



# TURNTABLE

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## Ernie's East Raton & Santa Fe Railroad



## [HO Scale East Raton & Santa Fe Railroad](#)

A video recorded by **N Scale Railfan** of a fantastic HO layout created by a good friend of his. He says in his words: "The nicest model railroad I have ever had the pleasure of visiting and operating. I had the opportunity to shoot a video of it and did my very best to adequately capture the fantastic craftsmanship of this wonderful presentation. Took the owner and

myself a number of months to complete the video. My thanks to the owner, Ernie, for letting me shoot the video, and to the Little Finger Train Group, for their help and support. Hope you all enjoy this most wonderful layout."

## Making Railroad Tie Loads



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A tutorial on constructing model railroad tie loads, weathering the ties themselves and the gondolas they are loaded into.

## How to Make Embankments

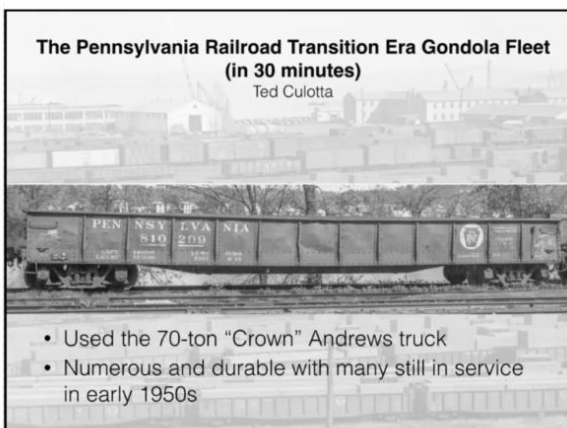
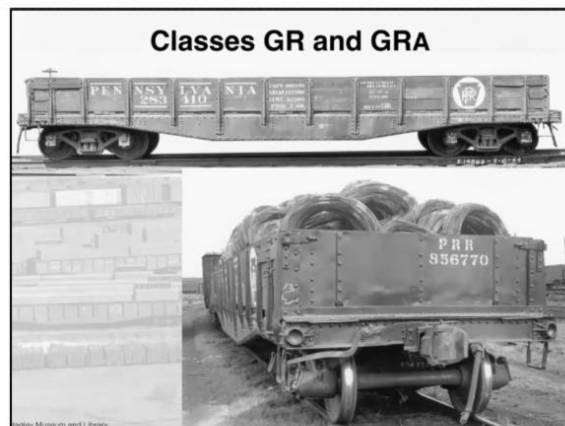
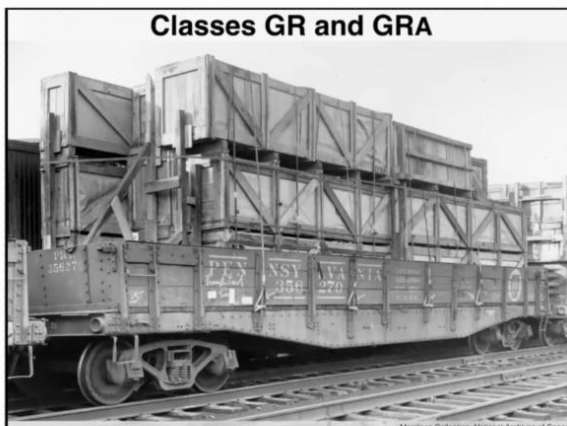




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This video looks at how **Wickfield Lane** makes embankments using foam flooring underlay cut into sheets to build up layers and shape, then plaster and paint, and then finally covers it in static grass and bushes.

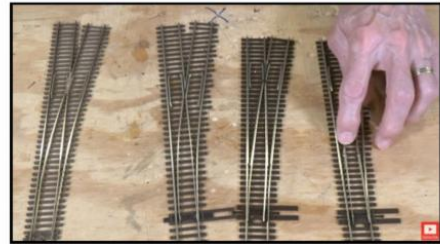
## PRR Transition-Era Gondola Fleet



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**Ted Culotta** shows us prototypes and HO scale models of the Pennsylvania Railroad's transition-era gondola fleet.

# New Peco Unifrogs Are Here

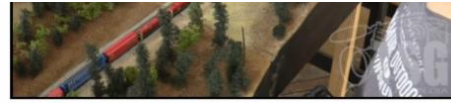


## *How Do They Stack Up?*

Finally, the Peco Unifrog turnouts are available in HO scale for the American market and **Larry Puckett** got one! So, let's compare it to the competition. He has both Micro Engineering and Walthers turnouts as well as a Peco Electrofrog turnout so we should be able to get a pretty good idea of how they stack up.

## Giant N Scale Layout



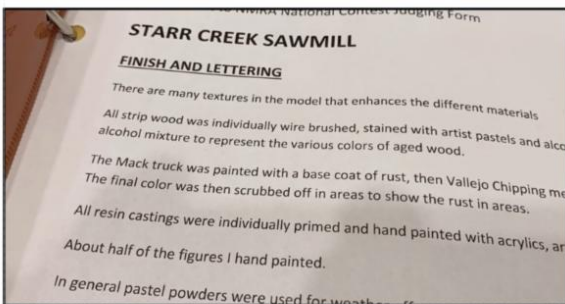


## [Evanston, Wyoming Free-moN Layout](#)

This model railroad layout tour by **TSG Multimedia** represents the largest-known Free-moN layout to ever be assembled, containing over 200 modules with modelers from many states coming together in Evanston, Wyoming in August of 2021!

Not only did they assemble the largest layout ever, but they also conducted model railroad operations on this layout over the course of a weekend. Why become involved with modular model railroading? Watch this video to find out as the modelers tell you all about it!

## **National Convention Model Contest**



## [NMRA's 2019 Salt Lake City Contest](#)

It had taken years of planning for the local and regional groups to put together the National Convention in Salt Lake City. The convention

included layout tours, workshops, seminars and prototype railroad events across the Wasatch area.

In this video **Toy Man** is looking in on the "Celebration of Models, Photos and Crafts" (the model, photo & craft contests) which includes models of locomotives, rolling stock, structures and dioramas built in several scales.

### **From the web:**

The National Model Railroad Association sponsors a national convention to provide a place for the members to meet from all over the world. There are many activities for the member to learn and participate in all aspects of the hobby.

The NMRA has held contests for many years at National and Regional Conventions as well as many Divisional Meets. The Judged Model Contest is typically considered the prime event. However, excellent Photo, Pass, Arts & Crafts and Module Contests are often also included. The judging of the Model Contest is conducted by teams of experienced judges using a point scoring system providing a grade between zero and 125 pts. Five factors are judged including construction, conformity, detail, appearance and scratch built. The final point score is the basis for award ranking. Attaining a point score of 87.5 pts or 70% entitles the entrant to a Merit Award which counts towards Master Builder Awards in the NMRA Achievement Program.

The [NMRA Website](#) has a plethora of great information on the contest rules, procedures, and guidelines.

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The [Gateway 2022](#) NMRA National Convention crew continues to update their list of clinics that you can attend during the convention. Their website has listings of Layout Bus Tours, Self-Driving Layout Tours, and Prototype Tours that you can sign up for on their website. This will be the first in-person National Convention since 2019 and it looks to be a great one!

## 21 Things to Do & See in St. Louis



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St Louis is a major city along the Mississippi River that has a lot of history and is still a popular place to visit today. Josh from **Through My Lens.com** got a chance to explore the city for four days and found a ton of fun places to explore ranging from family-friendly attractions like City Museum to great food like St Louis BBQ.

## The Indianapolis & St. Louis in 1997

