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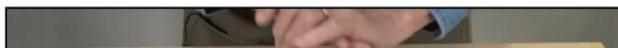


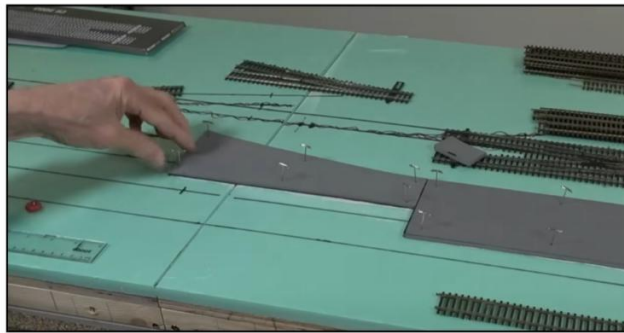
Erie Railroad Layout of Ron King, MMR®

A video by William A. McMillan showing the HO scale proto-freelance model railroad of the Erie Railroad of Ron King, MMR®. Designed for operations and has fall scenery. Most of the buildings are scratch built.

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Laying Track on Walthers New Roadbed





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Walther's has just released a brand-new HO scale foam roadbed and today we're going to take a look at some review samples. Larry Puckett shows how to cut custom foam roadbed sections for turnouts and crossovers, then lay them and foam roadbed strips on the model layout.

David Clarke's Amazing 38ft x 16.5ft 1930s Great Western Railway



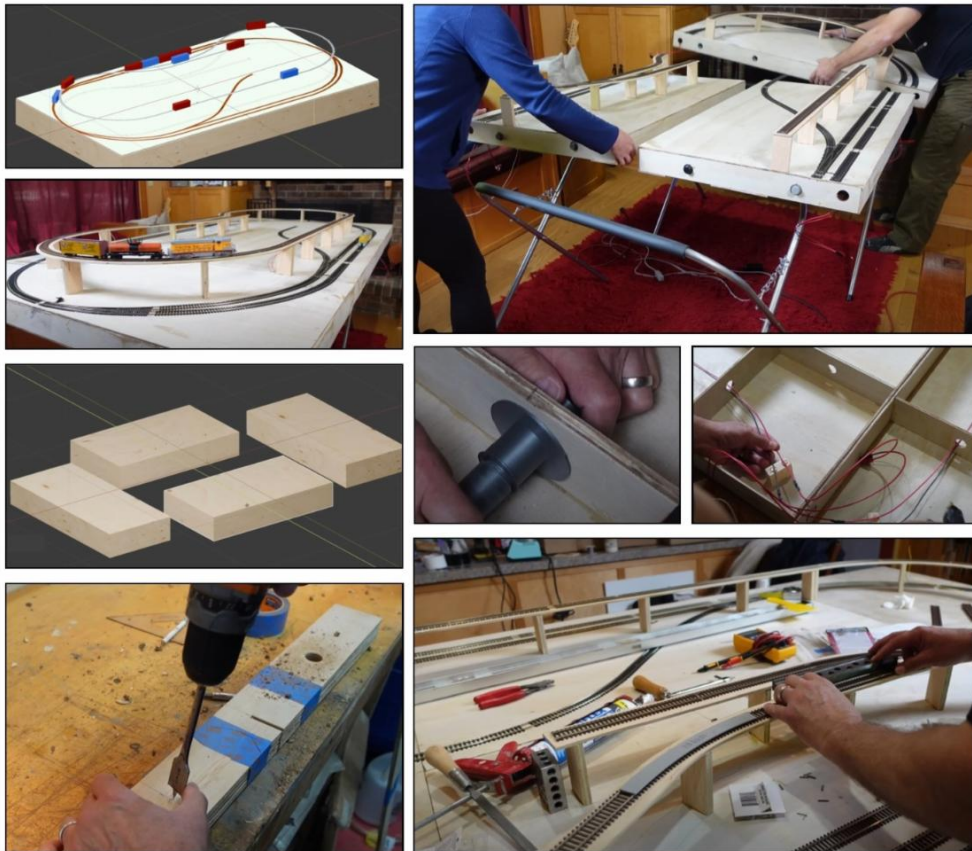
1930s Great Western Railway

David Clarke was a man of passions; motor racing, filmmaking, Ferrari sports cars, and above all, the Great Western Railway and in particular its signaling arrangements. In the 1970s he began to realize his dream of building an OO scale model railway as, what was then, a unique technical exercise in replicating what he experienced as a boy when visiting an

uncle who was a GWR signalman.

David died in 2002 but his wonderful 4mm scale tribute to the 1930s GWR still exists in the custodianship of the Shuttlewood-Clarke Foundation and is cared for by a team of dedicated enthusiasts. Although an ongoing work of improvement, the Ulverscroft Model Railway is instantly recognizable as David's fantastic achievement and remains true to his original vision of drivers following their trains, reacting to the signals controlled from a 210-lever signal box. Watch now, learn how the layout is operated, and journey back in time to a slice of God's Wonderful Railway. By watching you will be supporting one of David's other passions, the Heritage [Great Central Railway](#), in its reunification project which will see trains running from Leicester North to Ruddington in Nottinghamshire. The latest news on their [Reunification Project](#).

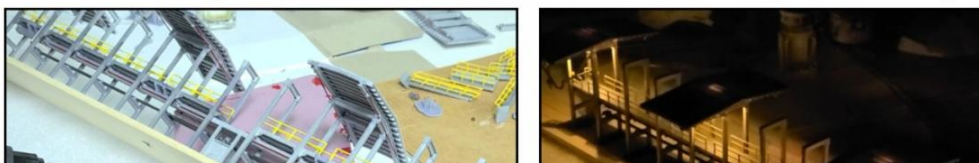
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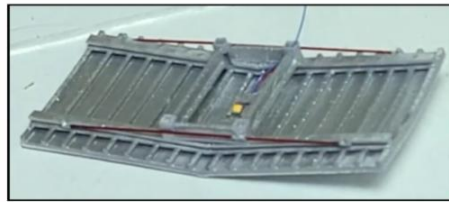
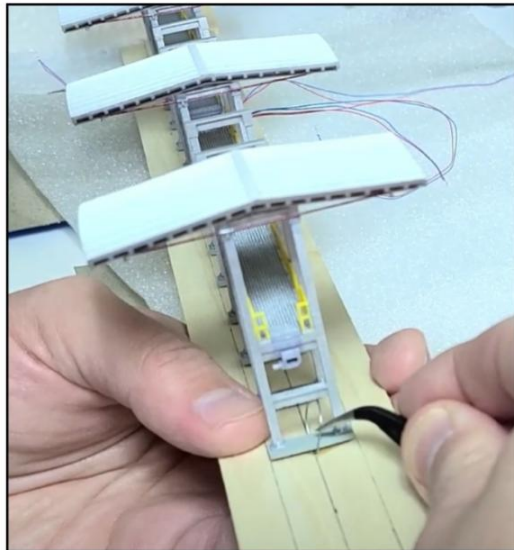
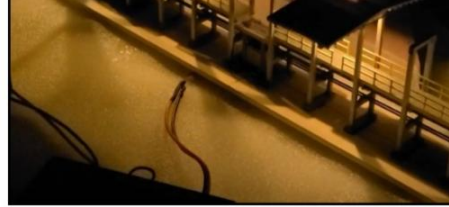


[Easy Up / Easy Down Train Layout](#)

An attempt to make a modular train layout that lets trains run without taking up a whole lot of permanent space! The goal is to make one that is easy to set up, easy to take down, runs flawlessly when assembled and breaks down into easy-to-manage pieces. Will he succeed? Stay tuned to find out!

3D-Designed N Scale Oil Loading Facility





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NScaler454's custom designed 3D printed oil refinery loading facility far exceeds any kit he could purchase. By far the most challenging design he'd created. With all the design, engineering, redesigns, prints, reprints, paint and assembly, it took about 2 months. Some of the 3D prints were over 7 hours!

A Model Railroad Hobbyist Video Featuring Brad Joseph's Union Pacific!



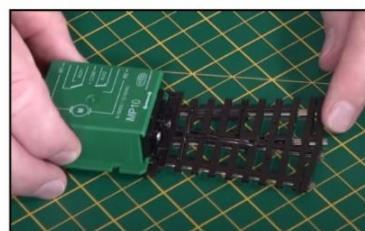
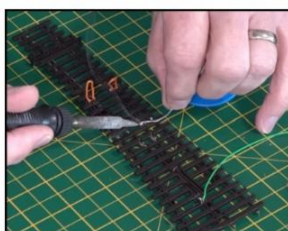
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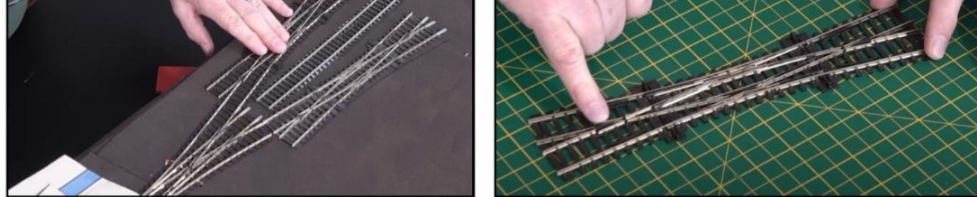
Model Railroad Hobbyist's roving reporter Ken Patterson brings you the March What's Neat lineup:

- Brad Joseph's Union Pacific in HO scale
- BLI 2-8-4 Berkshire photo shoot
- New Bachmann catalog and the new goodies in it

... Plus, many great runbys.

Wiring Peco Double Slips & Points





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Installing Peco Double Slips and Points can be confusing. Let Chadwick Model Railway dispel any myths.

C&S Denver to Silver Plume Freight



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Follow Train No. 101 as it travels from Denver to Silver Plume on Doug Tagsold's Colorado & Southern Clear Creek District layout.

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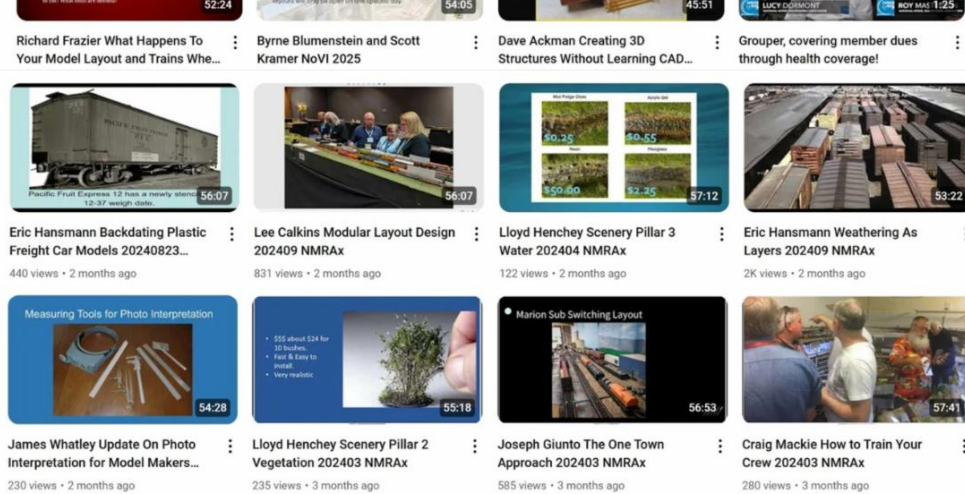
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Review: Broadway Limited's CV Setter



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In this video, James tests the Broadway Limited CV Setter to see if it truly works for programming DCC decoders in model trains. If you're into model railroading and need an easy solution to configure CVs (configuration variables), this tool might be what you're looking for. He'll explore its features, demonstrate how to use it, and give you our honest review. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned hobbyist, find out if the Broadway Limited CV Setter is the right fit for your model train setup!

Railroad Boosters?

Trains in Sandersville, Georgia



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The Sandersville Railroad has been running trains for more than 130 years! And the company's main customers have made the town known as the Kaolin Capital of the World!

Simple Pleasures

Model Trains w/o Sound Onboard



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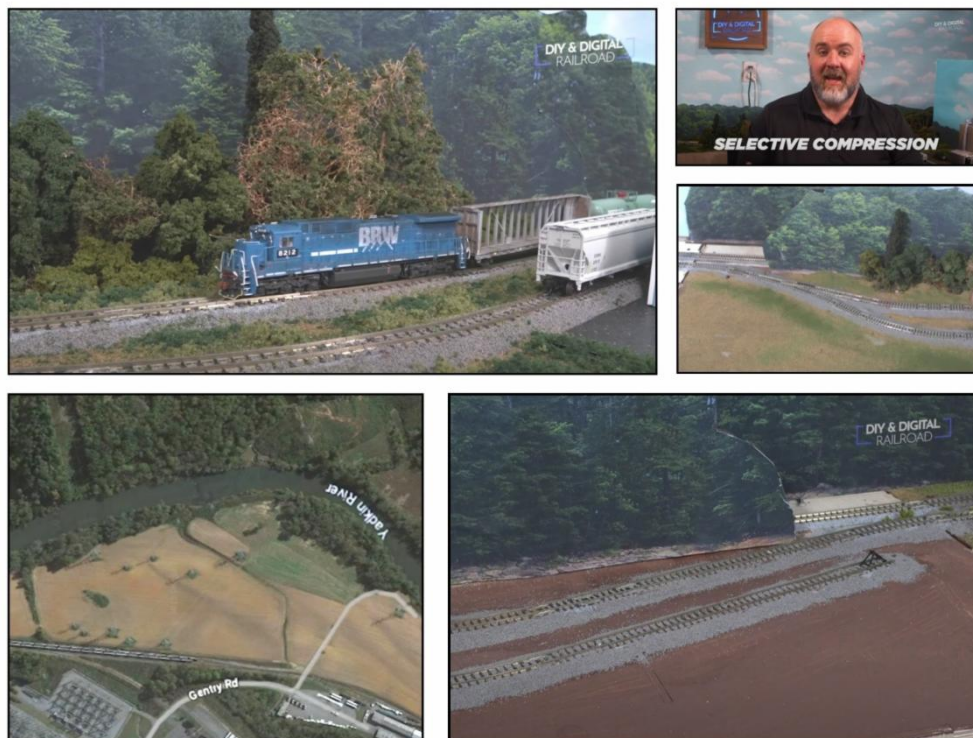
Model trains have improved and evolved as technology has advanced.

One of the improvements is the addition of miniaturized sound systems on board. While Jimmy Lambert quite enjoys his sound-equipped locomotives, he has to say there is something almost therapeutic about running a train without sound now and then.

In this video, he gives a quick overview on models with and without sound, then sits back and lends an eye and ear to a number of trains with no sound effects built in, just the train going down the tracks and the sound that makes.

This video was mostly filmed on the Western North Carolina Railroad layout of the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders. The Bunker Hill Train Club's layout also makes an appearance, as does a shot from the Short Line Model Railroad Club.

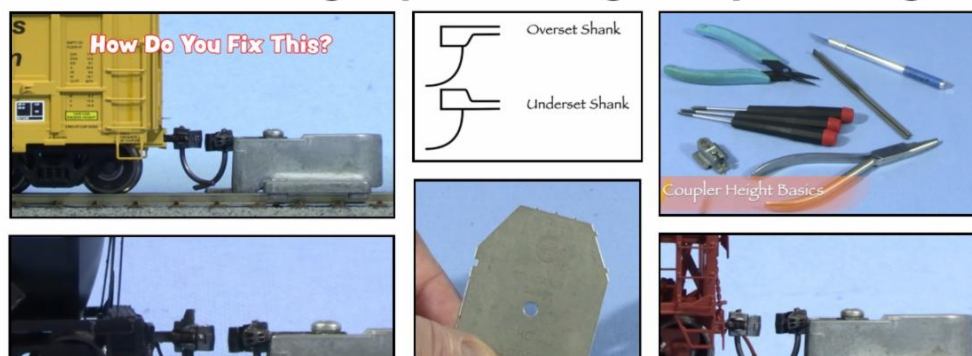
The Art of Compression

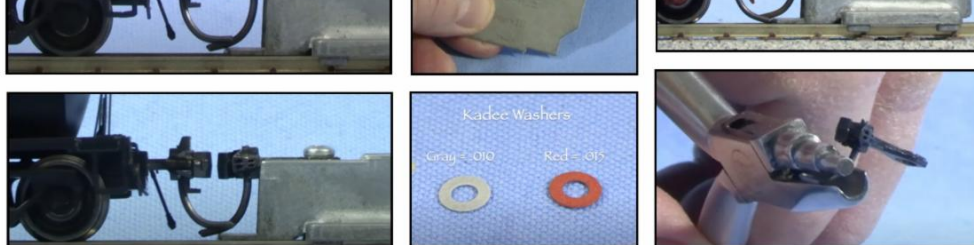


[How to Selectively Compress a Scene](#)

Selective compression - the use of elements in a scene that can make the space seem to be much deeper and larger than the modeled scene actually is.

Model Building Tips - Fixing Coupler Height





Fixing Coupler Height Part 2

Having model train couplers at the correct height helps to keep trains together. If a model train comes apart when you don't want it to, that's no fun.

In this episode of Model Building Tips, Dan talks about ways to correct the coupler height on model trains.

In addition to some general tips at the beginning, Dan also goes through several HO scale examples, including freight cars and a diesel locomotive.

There's no one-size-fits-all fix to correct coupler height, so Dan demonstrates a variety of techniques and tricks to get the job done.

He works on model trains from Atlas, ExactRail, ScaleTrains and Tangent! If you want to work to make sure your trains have the correct coupler height, be sure to watch!

PART 6: Rebuilding the Clinchfield Railroad Bridge to a New Year



Bridge to a New Year

This is part 6 of a multi-part series on the rebuilding of the Clinchfield Railroad by CSX. The railroad was devastated by the historic massive flooding which occurred after two days of heavy rains followed by the added destruction brought by Hurricane Helene which arrived on the third day. This level of destruction in this mountainous area of western North Carolina was truly historic!

In episode 6, we see major progress that is taking shape. Our first stop is in Hunt Dale, NC, and then on down the mountain to Poplar, NC, and climbing back up to Relief, NC.

National Model Railroad Association 2025 National Convention & Train Show



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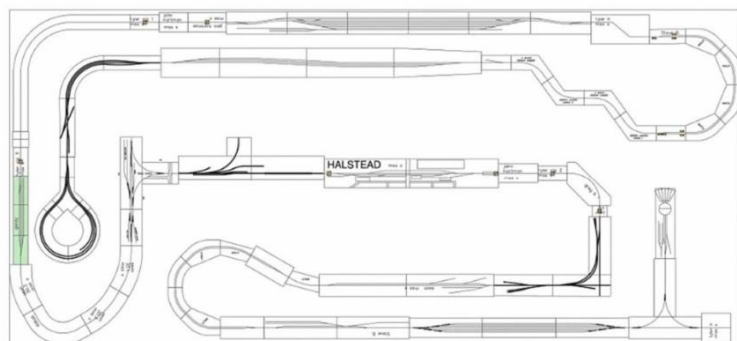
The 2025 Southeastern Region Convention September 18 - 20, 2025 in Gatlinburg, TN

- Clinics
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- Contests
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- Layout Tours
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2025 Smoky Mountain Rails

Operations Road Show



Among the many clinics presented at the **Station No. VI** convention will be the **Operations Road Show**. This three-hour clinic will give you hands-on experience of operating a train using Timetable and Train Order rules. The clinic starts with a brief description of the operation methodology and assignment to a two-man crew. That crew will be accompanied by a pilot that helps them navigate their way around the layout by observing the prototypical rules. You will be controlling your train with a radio throttle with local control of turnouts. No previous knowledge of Digitrax throttles is required. No previous experience of operating under Timetable and Train Order rules is required. The only things you need to bring to the clinic are your cell phone and a willingness to learn. Experienced operators are invited too! This year's Free Mo N supplied layout will feature a mainline run of 260 feet (almost 8 scale miles) and many yards and switching opportunities.

The Operations Road Show sessions are available per the following schedule:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**, two sessions each day, starting at **9 AM and 7 PM**
- **Friday**, two sessions starting at **9 AM and 2 PM**.

You must register in advance for your session at the layout in Ballroom B. Sign-ups will start on Monday evening at 5 PM. See Cindy Young at the layout in Ballroom B to register for a session.

Operations Road Show at Station No. VI



90th National Model Railroad Convention

For more information on this convention, or to register for the convention, go to the Station No. VI's website at: <https://nmra2025.com>

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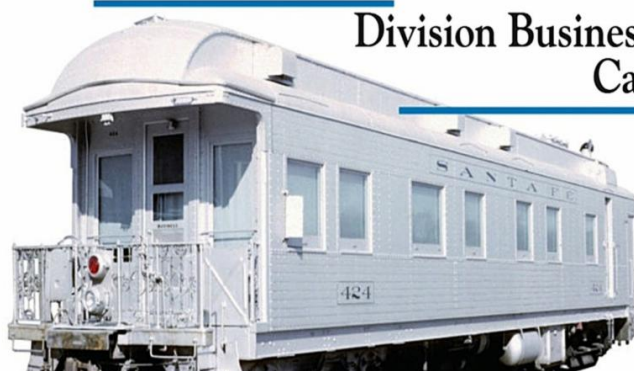
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Journey's End

The Division Business Car is heading into the station to make its last stop for 2024. But before we disembark, I'd like to thank everyone who's made these bi-monthly journeys possible. First, thank you to all the authors and newsletter editors who've provided the content that makes up this column. Without you, I'd literally have nothing to say!

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