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CSX Sand Patch Grade—Keystone Sub



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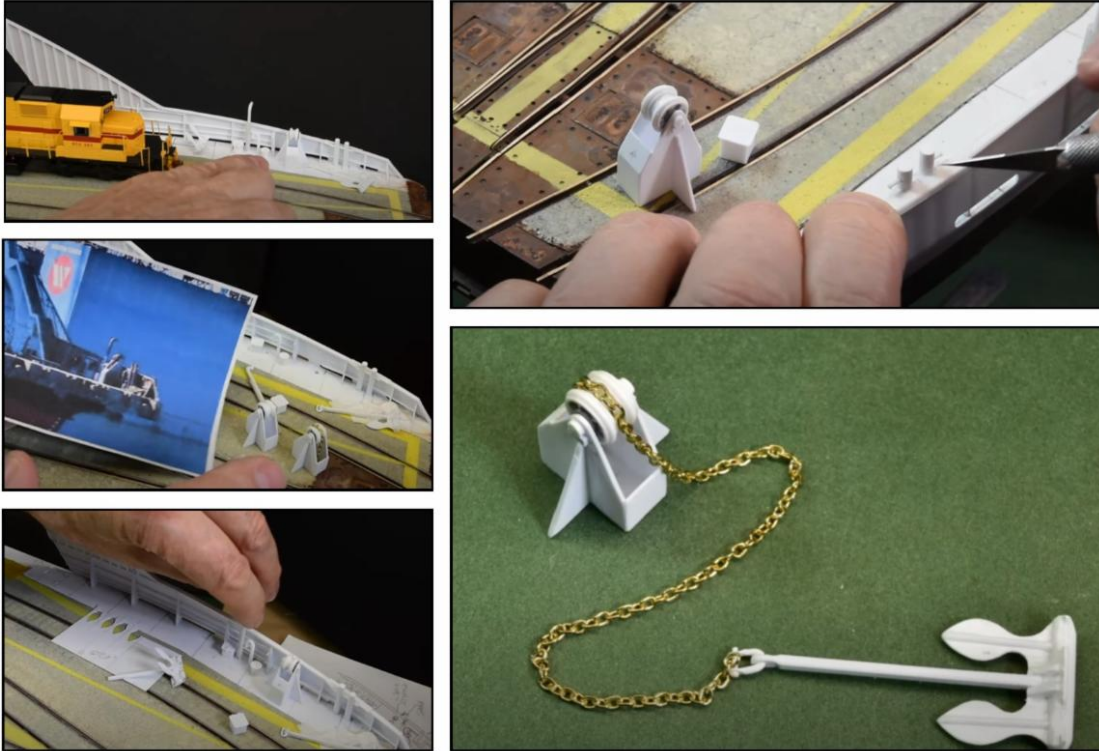
This video by Acme Cinematography explores the epic Sand Patch Grade which is a monument to mountain railroad engineering & the human spirit. Cumberland, Maryland is America's historic gateway to the west.

The action starts out with the famed steeples of Cumberland then quickly gets into railroad action at the CSX Cumberland Terminal and begins our journey westward towards Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

The Allegheny Mountains present a true challenge to locomotives with

grades up to nearly 2% for long stretches of the line west of Hyndman, PA. The line finally peaks at the Summit of the Allegheny Mountains at Sand Patch then begins a gentler slope to Connellsville.

Scratch Building Fine Scale Parts



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Scratch building small detail parts for the HO (1/87) scale - Carrier Princess.

The 2024 National Train Show

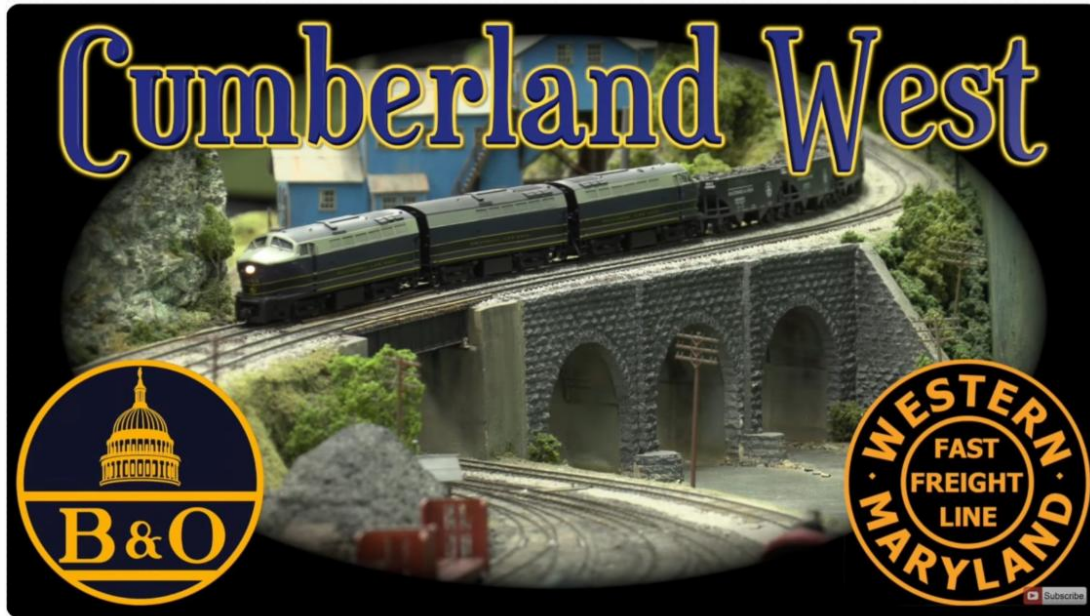




[The 2024 National Train Show](#)

A video from Lisa K. Entertainment: "Experience this year's National Model Railroad Association's National Train Show, the SurfLiner 2024!"

Dave Parks' Cumberland West



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David Parks' Cumberland West layout is an HO Scale masterpiece that has continually pushed the limits of whatever technology it employs. Dave's a pioneer that way, and a lot of the technology that's on the market currently got there via the Cumberland West testing ground.

This layout tour is hosted by several of the people who have been involved with the layout over the years and demonstrates what is possible when people work together to make a model railroad empire work!

Another great video by TSG Multimedia!

Review: ScaleTrains HO AC4400CW





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ScaleTrains.com has released another round of AC4400CW's this time in Ferromex and NAFTA 2000 schemes amongst others. Check out this latest look of these powerhouse locomotives!

World's Largest N-Scale Modular Meet



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Every three years the **Evanston, WY N-Scale Operations Meet** is held in the restored Union Pacific roundhouse and former machine shops in Evanston, Wyoming - what better place to hold the world's largest modular event? Sixty scale miles of track combined in Freemo-N modules, NTRAK modules, T-TRAK modules, and all of this with Union Pacific trains passing by outside!

NMRax - Monthly Virtual Clinics




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NMRAx - March 23rd, 2024
5:00pm - 8:00pm EDT



Piedmont Junction
23 Layout Tours
44 Clinics
19 Operations Sessions
3 Prototype Tours
Model Center, Company Store and More!



March 20
6:30 - 10:30 PM

[NMRAx - Monthly Virtual Clinics](#)

July 2024 Deshler, NE Free-Mo Layout



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This shows many of the trains that were running on the 2024 Deshler HO Free-MO setup hosted by Spring Creek Model Trains.

Review: [Benito Also HO Scale EM1+EM4](#)

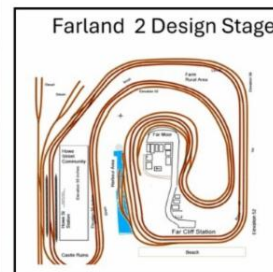
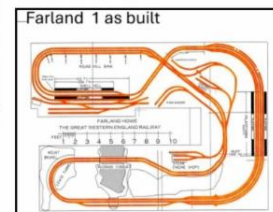
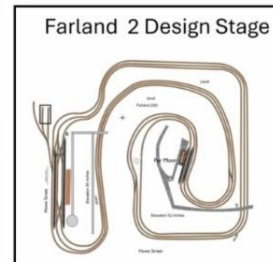
Review: Rapido Alco HO Scale FA1+FB1



Rapido Alco HO Scale FA1+FB1 DC/DCC

Explore the impressive Rapido HO Alco FA1+FB1 locomotive set in this ultimate review and guide. Discover the power of the DC/DCC ESU LokSound system and see why this model is a must-have for any serious model railroader.

Model Train Layout Considerations



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If you are considering building a model train layout, watch this video. Discussed are curves, grades and many other bits of vital layout

knowledge and experience. Step by step building a model train layout.

"In North America, equipment for unlimited interchange between railway companies is built to accommodate for a 288-foot (87.8 m) radius, but normally a 410-foot (125.0 m) radius is used as a minimum, as some freight carriages (freight cars) are handled by special agreement between railways that cannot take the sharper curvature. For the handling of long freight trains, a minimum 574-foot (175.0 m) radius is preferred."
(Wikipedia)

Using Freight Car Storage Tracks



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An explanation of just what freight car storage tracks are and what they can be used for in the operation of your railroad.

Stevens Pass—BNSF's Scenic Subdivision

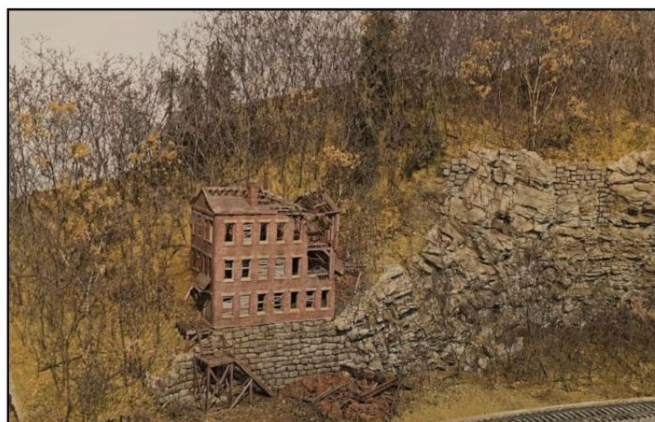
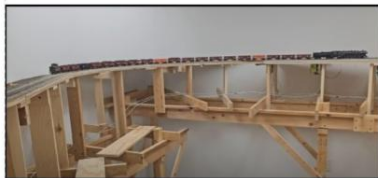




[Stevens Pass—BNSF's Scenic Subdivision](#)

Stevens Pass stands at an elevation of 4,061 feet above sea-level in the heart of the Pacific Northwest's Cascade Mountains. Large granite outcroppings tower above the densely forested landscape creating a cool, wet rainforest on the west and semi-arid country on the east. Weaving through this seemingly impassible barrier is a transcontinental railroad connecting the heartland of America with the Pacific Northwest and the Orient.

Dave Sullivan's HO Scale Layout



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Dave Sullivan is a meticulous HO scale modeler and craftsman. Although his layout is under construction, mostly in benchwork, what Dave has done so far is very impressive. All Dave's track and switches are hand laid with individually stained wood ties from Mt. Albert. His scratchbuilt

structures are also world class, with a heavy influence from George Sellios.

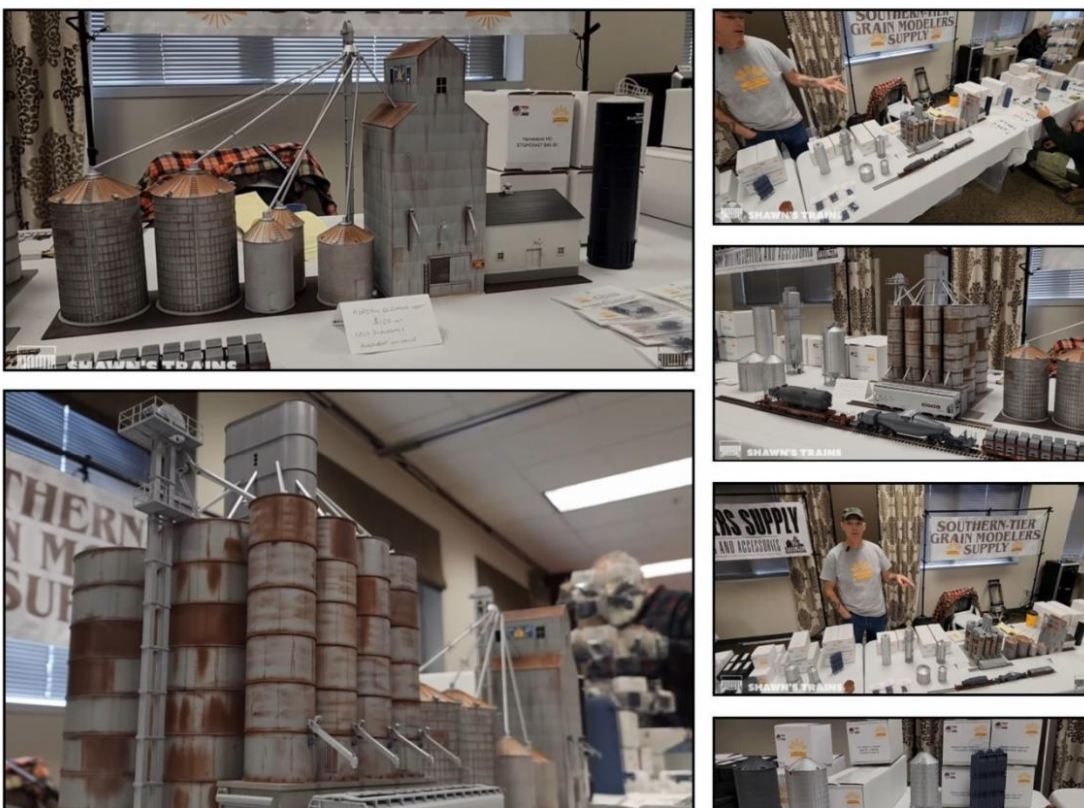
Switching Cargill Salt Part 1



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Yard work; Breakfast at the Crossing Diner; Some local railroad history.

Southern-Tier Grain Modelers Supply





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Shawn's Trains interviews Kevin Tully, owner of Southern-Tier Grain Modelers Supply. Kevin goes over his Grain Modelers Supply products and takes a small walk through his inventory. He has some amazing products available with more coming soon!

NMRA British Region Convention 2024



The 79th NMRA British Region Convention will be held in **Cookham, Berkshire** on **October 25th to 27th 2024**.

We are excited to welcome you to the NMRA BR 2024 Convention in the beautiful village of Cookham, Berkshire. Conveniently located between the M4 & M40 motorways, with mainline railway access and 30 minutes from Heathrow and the M25. >> [Read more about it <<](#)

This Convention promises to showcase the best railroad modelling, with layouts of all scales from the UK and Europe, along with many exciting clinics, layout tours and a great selection of traders.

For NMRA Members:

Convention Registration is £18 for the weekend.

Day visitors pay £6 for the Saturday – tickets at the door

[British Region Convention 2024](#)

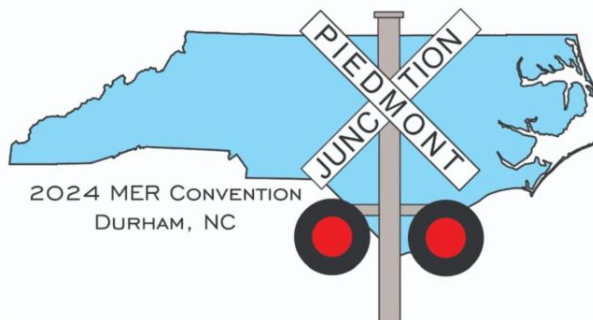
2024 Mid-Eastern Region Convention

[Welcome!](#)

The CAROLINA PIEDMONT DIVISION invites you to come to the Heart of Carolina for the 2024 MER Convention to be held the weekend of October 17-20. We have scheduled four days of model railroading activities: clinics, contests, modular layouts, a silent auction, layout tours, prototype tours, a banquet with featured speaker and awards presentations. There will be much to see, learn, do and enjoy.

This will be the fourth MER Convention hosted by the Carolina Piedmont Division, a major high-tech part of the country with a long tradition of railroading. The Research Triangle area of North Carolina has been consistently rated by Money magazine as one of the best places to live in the country.

Many clinics and several prototype tours are lined up, along with an extensive self-guided tour of home layouts in the area. Operating sessions are being planned, including operations on the T-TRAK layout at the Train Show. The usual NMRA contests will be held. Festivities include a banquet with a featured after dinner speaker.



NEW DATE: October 17-20, 2024

Activities will center around the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, Durham, North Carolina. The hotel is located just off Interstate 40 just west of Raleigh. Our confirmed convention rate of \$79 per night (plus tax). Up to two people can stay at that rate. Nearby are many eating establishments and regional shopping centers to accommodate other needs. \$79 rate cut-off date is Tuesday, September 17th, 2024.

Mid-Eastern Region Convention 2024

2024 North Central Region Convention



A MODEL RAILROAD WEEKEND CONVENTION!

THURSDAY – FRIDAY – SATURDAY – SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10-11-12-13, 2024
NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN, USA

Ward Church Northville
40000 Six Mile Rd,
Township of Northville, MI 48168

2024 North Central Region Convention

Sunshine Region - NMRA



Where modelers come to
share, develop, and learn
new skills.



**Welcome to the Sunshine Region's 2024
Convention Information Page!**

OUR BRAND NEW CONVENTION LOCATION

OCALA HILTON
3600 Southwest 36th Ave
Ocala, FL 34474

Thursday October 10th - Saturday October 12th, 2024

SunShine Region Convention 2024

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Structure Details

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the August 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Jeff Cooper takes a closer look at structure details that are often overlooked by modelers in the RPO, the newsletter of the Mid-Continent Region's Gateway Division.

An Unconventional Railroad Crossing

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the August 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.



There's a prototype for everything. How about a drawbridge carrying track above another track only inches below it? Kelly Russell, MMR® shared photos and information in *The Derail*, published by the 100% NMRA Member San Jacinto Model Railroad Club in Houston, TX.



John Whites' On30 Skagit Valley Eastern

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the August 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Rich Thom of the Pacific Northwest Region's 4th Division takes you on a virtual tour of the late John Whites' Skagit Valley Eastern Railroad in the *Grab Iron*, the division's newsletter.

To Tip or Not to Tip

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the August 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.



Are you always tipping bottles over on your workbench, spilling their contents? Jim Walsh of the Northeastern Region's Garden State Division shows you some quick and easy devices you can make to prevent future spills in *The Whistle Post*, the division newsletter.



Upgrading Your Layout

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the August 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

There are likely a lot of things on your layout that need upgrading. However, you don't see them because you stopped seeing what's really there. But your visitors see them. To help "frame" the problem, Robert Sprague of the Mideastern Region's Potomac Division provides you with three ideas to help you find these areas needing upgrades in the division newsletter, the *Potomac Flyer*

The ***Division Business Car*** column appears in even-numbered months in NMRA Magazine. It's loaded with great modeling ideas, plus useful information that can help make your Division, Region, or 100% NMRA Club even better. The information comes from articles published in Region, Division, and Club newsletters. The best of these articles are posted on the NMRA website. You can read the entire archive, from as far back as 2011 right up to the latest posting, by clicking [here](#).

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