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## **It's My Railroad with Steve Brown: Cement Plant Parts & Paint, Ep. 18**



### **Ep. 18: Cement plant parts & paint**

Progress on Steve Brown's scratchbuilt N scale cement plant continues with our celebrated Regular Guy modeler working to add a few more components. All that before he puts quick coats of primer and paint on the assembled structure, and then sets it in place on his Port Smith harbor scene! You can follow along on [MRVideoPlus.com](http://MRVideoPlus.com)!

## Build an Ultra Realistic Grass Diorama



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Master Model Railroader® Kathy Millatt shows us how she created a realistic grass diorama using Noch products.

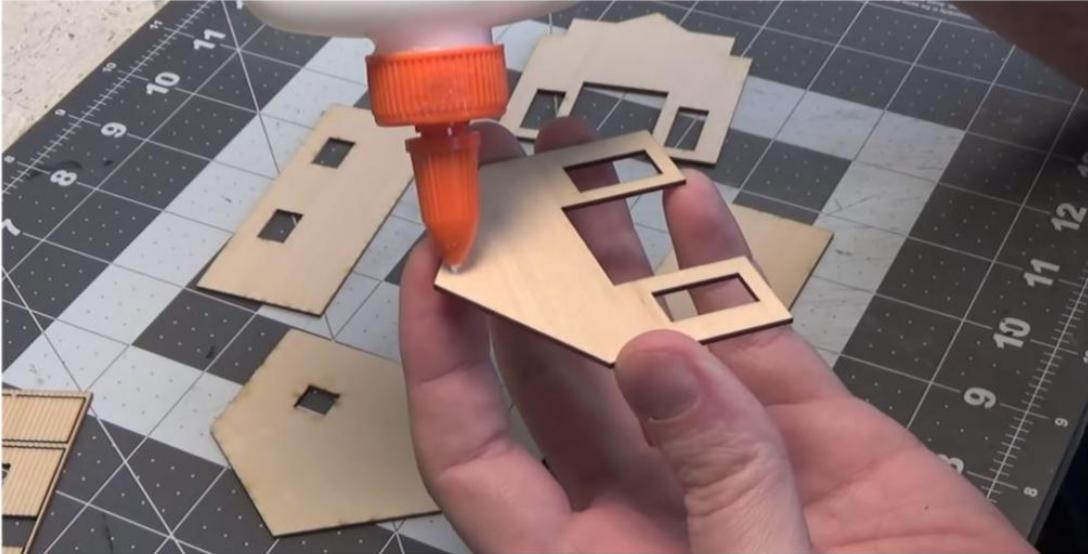
## **Review: BLI's N-Scale Light Mikado w/Sound**



## **[Review: N-Scale Light Mikado](#)**

James Wright takes a look at the Broadway Limited's N-Scale Light Mikado w/Paragon 3 Sound.

## Starting Your First Wood Structure



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This is a great video for anyone building a wood structure kit. Jason Jensen shows you basic steps that are very important for the success of any wood craftsman kit. The structure kit is from [Kcworkshop.com](http://Kcworkshop.com) and it is called Pop's General Store.

## Scenery From Start to Finish



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Model Railroad Hobbyist's roving reporter Ken Patterson's October "What's Neat" show this month includes: Scenery from start to finish with Tim Schreiner - Texture, color, and dirt; Rock castings; Ballasting track; Bushes and trees.... And some great runbys!

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The NMRA-X is the new 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.

## Best of the Rest

## Route 66 Last Chance Gas Station Diorama



## [Route 66 Last Chance Gas Station](#)

The presenter shows how he created and built this diorama using a laser cutter to create the parts.

## Time-Lapse of Derailed Train Removal



## [Derailed Train Removal](#)

We know you just can't get enough of train/rail work time lapses! Watch as the Wilkerson Crane company and the Railroads clean up the mess in less than 2 days. We called this our "Tonka Stream" behind-the-scenes. Derailment happened on September 15, 2020. Enjoy!

## Chasing USSC #148 on its Inaugural Run



## Chasing USSC #148 ex FEC

USSC #148 (Formerly FEC #148) is an American Locomotive Company 4-6-2 Pacific type steam locomotive. Built in April 1920, the engine was delivered to the Florida East Coast Railway for revenue passenger service. After about 30 years, the engine was sold off to the United States Sugar Corporation in 1952 for use on their lines hauling harvested sugar cane trains. In the early 60's, after diesel engines became the new mode of power, #148 was sold into private ownership.

In 2016, the USSC re-purchased the locomotive and began an extensive 4 year restoration, completing just in time for the engine's 100th birthday in April 2020. At that point, no one knew when the engine would run, and it made several unannounced test runs over the summer. Then, in

September 2020, the USSC announced that #148 would haul the first revenue sugarcane train of the season.



## **Review: 1.6" Scale SD45**

Today we're reviewing a 1.6" Scale SD-45 diesel locomotive from The Train Works finished in the Rio Grande scheme. Enjoy and thank you for watching The Steam Channel!

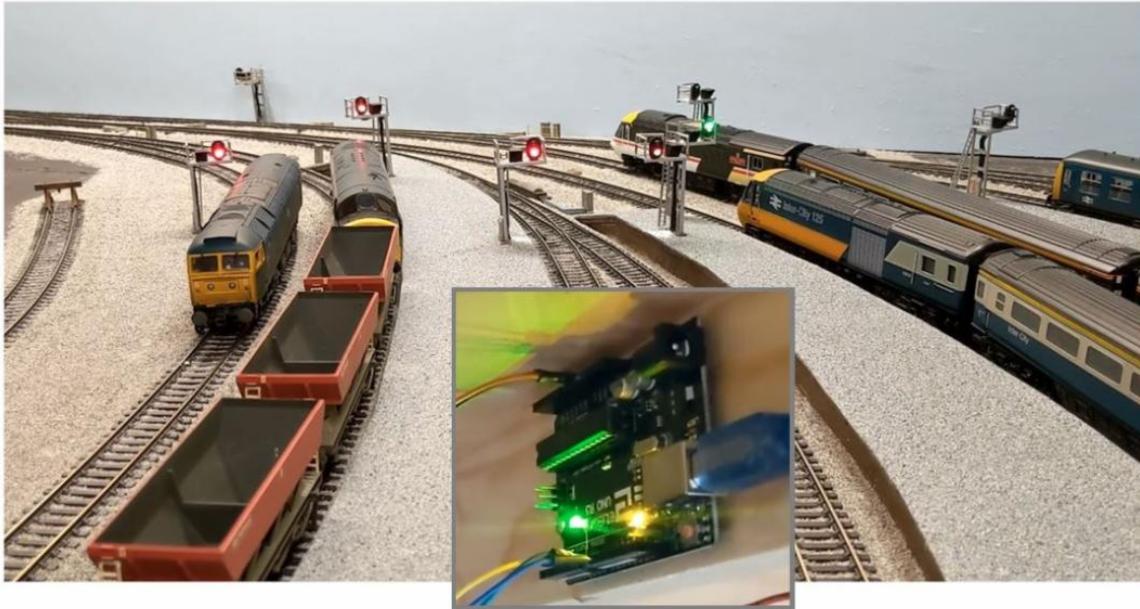
## Scratchbuilding a Pipe Load



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This is a quick, cheap and pretty easy open load for a flat car in HO scale.

## Signal Lights Using JMRI w/an Arduino & C/MRI



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The presenter originally planned on using DCC control for the signal lights on his layout, but then came across the relative simplicity of C/MRI in combination with JMRI. This allowed him to set the individual signal lights based on how a turnout or route was set in JMRI.

## Double Headed Mallets Climb the Grades



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Today we visit the Black Hills Central railroad, to witness one of the rarest events since the end of steam. Two articulated locomotives, double heading over the steep grades of the Black Hills of South Dakota. The railroad wanted to celebrate the recent completion of #108 with a special event. The #108 had not run since the 1950's and was restored earlier this year.

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## [Division Business Car](#)

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### 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

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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!



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