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LAYOUT TOUR



PIERMONT DIVISION



[Howard Zane's Piermont Division](#)

As featured in the February 2020 issue of Model Railroader, Howard Zane's Piermont Division, a 60 x 70-foot HO scale (1:87) model railroad masterpiece, comes to life in exclusive MRVP footage! Howard graciously hosts a walking tour along the 23 scale miles of mainline, highlighted by Northeastern mountain scenery and incredibly detailed locomotives, rolling stock, and structures. For even more extensive video coverage, find Volume 1: Howard Zane's Piermont Division Blu-ray and DVD offerings on the [KalmbachHobbyStore.com](http://KalmbachHobbyStore.com)

### **Transferring a Track Plan to Your Layout**



### **[Transferring a Track Plan](#)**

In this video Ron shows you how he transfers a track plan to his model railroad benchwork. Once we have a good track plan on paper, we then have to get it onto the benchwork to

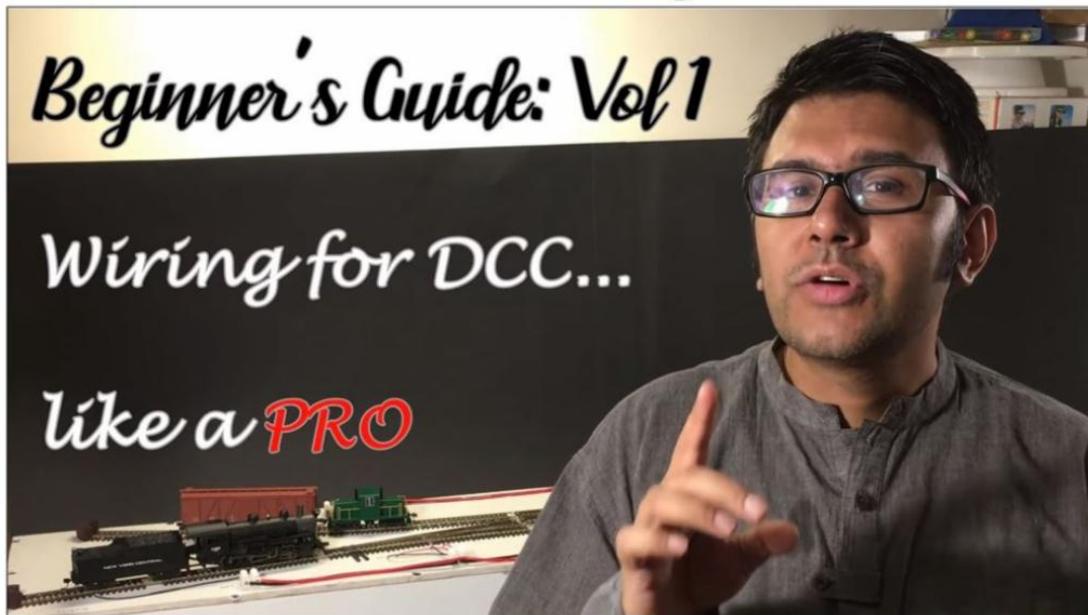
guide us as we lay track. Here he will show you how he does exactly that accurately and efficiently.



## [How to Make Pine Trees](#)

This video is a how-to tutorial on making pine trees from Furnace Pad Material. Using wood skewers and ground foam, Karin shows how she has made thousands of pine trees for the basement empire she and Bob are building.

## Model Railroad Wiring for DCC



## [Model Railroad Wiring for DCC](#)

DCC wiring is simple, right? Just two bus wires that control everything? Well, not quite! If you are looking to get a little more than just running trains in two ovals, DCC can 'look' tougher than traditional DC. BUT, if you take the right steps in the beginning and understand the basics right, it is not only easy, it's pretty fun too!

## Build an Awesome Bridge



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If you're looking for inspiration to build and design a bridge for your model railroad or for a scenery diorama then you've found the right video. In this tutorial Luke takes you through every step of the process to create an awesome realistic looking model diorama or a scene that you could incorporate in to a model railway layout possible even a wargaming terrain piece.

The model is built to HO scale which is 1:87th scale however the same techniques could be used for N scale right through to O scale and larger.

# NMRA-X Virtual Convention Clinics

## NMRA YouTube Channel

The NMRA-X is the virtual experience formed to bring some of the benefits of the organization live, right to your computer screens!

Last July NMRAX held the GatewayX, our first-ever NMRAX Virtual National Convention - a week-long event that ran every day during the week of July 12th to July 18th! This event, along with previous events, can be found on the NMRA-X YouTube channel.



***December 1 - 4***  
***6:30 - 10:30 PM Eastern***  
***For more information, visit***  
***MillCity2020.org***

The **Northeastern Region** is working with the NMRA Social Media Team to produce a virtual convention during the evenings of December 1-4 from 6:30 to 10:30 PM Eastern Time. The NER is planning to have many of the activities you normally see at in-person regional conventions, including clinics, layout tours, photo and model contests, and awards. Each evening will feature a little bit of everything. Like all prior NMRAX events, the NERx virtual convention is free and open to anyone to watch it on the NMRA Facebook page or NMRA YouTube Channel. For more information, visit - <http://millcity2020.org/>

You can watch the NERx December 1st to the 4th here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.org>

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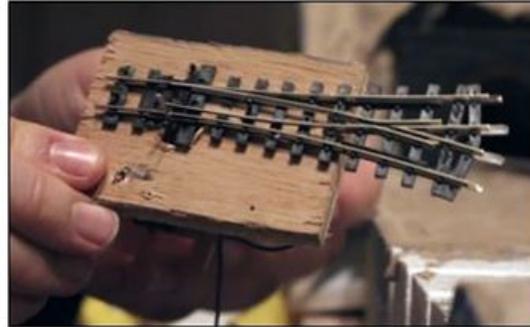
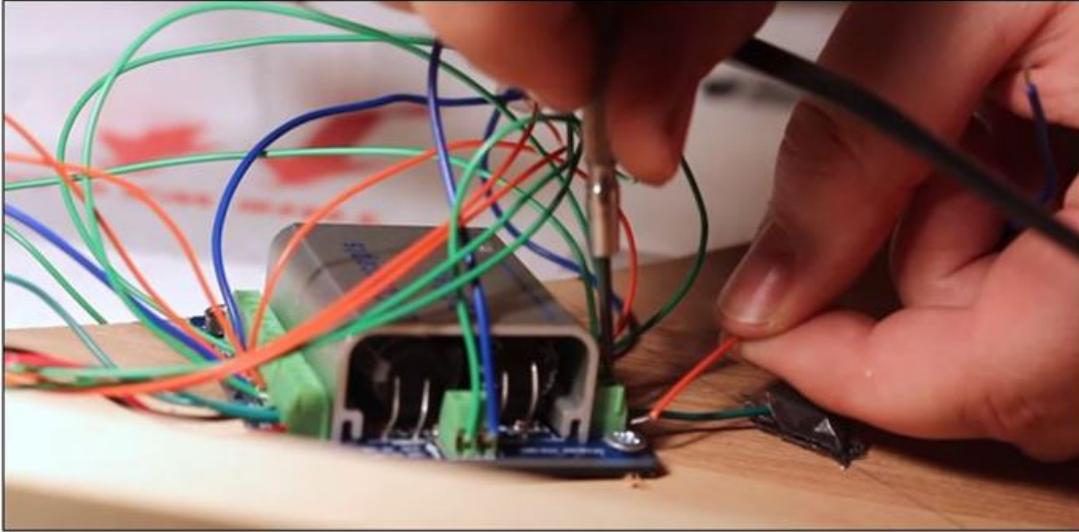
## Best of the Rest



## [Union Pacific Steam Shop Tour 2020](#)

We know many of you miss seeing our steam locomotives almost as much as our Steam Team misses bringing No. 844 and Big Boy No. 4014 across the Union Pacific system. To help us stay connected, our Steam Team has put together a "virtual tour" video of the Steam Shop in Cheyenne.

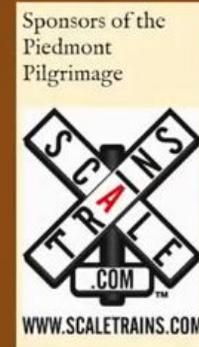
## How to Build a Model Railway Pt. 3



## [How to Build a Model Railway.](#)

Jenny Kirk shows us how she is building a small model railway in 009 scale. During this series of videos, she shows us the process she is using to create it!

# 2020 Piedmont Pilgrimage



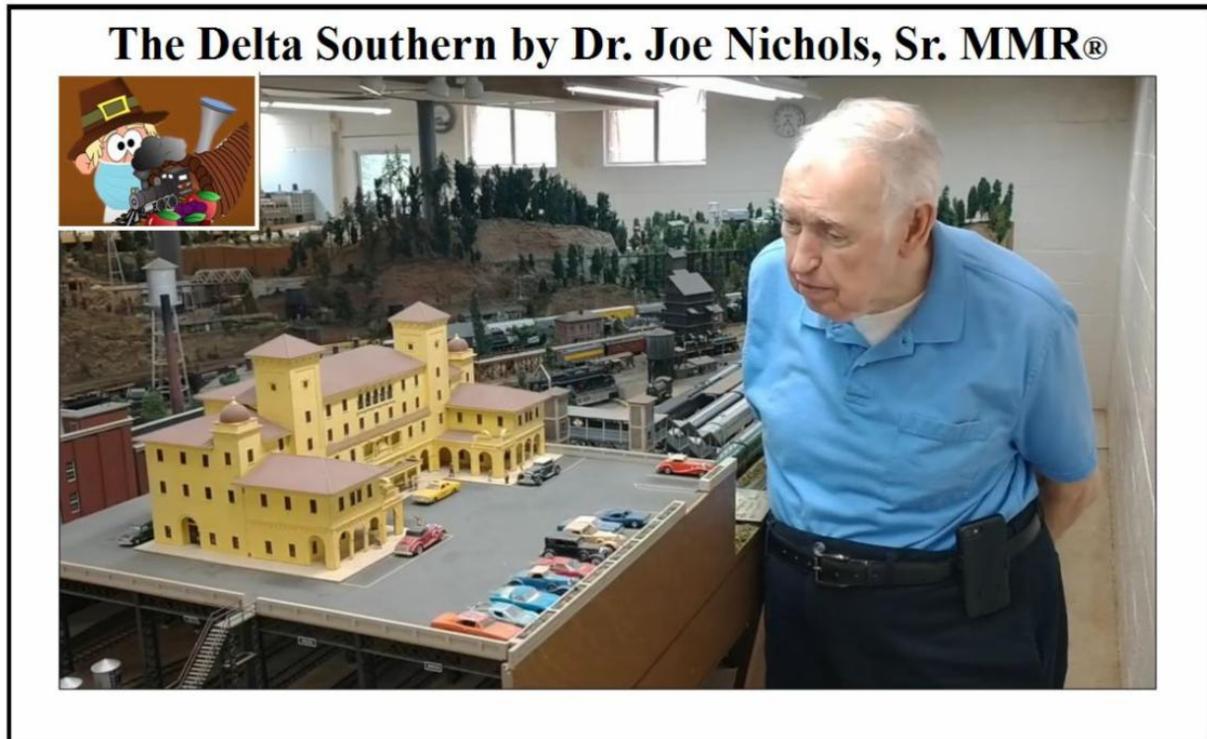
## 2020 Piedmont Pilgrimage

Welcome to the 18th annual Piedmont Pilgrimage, the hobby's premier "open house" model railroad layout tour program. As the new Chairperson for this annual event, presented by The Piedmont Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), Mike Deaton is delighted that you are joining us for another exciting year of model railroading action around the greater Atlanta, Georgia area.

Unfortunately, the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic have prevented us from admitting visitors into the homes, basements, and train rooms of our modelers in 2020. So we have gone online with a "virtual layout tour" video program for you instead.

For our 2020 online Piedmont Pilgrimage event, we are presenting 48 virtual layout tour videos through links on our website. A few will feature layouts on tour for the very first time, and many will provide an exclusive first look at some of our latest "quarantine" modeling. This also provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to "tour" some of the more remote layouts in the greater Atlanta area.

Please see our [website](#) for all of the latest details about the 2020 Piedmont Pilgrimage.



## [The Delta Southern Railroad](#)

Our first layout on this year's virtual "Piedmont Pilgrimage" layout tour is that of Master Model Railroader® and long time NMRA member Dr. Joe Nichols, Sr. who is showing us his awesome Delta Southern Railroad in HO scale.

## Steve Austin's Elkhorn Iron & Timber Co.



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Another layout on this year's virtual "Piedmont Pilgrimage" layout tour is Steve Austin's On30 scale Elkhorn Iron & Timber Company.

The SV&SW by Brian Glock MMR®



## [Sugar Valley & Sweet Water](#)

Another layout on this year's virtual "Piedmont Pilgrimage" layout tour is that of Master Model Railroader® Brian Glock, the Sugar Valley & Sweet Water in HO scale.

## John Bacon's Chama Junction



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And just one more of the several layouts you can see on this year's virtual "Piedmont Pilgrimage" layout tour is John Bacon's first layout, the Chama Junction modeled in On30 scale.

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## Division Business Car

# NMRA@HOME

### Remote Operating Sessions

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

Have you attended virtual meetings during the pandemic? How about operating a layout remotely? Bob Rodriguez explains how operators can run trains on your layout with today's technology, without being in the layout room.



### A visit to the NYC Buffaloville Southern Branch

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

George Selios has been a big influence on Bruce Shepard's HO scale New York Central Buffaloville Southern Branch. Our visit to Bob's layout showcases his inspiration.

### Fire!

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

Fire damage to a home and layout is not a subject most modelers want to think about. However, modelers should plan to prevent it and prepare in case it does. This article will get you thinking!



## Division Business Car

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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