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A Members-Only Exclusive Clinic
from Model Railroader Video Plus



[Ask MRVP - Questions & Answers 2020](#)

Model Railroader Video Plus reboots the popular Rehab My Railroad series with an all-new project effort on *Model Railroader* magazine's HO scale Milwaukee, Racine, and Troy (MR&T) model railroad. Reality quickly sets in when top-notch modelers David Popp and Cody Grivino start sizing up Jones Island (a.k.a. Kelly's Island), the most visible scene on the 28 x 55 foot, employee-built layout. They waste little time hatching track plans to consider for a complete refresh of the entire waterfront industrial scene. Catch the action - only on MRVideoPlus.com!



Ultimate Realistic Wire Tree

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This isn't a quick build, so if you're after a whole forest you can simplify the process somewhat. But this wire frame tree is meant to be hyper-realistic - a showpiece, with vines and ivy and sculpted bark.



Brian Chapin's Maine Central RR, an N Scale Masterpiece!

[Brian Chapin's N Scale Maine Central](#)

Brian is active in Model Railroading and his layout proves that! Brian is also President of the Cresswind Model Railroad Club in Gainesville, Georgia.



Baton Apparatus for Railway Traffic Control

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Train traffic over single track railways back in the early days of railroading was far more challenging but it could be just as potentially dangerous as it is today. The method shown here was created in the early days of railroading as a foolproof method to prevent head-on collisions. This general type of control goes by several names such as Baton, Staff, or Token (among others) and can still be found on some railroads and Heritage lines around the world.



How to Make a Stunning River Canyon Diorama

[How to Make a Stunning River Canyon](#)

This video involves modelling a narrow waterfall, creating rock cliffs (or canyon sides) with bark, making an epoxy resin river, and most notably building up layers of foliage to create an amazing, overgrown mossy look.

Podcast Interviews



TSG Podcast Interview—Pelle Søeborg

[An Interview with Pelle](#)

An interview with Author and Model Railroader Columnist Pelle Søeborg.



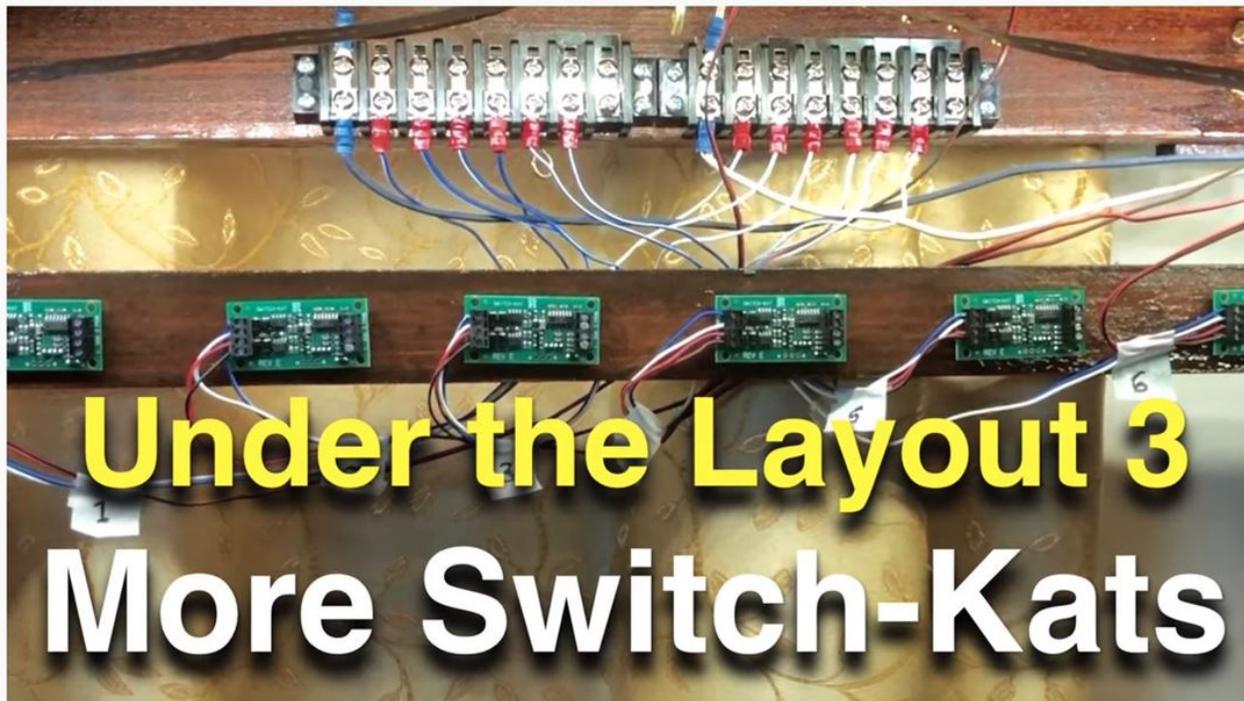
What's Neat This Week in Model Railroading

[What's Neat This Week #108](#)

[What's Neat This Week #106](#)

Included in these two Ken Patterson Podcast programs, "What's Neat This Week in Model Railroading," are discussions on what are the tours and clinics that will be available at the upcoming *Gateway 2020*, this year's NMRA National Convention in St. Louis, MO. Check them out and we hope to see you in St. Louis this summer!

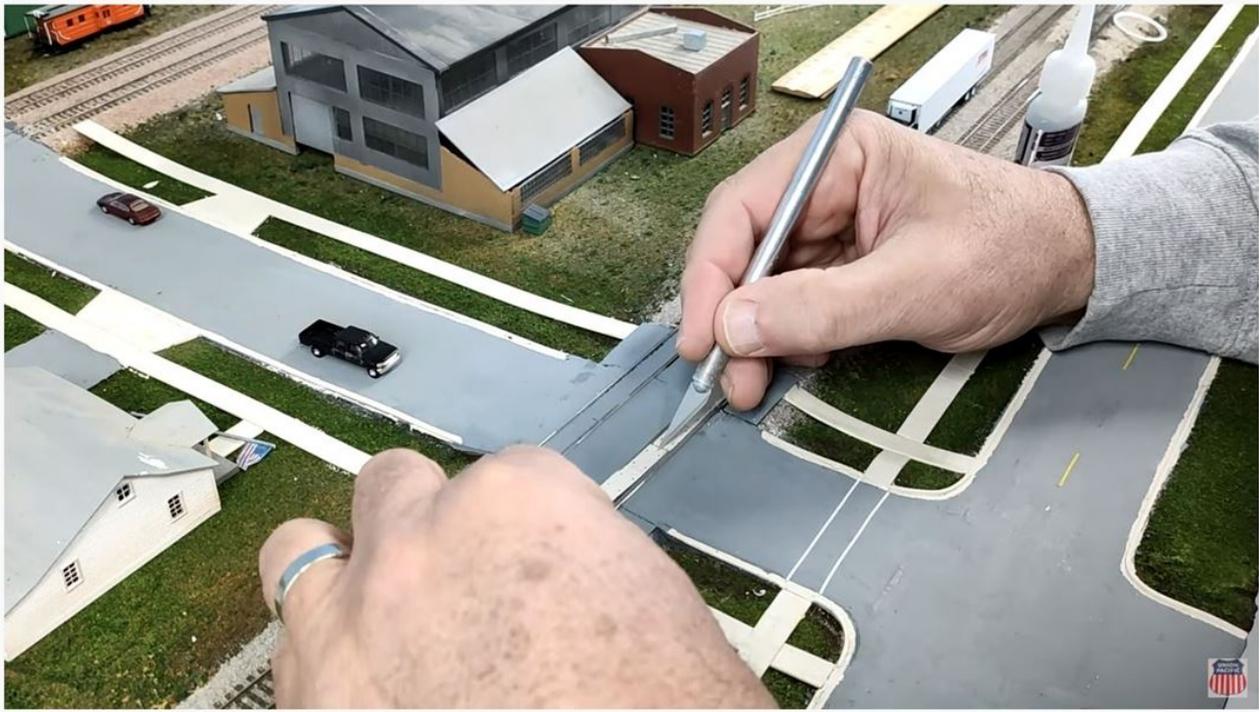
Best of the Rest



Under the Layout 3: NEC Switch-Kats for Turnout Control

[NEC Switch-Kats for Turnout Control](#)

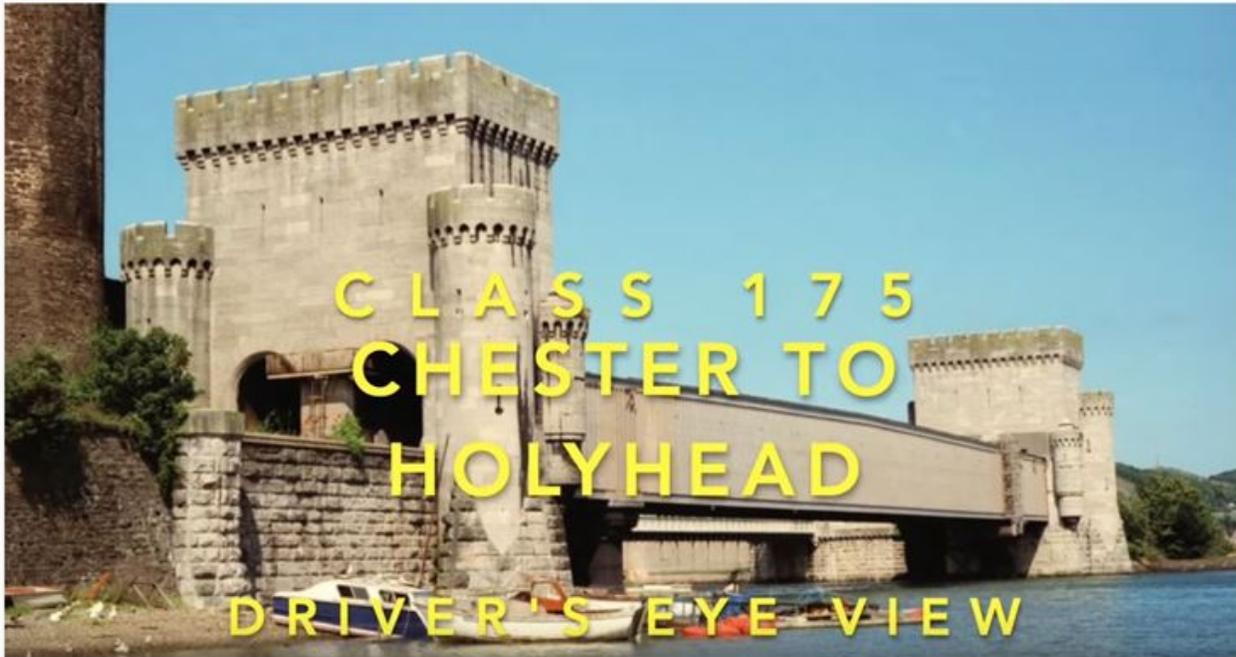
In this update, Roy shows how he installs and programs NCE Switch-Kats in the staging yard of his N scale model railroad.



Road Crossings at Rochelle Railroad Park

[Installing Road Crossings](#)

In this video, Daryl shows how he installed a pair of railroad crossings on his N scale model railroad using BLMA Concrete Crossings.



Train Driver's View Along the North Coast of Wales

[A Rail Trip Along the North Wales Coast](#)

In this video showing the railway line between Chester and Holyhead along the north coast of Wales in the United Kingdom. I've ridden this line several times but this was the first time I'd gotten to see it from the driver's perspective! Notes scroll by on the bottom of the screen describing what we are seeing and occasional maps show where we are along the route. If you come to Birmingham in 2022 for that year's NMRA National Convention, this is one railway trip you should look into taking!



Unboxing & First Impressions—ScaleTrains SD40-2

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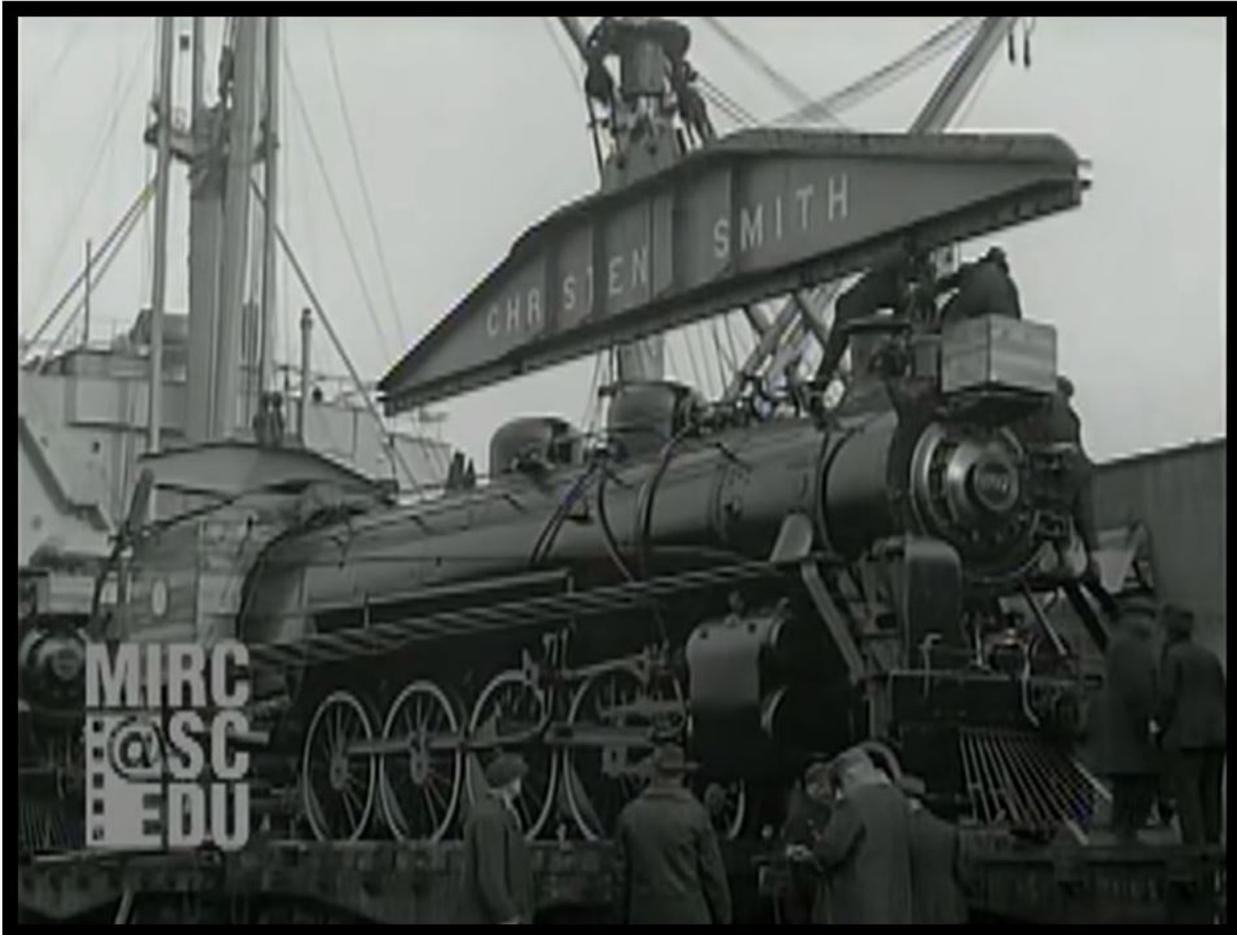
Today the presenter unboxes ScaleTrains latest SD40-2 and sees just how easy it is to get it running on his layout using his ESU CabControl DCC system.



Layout Tour—Modern BNSF Fall River Division

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A layout tour of a very well done HO scale model railroad depicting the prototype-based freelanced BNSF Fall River Division. The style of layout construction is a mushroom-linear-walk-around design which will be explained in the video.



Baldwin Locomotives Being Loaded for Export, 1929

[Loading Locomotives on a Ship](#)

An interesting find from the Fox Movietone newsreel outtakes collection - Baldwin-built 4-8-2 Mountain-class steam locomotives, destined for Chile State Railways, being loaded on a freighter. In 1929, the railway placed a large order for locomotives and coaches, and in November they were loaded onto the MS Belpariel for shipment to Chile.

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A simple tool for rail joiners

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the February, 2020 issue of NMRA Magazine



Do you have 30 minutes? Do you find installing rail joiners to be a pain, literally and figuratively? Use the 30 minutes to build a simple tool that eliminates the pain of installing rail joiners.



Chicken wire returns!

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Using foam insulation may be the technique du jour. However, you can still find practical uses for chicken wire in scenery construction.

Keep Alives on a budget

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Learn how to build your own Keep Alives on a budget...and they are small, too!



Construct a derelict building

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Learn how to construct derelict buildings for your layout using simple materials.

The Pennsy, in HO scale

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The year's first virtual layout tour: Ed Swain's Pennsy.

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