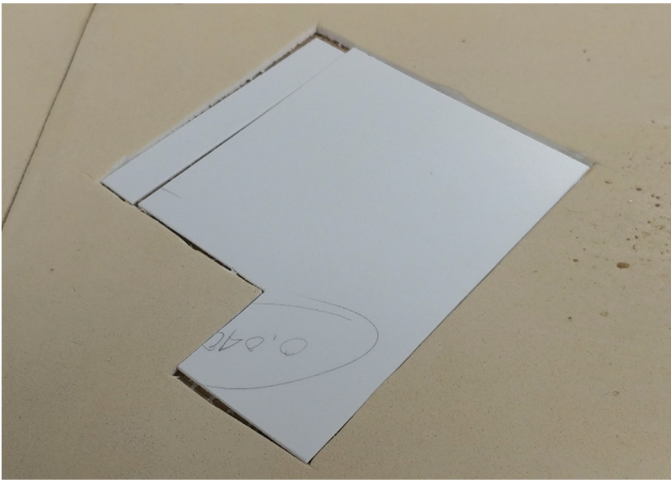


(Above) With the structures nearly complete, we needed to determine the proper positioning on the scene. After moving things around for a bit, this was position was determined to be the best for the remaining space available.



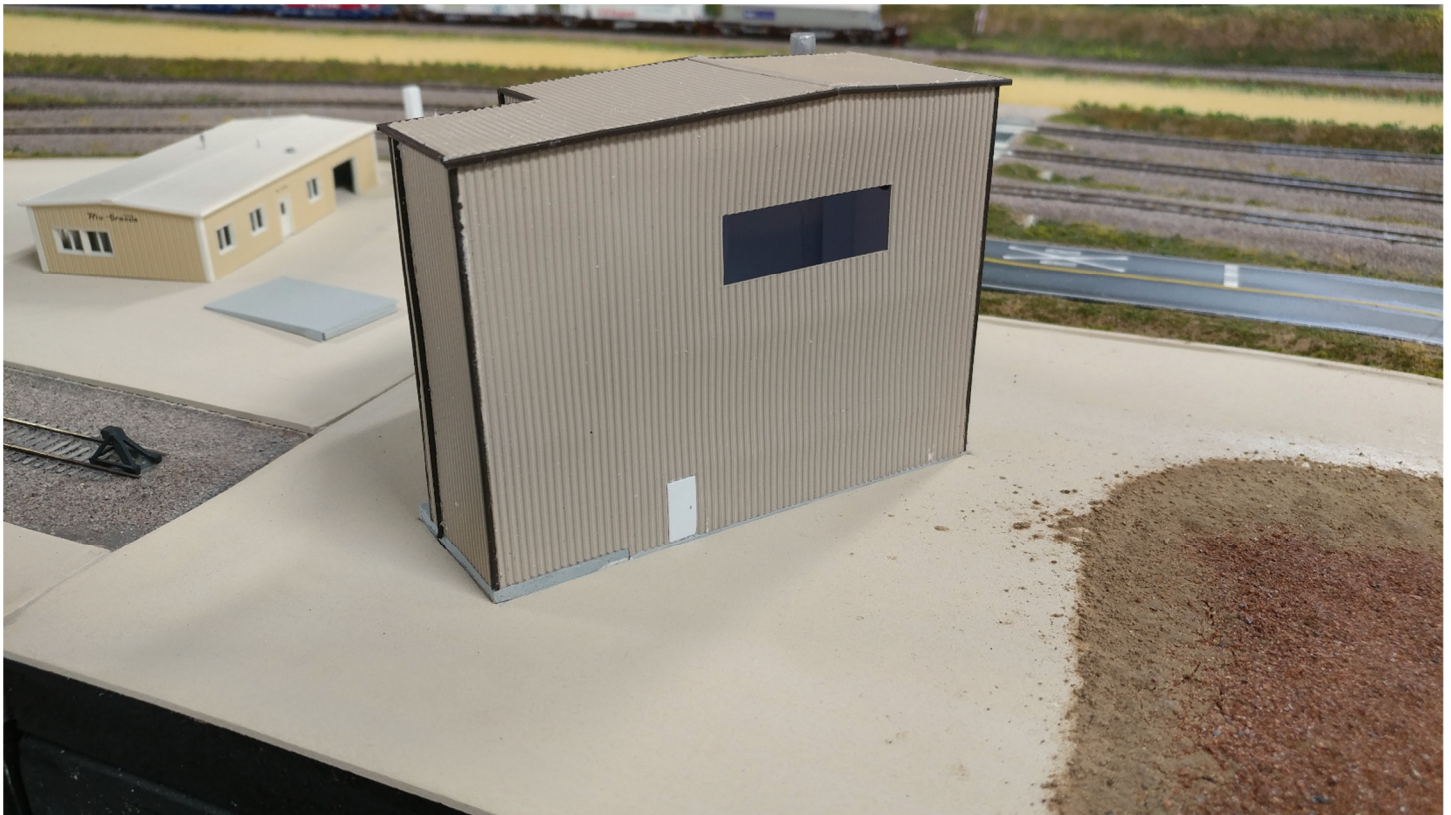
The footprint of the building was cut out so the structure can be slightly recessed for easy spotting during set-ups.

WKR Layout Update



(Left) To recess the structure to the proper depth, we used 0.040" sheet styrene scraps to partially fill the spotting hole.

(Below) The structure needs to be removable for transport as it is too tall, so now it is easy to set in place, plus it is now recessed to the correct depth.



(Right) Two new retaining walls were needed, so we built the individual bricks and then the wall. These were glued to sheet styrene for additional support while gluing in the foam base.



WKR Layout Update



(Above) Both retaining walls were painted and weathered and are ready to install.

(Below) The retaining walls are glued in place.



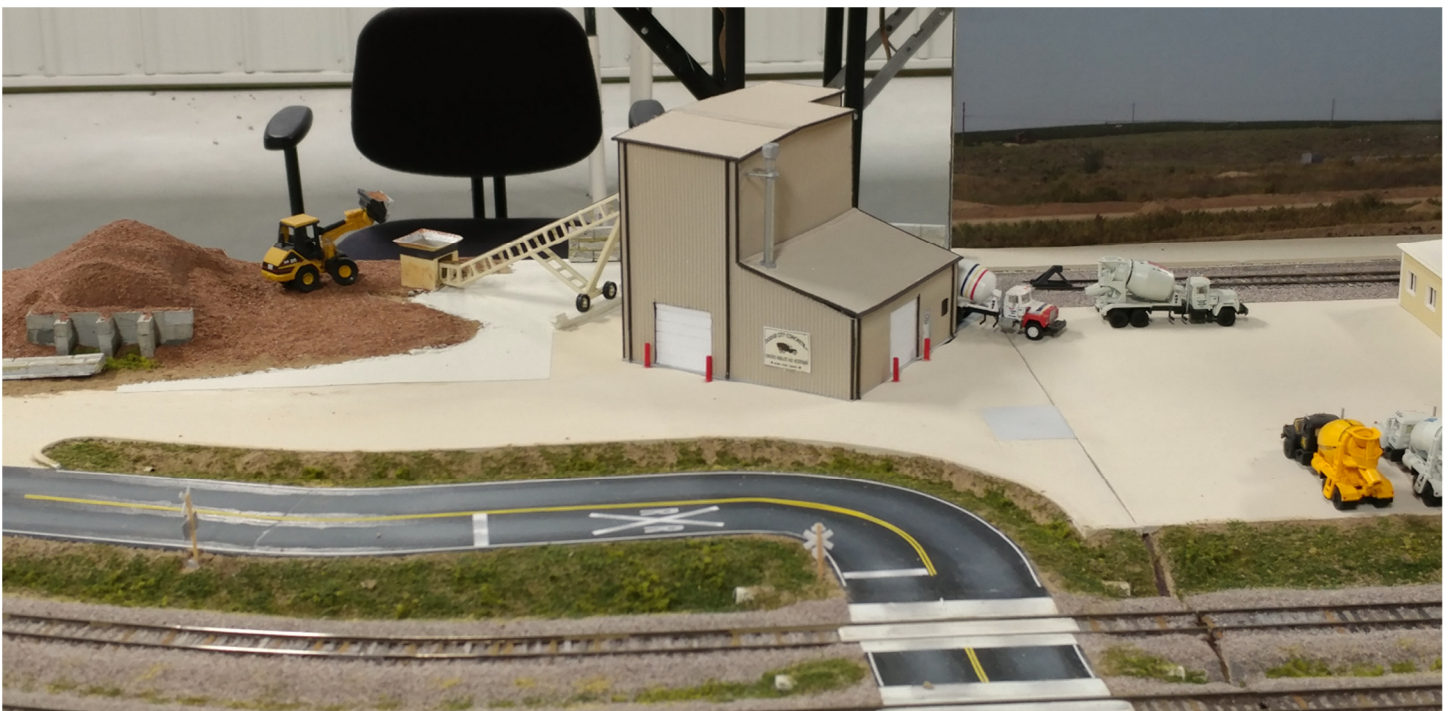
(Below) We finally were able to find a photo of the Dodge City Concrete sign and it was installed along with bollards to protect the roll-up doors.



WKR Layout Update



(Above) With the placement determined, we needed to remove some of the aggregate and dirt that had been placed before. This left the “concrete” stained so we used masking tape to section off the area and a slightly different concrete color repainted the area.

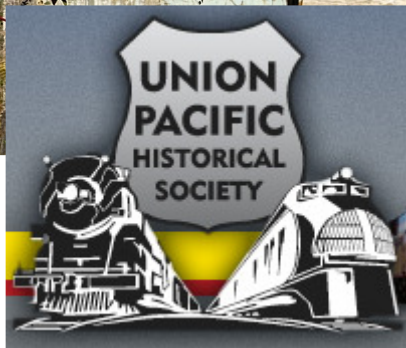


WKR Layout Update



(Both) The current state of the project. Hopefully we will have this project concluded next month.





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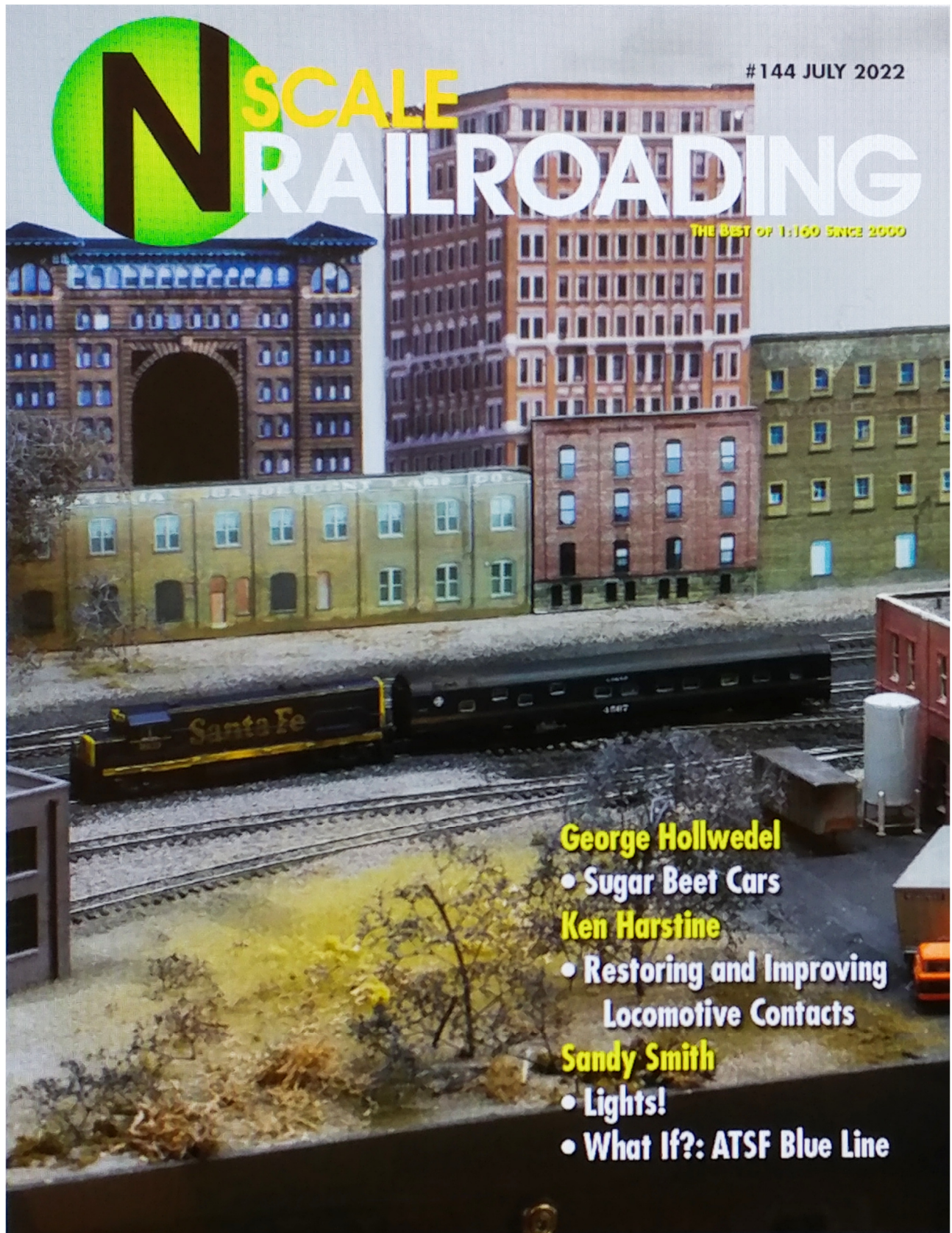
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National

Every summer the **NMRA** National Convention brings together its members for a week of clinics, contests, layout tours, prototype excursions, the "**National Train Show**[®]", and dozens of other exciting activities. Every year it's held in a different city, so it makes an ideal family vacation.

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Thanks to Robert Simmons for making the [June 2022 issue of the Main Line](#) available!

Thanks to Jim Marlett for making the [May/June 2022 issue of Trails, Rails, & Tales](#) available!

The First Quarter 2022 issue of the [Caboose Kibitzer](#) is available. Thanks to Ray Brady for his work and please send him your articles!

Welcome to the Mid-Continent Region of the National Model Railroad Association

A 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, MCoR includes the southern half of the state of Iowa, portions of Illinois, and the entire states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Since 1990, MCoR's leadership has fostered a strong program of developing local divisions with the purpose of bringing the potential for NMRA activity and involvement to a community near you. From only two divisions in 1990 located in metropolitan areas, MCoR now has well over a dozen divisions and over 900 members.

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The Mid-Continent Region now has a [Facebook Group](#) (Thanks Bob!). Please check it out and friend!!

Upcoming Events

The 2022 General Membership Meeting will be held in Kirkwood, MO during the week of the national convention. Time and date will be updated here as more information becomes available.

The [website for the 2022 National Convention](#) is now open!

For the Mid-Continent Region webpage, click here: <http://mcor-nmra.org/>

Click here for the Region Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851848998468077>





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