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The monthly publication of the  
**Western Kansas Division**



## May 2026



### **On The Cover:**

On March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club hosted their annual Train Show in Garden City, Kansas. Steve Weidner of Sublette, KS. displayed his On30 layout along with many others. More details inside...

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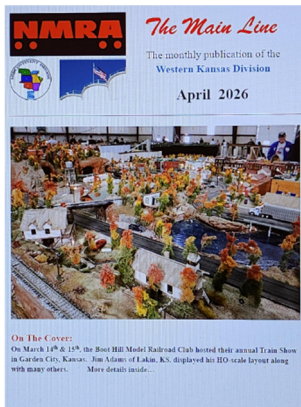
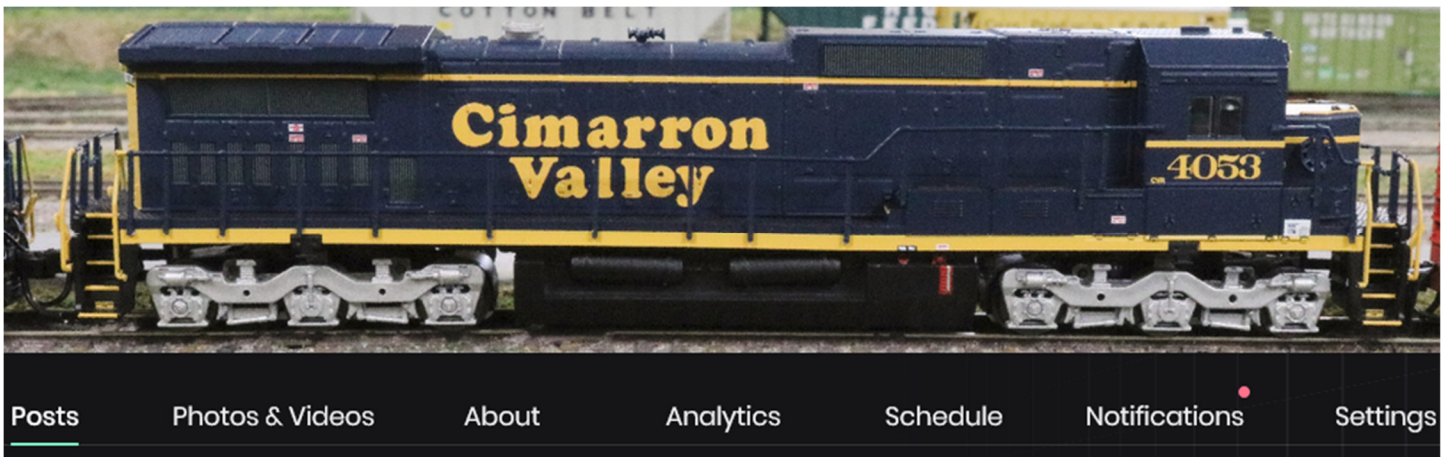
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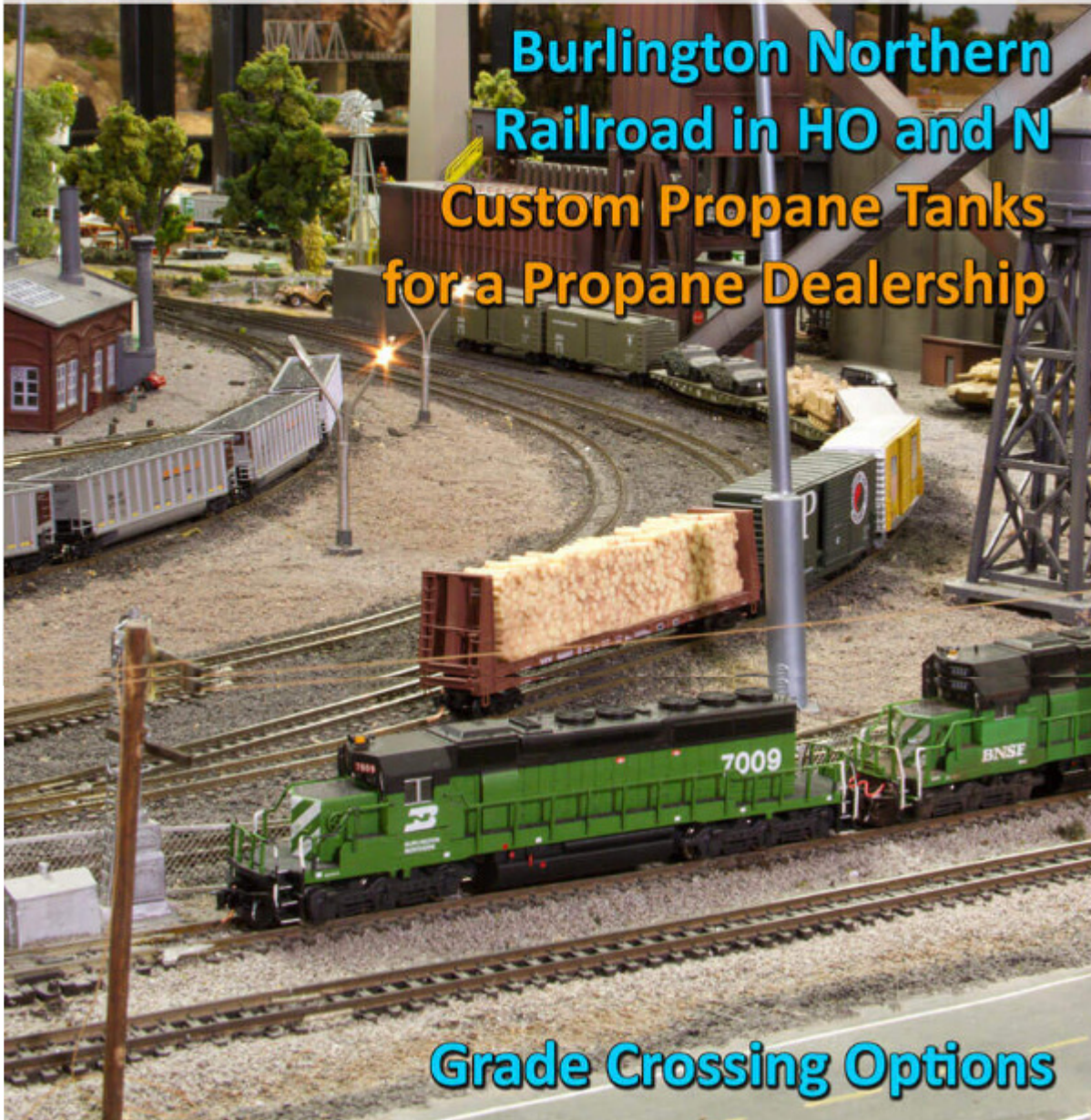
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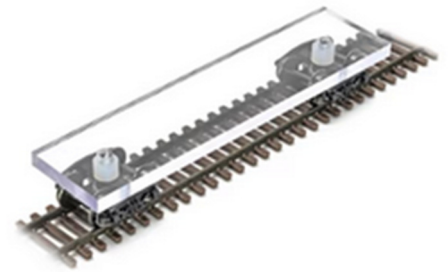
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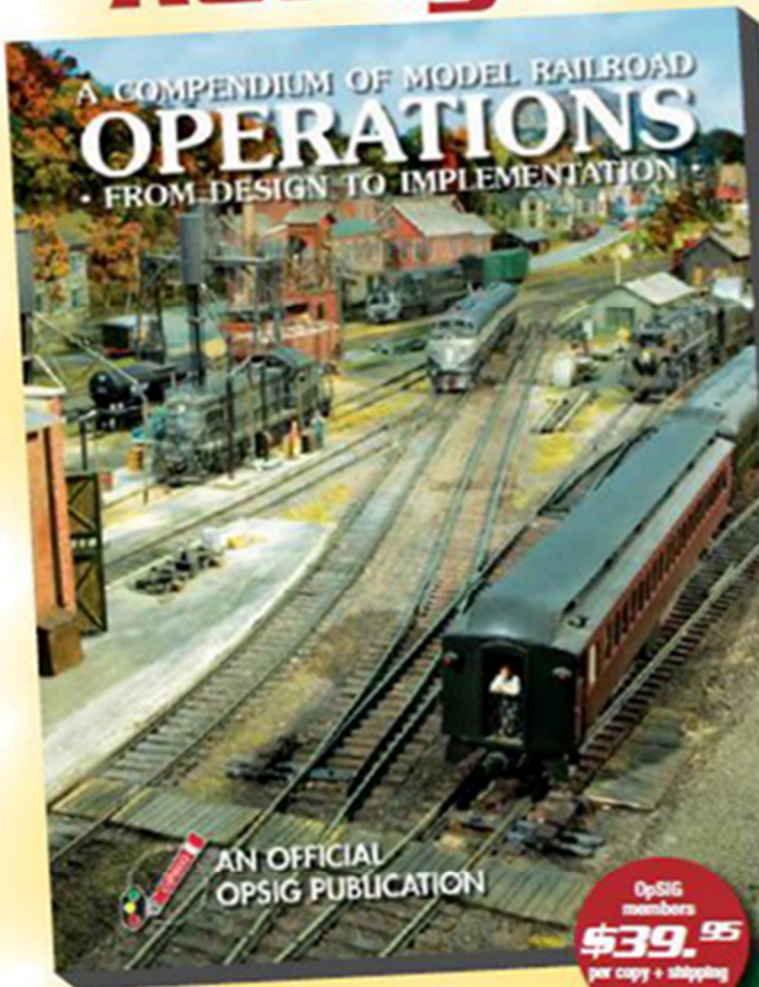


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# Man Watching Golf Realizes TV Has Been Paused For 20 Minutes



# Real Deal

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we swung by the DC Yard while on errands and caught an unusual sight, a visitor from Norfolk Southern coupled to a string of locos waiting for their next call.



# Real Deal



(Above) Norfolk Southern 4838 is a GE AC44C6M locomotive rebuilt from a Dash 9-44CW by **Wabtec** (formerly GE Transportation) at the Erie, PA plant for Norfolk Southern. It is part of a large modernization program converting older DC locomotives to AC traction, enhancing fuel efficiency and reliability. As of mid-2024, it was delivered as part of a 2024 rebuild series.

(Below) Built in March of 2005, the 7691 is a GE ES44DC. The **Evolution Series** is a line of locomotives built by GE Transportation Systems (now owned by Wabtec), initially designed to meet the U.S. EPA's Tier 2 emissions standards. The line is the direct successor to the GE Dash 9 Series. Evolution Series locomotives are equipped with either AC or DC traction motors, depending on the customer's preference. All are powered by the GE GEVO engine.



# Real Deal



(Above) Second in the lineup was BNSF 8118, a GE **ES44C4**. The GE ES44C4 is a 4,400-horsepower locomotive built between 2009 and 2020 as part of the Evolution Series, primarily for BNSF. It is unique for using an A1A-A1A wheel arrangement—with unpowered center axles—and only four traction motors, designed to reduce maintenance costs while providing similar performance to six-motor units.

(Below) The third unit was BNSF 7875, another GE ES44DC.



# Real Deal



(Both) Colorado Pacific 620 is an EMD **SD70MAC**, ex-BNSF 9832. In the mid-1990s, EMD was busy designing the SD70MAC, which combined 4,000hp (later models produced 4,300hp) from a 16-cylinder 710 prime mover and AC traction — a must for high horsepower, six axle locomotives at the time.

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# Real Deal

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- Thanks to Robert Simmons for making the [April 2026 issue of the Main Line](#) available!

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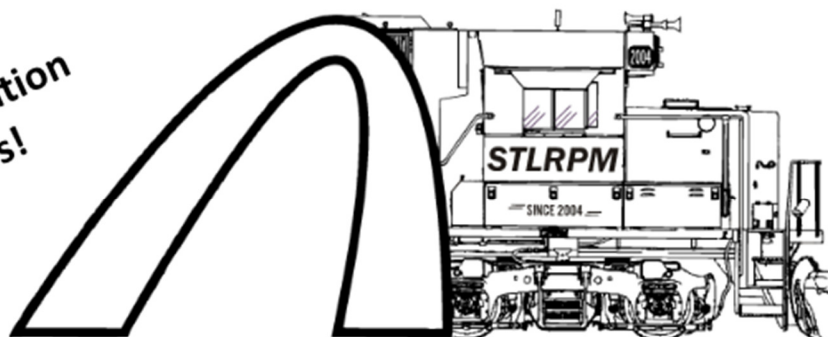
There will be lots of vendors at the Collinsville Convention Center ready to sell you all the part items you are looking for! There will be clinics and contests.

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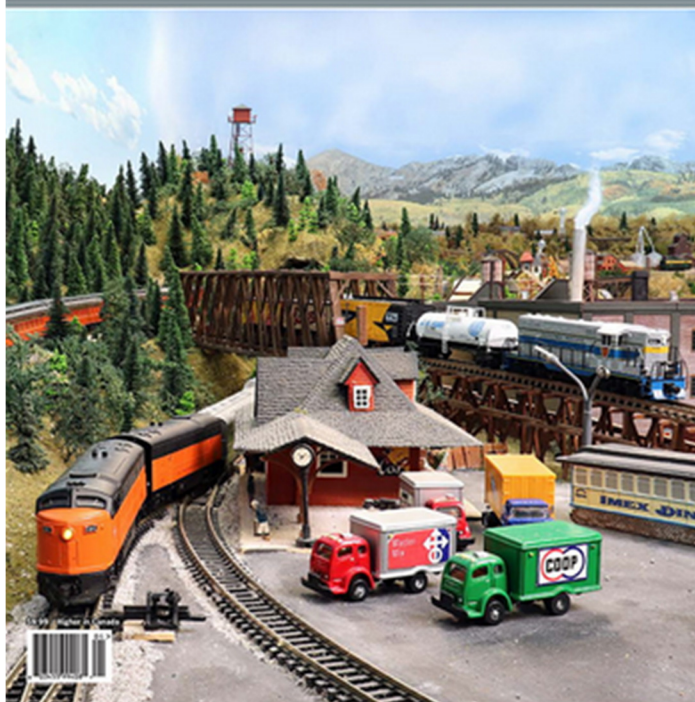
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# WKR Update



During the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> the WKR N-scale layout was on display during the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show in Garden City, Kansas. During the show weekend I suffered two physical injuries that have been very hard to come back from, hence the layout has remained in the ambulance for over a month.

Just around the middle of April I did start the unloading, a little bit at a time.



# WKR Update

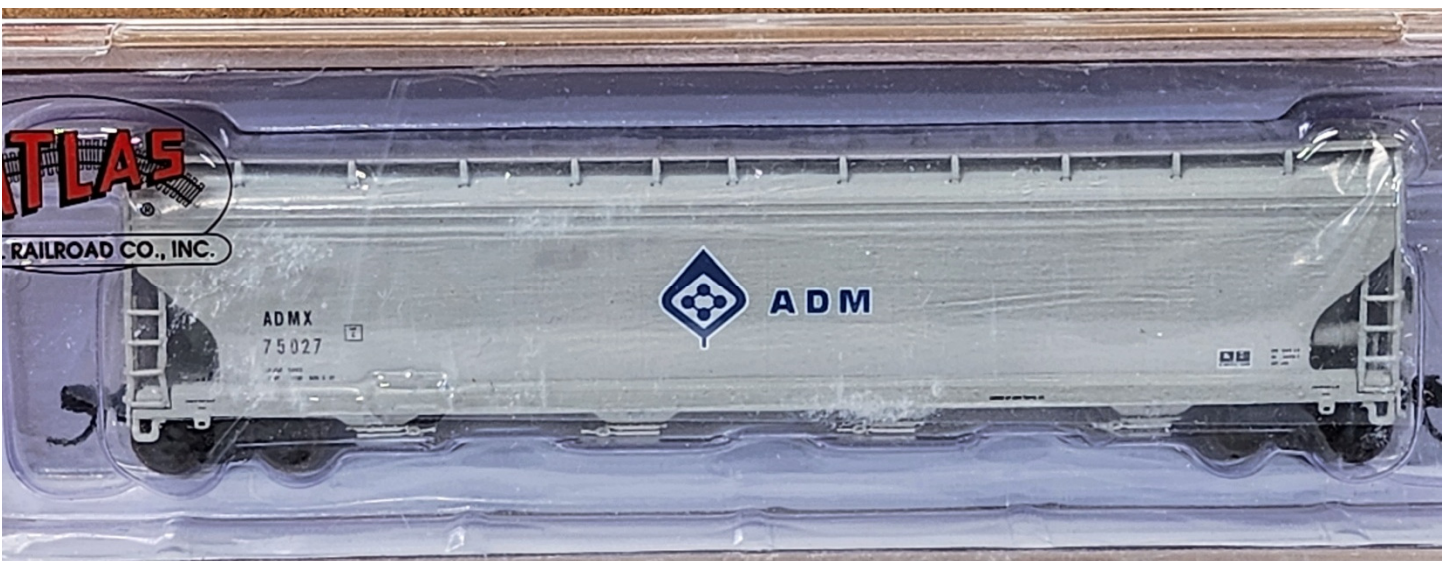


(Left) Last month we accidentally ripped off the exterior door handle on the side door of the ambulance.

(Right) After contacting Horton, the manufacturer of the ambulance box, we scored the correct replacement parts, now we need to install them.



When attending Train Shows, we always try to support the vendors as much as possible. This gave us the opportunity to fill some gaps in the operations fleet with a couple of grain hoppers and two tank cars. First up is an Atlas grain hopper marked for ADM. These types of Atlas cars will need to have the trucks/couplers and wheel sets replaced with Micro-Trains trucks/couplers and ESM metal wheel sets.



# WKR Update



(Above) The second grain hopper is painted for Cargill.

(Below) Needing to add some more options to the Agridyne tank car fleet, we scored a couple of Atlas tank cars marked for edible oils.





## HO Scale - Walther's Proto EMD GP9

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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 currently a 30+ page all-color publication and will grow even larger as the society grows and more members contribute more information.

**FOBNR 2026 Convention**  
**Gillette, Wyoming to Alliance, Nebraska**  
**June 25 – 27 2026**

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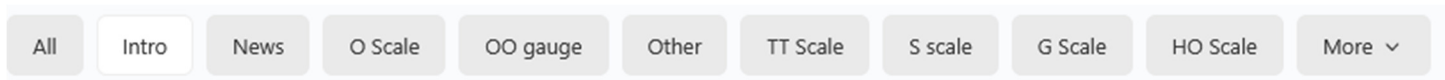
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Being flexible and working through our mistakes is all part of the process when it comes to building a model railroad.

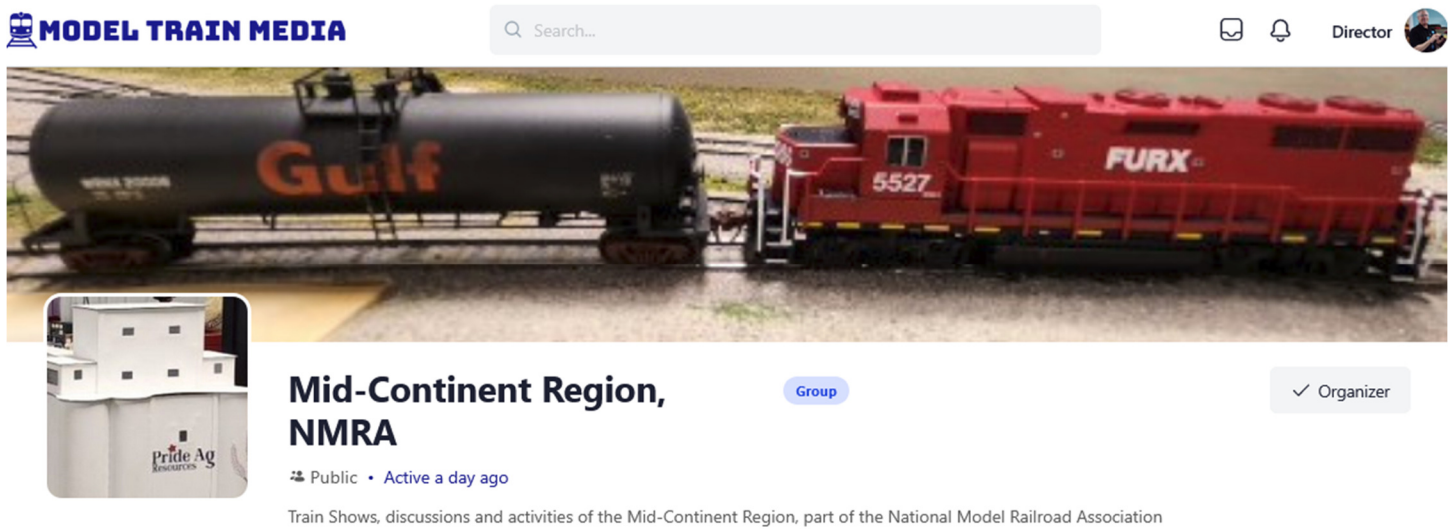


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Garden City Train Show 2026

N-scale layout of the Western Kansas Division, part of the Mid-Continent Region of the National Model

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVHznKeu0w>





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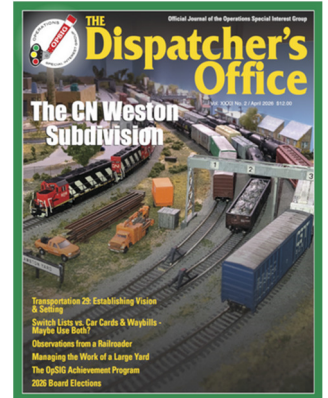
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We publish a quarterly magazine, *The Dispatcher's Office*, which in addition to containing articles and information on railroad operations (both prototype and model), contains listings of operating layouts, sessions, and events that members are invited to attend. In addition, the OPSIG web site serves as a clearinghouse for publicizing regional operating events and meetings, where layouts are open for guest operations.



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"A KITCHEN."  
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GOT A PLACE I CAN  
STAY FOR A FEW  
NIGHTS?**

# Garden City Train Show 2026

The weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> the **Boot Hill Model Railroad Club** hosted their annual Train Show in Garden City, Kansas. This is part 2 of a 3-part coverage of the Show.



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# Garden City Train Show 2026



Check out the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvEIaXMqVA8&pp=0gcJCdMKAYcqIYzv>

Garden City Train Show 2026  
- Steve Weidner - On30

# Garden City Train Show 2026



More from Steve Weidner's On30 layout...



# Garden City Train Show 2026



Making the trek from Colorado Springs, CO. the **Pikes Peak 'N'geneers** displayed their N-scale, T-Trak modules.



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Garden City Train Show 2026  
- Pikes Peak 'N'geneers T-...

# Garden City Train Show 2026



# Garden City Train Show 2026

The largest layout and one of the most detailed was the HO-scale Free-Mo layout displayed by the **Southern Kansas Free-Mo** group and others.



# Garden City Train Show 2026



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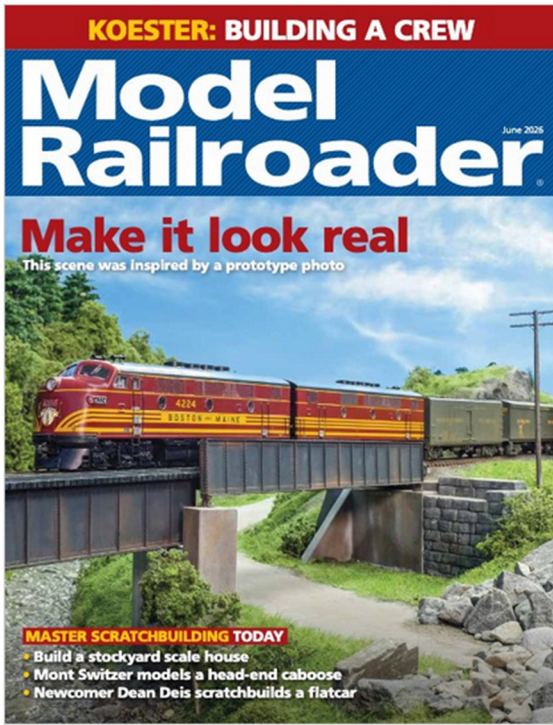
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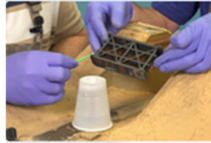
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