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**Drew's Trackside Adventures: St. Louis Gateway City, Episode 42**

## **Drew's Trackside Adventures**

The NMRA won't be going to St. Louis for the convention this summer, but Drew Halverson and his video crew will take you there for an amazing Trackside Adventure! Follow along as the guys make their way to ideal hotspots for capturing Amtrak, BNSF, NS, Terminal Railway, UP, and other railroad action on both sides of the mighty Mississippi River. Don't miss out on this and other exclusive railroad explorations in the U.S., Canada, and U.K. -- only on MRVideoPlus.com!



### **NMRA Gateway 2020 Cancellation Explained**

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Sad to say but this year's NMRA National Convention & Train Show in St. Louis has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In this video, Bob Amsler and Brad



Joseph explain what lead up to the convention's cancellation.



**How to Make an Incredible Model River**

### **[How to Make an Incredible Model River](#)**

Follow the author's step by step tutorial and you'll be making a hyper-realistic river in no time.



## **Review: ScaleTrains—Thrall-Trinity 42' Coil Steel Cars**

### **[ScaleTrains Thrall-Trinity 42' Coil Steel Cars](#)**

James reviews the ScaleTrains.com model of the Thrall-Trinity 42ft Coil Steel Cars in "Rivet Counter" HO scale.



**Making a Small N-Scale Micro Layout**

## **Making a Small N-Scale Micro Layout**

This is just a condensed compilation of the three-part series of building this layout that I built and donated to a school fundraiser. The layout took about 12 total hours to build, spread out over a few weeks, for a total materials cost of around \$250 (including the train).



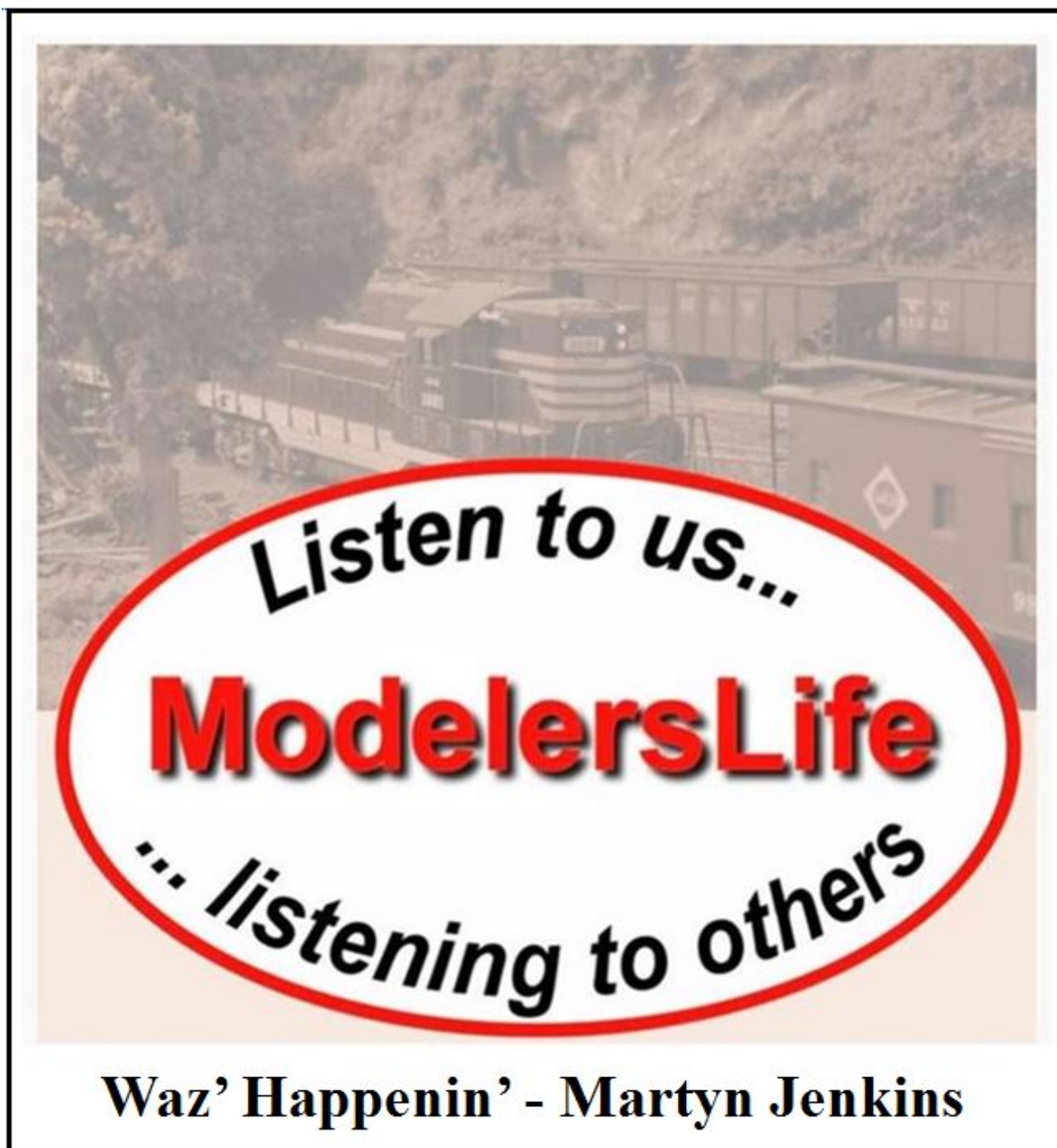


**Easy to Make Lightweight Foam Rocks**

## **Easy-to-Make Lightweight Foam Rocks**

Kathy was on a mission to find lightweight, easy-to-make rocks. These work well for smoother rocks or those in the background but you can use the painting technique on any rock face.

## **Podcast Interviews**



### [AML's Waz' Happenin' - Martyn Jenkins](#)

It's time to check out what's happening in other parts of the world and where better to start then on Australia's Gold Coast with one of the AML's most colorful Characters. Martin puts in a lot of effort with the NMRA and is very active in the virtual world of model railroading trying to reach as many modelers as possible while helping to move the hobby

forward, so it seemed only natural to find out what's going on down under.

## Best of the Rest



**Pulling Out an Old Diesel at CSRM**

### [Pulling Out an Old Diesel at CSRM](#)

We are at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California as an EMD F-unit is pulled out and onto the turntable by a small switcher.





**Layout Tour—Modern NS Asheville District**

### **Layout Tour - Modern NS Asheville District**

The NS Asheville District layout is a modern layout that has been built by the presenter's father and himself over the past 15 years. With much help from friends, they have made a lot of progress since their last layout tour several years ago.



**World's Oldest Preserved Railway - The Talyllyn Railway**

## **[The Talyllyn Railway](#)**

### **Great Little Trains of Wales #3:**

We move now to the world's oldest preserved railway, the 7.25 mile long Talyllyn Railway. This 2ft 3in line opened in 1867 from the slate quarries in the hills above Abergynolwyn to the Wharf at Tywyn, with two locomotives operating a 'one train in steam' policy with mixed trains of passenger and freight.



**Compressing a Design for a UP Freight House**

## **Colorado Front Range RR - Freight House**

A video blog of the Colorado Front Range Railroad. This is a HO scale railroad that the presenter is building in a dedicated building that is 28' x 32'. He tore down his old railroad May 30, 2014 and started this layout that is a model of the Colorado Front Range on the Colorado & Southern. The layout shows the cities of Loveland, Longmont, Denver, and Colorado Springs. In this video, he shows how he plans to model a UP freight house using selective compression.





**Amazingly Detailed BN Pacific Division Layout**

## **[Burlington Northern Pacific Division](#)**

Take a tour of an incredible Burlington Northern model railroad, recreating the BN Pacific Division from Seattle, WA to Spokane, WA in the 1970's. From end-to-end, this layout is packed with detail, unique operations, and amazing scenery! The HO scale layout is a private model railroad that Tim Dickinson and his friends have been working on since 1984.



## MRUV 147—Quick Weathering for Rolling Stock

### [Quick Weathering for Rolling Stock](#)

Stephen's first attempt at a "how-to" video actually showing you the work as it is underway. He decided to try it on quick and easy weathering for rolling stock.

### *NMRA Partnership Program*

The NMRA Partnership Program is a member benefit that truly has a tangible payback. We've partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes, giving them exposure on our website in return for receiving generous discounts for NMRA members all year long. Some provide members with special codes, others prefer a phone or email order, but all appreciate the additional business from our members. And of course, our members appreciate the extra savings...savings that can actually pay the cost of NMRA membership! **Be sure to check back often as new Partners are being added all of the time.**

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## *Division Business Car*



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## Moving a layout

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

Follow the step-by-step process one model railroader took to move a layout, a layout that was not designed to come apart, from his old to new home.

## Turnout motor & controller

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

Looking for an inexpensive way to move the points on your turnouts? For less than \$5, you can! But, you have to read this article to find out how.



## Railfanning John Bussard's HO scale Santa Fe

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Did you read Brook Qualman's series on scenery in the NMRA Magazine? If you did, you know she credits John Bussard as her mentor when it comes to creating the realistic scenes found on the magnificent Michigan Lines HO layout she and her husband Jay are building. It turns out that John has his own magnificent layout as well. Let's visit his HO scale Santa Fe Railroad for this month's virtual layout tour.

## Lettering and sign techniques

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

Looking to create unique decals for yourself? This article will show you how to make decals, even white decals without an ALPS printer. There are also many other decal-making tips in this article, including how to create "ghost signs."



## Removing lettering

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That pesky factory lettering will not come off of your car or motive power! What do you do? Try a new method for removing the lettering, of course. And, this article introduces one for you to try.

## [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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