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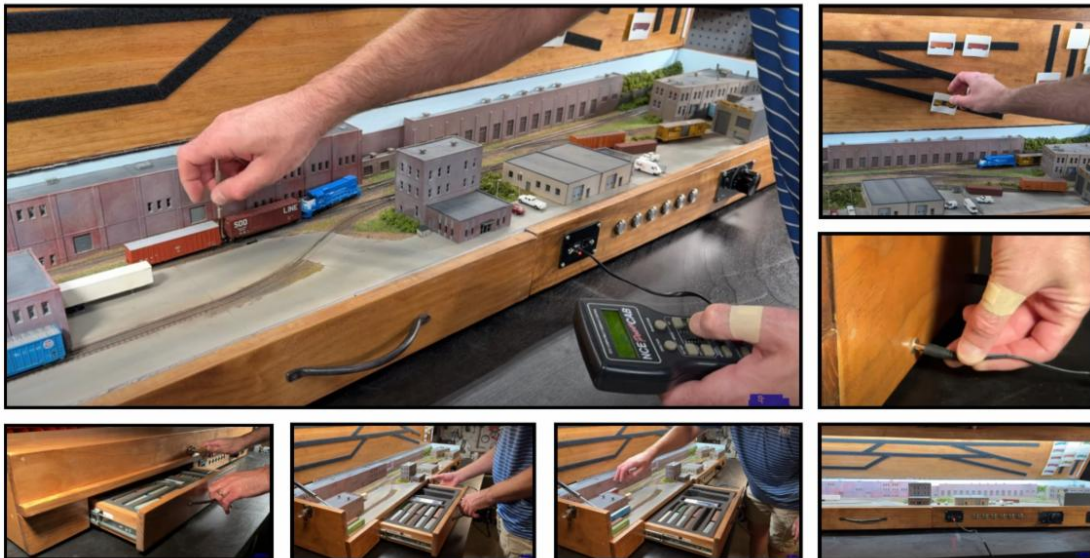
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## Portable N Scale Switching Layout



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A quick overview of the completed 1'x5' N scale switching layout built by *Steves Trains*. The next video in the series will show how the project was wrapped up.

## 6 Yard Design Elements





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Here are six elements that have been planned for use in an operating session on the Black Hills & Eastern Railroad. This is a walkthrough of the choices made for the Burlington Northern Sioux City Yard on this layout, given the space available and the designer's interests.

### **Otter Creek & Rio Grande - Track & Bench Work**



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Maroon Creek has been sitting in the shop on work benches collecting dust since before Christmas! The weather was really nice this weekend and it was decided that if this project was ever going to be finished, now was the time to get busy and start doing it!

**BETTER DAYS**

Hurricane Helene devastated the Clinchfield Railroad.  
Here are some views before that awful event.



## **BETTER DAYS**

Here are a pair of videos from **Blue Ridge Rails** - "Better Days" and their documentary "Modern Day Clinchfield" covering the Clinchfield Railroad in better times before the devastation brought on by Hurricane Helene.

**Blue Ridge Rails writes:** "As many of you know, the Clinchfield Railroad was recently mostly destroyed from record flooding. This area has been my favorite place to venture to for many years, it holds so many memories that can't be found anywhere else in the world."

"This video shows most of my recent Clinchfield adventures and pieces of our documentary on the area. All revenue from these hurricane videos will go straight to help these communities rebuild, we continue to pray for those we lost, and everyone affected."

## Modern Day Clinchfield





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### Quebec & New England Railroad

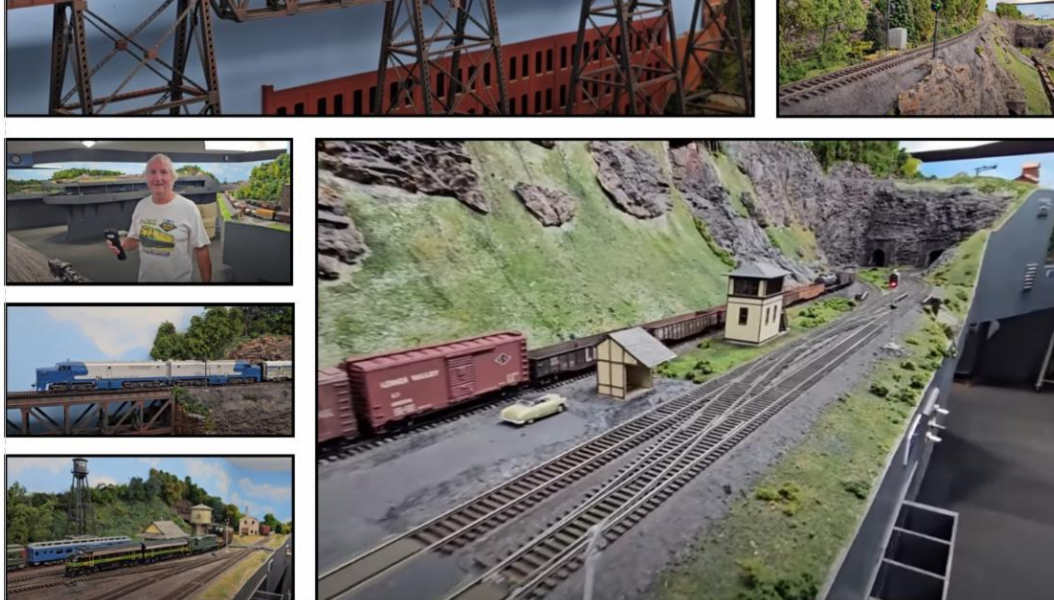


## [Quebec & New England Railroad](#)

Q&NE Expansion Construction Update #4, the first loop of the staging yard helix, plus a detailed look at the Q&NE and CR motive power rosters.

### Brian Helms' Dallas & Western

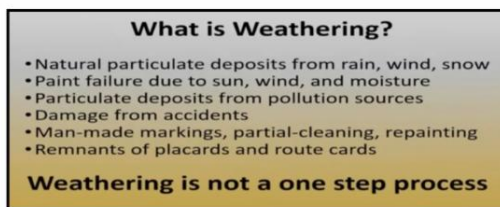




## [Brian Helms' Dallas & Western](#)

Brian has a beautiful layout that is set in the Transition Era so there is a combination of steam and diesel. *Western States Railroading* was so impressed with the layout that they forgot to ask what prototype was being modeled. Their hope is to one day go back to visit and do a more planned video of the layout. Currently, Brian does not have operating sessions but is considering it for the future.

## Weathering as Layers



## [Weathering as Layers](#)

"Weathering as Layers" is a recent NMRAX clinic by Eric Hansmann on

his methods for weathering freight cars. This is just one of many monthly NMRAx clinics that are available on our NMRA-X YouTube channel located [here](#).

## Riding Weirdest Old Railcar in America



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"In this episode on TekniQ, we witness the outdated yet operational mechanisms of the Galloping Goose Tram, followed by the innovative method of serving food. Furthermore, we observe the intricacy required to make candles, after which we learn how to process flour using a car."

## Finally a Good SP Switcher?

Unboxing & Review of Walthers Proto HO SW1200 Switcher





## *Finally a Good SP Switcher?*

Finally, a Good SP Switcher? - Unboxing and Product Review of Walther's Proto's HO SW1200. How does this locomotive stack up against other HO scale switcher models?

This model of SP 2282 represents an SW1200 from an order of 17 units delivered to Southern Pacific in 1965. SP ordered the units with MU connections and full light packages. Though they were intended as switchers, they could also be used in road service if needed.

These diesels were originally numbered from 1607-1623. The switchers did not keep their original numbers for long. In 1965, as part of SP's general locomotive renumbering, the units in this order were renumbered in a series from 2272-2288. The 2282 was originally 1617. They retained these numbers until most of the units were retired in the late 1980s. 2282 was one of a few units that lasted into the 1990s and wasn't retired until 1996.

Dan evaluates the model train's packaging, prototype accuracy, paint & detail, and how well it operates and conforms to applicable standards.

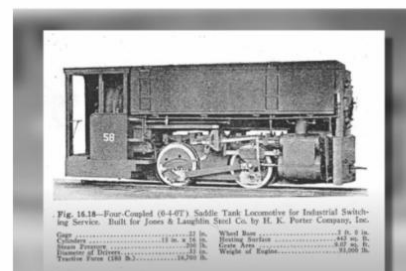
# Painting & Weathering the Car Ferry's Hull



## Painting & Weathering the Car Ferry's Hull

This is a feature video on the construction of the HO (1/87) Scale "Carrier Princess" for the River Road Marine Terminal model railroad layout. There are many ways to paint and weather a model ship hull. None of them are really easy and they require processes and layers to achieve.

# Pittsburgh's Rolling Ingot Locomotives





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In the 1930s and 1940s, the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation had seven 23" gauge 0-4-0T engines built to operate at their Pittsburgh Southside Works. These heavy engines weighed in at 93,000 pounds and were nicknamed "Rolling Ingots."

## **"The Beechie" - On30 Victorian Railways**

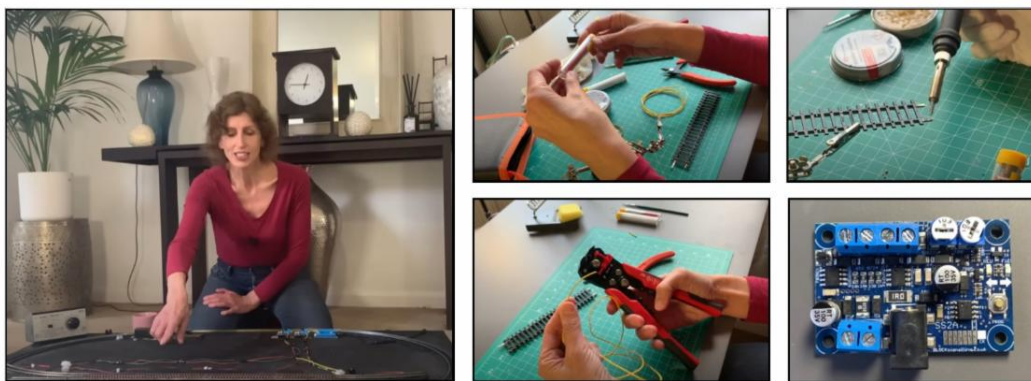


## **"The Beechie" - On30 Victorian Railways**

In this episode we visit a private narrow-gauge railway, modeled after the former Victorian Railways Colac to Beech Forest!

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## **Basic Track Wiring plus DC Shuttle Controls**



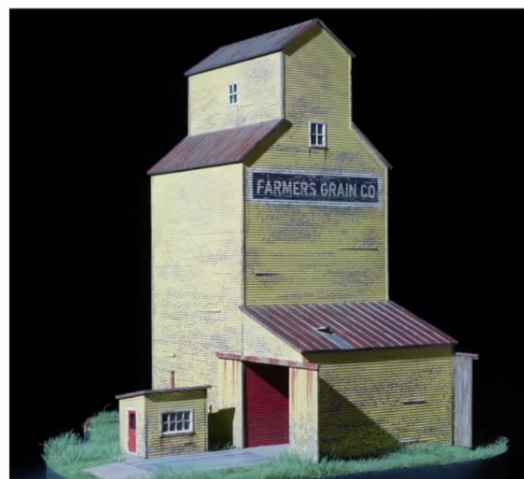
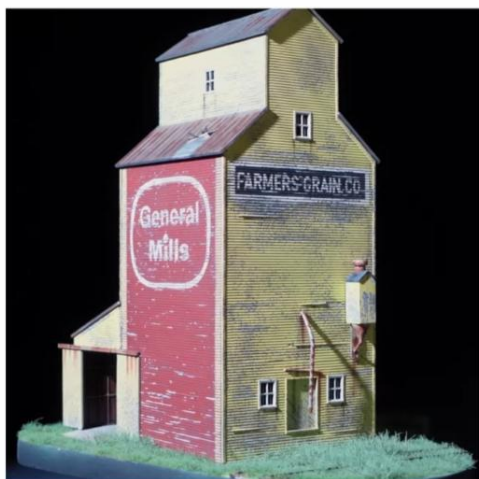


## [Basic Track Wiring plus DC Shuttle Controls](#)

In this episode: 3 basic ways to wire your track PLUS how to set up and install a DC shuttle controller for a self-running operation on an end-to-end track.

Based on the classic Ealing comedy, *The Ladykillers* - in Episode 5 of Dawn's step-by-step BRAND-NEW MODEL RAILWAY BUILD series on building an exhibition layout, Dawn explains the basics of wiring, 3 common ways to wire your track, setting up and installing a DC shuttle controller and how to pin track to your baseboard.

## **Farmers CO-OP Rural Grain Elevator Build**



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Building, weathering and adding some details to the Walther's Farmer's Cooperative Rural Grain Elevator kit in HO scale, including weathered and damaged wood siding, faded signs and damage to the roof.

The elevator is at the end of its life, showing signs of changed ownership, additions and their later removal, and general decay.

# Canada's Grain Boxcars



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Agricultural products like grain were previously moved on the railroad utilizing boxcars. Special wood, cardboard, or paper "grain doors" would be used behind the main door to keep the product from spilling out. Come the 1960s and 70s though, and American railroads began to switchover to larger hopper cars that could hold more product and were much easier to unload using chutes on the car. However, in Canada, things were changing at a slower pace. Canadian National and Canadian Pacific were refurbishing their grain boxcars while their American counterparts were switching to hoppers. This video takes a brief look at the history of Canada's grain boxcars and how long they truly lasted as hoppers slowly took over on Canada's railways.

## Refueling & Watering a Steam Charter





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The care and feeding of a mainline steam passenger locomotive in the modern-day United Kingdom require some interesting methods be used to reload the coal bunker and water tank of the locomotive's tender. Here is such an operation in Carlisle, England after a trip on the very scenic Settle & Carlisle line.

# NMRA's Partnership Program



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### Railway Transportation History

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the October 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.



In *The Derail*, the newsletter of the 100% NMRA Member San Jacinto Model Railroad Club, Mark Couvillion and Brian Jandy created a digitally restored copy of an instructional package for elementary and middle school teachers written by the American Association of Railroads in 1944 to teach students about the historical importance of

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### The Codorus Valley Traction Company Layout Tour

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the October 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

The Codorus Valley Traction Company is a compact modular layout designed and built by Don Yingling. Don's layout was featured in the *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, the newsletter of the Mid-Eastern Region's Susquehanna Division.

### The Mud Bay & Southern Layout Tour

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the October 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

The Mud Bay & Southern is an N scale layout created by Jim Younkins, MMR®. This 1970s layout features the logging industry of Washington State and was featured in the *Switchlist*, the official publication of the Pacific Northwestern Region.



### To Tip or Not to Tip

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the October 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Chris Carfaro, editor of the Northeastern Region's *NER Coupler* magazine, calls out some model railroad equipment manufacturers for not providing easily understandable instructions for their products. His stance is that you shouldn't need an engineering degree to understand a model railroad product manual.

### Defect Detectors

Featured in the Division Business Car Column appearing in the October 2024 issue of NMRA Magazine.



David Bristow of the Rocky Mountain Regions explains how and what defect detectors are in the region's publication, *The Milepost*. If you model the contemporary railroading, David also included photos to help model them.

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