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The President's Car Larry Burkholder

I hope everyone is keeping safe and getting their Covid-19 vaccinations as soon as you can. With a successful vaccination program, we should be able to get together again to share our hobby in person.

Already division sponsored train shows in Ashville and Cartersville have been announced and the prospects for a successful SER convention in September are looking good. With the national NMRA convention being canceled, these may be your only opportunity to get back into the hobby in a big way.

Speaking of the Ashville train show, one of its primary organizers was Fred Coleman. Sadly, Fred passed away in early February. Fred was the SER Past-VP and longtime Convention

Chairman. His commitment to his division, the SER, and the hobby will be missed by all of us.

SER elections will be held later this year, see "Where is my Ballot" below. Every candidate entered mentions they want to promote more support for regions and divisions. This is an annual promise, but one that never seems to go very far.

The truth is that regional and division support is primarily a local responsibility. The region needs to deal with overall divisional issues and offer support to help maintain overall membership interest. The division superintendents and their staff need to further that support on a local level. The pandemic has made this very difficult for both entities.

Zoom-type sessions have provided some relief. Our Education Chairman, Owen Maddox, organized two very

nice webinars that I hope you took advantage of, with more coming. Even after the pandemic wanes and in-person meetings are again practical, we need to keep virtual meetings and clinics in our bag of tricks. It is the best way to bring members spread widely in your division together and maintain their interest.

In 2020 we had a decrease of 98 members. Of the 1,139 members at the start of 2021, 79 were new members and 22 were Railpass members.

It is leadership's responsibility to keep these new and trial members coming back, but each individual member can help too by participating in divisional activities, Zoom or in-person, and encouraging any new member you meet.

When you get SER election information and list of candidates, be sure to vote. The electronic system is easy and works well. Read about the candidates, make your selection, and push the buttons. There is no excuse for not taking the few minutes it takes to vote. [SER](#)

Where is My Ballot? - The 2021 Election is Moving!

Because this year's convention has been pushed back to September, we are moving the election.

Voting opens when your Summer edition of the SouthErneR arrives. The online ballot will be available on August 1. Check the SER website and Summer issue of the SouthErneR for candidate statements and additional election information.

If you have questions, contact the SER elections team at elections@ser-nmra.org.

Thank you for voting and thank you for being a member!

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Education Department

Owen Maddux
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I hope this issue of the **SouthErneR** finds you and your family well and

virus free. A note about the covid-19 vaccines. My wife and I have gotten our two shots of the Maderno vaccine. The next day after the second shot we both felt really cruddy; so if you can schedule your shot a few days before or after your wife's shot do so. That way you both will not be under the weather on the same day.

This will be my last education column for the SouthErneR in that my wife and I are moving to Hillsborough, NC this spring. Chuck Higdon has agreed to become the new SER education person. Hillsborough is a very old NC town having served as the state's capital during the Revolutionary War. Hillsborough is only 14 miles west of Durham, NC and the main line for Norfolk Southern between Atlanta and Raleigh runs through town (no stop for Amtrak). The reason for the move, three of our four children and our five grandchildren now live in North Carolina and we have no relatives left in Tennessee.

The SER has now purchased two commercial Zoom accounts, one for meetings and one for education. If any club or district wants to schedule a webinar then contact me or Chuck Higdon and one of us will set it up at no cost.

Chuck has been very active in the NMRA in New Jersey but due to weather and having lots of relatives in the northeastern area of Alabama, Chuck and his wife have built a new home and will be in it by the end of February in Jasper, TN. Chuck had a three-layer layout in his basement in NJ, so his new house's basement has the same dimensions as his old house; thus, he has taken down the old layout and will erect it in his new basement with no major modifications. Chuck can be reached at 732-278-1646 or at vze5crrw@outlook.com.

Five webinars are scheduled for April, May and June. Each webinar is given twice. Two are in April, one in May and two in June. The dates are April 8 and 10; April 22 and 24; May 6 and 8; June 10 and 12, and then June 24 and June 26. The information will be on the SER web site and Rick Coble will be sending out an E-Blast a week before to remind you. All webinars will run 45 minutes to an hour depending on questions from the audience. Rick will have the Zoom meeting information in the E-Blast.

The first two April webinar will be by John Stevens. His topic would be **"The building of the Pan Am Railways Crawford Notch Branch."**

John says that in 2015, "My wife brought up the topic of building an addition to our house." I was more in favor of buying some land and building a new house, but when she offered me almost full use of the basement for a model railroad, I softened to the idea. The only stipulation was that the railroad model seasons. Since the area I live in now does not really have seasons, I went searching for prototypes to model. The clinic will discuss how I came to choose the Pan Am Railways and the progress I have made so far on the model railroad.

Join the Zoom meeting on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 p.m. Central. The Saturday Zoom meeting will be on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 9:30 Central.

The second two April webinars are by Tom Alderman. His topic: **A New Colorful Look at Old Railroad Photos**

Alderman's presentation will be an overview of the history of color railroad photography and the connection to the colorful diesels of the late 1930s. It also will include a brief description of how the color is added to an existing black and white photo and will point out the techniques that closely resemble custom painting an HO model (masking, overspray, gloss coats, etc.). Tom also plans to show some rapid in

transition sequences showing the multiple color layers going onto a black and white image and many "before and after" shots. He plans to keep the program moving and leave time for questions.

Join the Zoom meeting on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 Central. The Saturday repeat Zoom meeting will be on April 24 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 9:30 Central.



The May 6 and May 8 webinar will be given by Jim Lewis of Model Train Technology. located in Orlando, FL, web site www.modeltrainman.com. The webinar will be the same for both dates; thus, if the date or time for one is bad for you then perhaps you can see it on the alternate date. The time for May 6 is 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 Central. The alternate date is May 8 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 9:30 Central. The webinar will be on Zoom. Jim's subjects will be **Block Signs, Detection and Sound**.

Nick Santo of NIXTRAINZ has the next four webinars on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 Central, and then June 12 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 9:30 Central.



Nick lives in South Burlington, VT. His web site is www.nixtrainz.com, and the phone number 802-598-2935; email is amsnick2000@yahoo.com. A description of his first clinic **"Basic Decode Installations"** for June 10 and 12 is as follows: "This clinic is aimed at people wanting to get their start in converting their locomotives from DC to DCC or upgrading an older decoder to a newer model."

It is a general view of the process. Nick starts with a basic introduction to the proposition of DCC. He then

continues on to what is involved installing a DCC decoder in some common diesel locomotives. Upgrading to LED lights in a locomotive is an important consideration that is also covered. The viewer should come away with a good idea of whether he or she wants to pursue the task of conversion or upgrade of a locomotive and what is involved in the task.

Nick's second webinar which is at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 Central on June 24 and then again on June 26 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 9:30 Central will be **"Soldering Methods for the Model Railroader."**

Nick started his model train journey at age four with a Marx figure 8 on a sheet of plywood that his grandfather made for him. His father made machines that made tantalum capacitors that went to the moon and back, introducing Nick to the engineers that taught him the basics of soldering. The clinic will go over a number of applications of soldering in model railroading. The webinar will show basic techniques used for layout wiring and locomotive decoder and LED installation. The webinar will also discuss the basic tools used for soldering.

I hope you can sign on to all the webinars and learn more about model railroading.

I want to give thanks in advance to all our presenters who will be sharing their time and expertise for their contributions to our hobby.

The old Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club which formerly had a layout at the Choo Choo in Chattanooga, TN, has disbanded.

In its wake, several members formed a new model railroad group. It is the Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders Inc. which has received a non-profit charter from the State of Tennessee and received 501(c)(3) non-profit status from the IRS.

The TVMRI has now, with financial help and labor from its members and from the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM), continued construction of a layout in the basement of the former NMRA Headquarters building on Cromwell Road, that is now the offices of the TVRM in Chattanooga, TN.

This HO layout is a model of the famous Rat Hole Division of the

Southern Railroad from Danville, KY to Harriman Junction.

It will be 240 linear feet long; have two large islands, and two major yards at Danville and Oakdale. Other towns with industries and sidings will be Burnside, Stearns, Oneida and Lansing. There are plans to have a spur line to a log dumb pond, a sawmill, and a planing mill.

The layout is in a room 43 by 49 feet that is heated and air conditioned. Once up and running there will be two mainline tracks that 8 trains will run on during the hours the museum is open to the public for viewing. For club members Op-Sessions, the layout is a point to point operation with sidings and yards. Plans call for a dispatcher setup utilizing JMRI.

The group is open to anyone interested in model railroading. If you wish to help with construction and later operate trains, then you can join the club. If interested go to the TVMRI website at www.tvmri.org for more information.

Here are some pictures that show where the club is in its construction. [SER](#)



Welcome Our New Education Chairman

Owen Maddux mentions in his article about his moving out of the area, he mentions me becoming the new education person.

A little about me, I joined the NMRA back in the late 60's. Only started to attend the local division meetings in 2006. I really enjoyed the afternoon layout tours the New Jersey Division offered after the morning clinics. So opened my layout for a tour in 2013. Some suggested the layout was ready for Ops. Put together a plan for a session and started hosting Ops in August 2013.

For the MER Regional convention in 2015 I was the layout tour and Ops Chairman. Joining the board then in 2016. Helped a few others set Ops on their layouts. Helped build a few layouts as well tear some down.

I model the Florida East Coast Railway. I also have some other favorites, so run trains of those lines as well. Yes, I moved my railway. It is piled in the basement and I am re-assembling it now. Along with many other things one does when they move to another state.

Glad Owen has a few Zoom meetings setup so I can catch up to what he has done. I am on three Zoom meetings a

week. Given the virus restrictions, they are a good way to socialize without worrying about the virus. I hope you get to watch them. Please offer me any suggestions for upcoming meetings if you can host one. I can also work with you to help you along. **SER**



Achievement Program

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A New Railfan Mecca Opens in South Central Georgia

An average of 80 trains a day cross the diamond in Cordele, Georgia. Norfolk Southern, CSX, and the Genesee and Wyoming, operating the Heart of Georgia (HOG) Railroad, all use the three-rail crossing making it one of the busiest in the Southeast. “The activity rivals that of Folkston and Manchester, GA” says avid railfan, and private car owner, Nelson McGahee.

Todd Tait of GS&F T-TRAK adds: “It’s the best place in the Southeast to watch trains from multiple railroads with plenty of southern hospitality.”

In the past, hundreds of photographers and railroad enthusiasts flocked to the area annually but it could be difficult to get just the right view point. With the addition of a viewing platform in Railway Park, it’s easier and more comfortable to watch and snap the perfect photo.

A Logical Landmark for a Rail Town

Plans for an observation platform began as far back as the 1980s. It was an item on the Main Street agenda for years but proposals lay dormant until 2019. The desire for a tourism project led to the decision that trains and railroads were the city’s niche.

“The railroads were - and still are - what makes Cordele different,” explains Monica Mitchell, the director of Cordele Mainstreet. “That’s why Cordele exists.”

The presence of two major railroads - the Savannah, Americus & Montgomery line (SAM) and the Georgia Southern & Florida drove the economic development of the area. So much so that the town was named for Cordelia Hawkins, daughter of the president of the SAM railroad.

While Amtrak does not serve Cordele today, passenger trains played a part in the town’s rich railroad history. The Ponce De Leon an early afternoon train in both directions passed through in the 50s as the Royal Palm. The only passenger train crossing the diamond now is the SAM excursion train.

Once the direction was set to honor railroad history, activity was swift. A rail museum was established next to the SAM Shortline excursion train headquarters. With the involvement of the Cordele City Commission, the Industrial Development Authority, Cordele-Crisp Tourism and the Downtown Development Authority, construction of the viewing platform and Railway Park began. It was completed in 2020, within a year of the ground breaking.

Cordele Railway Park is in the Center of It All

Located adjacent to the Cordele Railroad Diamond, just West of Hwy 41/7th St, the new platform overlooks the intersection of the three railroad lines. The platform itself is covered, has charging stations for personal electronics and bathroom facilities.



The walkway leading to the elevated deck is lined with plaques detailing the history of the trains that have passed through, as well as the depot and city history. It is surrounded by green space that features benches and trees donated by local Rotarians. Even non-railroad lovers find it a peaceful and comfortable place to relax.

The observation deck is open 24/7 with the restrooms open from sunup to sundown.

What's Next

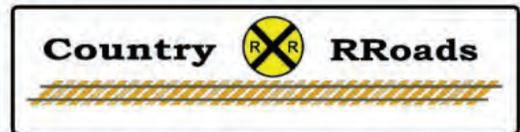
In the future, developers plan to add webcams and radio monitors to the viewing stand. It will also be part of the annual Railfan Festival that is held on the second Saturday in November. The event features model club displays, railroad artists, craft vendors, food and children's activities.

City leaders hope the unique attraction will lead to further developments such as retail stores, eating establishments and a boutique hotel. "This wonderful platform will certainly draw visitors," says Al Willis, Chairman of the Friends of SAM. "It is a win-win for railfans and the city of Cordele." *SER*

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Flat Car for Camera Mounting

by Joanna M. Long
Cherokee Division

My friend, Dale Bryant, likes to use a small “on-the-go” camera to video movement on the railroads he visits. He typically places the camera on top of an engine so it can ride around and send video from the perspective of the engine.

Well, that works fine unless the engine goes through tunnels. Then, the camera finds a new place to video as it is removed from the engine. Therefore, I decided to make him a special car for his camera to ride on that would be able to travel through tunnels unimpeded. In this article, I will show you how I made this flat car complete with whimsical charm. I gave this flat car to Dale as a Christmas gift and he really likes it.

Construction of Flat Car

I made my own plans and drawings based off a similar flat car that I had available. (Drawing not to scale.)

First cut two boards that are 8-1/2 by 40 scale feet using 1/32 birch plywood.



Next, take the 1/16 by 1/2 basswood then cut two sections that are 29-1/2 scale feet and transfer the measurements for the underframe sides.

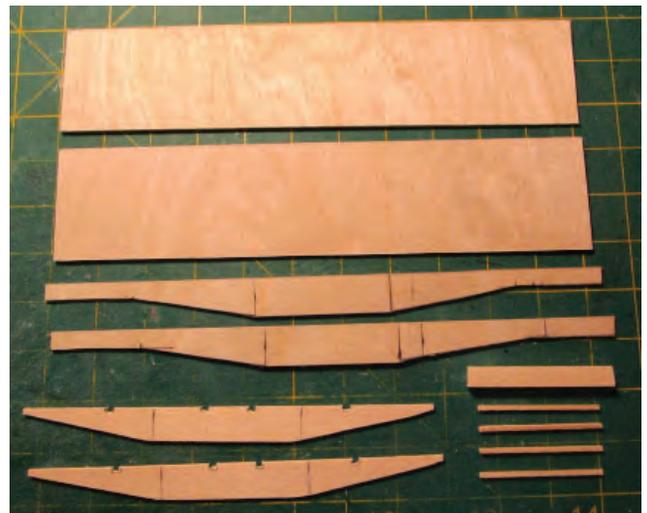


Then, mark and cut the actual sides of the flat car using 1/32 birch plywood. Sand the two underframe sides and the actual sides of the flat car to match each other.

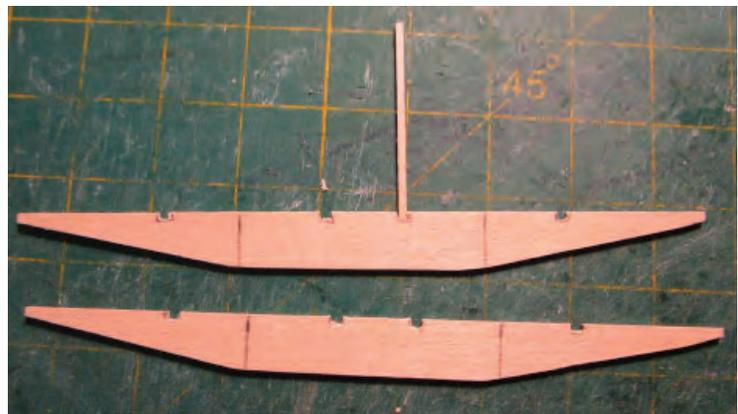


Take a 3/16 by 1/8 basswood and cut it to 10-1/2 scale ft. This will become the center spacer between the two under carriage beams

Next, take basswood measuring 0.0416 by 0.0416 (Midwest Products #8016) and cut 4 sections that each measure 8-3/4 scale feet. These will be the cross braces. (Below is a photo of all cut pieces to this point.)



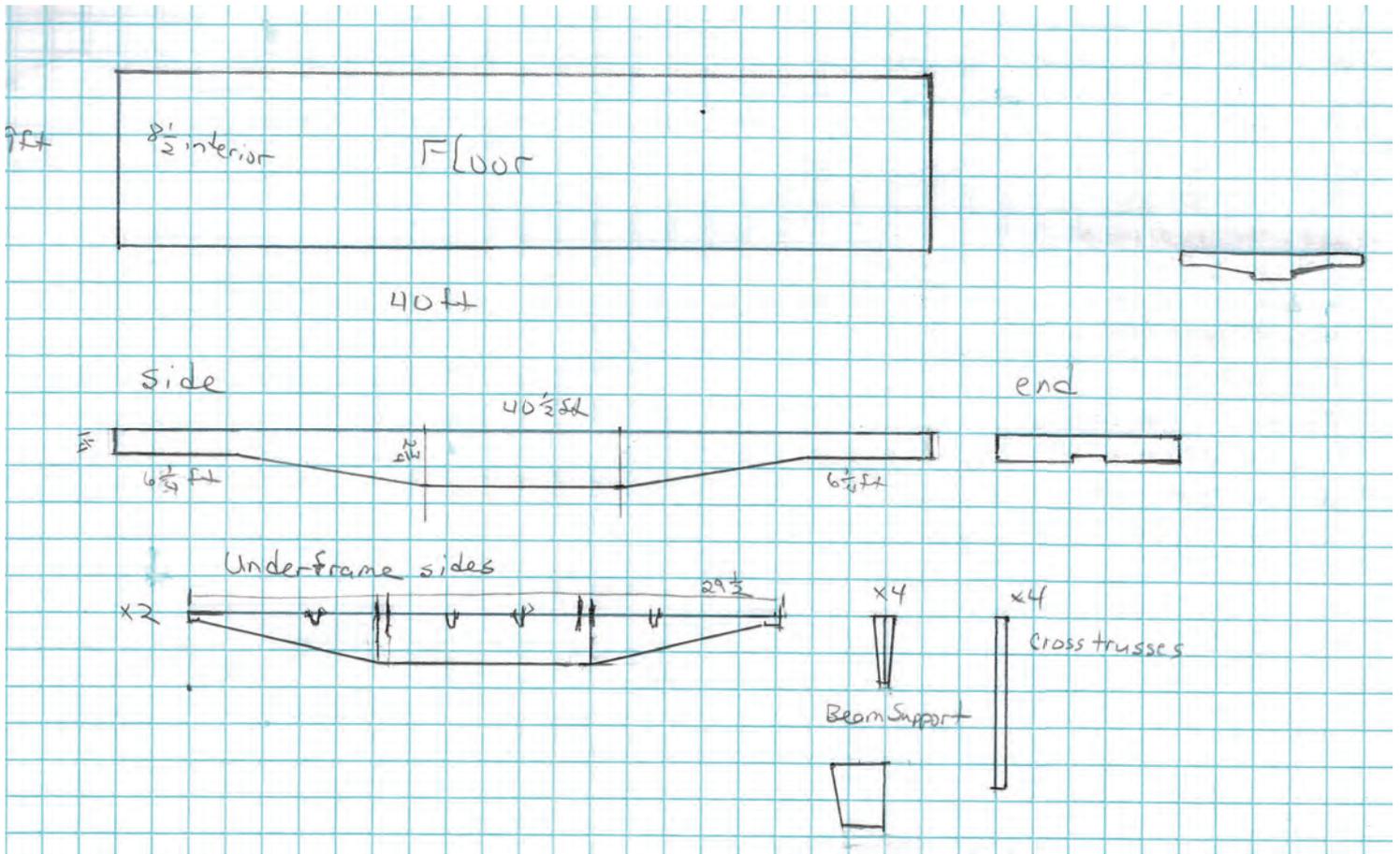
Next, cut the notches in the underframe sides to accept the cross braces. The notches should be the measurement of the cross brace and line up with each other.



Take a piece of brass metal measuring 1/32 by 3/4 inches and cut it to 40 scale feet. This will be sandwiched in between the two floor sections. It will create a place for the screws to later screw into for mounting the trucks and couplers as well as adding some weight.

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Cut two sections of 0.0208 by 0.0625 (Midwest Products #8003) to a length of 40 scale feet. Also, cut two sections of 0.0208 by 0.0833 (Midwest Products #8004) to a length of 40 scale feet.

Take one of the pieces of #8004 and glue it, using wood glue, to one of the floor sections, making sure to line the two edges so they are flush. Next to that piece, glue one of the pieces of #8003. Then glue the piece of brass so that it lays in the centermost part of the floor.

I used wood glue for the brass since the glue was only used to keep the brass in place while the rest of the car was being constructed. Next to the other edge of the brass, glue the two remaining pieces of wood with #8003 next to the brass and #8004 lining up with the other edge of the floor section.

Glue the other floor section on top of the section just completed with wood glue, essentially sandwiching the brass in between the two floor sections. Then, allow to dry.



While the floor section is drying, work on the underframe. Using wood glue, take the 3/16 by 1/8 basswood measuring

10 1/2 scale feet (cut earlier) and glue it to the center part of the underframe sections. Make sure to line up the notches made earlier for the cross braces on the underframes. (Like photo below.)



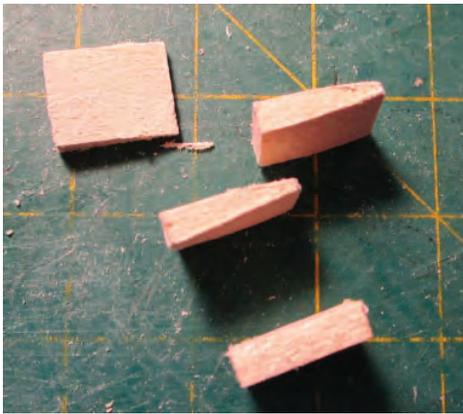
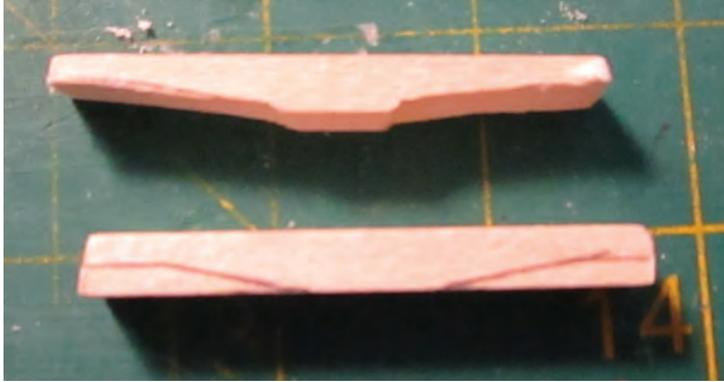
When the floor section is dry, sand all the edges even. Then, glue the two sides and the two end sections to the floor. The end sections are made from 1/32 birch plywood. Make sure that the top of the floor and the edge of the sides and ends are flush.



Make two bolsters from 3/16 by 3/16 bass wood. I did not have 3/16 by 3/16 bass wood. Therefore, my bolsters were made from 3/18 by 1/8 with a piece of 3/16 by 1/16 bass wood glued to the bottom of the bolster acting as a shim to increase the height of the bolster. I made my bolsters by carving them out of the 3/16 by 1/8 bass wood.

They are not difficult to make but it does take patience and a little bit of whittling skill. Use a hobby knife to cut out the basic design then use sandpaper to finalize the shape.

Then, begin creating the beam supports. These are made from a section of 3/8 by 1/8 bass wood cut to 3 - 1/2 scale feet. Then, use sandpaper to shape them to the appropriate profile.



When the floor and side sections of the flat car are dry, sand any areas that need to be sanded flush, such as the top and sides where pieces of wood meet.

Take this time to also mark the center at each ends of the car for the hole for the coupler screw to be drilled. Also, cut a notch at each end for the coupler box to lay flat against the bottom of the flat car. Drill the hole for the coupler box. Use a tap and drill set for drilling the hole and tapping the hole for the coupler screw. (I used a 2-56 Kadee #246 drill and tap set for this task.) Test fit the coupler and box to make sure everything lines up well. I used #2-56 (1/4in) screws for the couplers.



Next, place the underframe, cross braces, beam supports and bolsters. Wood glue the cross braces in place on the underframe section, making sure that the cross braces fit inside the bottom part of the flat car and are centered.

Take time to pre-drill any holes for the brake lines that go through the frame.

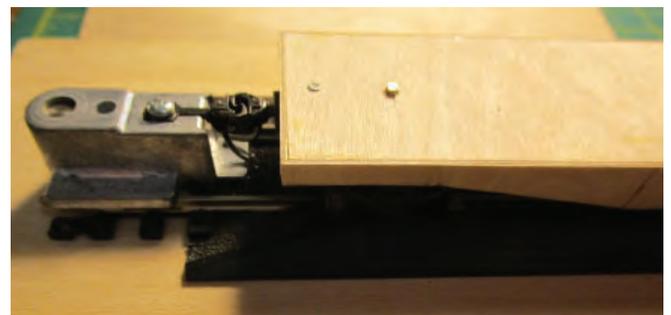
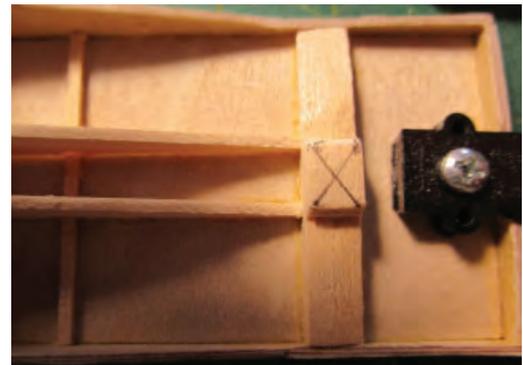
Center the underframe in the bottom of the flat car and place the two bolsters at the end up against each end of the underframe and glue everything in place with wood glue. Next, sand and glue the beam supports in place with wood glue. These should fit snug. After everything dries sand the beam supports flush to the beam.



Draw an "X" on the top of the bolsters to mark the center spot then drill the hole for the truck screws. Use a drill and tap set to drill and tap the hole for the bolster screws. (Again, I used a 2-56 Kadee #246 drill and tap set for this task.)

Test fit the trucks and use this time to make any adjustments needed for correct coupler height. If the coupler is too high then sand the bolsters little by little until the coupler lines up with the coupler gauge.

If the coupler is too low then add washers of the correct thickness to increase the height until the coupler lines up with the coupler gauge. I used #2-56 (3/8in) screws for the trucks. Once the correct coupler height is achieved, remove all the trucks and couplers to complete construction and painting.



Next, cut a piece of 1/32 plywood measuring 9 by 40-1/2 scale feet. This piece fits directly on top of the flat car and provides a flat area to lay the individual plank boards across. This will also help to cover up the screw holes made

earlier by the coupler screws and truck screws. Glue the board to the top of the flat car with wood glue and allow to dry. Then sand any rough edges flush.



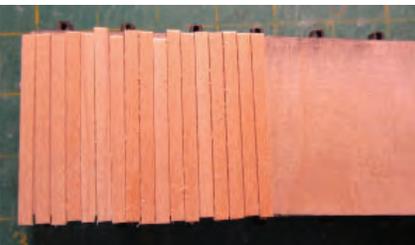
At this point, assemble the brake mechanisms that will go underneath the flat car. I used Tichy Train Groups AB brake set and followed the enclosed instructions. For the brake handle post, I used K&S Precision Metals 0.015 Music Wire (code 636837, #5498). Mount the brake wheel to one end of the music wire with CA glue and allow to dry.



Glue the stake pockets to the sides of the car with CA Glue (Tichy Stake Pockets #3006). Next, I painted the sides and underside of the flat car, leaving the top unpainted. I also painted the brake mechanisms. I used Rust-oleum Flat Black Primer. I sprayed the paint into a paper bowl. Then using a brush, I painted the parts that I needed to paint black.



I used Midwest Products Basswood (0.0208 by 0.0833 #8004) for the wood planks on top of the flat car. Cut them to the width of the car and glue them to the top of the flat car with wood glue.



Once the glue dried, I used a water-based wood stain (red oak) to stain the top planks. (Other colors could be used as well.)

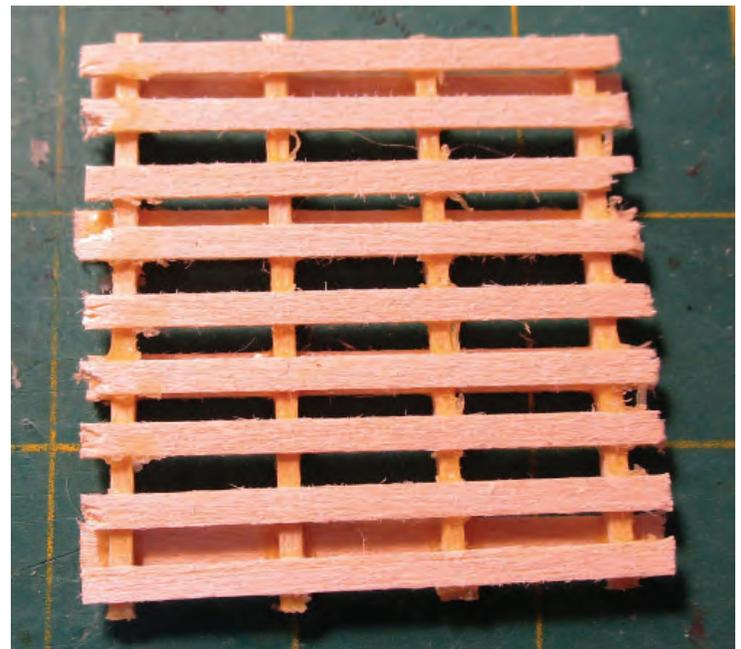


Attach the brake mechanisms below the flat car and run the wire between the brake pieces. I used 26-gauge Jewelry wire that was already coated black.

Attach the brake wheel and music wire to the brake end of the flat car. I used CA glue to glue the brake mechanisms and wire in place.



To make the pallet that the camera rests on, I used Midwest Products 0.0208 by 0.0625 (#8003) for the top planks, Midwest Products 0.0416 by 0.0416 (#8016) as the middle braces and Midwest Products 0.0208 by 0.0833 (#8004) as the bottom planks. I purposefully broke some of the ends of the pallet to give it that "rough" look.



I used Catz paw Innovations Port-a-potty Door Closed (#STR87PPDC) for the Port-a-Potty at one end of the car. Woodland Scenics Checker Players figure kit (A1848) in the center and the pallet at the other end of the flat car. These pieces were glued in place using CA glue.

To make the straps, I used 4 strands of regular black sewing thread, all cut to an even length. With all four

strands together, I tied one end of the strands around a small piece of 26-gauge jewelry wire. Then, I threaded the string bundle up through one of the stake pockets allowing the piece of wire to catch at the bottom of the stake pocket. I wrapped the thread “strap” over the port-a-potty and lead the other end through the stake pocket on the opposite side of the flat car. Next, I used Strap Winches from Tichy Train Group (# 3082). I painted them grey with an over coat of silver paint.

Once the paint was dry, I threaded the strap through the strap winches and glued them in place under the stake pocket using CA glue. I repeated the same process for the straps that hold the pallet in place. Instead of wrapping the strap *over* the pallet, I threaded the strap *through* the pallet. This provided a relatively smooth place to mount the camera. I provided two pieces of Velcro with sticky backs along with the flatcar, to be used to mount the camera - or the camera can simply sit on top of the pallet. Lastly, I added decals on the sides of the flat car.



There is a whimsical story that is playing out on the flat car. The “on-the-go” camera that typically sits on the pallet faithfully records the scenes from the countryside. However as with most electronic devices, it may occasionally experience technical troubles.

Therefore, the railroad decided to hire two guys to take care of any technical problems should they arise. These two gentlemen came highly recommended for their skill in repairing troublesome devices on-the-fly and quickly.

The two gentlemen welcoming the chance to ride through the countryside waiting for video outages decided to play some checkers. Because, everyone knows that checkers is a game of extreme skill and intelligence. However, it is

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3/16 by 1/8 Basswood
3/8 X 1/8 Basswood
3/16 X 3/16 Basswood
K&S Precision Metals 0.015 Music Wire
(code 636837 #5498)
1/32 by 3/4 Brass Metal
Midwest Products scale lumber:
(0.0416 X 0.0416 #8016)
(0.0208 X 0.0833 #8004)
(0.0208 X 0.0628 # 8003)
2-56 Kadee #246 drill and tap set (for drilling holes)
Kadee Coupler Boxes #232
Kadee #5 Couplers
Kadee 513 (100-Ton Roller Bearing Trucks)
2 (2-56 Screws 1/4in. long) for couplers
2 (2-56 Screws 3/8in. long) for trucks
Tichy Train Groups AB Brake Set
Tichy Stake Pockets #3006
Strap Winches from Tichy Train Group (# 3082)
26-gauge Jewelry wire
Black sewing thread
Paint: Black, Grey, and Silver
Wood Stain (red oak)
Catzpaw Innovations Port-a-potty Door Closed
(#STR87PPDC)
Woodland Scenics Checker Players figure kit (A1848)
Wood glue
CA glue

unsure which one is winning the game at this point. Still too early to tell.

The railroad company on the other hand always seeks to accommodate its workers and included a port-a-potty for their workers “creature comforts.” The dog decided to catch a ride for the day and bask in the sun. All in all, a good day on the railroad was had by all and video recording went without a hitch. [SER](#)



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The recently remodeled convention hotel is located just off I-385 at exit 39 - Haywood Road. There will be clinic rooms; a contest room, a layout room, a vendor room, a consignment and raffle room, a spouse's room, and banquet facilities all at the same location.

For the special convention rate of \$129.00 per night say you are with the NMRA. Hotel guests receive free parking, breakfast for two, and shuttle bus. Online hotel registration link can be found on our convention web site.

There will be operating layouts, raffle and company store areas, model, photo, and craft competitions, in the convention hotel.

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Op Sessions

Operating sessions will be conducted throughout the convention. A limited number of slots are available. Check web site to register for participation.

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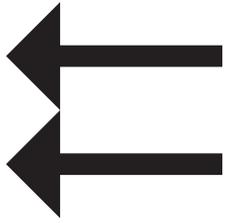
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SER Convention 2021 Layout Preview Acadian Coast Eastern by Sandy Eustis

The Acadian Coast Eastern My “sixth” Maine two-footer

I’ve loved the various Maine two-foot narrow gauge lines ever since I learned as a pre-teen that there once was a Sandy River Railroad, with a logging branch to Eustis, Maine. A real railroad with my own name -- now just how cool is that!

My On30 Acadian Coast Eastern is an imaginary but hopefully plausible cousin to the 5 real-world two-footers that once existed in Maine - a “sixth two-footer” if you prefer. Like its cousins, the ACE of the depression era 1930’s is a slightly run-down, edge of bankruptcy operation, with tiny Forneys and short trains wobbling through coastal and rural scenes.



The ACE main line runs along the Maine coast, from Winter Harbor on the Schoodic peninsula to a connection with the Maine Central near the ferry dock where the Bar Harbor Express once delivered wealthy vacationers to their motor launch connections with Mt. Desert Island, the Acadian National Park, and other Penobscot Bay destinations.

The ACE also includes a logging branch to the north from roughly the midpoint of the main line, and in my world the logging business grew to the point where that branch was extended further north to a second interchange with the Maine Central at Goodwin, where there really was a siding used for log loading.

My basement train room measures only 17' x 16' plus a narrow shelf for a staging yard in an adjacent area under the stairs to the main floor. That’s not a lot of room in On30, certainly not enough for everything I wanted - a logging camp, a sawmill, a fully modeled interchange with a turntable and roundhouse, an extensive waterfront scene



with railroad tracks on docks or piers, several interesting and challenging switching puzzles to provide operating interest, and a long mainline run.

I tried including a helix to an upper deck, but the radius required for minimal vertical separation between helix levels was just too great to make a helix workable for me.

Eventually I was able to include most of my druthers in the track plan, which features a level main line from Winter Harbor to the Hancock interchange, a decently long climb up to a sawmill, log camp, another town on a nearly level upper level and a hole through the wall to a 3 track staging yard under the stairwell landing. My AnyRail track plan is below; it’s basically a 3 legged wye with a couple of short branches.

I started working on this version of the ACE about a year ago. Construction has proceeded fairly quick, partly because



I was able to salvage a couple of hollow core door sections and almost all the structures from my former On30 shelf layout in a previous home, and partly because I've had lots of time to spend at home in the past year.

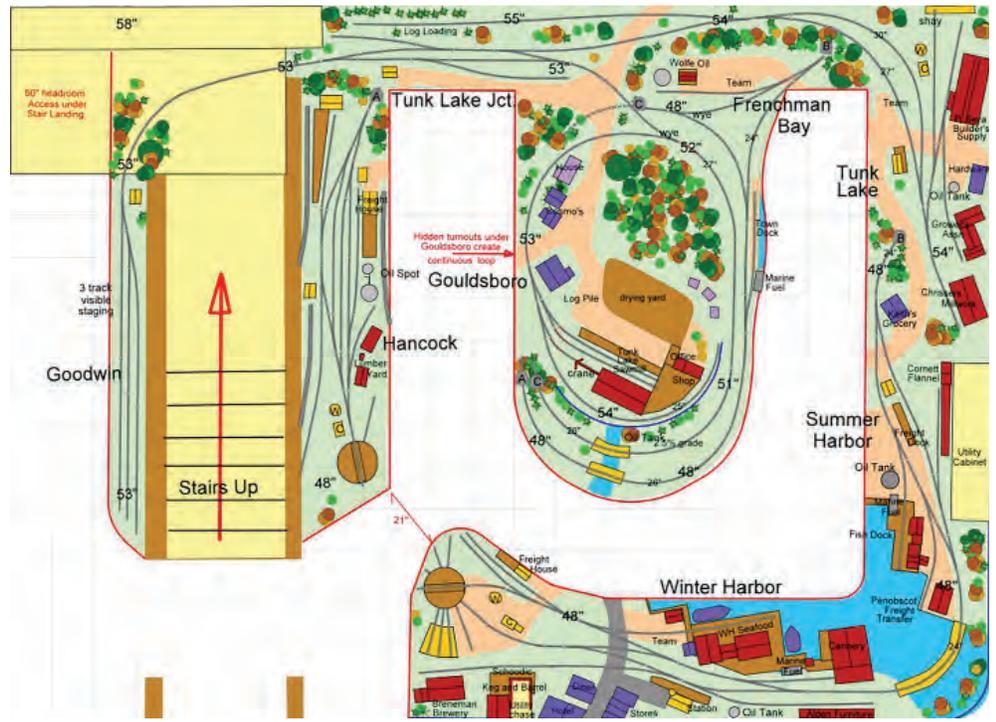
Currently, all the track is in place, as well as more than 50% of the structures that I'll eventually need. The main line and hill have been ballasted, and about a quarter of the trees and foliage and ground cover have been installed.

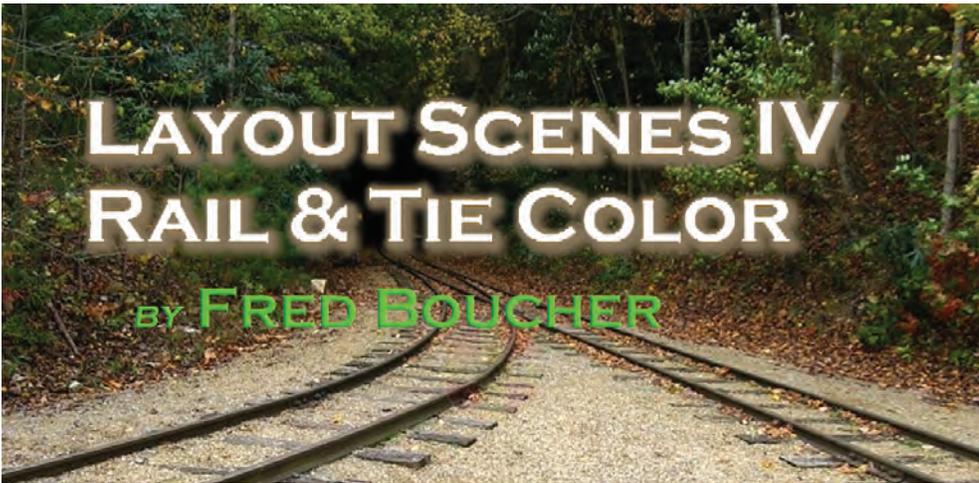
However, I'm now able to operate the layout, which is my favorite aspect of the hobby, so my modeling progress has recently slowed to a crawl. My operating scheme includes moving about 65 freight cars among 29 industry spots, using a car card system.

There are 3 scheduled freight turns (one for each leg of the wye), plus morning and afternoon passenger trains on the lower level and a logging company "shuttle" on the upper level.

The layout can support 3 very busy crews, who each have to solve several head-scratching switching puzzles. You will be able to tour the Acadian Coast Eastern and/or to operate on it during the SER's Swamp Rabbit Express convention in Greenville, SC next September.

I hope to see you there. [SER](#)





Layout Scenes IV Rail & Tie Color

The growing popularity of railroad subjects in the static model community has expanded the common model railroad question of “What color is track?” I hope these images will help modelers clarify this question for their modeling enjoyment.

Color

What color is track? The answer is *What color isn't it?* That isn't meant to be flippant. Rather, the color of track can vary widely depending on the era, the environment, maintenance, whether under steam, diesel or electric locomotives, even the season.

This track was photographed along the storied **East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad**. It is the restored portion operated by Doe River Gorge Ministries, which operates train and speeder excursions along three

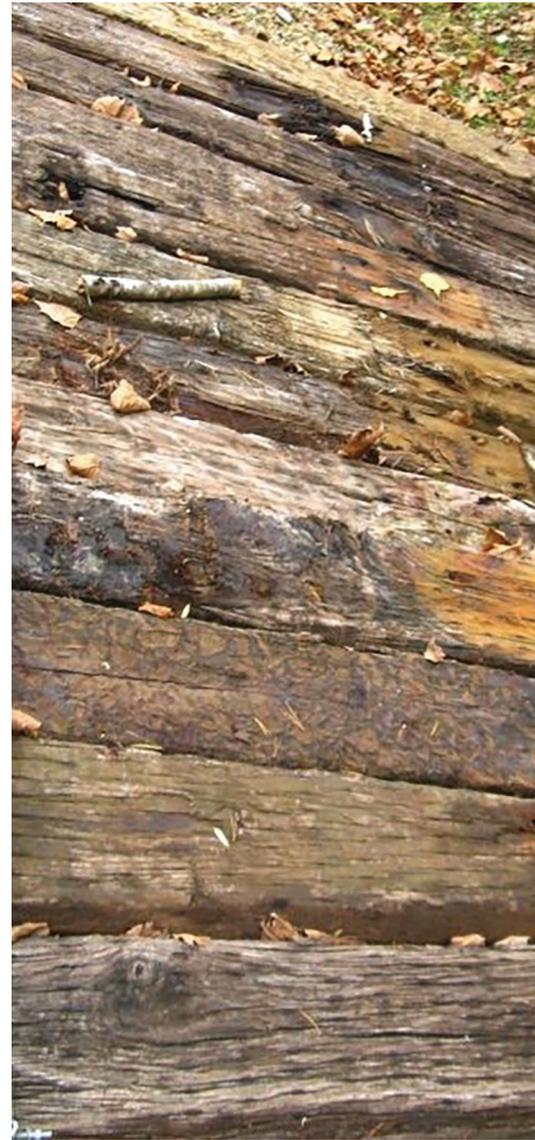
miles of 3-foot narrow gauge track.

So what color is rail?

Many colors! Much of the rail shown was rolled over a century ago. Ties show a variance of wood exposed to the elements. Soil and detritus along the roadbed show how a railway through a forest can look in the autumn.

These photos show what a 100+ year-old track in the mountains of eastern Tennessee in autumn can look like. Moss gives the ferrous rail a green tingle - on the south side of the south rail only! Oil and grease change the hues. Dust and dirt add unique coloration, too.

Attempts to create authentic track color should be preceded by research into your subject. Consider the time and era of the subject, what was hauled and traffic densities. Above all, enjoy your hobby and model what makes you happy! *SER*







Division 4 - Gulf

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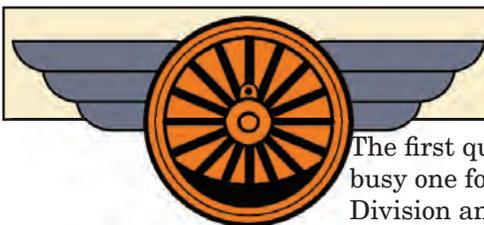
Spring has sprung and model railroading is springing ahead. However, yard work is also coming on and it's time to think about finishing off the last projects on the railroad before mowing and trimming become all consuming. So, pick a railroad project and wrap it up before nature catches up with you.

Spring and summer are good times for getting some put-off projects finished while working around yard work and vacation schedules. Give some thought to picking away at some unfinished project that can be knocked off in spurts

between spring projects.

No outstanding project still hanging around? How about working on a Master Model Railroader project. I have been picking away at MMR projects for the last 2 years and have actually finished two of them. Two more are getting close to wrapping up and I have found the projects to be a lot of fun and give a sense of accomplishment when completed.

With the assumption that covid-19 will finally be coming under control, in the next report I will list fall events in the Gulf Division 4 area we can go to and enjoy. Boy am I ready for some events other than in my home. *SER*



Division 5 - Piedmont

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The first quarter has been a busy one for the Piedmont Division and its members. We have continued to host virtual monthly meetings and have also presented a very major event. More about all of those in a bit, but first, like Walt noted last quarter, I'm so glad that I have Model Railroading as a hobby. While not much model railroading is happening in person, I, like many of you, are getting a lot done on my own Utah, Colorado & Western Railroad. While there is room for improvement in terms of pandemic life, things are happening!

In January, the Division meeting clinic was a presentation by Stephen Priest, MMR, "Little Things-Big Difference, tips and tricks to quickly improve your layout." Stephen covered a number of things he has learned over the years to speed up construction of his own layouts and greatly improve the realism of his layout at the same time. I didn't know that blue painter's tape was so useful! He also covered very effective methods of modeling backdrops and pavement in a wide variety of situations.

In February, Stefan Bartelski presented "Using a JMRI Panel as a Dispatcher's Magnet Board, with Semi Automation using Paperless JMRI Manifests." This was a fascinating look at some of the functionality of JMRI Panel Pro as a method of "constructing" a digital magnetic train location board for your model railroad. Many of us use JMRI Decoder Pro, but I, for one, have not spent much time in Panel Pro. I do have my layout wired for detection but wading into actually combining detection and a digital panel looks tough. But, starting with a digital magnetic panel seems like a good intermediate step!

In March, Fr. Tim Oudenhoven provided a basic overview of 3D printing. He also covered the capabilities of 3D print-

ing, the design process, and steps to successfully produce items via 3D printing. He also showed us examples of his work. While I don't expect to ever own a 3D printer, I, like many others, do make use of 3D printed items and learning how they are "built" was fascinating.

On January 30, Walt Liles and I presented our Division's annual Train 'N Camp on Model Railroading 01. Due to the pandemic, this year the Camp was a virtual event. We combined resources with the NMRAX staff and the Camp was presented to a worldwide audience! To date, we have had well over 700 views between two YouTube channels plus those who attended real time via WebEx, YouTube and Facebook!

We have received some very positive feedback, both from completely new models as well as those who are returning to the hobby after a long absence. About half the attendees were not NMRA members. While most of the people who have viewed or attended are not from our immediate area, yet alone the SER, this speaks volumes about how widespread social media can be in our hobby and can be an extremely useful way to attract new people into our great hobby!

Please note the ads that have appeared in the SouthEer-nR, announcing that our annual Model Train Show has been moved to October 3 and 4 in Cartersville, GA. We felt that moving the show would be the best option to both attract vendors and layouts but also keep the public safe. Hopefully by then we'll be well on the way to vaccinating larger numbers of folks and holding public events will be safe. We are certainly looking forward to seeing folks at the Clarence Brown Convention Center!

Please also be aware that any of our virtual events are

open to any member of the Southeastern Region. Our monthly meetings are held in our WebEx meeting room, https://perrylamb.my.webex.com/meet/perry_lamb and each of our past meetings, most of which were recorded, are available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7vxNTIr80By8mPyFhxphBQ> Also, if you think there is something we can do to assist you, please let me know. If you would like to host your own vir-

tual meetings, as long as it's not in use, our Division room is available.

It is a pleasure to serve the Piedmont Division, but it is even more enjoyable to promote and support the NMRA and the hobby of Model Railroading as a whole. After all, Model Railroading is the World's Greatest Hobby!

Until next time, Engage! [SER](#)

Division 6 - Empire
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The Empire Division has established an e-mail group for its members to use to exchange information about events, issues and for virtual social gatherings.

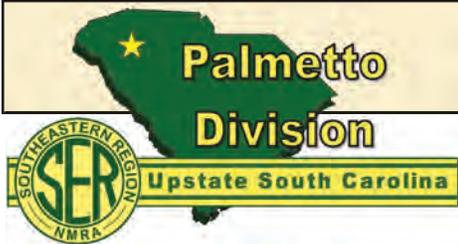
a subscription request. If members can't find the group, they can e-mail a request for an invite to the Superintendent at NMRA-SER-Empire@mail.com.

The e-mail group is NMRA-SER-Empire@groups.io.

SER members may want to go to the groups.io website and search for other groups that interest them. Searching for terms like NMRA, SER, DCC, JMRI or model trains will return an interesting list of groups. [SER](#)

Division members who did not get the February 11 'News' e-mail from the Superintendent can go directly to the group and submit

Division 7 - Palmetto
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The pandemic continues to wreak havoc on scheduled Palmetto Division activities for 2021. The biggest impact has been on the 2021 Swamp Rabbit Express Convention. Due to the continued high level of Covid-19 infections, the Convention Committee made the hard decision to move the Convention from the June 10 - 13 dates forward to September 9 - 11 for the safety of all those who will attend.

Railroad Heritage Association is only holding virtual board meetings. The Easley Model Train Expo has been rescheduled from February to May 14 and 15. The Piedmont N Southern N scale layout's next appearance will be at the Easley Train Show. The AMROC Club layout in Columbia, SC is closed to visitors until further notice. The Central Railway Model & Historical Association (CRM&HA) club layout in Central, SC is closed to visitors until further notice.

The convention will still be held at the Hilton hotel located on Orchard Park Dr, Greenville, SC. Plans include clinics, layout tours, ops-sessions, prototype tours, a Saturday evening banquet, operating layouts in the hotel, model and photo contests, non-rail activities, raffle and consignment sales. Check out the convention web site at www.swamprabbitexpress.org.

On a good note, the CRM&HA is holding monthly home video layout tours of Palmetto Division layouts on Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining these broadcasts of the tours, please contact Sandy Eustis at seustis13@gmail.com. He will set you up. Also, the Palmetto Division T-Trak HO module construction is moving along well. The first test of all the modules hooked together took place on January 6 and it was successful.

The Swamp Rabbit Express Convention Timetable has openings for advertising for both commercial and individual advertisements. Please contact Jim Molnar at marketing@swamprabbitexpress.org for information and reservations. The website will be continuously updated as plans are firmed up, so check back frequently. Advance registration is scheduled to begin on April 1.

Other areas that have been affected are the Hub City Railroad Museum in Spartanburg, SC, closed until further notice; the Carolina



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Members have met a couple times via the Zoom platform as 2020 ended and 2021 began. We shared modeling and layout updates, and also heard presentations on ventilated boxcars and F-unit spotting features.

Along with our Zoom sessions, regular email is sent to

keep members up-to-date on NMRAX events and Hindsight 20/20 virtual prototype modeler meets. Keeping members engaged and inspired is a priority until we can meet again.

I asked members to snap photos of recent projects to share with SouthErneR readers. Modelers around the Nashville area are keeping busy! *SER*



The Dixie Model Railroad Club has been building a large HO layout following the NC&StL mainline between Chatanooga and Nashville. They started a mainline extension late in 2019 to push their mainline from Stevenson, AL to Cowan, TN. This 200 foot extension adds the mountain grades over Mont Eagle and the Tracy City branch. Track is installed and wired to Cowan. Signals and DCC detection are proceeding.



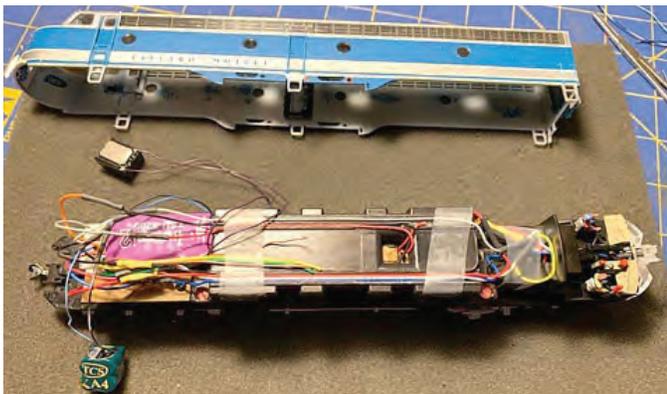
The Tracy City branch leaves Cowan and goes down a grade to Tracy City, located under the rising southbound mainline. Most of the track is installed and buildings are being planned for the town. Map print outs and cardboard structure footprints help in developing the scene.



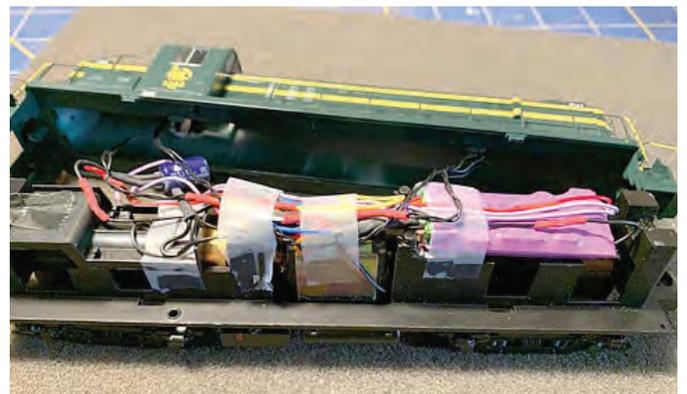
Much of the layout is fully scened but there's always new areas being developed. Mitch Mercante added this scene near Stevenson.



Coal was a main reason for the Tracy City branch. This load out tipple was recently installed. A string of coke ovens are planned just off scene to the left. the deck above this scene is the summit of the long grade from Sherwood.



Tom Schmidt intalled a Tsunami2 sound decoder w/TCS KA4 keep alive into old/new stock Lifelike E-8A EMD demonstrator.



Another of Tom's Tsunami installation in an older Athearn Jersey Central RS-3. Tom sez he uses Scotch tape. Always have, always will.



1. Horton Monroe built the Sierra West Scale Models Dueling Shacks O Scale kit. This one is the corrugated metal shack of the two. It needed a few improvements before setting it in a diorama.
2. The other Sierra West O scale Dueling Shack is almost finished. He still needs to weather it but it's now on the front burner of the projects stove
3. Horton purchased a Fine Scale Miniatures HO Scale Backwoods Sawmill kit in 1977. Life got in the way and he boxed it up. The kit was unearthed in January 2021. Horton is on a mission to finish it. Years in storage and moving around took it's toll. He's removed much of the work in order to restore it.





Division 12 - Smoky Mountain

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The Smoky Mountain Division opened the New Year at the Golden Corral in Sevierville, TN on January 7 with a mini-swap meet. Approximately 12 members were in attendance and had many good railroad items to trade or sell.

Ideas were requested by Superintendent Allen Keller for our next meeting in March 2021, plus any suggestions for future topics and/or guest speakers. The members asked each other questions about track work and using DCC. This was one of the most enjoyable parts of the event because it's interesting to see how many answers there can be to the same question.

The idea of visiting each other's railroads was received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Several members offered to have an open house. A reminder was made about the upcoming SER Convention in Greenville, SC (which has been postponed to September-*ed*).



We would like to say to the members that were not there, we missed their company and hope to see them in March.

There were some happy Division 12 members at the January swap meet.

It's always fun to talk about trains and what you are going to build or in fact what you are building.

Keith Elrod, one of the Division 12 members and a retired Broadway Lighting Designer, could not make the swap meet, but sent along this picture of a new mountain on his home railroad lamenting the virus pandemic and its effects on model railroading. [SER](#)



Division 13 - Cherokee

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Brian Ford recently received the Chief Dispatcher Achievement Award. This is Brian's second Achievement Award. His other award is for Association Volunteer.

In late 2020 the division incorporated as a non-profit and have applied for 501(c)(3) status.

The Cherokee Division held their annual membership meeting on February 20. Instead of in-person meetings, this year's event was held using Zoom. We held our election of Officers of the Board using Election Buddy.



The new Cherokee Division Board officers are:

- Superintendent – Mark McAllister
- Assistant Superintendent – Brian Ford
- Secretary – Chuck Higdon
- Treasurer – Bill Orman
- Directors:
 - Joanna Long
 - Ed Tougaw
 - Dale Bryant

Construction and planning have resumed at the Tennessee Valley Model Railroad, Inc. on their new layout following Covid-19 safety protocols. Construction was halted during most of 2020 as the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum had closed their offices and employees worked from home during the pandemic.

The Chattanooga Modular Modelers, Inc. are continuing to hold weekly Webex online meetings. The group meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. Each week they select a topic for discussion. This gives members a way to stay connected until in-person meetings can be held. [SER](#)



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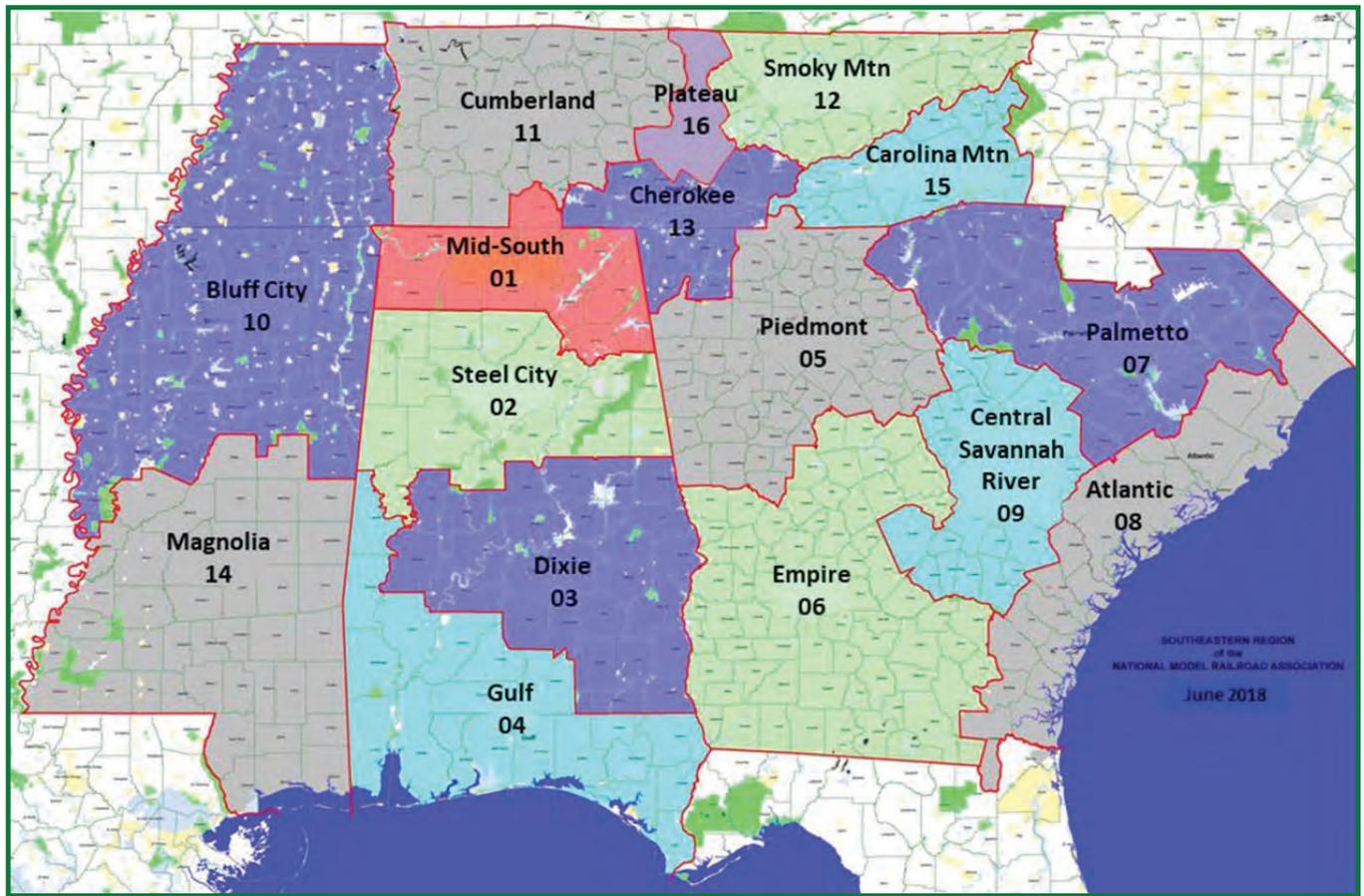
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