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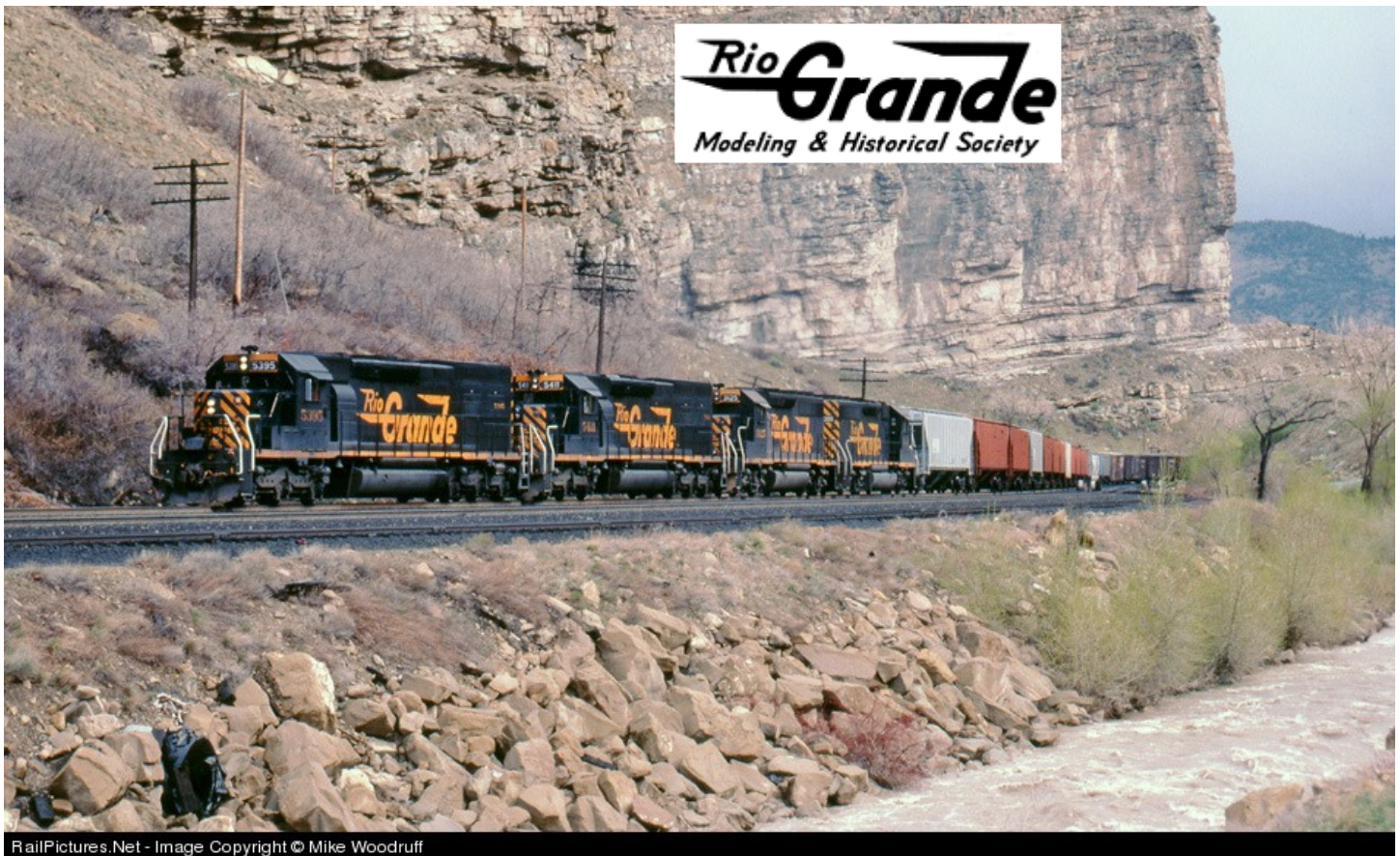
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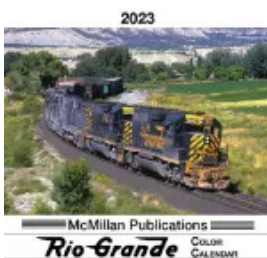
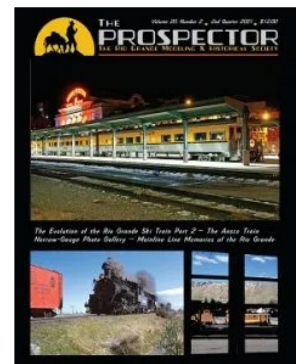
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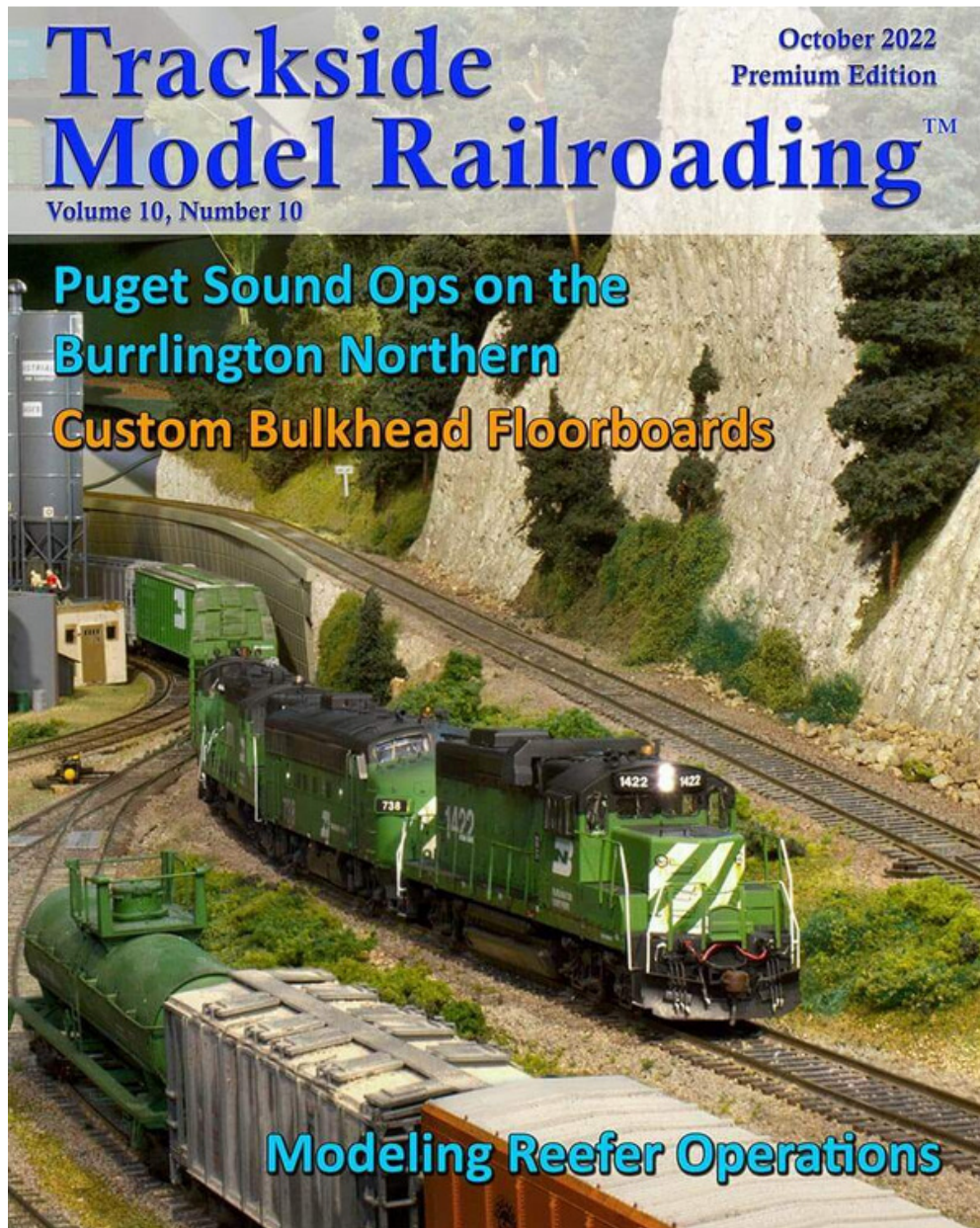


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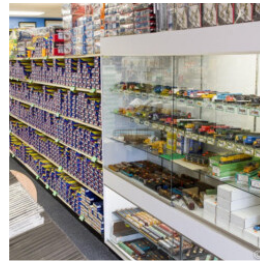
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Real Deal



On September 19th, I happened to catch the Cimarron Valley 1053 visiting the Dodge City BNSF yard along with the 5951. First, let's look back at the history of the Cimarron Valley Railroad.

From Wikipedia: The **Cimarron Valley Railroad** (reporting mark **CVR**) was built c. 1912 and purchased from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in February 1996. It runs over former C.V. and Manter Subdivisions



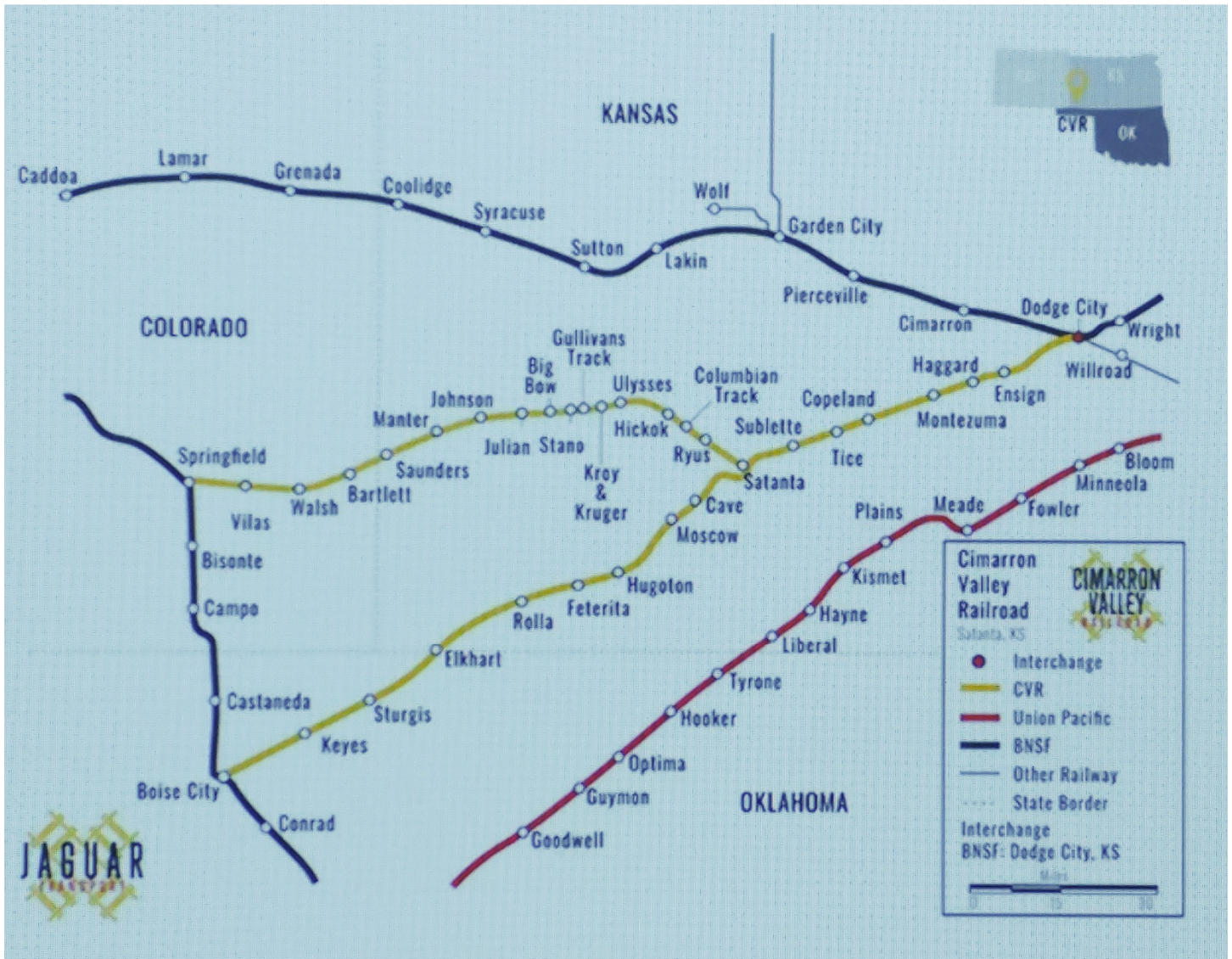
of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad tracks in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. One line runs from Dodge City, KS to Boise City, OK, the other from Satanta, KS to Springfield, CO. It runs a total of 254 miles of track primarily hauling agricultural commodities (such as wheat, corn, and milo), along with sand, cement, poles, pipe, and fertilizers.

On November 1, 2020, The Cimarron Valley Railroad was purchased by **Jaguar Transport Holdings, LLC**.



(above) The CVR acquired seven General Electric locomotives, four B40-8s and three **C40-8s** (one of which is the 1053 above), all formerly operated by CSX. The Dash 8s have been certified by the original manufacturer, GE Transportation and have undergone extensive 100-point checks.

Real Deal



(Above) The current Jaguar track map.

(Below) the CVR 5951 a GE **B40-8** still in CSX colors.



Real Deal



(Left) The East end of the Dodge City yard has recently seen the installation of two new switches just West of the bridge over Underpass Road. This switch was cut in on the North side to run a spur to the ADM milling facility on Wyatt Earp Blvd.



(Right) The second switch was added to the spur that serves the cattle feed producer (I don't know their name) on the South side of the yard.



(Left) Looking West from the new switch, the spur to the left of the picture goes to the cattle feed producer.

There was a similar company in Holcomb, KS. Called Agridyne which I model on the layout, so I believe this company receives tank cars of molasses and other liquid vitamins/minerals, which are blended together in proportion and stored in large storage tanks, then transferred to tank truck for delivery to cattle feed yards to be mixed into the dry cattle feed.

The two middle tracks go into the yard.

Real Deal

(Right) This is a zoom shot of the spur into the cattle feed producer.



(Below) Moving down to Trail Street (South of the yard), the cattle feed producer has recently expanded their facility with an extension of the rail lines, construction of an additional unloading facility, additional building, plus four new storage tanks (black).



Real Deal



(Above) A closer look at the new unloading facility.



(Left) This new line extension curves around to join the original line.

Real Deal



(Above) On the other side of the tracks, there is a little more activity at the ADM milling facility. Here a Trackmobile is in charge of a hopper car.

(Below) A closer look at the Trackmobile.



**It must have been
a rough divorce**



...But he kept the layout...

N-Scale

On the cover: Time Freight 163 eases into Lewistown Yard, observing the eight mph speed restriction. The FTs with their lightning stripe paint scheme are still functioning, but they are gradually being replaced by F7s. You can find this and more in Dan Lewis' Lewistown Series, starting on page 16.

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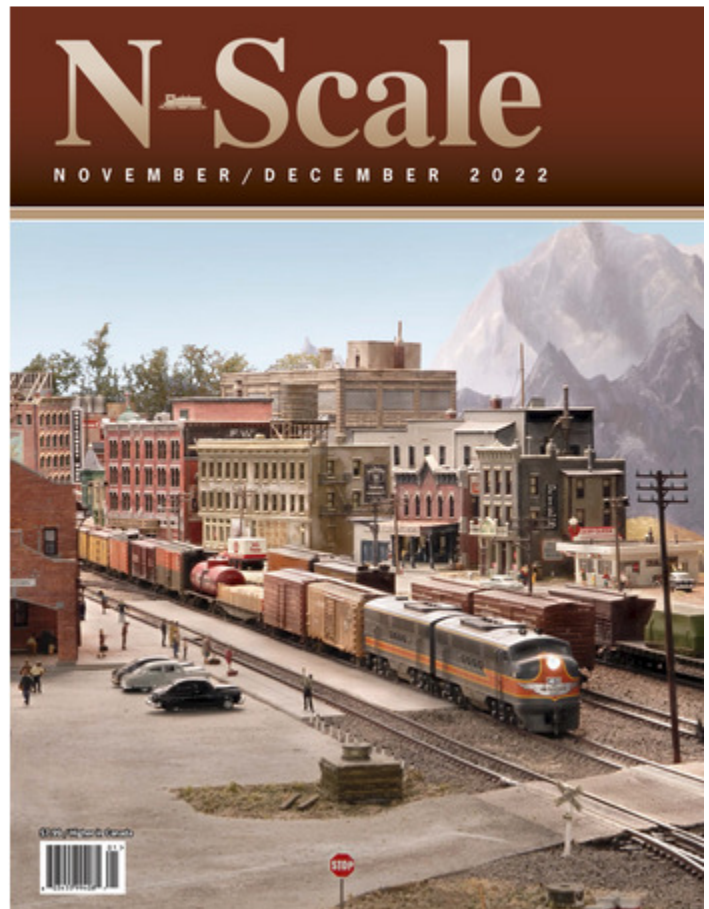
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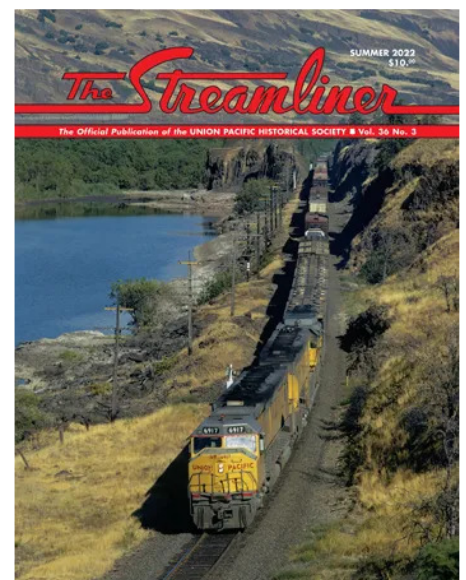
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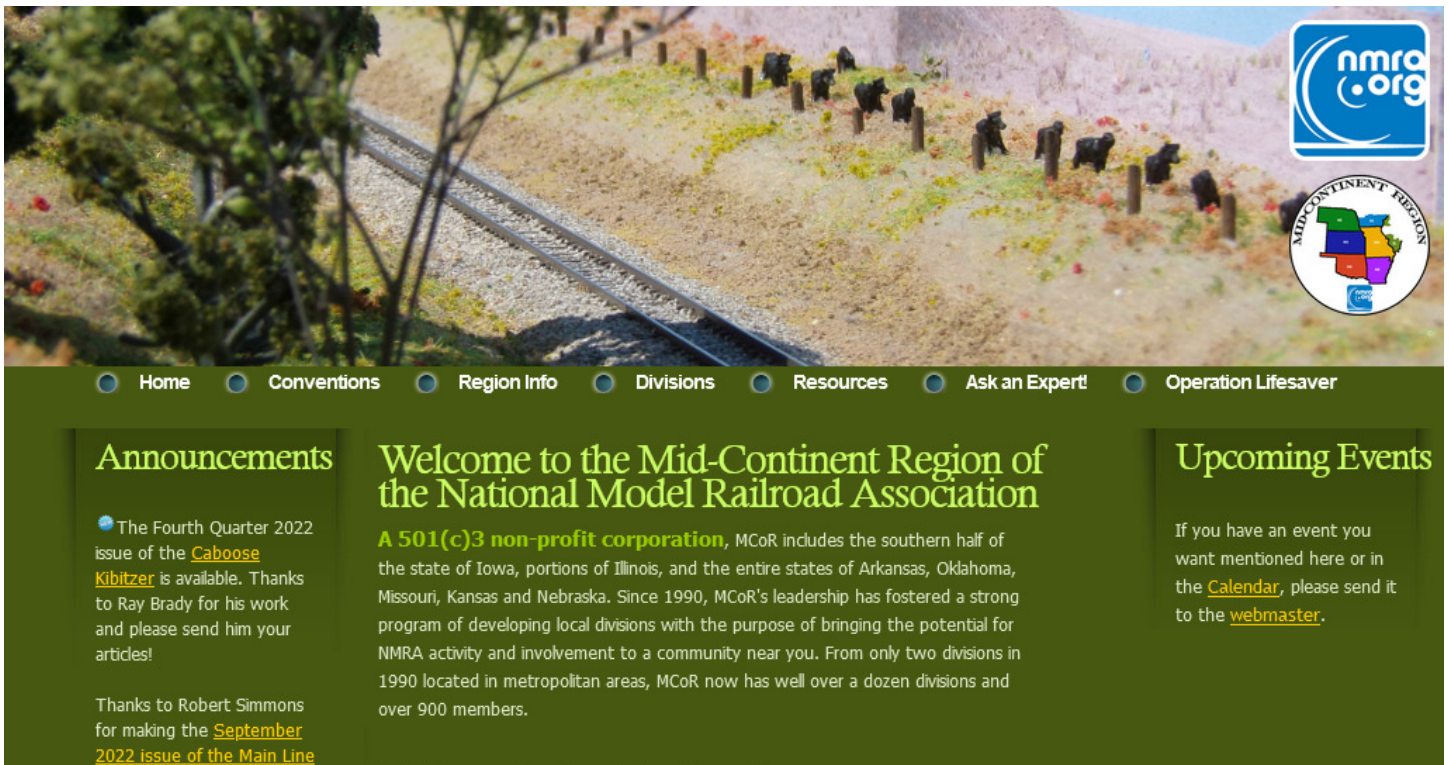
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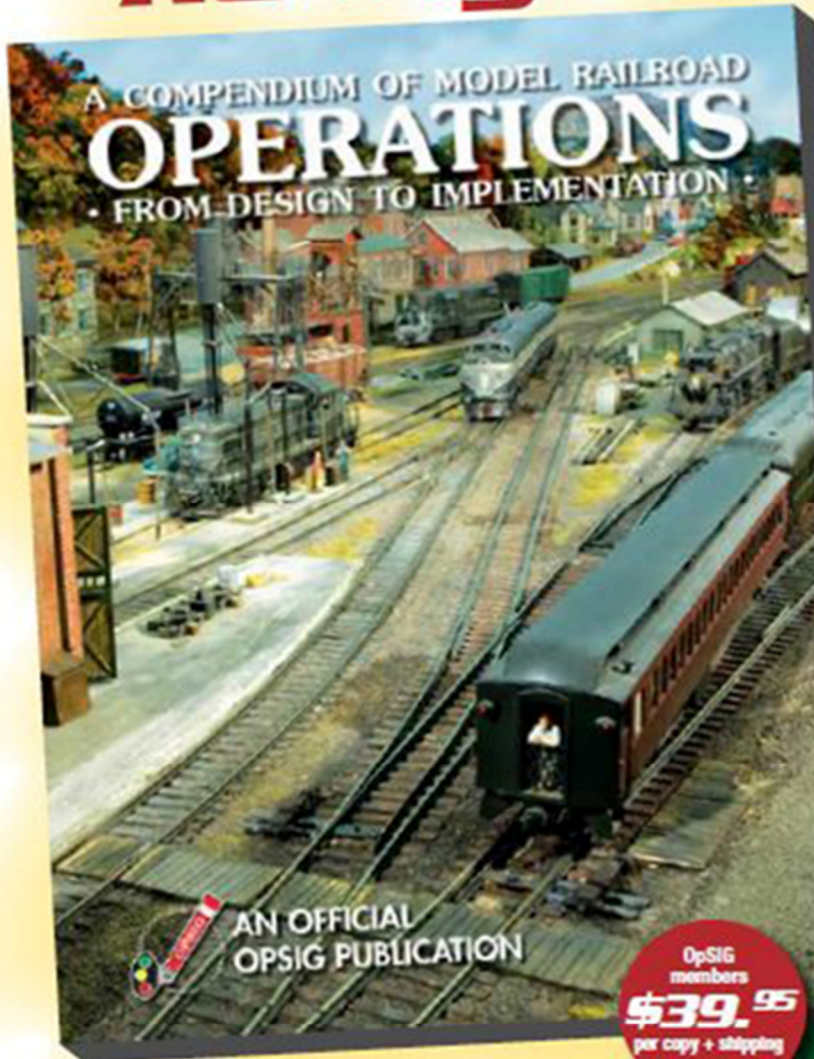
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WKR Layout Update



It all started with upgrading wheel sets to Eastern Seaboard Models (ESM) metal wheels, then it advanced to detail painting the wheels and truck side frames, now the Car Department of the WKR noticed that the black Micro-Trains coupler boxes stood out from the color of the car body, so guess what, we are now painting the coupler boxes to closely match the car body.

(Below) The color matched cars on the layout.



WKR Layout Update



(Left) Not to be left out, the Scenery Crew of the WKR noticed there was something missing from the new concrete plant

(Below) The Crew added a flagpole and American flag to the scene.



WKR Layout Update

The Scenery Crew also tackled the project of adding a pair of very noticeable details to the Pride Ag elevator.

(Right) On the East end of the real elevator, there is a mural of strands of wheat.

(Below) Now the model elevator also has the strands of wheat mural.



WKR Layout Update



(Left) The real elevator has a corn mural on the West end.

(Below) Now, the WKR version also has the corn mural also on the appropriate end.





The **Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR)** historical society was chartered to gather, preserve, and share information about the history and the current operations of the Burlington Northern Railroad. The group began with about 140 members absorbed from the Burlington Northern Historical Society. In 1996, following the merger between Burlington Northern and Santa Fe, the group voted to follow the Burlington Northern from 1970 to 1995 and the BNSF from 1995 to the present, in 2018 we added coverage of the Montana Rail Link.



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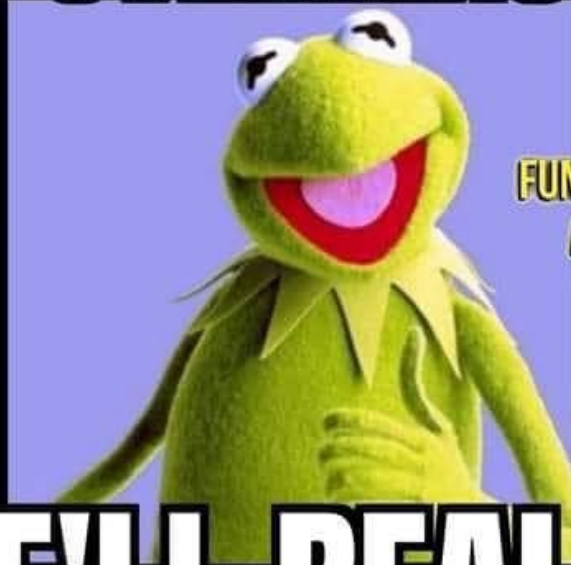
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