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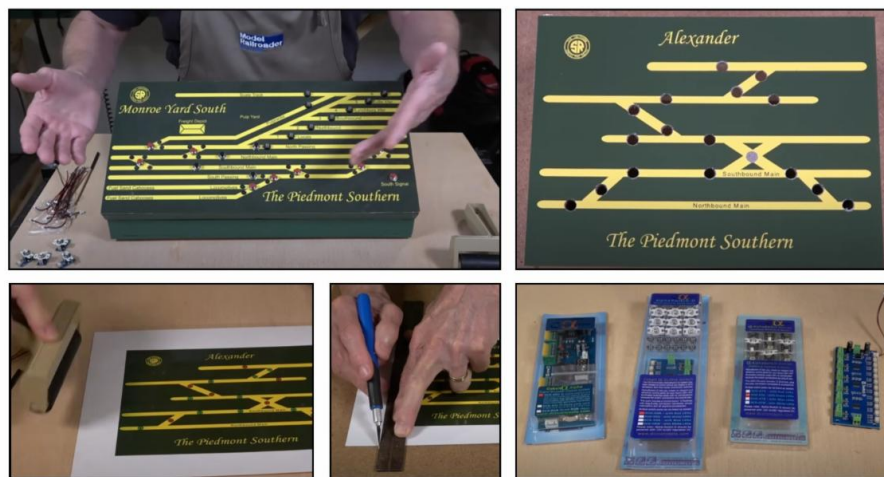
## N Scale Shelf Layout in an Office



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This video shows you just how this N-scale shelf layout was built near the ceiling using the smallest space possible. It's a double track layout that's out of the way and only 3.5" deep.

## Building a Layout Control Panel







## **N Scale CNW Harvard Sub**

The Harvard Subdivision imagines a world where the CNW is still operating today and features modern operations in N scale. After a seven month wait, here is finally have an update! Work kept him away from the layout for a long time, but the peninsula has finally been built and the first chunk of scenery done!

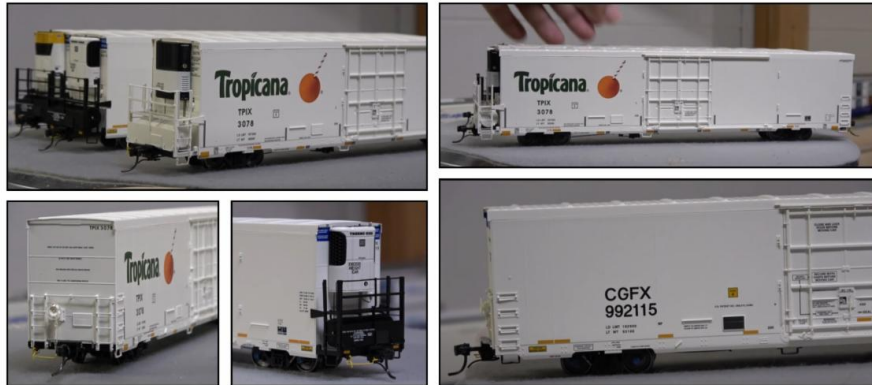
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Adding the first cars to the new grain elevator on the MILWAUKEE ROAD Des Moines Subdivision.

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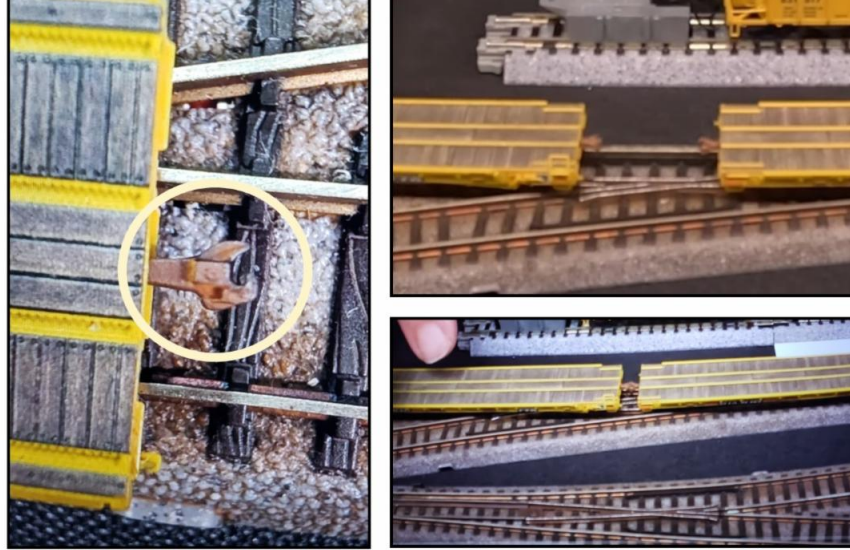


### **Atlas HO Master 64ft Trinity Reefers**

Fresh off the tracks! In this video, we take a detailed look at the Atlas HO Scale Master Line 64' Trinity Reefers in the Tropicana UPNCGFX scheme, built using the legendary BLMA tooling. These reefers are some of the most detailed and true-to-scale available today!

### **N-Possible Couplers Interview MRH @ National Train Show**





## [N-Possible Couplers Interview](#)

Jeff Shultz interviews the founder of N-Possible couplers, a new scale knuckle head coupler solution for N scale model railroading.



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*As autumn approaches, this is your chance to visit New Hampshire, a "vacation destination!" Come for the beauty of New England, for amazing model railroads and for your families!*

**September 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- Multiple Prototype tours, including the Flying Yankee and the Conway Scenic Railroad
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## **The Easiest & Cheapest Way To Make Your Own Brick Mortar**








## **Make Your Own Brick Mortar**

Looking to take your model railroad, military diorama, or fantasy terrain to the next level? In this video, you will see how to make a realistic brick or stone mortar paint using just two simple ingredients that you can find almost anywhere in the world.

This DIY method works in any scale — HO, N, O, 1:35, 1:72, Warhammer, and more — and gives your models a professional finish with zero expensive supplies or specialized tools. And no, it isn't toothpaste or drywall compound, or even caulk. It's even easier than any of those methods too!


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**The Mountains are calling...  
and YOU must go!**



**SMOKY MOUNTAIN RAILS**

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

- Clinics
- Contests
- Layout Tours
- OP Sessions
- Prototype Tour
- Non-Rail Activities

 For More info and to register, visit: [2025SERConvention.org](https://2025SERConvention.org)

## **2025 Smoky Mountain Rails**

### **Why German Trains Need a Third Headlight**





## **Why German Trains Need a Third Headlight**

In many European countries, trains feature three white headlights. But what is the purpose of the third light? Why are two not enough? Let's find out!

### **Review: ScaleTrains Rivet Counter ES44AC CN ex-CitiRail w/ LokSoundv5 DCC HO Scale**



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Today da-joe-trains takes a look at the first factory-patched unit he owns, an ES44AC ex-CitiRail patched for Canadian National in HO scale from ScaleTrains in their Rivet Counter line. This model was ex-CREX 1207 from his research, and although he's not sure if he's seen this exact one in real life, he's seen a few like it with the patch jobs, after CN officially bought these units after having leased them from CitiRail (short for Citicorp Railmark, Inc.) for a few years.

## Sunshine Region - NMRA



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



### **Sunshine Region's 2025 Annual Convention**

OUR BRAND NEW CONVENTION LOCATION

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3600 Southwest 36th Ave  
Ocala, FL 34474

Thursday October 9th - Saturday October 11th, 2025  
(with a member meeting Sunday morning the 12th)

## **Sunshine Region's 2025 Annual Convention**

# How Good Are Brass Steam Engines?



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Brass steam locomotives have a certain cachet in the model train world, but how good are they really? How do you pick out a good one?

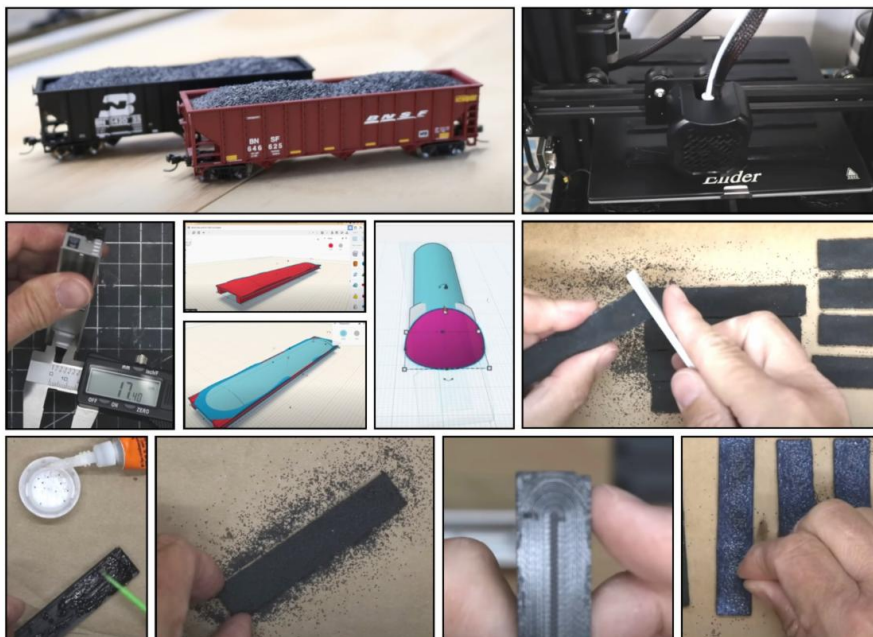
If you want a used brass steam locomotive, what do you need to look for? What do you want to avoid?

Dan tackles these questions and more in this overview of brass steam locomotive models.

Dan talks about different qualities to look for when shopping for a locomotive, and what to realistically expect if you get one. Sometimes a brass steam train is the only way to get a model of a specific engine. It's good to know what you're getting into before you spend money to buy this type of model train.

If you like brass steam locomotives, model trains, or are just curious about how these things are put together, be sure to check out this video!

# Custom Removable Coal Loads





## Custom Removable Coal Loads

In this video Ron will show you how to create awesome custom removable coal loads for model railroads. His modern-era model railroad layout needed some easily removable coal loads for realistic operations. He created these awesome custom loads that are easily removable and look great.

## NMRA British Region Convention 2025



**The 2025 80th Anniversary Convention will be at Derby on October 24th to 26th.**

Black Diamonds invite you to join us at the Derby Conference Centre in October 2025 for the NMRABR 80th convention.

**Open to non members Saturday 10.30 to 4.30.**

There will be traders, layouts, freemo area, clinics, bring & buy tables, competitions, AP area and the AGM.

**All the rooms in the main convention centre are now booked.**

There are now **TWO** SINGLE rooms still available in an annex on site, about 20yds from the main building.

These are more basic with shared bathroom facilities, these will be at a lower cost.

These are **ONLY** available for **Friday and Saturday** nights.

Breakfast will be in the main restaurant.

The Friday and Saturday evening dinners are available to guests in both the main building and the annex.

After these rooms are booked, there are many local hotels and B&B's where you can book your own accommodation.

## 80th Anniversary Convention

### My First NMRA Convention 2025 in Novi, MI

#### DaBob's ManCave





## **My First NMRA Convention 2025 in Novi, MI**

Robert attended his very first NMRA convention as a NMRA member this year in Novi, MI. He went in support of the Operation Roadshow where he brought Free-moN modules and piloted 8 crews in 3-hour sessions. He also visited some home layouts as well as the banquet.

### PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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**2026 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
 CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
 JULY 27 TO AUGUST 2, 2026**



### **Early Bird Registration is Now OPEN!**

The NMRA National Convention is coming to Chattanooga, TN for the first time ever in 2026! The Southeastern Region is excited to host NMRA members from around the world in the Scenic City. We have a week full of fun activities planned including:

- Layout Tours
- Special Interest Groups
- Prototype Tours
- Railroad Historical Societies
- Steam-Powered Excursions and
- Modeling with the Masters®



- Dinner Train
- Non-Rail Tours and other Activities
- Operating Sessions
- Celebration of Models
- Train Show
- Banquet

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Region & Division News by Jim Zinser, MMR®

### **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!

Next, big thanks to NMRA *MAGAZINE* Editor Cynthia Priest, who makes this and every column and article in every issue look and read so well.

Also, big thanks to proofreaders Bob Hans, Laura Hughes, Steve Marquess, Lloyd Thompson, and Jim Wilson, who make grammatical and spelling errors disappear like magic.

Then there's the "Poster Boy," Chuck Diljak, MMR®. He's the guy who extracts and reformat the articles from the newsletters I feature and posts them on the NMRA.org website for you to read.

Finally, thank you to all of you for reading the column and for taking the time to email me with your comments and suggestions for improving it.

From my family to yours, may 2025 bring peace, happiness, health, and a better world for us all. 🌍

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