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PIEDMONT DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
FALL 2021

Greetings and welcome to Model Railroad season... Um, wait. That's not right, oh yes, its FALL!!!! And Fall means Model Railroad season! YAY! I think I'm done cutting the grass for the season, no more, well only about 4 more plants to trim, and a bunch of mulch to spread, but, the cooler temperatures bring about time to get to work on the railroad!

Fall is also a busy season for the Piedmont Division. First, we held our annual Model Train Show in October. As I noted in the last Timetable, the Clarence Brown Convention Center in Cartersville was a very nice place with a very professional staff.



We are also about to host our annual Piedmont Pilgrimage! We are back to in-person layout tours and, while this won't have as many layouts on tour, it will have quality layouts and many will be open. This is a big change from last year's all-virtual Pilgrimage. Remember also that things may change for individual hosts, so it will be important to check the status of any layout you want to visit by confirming the daily schedule at www.piedmontpilgrimage.com. I wish to take a moment to thank those folks who are opening their layouts to both in-person and virtual tours. The Pilgrimage takes a lot of work to get ready for, I know, I take part every year. And, while I won't have snacks and paper out, the layout will be up, running and lit. There is new scenery and, I know others have been working hard to get their layouts in shape for tours. Please visit all the railroads open, via either method available.

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DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT—FALL 2021

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Please also note that we are currently holding both in-person and virtual Division meetings. These meetings are still being held the second Tuesday of the month. We are back in our normal meeting place, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, where we were meeting until we were shut down by Covid-19 in April of last year.

If you are not ready to meet in person, we are still hosting our meetings via WebEx at https://perrylamb.my.webex.com/meet/perry_lamb, and have been working hard to improve the audio quality of the meetings. **We think we've finally found the right combination of hardware and software that will enable us to present both ways.** Remember also, part of the wonder of this Division, and part of what makes it the best Division in the NMRA, is the participation of our members.



Please join us at our meetings. We miss you and would love to see and hear from you. We have great topics for clinics for the rest of this year and headed into next year and you don't want to miss what's going on!

Outside of our more "normal" activities, the Division will be partnering with the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville to host the first annual Festival of Trains!!!! I think this is going to be an awesome event for us. This will further cement our relationship with the Cartersville area and let people know we are here to stay. The Division has worked with modular layout groups and the staff at Tellus and the main entry area of the museum will feature two large layouts plus two of ours and our booth. I think that layouts surrounding the brontosaurus in the atrium is going to be amazing!

Additionally, we will have two presentations associated with the festival. WALT LILES is going to present a virtual question-and-answer session on model railroading December 8th, and I will be presenting an in-person talk on Model Railroading during the festival, on December 11th. Tellus has jumped into model railroading in a big way and this can be of great benefit to the Division. Please come support your local brontosaurus, model railroading, and this great event, all rolled into one package!

As we get ready to roll through the last of 2021 and into 2022, I'd like to take a moment to remember why we are here. We are here because we love model trains. This is a hobby we all enjoy and participate in. We are in a city with a long railroad history and in an area where talented modelers have built some truly amazing layouts, both inside and out. I for one, am ready to get back to work on my own layout. (Actually, I cheated and spent some time today planting trees!) Our Division is active and we have some really wonderful events coming up. Come join us. Watch our Facebook page, our website (which is under reconstruction, thank you BOB KELSHAW), and read the Timetable from cover to cover.

Ok, back to the tree planting and, until next time, Engage!

—Perry Lamb
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SALLY BANDO INTRODUCES NEW MEMBER DAVE ANDERSON TO PIEDMONT MEMBERS IN THE ROOM AND AROUND THE WORLD

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CHANGES ARE ON THE WAY!

And I'm not talking about the seasons. The Piedmont Division, Piedmont Pilgrimage and Model Train Show websites are being updated and combined into a single integrated site. Bob Kelshaw, Rick Coble, Jim Foley, Tom Gordon, Peter

Thomas and myself have been working on these revisions and it should launch in early 2022.

The web addresses remain the same but you will find more timely information and functionality. It allows communication and interaction among Piedmont members. In short, it will be the primary means of communication for the Division. More on these changes in the next issue.

This has significant implications for the *TIMETABLE*. It will continue to report Division activities and showcase member layout. The new website's calendar will feature easier navigation and any last-minute changes, so the *TIMETABLE* will instead describe upcoming events in greater detail.

Operating groups and clubs will have an expanded area on the website as well.

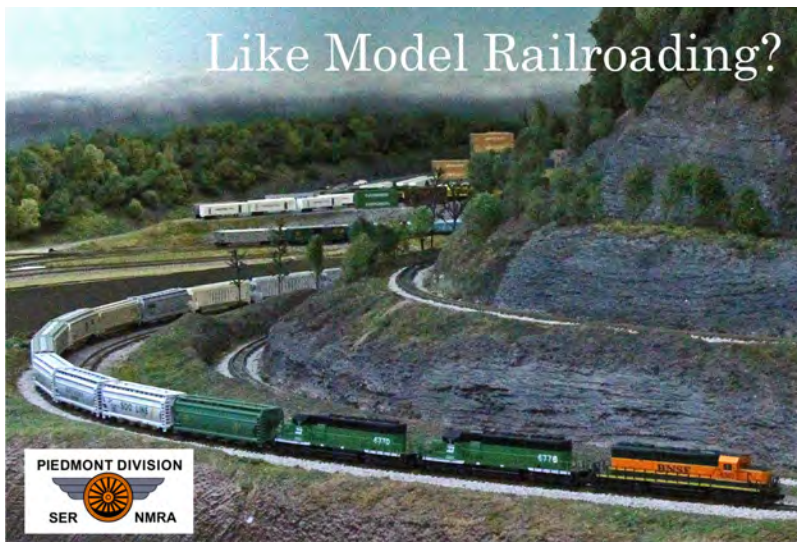
One additional change is the elimination of the quarterly printed *TIMETABLE*. We were printing 1200 copies annually of the 16 half-page black-and-white issues at a cost of nearly \$1500 or about \$1.23 per copy.

There is also an issue of quality. Small black and white photos don't do justice to the modeling our Division produces.

Instead, we are trying to grow the hobby while we promote the Division and the NMRA.

At the Model Train Show we introduced a 4-color postcard* to distribute at our events and at hobby shops. [500 copies for less than \$100]

It's designed to attract people who may not be aware of what model railroading is all about, but may be looking for a fun past time or family activity. It directs them to our website and specifically to a [ABOUT MODEL RAILROADING](#) link on the home page. It is currently active and at the top of the current Division home page.



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This pdf provides basic information for someone unaware of all the hobby offers. It describes the new features not found on their childhood train sets, and focuses on how it can be a fun family activity. We want to get the next and future generations of modelers on track.

Lots of changes. And I believe for the better.

I welcome your suggestions about the ABOUT MODEL RAILROADING pdf, and your comments when the Q1 2021 *TIMETABLE* comes out. I would love to get articles, reviews and opinion pieces, or even suggestions for articles.

To show how much we value your opinion, you will receive an email asking you to complete a brief survey about attending Division meetings and what types of topics you would like presented. If you want to get a jump on this, go to <https://s.surveypal.com/30knwq1d> and complete it now. This is completely anonymous and confidential, Please complete the survey only once.

—Jim Datka

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In addition to monthly meetings, the Piedmont Division holds a Model Train Show in the Spring and the Piedmont Pilgrimage on weekends in October and November where up to 70 modelers open their home layouts free to the public. For info on these events, go to:



themodeltrainshow.com

piedmontpilgrimage.com



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This year's Board of Director's Election will be conducted by US Mail and online through Electionbuddy. This is the voting system used in last year's election. Electionbuddy is also used in SER and National elections.

From your Board of Directors: Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, meeting attendance remains down from pre-pandemic levels. The Piedmont Division's Board of Directors voted unanimously to suspend the method of voting (in person) outlined in our bylaws. This change is only for the 2021 election and is the only way to ensure that many members have an opportunity to vote in the election.

If you have questions about completing the ballot, contact Chuck Hoesch's elections committee at elections@piedmont-div.org. If you have questions about the change in voting, contact Superintendent Perry Lamb at superintendent@piedmont-div.org

The announced candidates are:

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Tom Gordon

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Jim Foley

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

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Candidates' Statements and additional voting information is available on the Division website.

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▼ Admin Income					\$922.00
▼ Contributions					\$922.00
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	9/29/21	Piedmont Division	Counter Deposit	Gizmo Trains	\$193.00
▼ Pilgrimage Income					\$53.00
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▶ Pike Ads \$10					\$40.00
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▶ Marketing					-\$21.20
▶ Miscellaneous					-\$139.80
TOTAL					-\$5,048.98

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▼ Cash	\$76,924.05	\$76,670.45	\$77,474.95	\$76,867.80	\$69,740.11	\$64,691.13
Paypal	\$179.88	\$179.88	\$179.88	\$179.88	\$179.88	\$179.88
Piedmont Div Train Show	\$20,287.19	\$20,287.19	\$20,782.11	\$21,572.11	\$14,502.11	\$11,321.11
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THE 2021 PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE IS ROLLING OUT



The 19th Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage gets underway with our “virtual tour” video postings and first weekend of in-person tours in on October 23rd. Our “hybrid” layout tour program this year will feature at least five new video tours, and

our original in-person tour schedule listed 37 layouts to be open to the public over the weekends through November 21st. This is obviously a smaller program than in recent years, but not that surprising, given the lingering pandemic concerns.

Since the original open house schedule was released, we have had 4 host cancellations (all but one due to host's personal health issues), so our schedule as of this report still features 33 in-person tours. In addition, I have posted a Pilgrimage “tour” webpage with a link to our YouTube Channel site with all of the 2020 Piedmont Pilgrimage videos for public viewing.

Although we are not producing a “Tour Booklet” for this year's program, we have a printed flyer about the Pilgrimage tours distributed to local hobby shops and so forth.

The layout tour pages are up-to-date on the www.PiedmontPilgrimage.com website including any “Cancelled” notices for all of our open-house tours, and will be posting a tour page for each of our “virtual” tours soon.

Covid-related requirements our hosts have (if any) for guests coming into their homes are being prominently posted there as well, and we ask our guests to PLEASE respect their wishes and comply fully. We also ask that our visitors visit this website to re-confirm the details of every tour before going out to visit!

Depending on any additional tour cancellations, we may have some timeslots with only one layout (or none) available, but this is beyond our control. We won't be moving tours around, now that our official

schedule has been posted. In the event of a tour cancellation, that tour will be clearly marked as CANCELED on the Pilgrimage website.

Although we did not solicit a main sponsor or other commercial advertisers this year, we currently have paid “pike ads” up on our “Supporters” web page.

A couple of the new videos were provided to us as completed productions by the hosts, and our faithful video editor Craig Knox worked on the others. All of the new videos will be posted to the website on our first day (Oct. 23rd).

Charlie Mason and Joe Sullivan did a great job coordinating our hosts and layouts for this year, despite many challenges. Craig Knox completed all of our video projects, and will be working with Bob Kelshaw to prep them for posting to the Pilgrimage website by the scheduled date for these (all on 10/23/21). Tom Gordon has taken care of covering our “operator assistant” needs, with a much greater supply of volunteers than the few that were needed. Based on my count of current postings, Jim Foley has taken in 28 paid “pike ads” from our Pilgrimage “supporters”. Sally Bando is taking care of our Facebook marketing and so forth, and since the last meeting, Doug Alexander prepared a Piedmont Pilgrimage flyer for distribution to hobby shops, etc.

I do want to give a very big THANK YOU to our participating layout owners/hosts and our Committee members for all of the work and preparation that has gone into this year's effort. Makes things considerably easier on me.

—Mike Deaton

Piedmont Pilgrimage Chairperson

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2021 PIEDMONT MODEL TRAIN SHOW WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



On October 2 and 3, 2021, The Piedmont Division held a train show at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, Georgia. It was a great time and fun was had by all.

This was a change of venue from previous train shows. The venue was changed due to two major reasons:

1. The Piedmont Division could not afford another cancelled event at the Galleria. The upfront costs at the conference center were approximately half of those at the Galleria.
2. Vendors were not happy with the logistics of getting in and out of the Galleria.

The Clarence Brown Conference Center offered a smaller venue, resulting in the costs being less therefore lessening the risk posed by cancellation. COVID-19 was still present but the committee decided to move forward after two previously planned show were cancelled.

State of Georgia guidelines were followed at the show to abate the threat of COVID as best as possible. Masks were available to those who chose to wear them. Hand sanitizer stations were also present.

Vendors were very happy with the venue and the ease with which they could unload and load. Kudos to Perry Lamb who kept the traffic outside moving so that no vendor waited very long. I believe that no vendor waited more than 15 minutes to unload. Exhibitors were also very pleased with the venue and the dock facilities.

Parking was provided for free for the vendors and exhibitors next to the building. Trucks and trailers were accommodated in a secure space close to the loading docks.

Volunteers were one of the big reasons that load-in and load-out were accomplished efficiently. Forty-one volunteers gave their time and muscle to the event. Volunteers did everything from selling tickets to loading and unloading vehicles. They were the heroes of the day. I made the mistake of not getting the email addresses of all volunteers. This prevented me from sending each of them a thank you.

Sally Bando headed our massive advertising effort. She was able to get us great exposure in the media. She even got me on the radio which I believe was a first for the Piedmont Division Model Train Show.

Even with the great exposure, we fell short of the attendance numbers for which we hoped. Attendance was 841 while we expected 1,000. We believe that COVID still played a large part in us not achieving our goal. With the same effort that we put forth for the October 2021 Show, we should easily attain our goal in future shows.

Best of all, the Show yielded a net profit for the Division of over \$4,300.

Planning is already underway for the 2022 Model Train Show on March 12-13 again at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, Georgia.

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2021 PIEDMONT MODEL TRAIN SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS



Photo by Sally Bando

The Walther's Trainline Flyer Express was won by a very delighted Josh Scirica of Kennesaw who was eager to build his train set and start running trains.

An even more delighted Jim Datka was the very lucky winner of the gorgeous layout built by the Country RRoads Modular Group! This incredibly detailed layout currently resides in our living room. We were going to remodel the first floor of our house just as COVID struck. Activities halted and fortunately left us with more space than furniture in this room. It will be moved to the bonus room above the garage at the end of the year. Until then my wife Nora thinks it's great and the cats have learned that tree make a great toy to bat around.

CHARLIE, CAN A RAFFLE TICKET BE USED TO GET A GOLDEN SPIKE CERTIFICATE?

Thanks to Walt Liles for delivering the layout and showing me how to set it up.

And a very special thanks and gratitude to the Country RRoads group for this amazing layout!

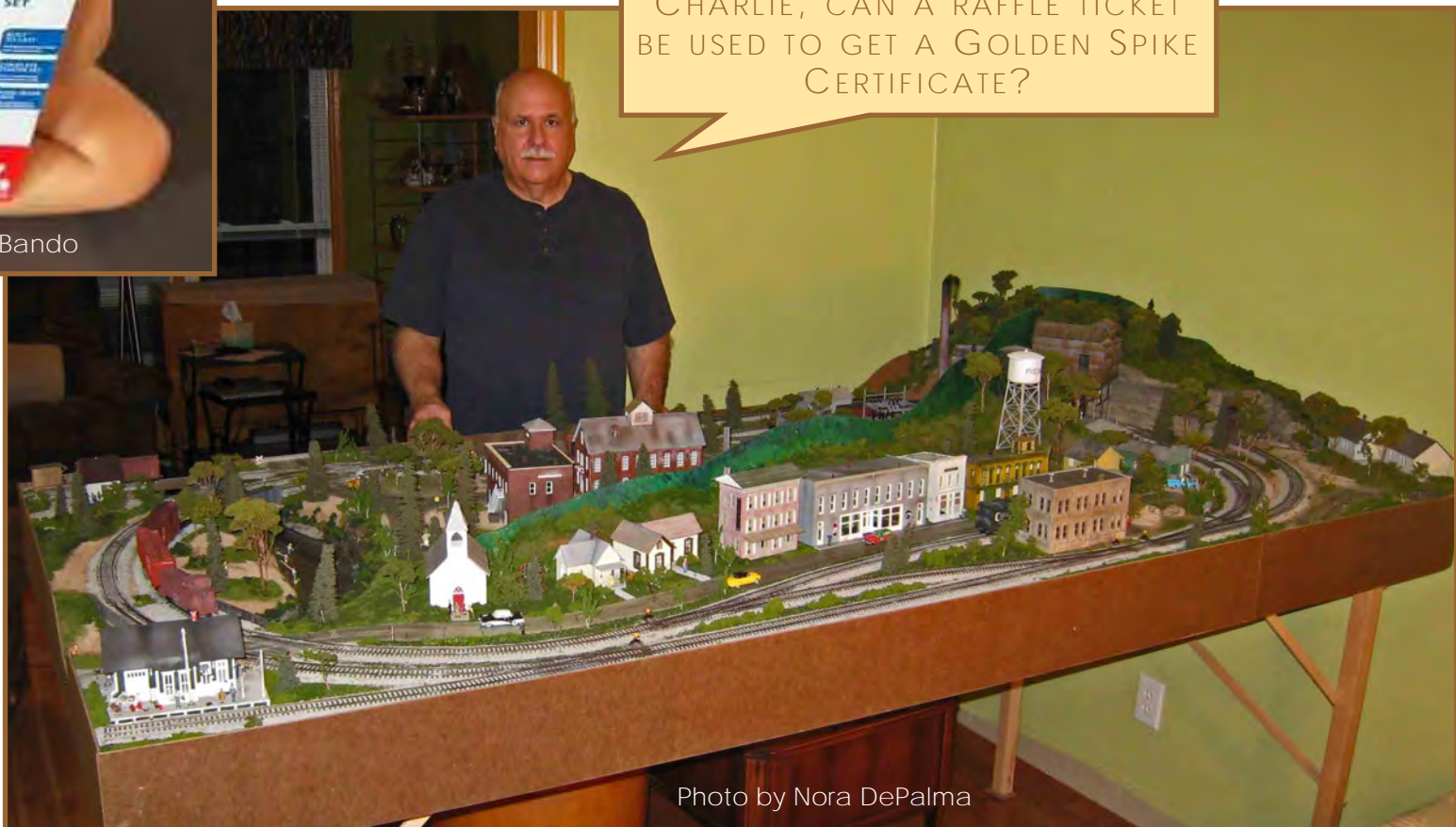


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WANT TO GET PAID TO RUN TRAINS AND PROMOTE THE HOBBY?

The ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN is looking to hire train operators for their incredible GARDEN LIGHTS, HOLIDAY NIGHTS program that runs from November 13, 2021 through January 15, 2022. The Pay is \$15-18 per hour. Part-time and full-time positions are available and includes tickets to Garden Lights.

Interested? Contact Rebecca Fisher at rfisher@atlantabg.org

This program is something you should not miss! Go to atlantabg.org for info.



GUEST EXPERIENCE ASSOCIATE, MODEL TRAINS

The Guest Experience Model Train Associate operates in Alston Overlook at Atlanta Botanical Garden including welcoming guests, maintaining the integrity of the model train garden and directing guests throughout the garden during the Garden Lights, Holiday Nights' exhibition. Seasonal Full and Part time positions available from November-January.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Greet guests with a smile and a verbal welcome using an enthusiastic and pleasant manner
- Ensure all trains are operating properly and alerting the manager on duty of any issues
- Keep tracks clear of debris and clean tracks when needed
- Politely monitor guests from disturbing the model trains and surrounding scenery
- Provide guests with information regarding activities conducted at the garden
- Provide guests with directions to food and merchandise venues, offices, and special events
- Communicate correct product information to guests regarding coupons, special offers, and upcoming events
- Maintain clean working environment
- Maintain a working relationship with other departments to ensure up-to-date garden knowledge
- Additional duties may be assigned. Management retains the discretion to change or add to the duties of this position at any time.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job the employee is required to sit and stand for long periods and walk. The employee must be able to reach with hands and arms; and use hands to finger, handle, and feel. The employee is frequently required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is frequently required to talk and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move carry, push, or pull at least 50lbs. Specific vision requirements for this job include close vision, color vision, depth perception, ability to focus, and night vision. The employee must be able to take directional cues directly or indirectly.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently exposed to outside weather conditions
- The employee is regularly exposed to wet/or humid conditions, extreme heat or extreme cold
- The noise level of the work environment is usually moderate
- The environment can be moderate to fast paced

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Must be at least 18 years of age or older
- Must be able to maintain a good working relationship with coworkers
- Must be able to work days, nights, weekends, and holidays
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team
- High school diploma or equivalent education preferred
- Previous experience in hospitality or customer service industry preferred
- Previous model train experience is required



PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING

JOHN BOST: WEATHERING



John Bost brought in a diorama featuring a \$5 AMT model of an old pick-up truck, that he weathered into an old broken down vehicle that may have died on that very spot.

He then took us step-by-step as to how he attained these effects. The model was highly detailed, even with springs that wore through the seats.

He primed the vehicle with a rattle-can rust colored primer, After it cured he sprayed on a quality hair spray that has a very fine mist of the adhesive. He then top coats it with the faded paint vehicle color.

He described several processes he used to remove the vehicle color to reveal the rust underneath.

He described several ways he tried to remove the top coat: water/ alcohol mix, heavily used paint brushes reduced to a 1/16" stubble, dental picks and 400/600 grit sand paper.

He recommended Model Master iron oxide paint which uses an accelerant to form a crust, and Panel Line accent color washes.

Photos by James Bando





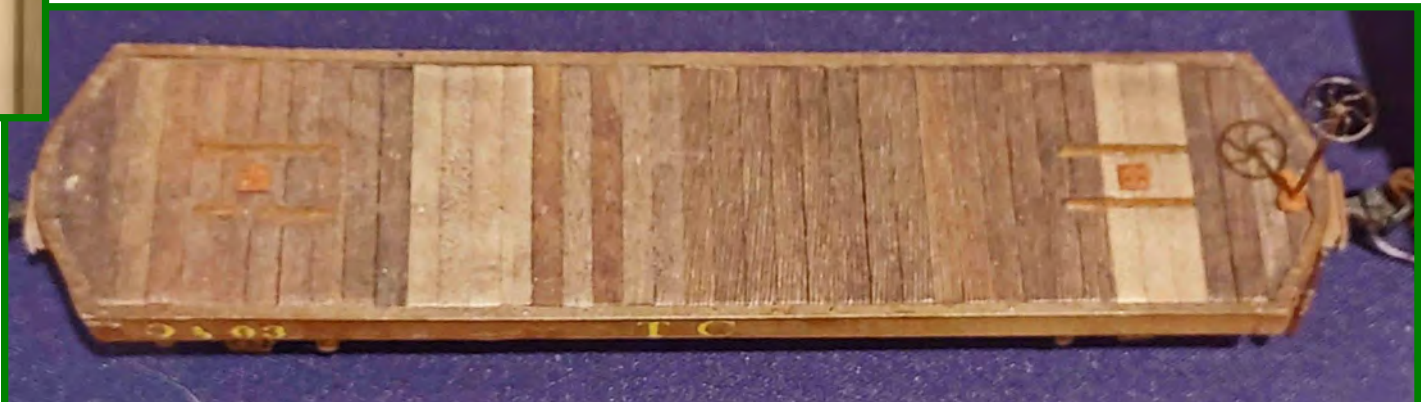
PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING BRING AND BRAG: WEATHERING



Stefan Bartelski showing his beautifully detailed and weathered boxcars



Pat Baldrin showing an extremely detailed and well used flat car



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PIEDMONT DIVISION'S OCTOBER MEETING BRING AND BRAG: WEATHERING



Joe Sullivan showing open gondola load and demonstrating that empty gondolas are never truly empty

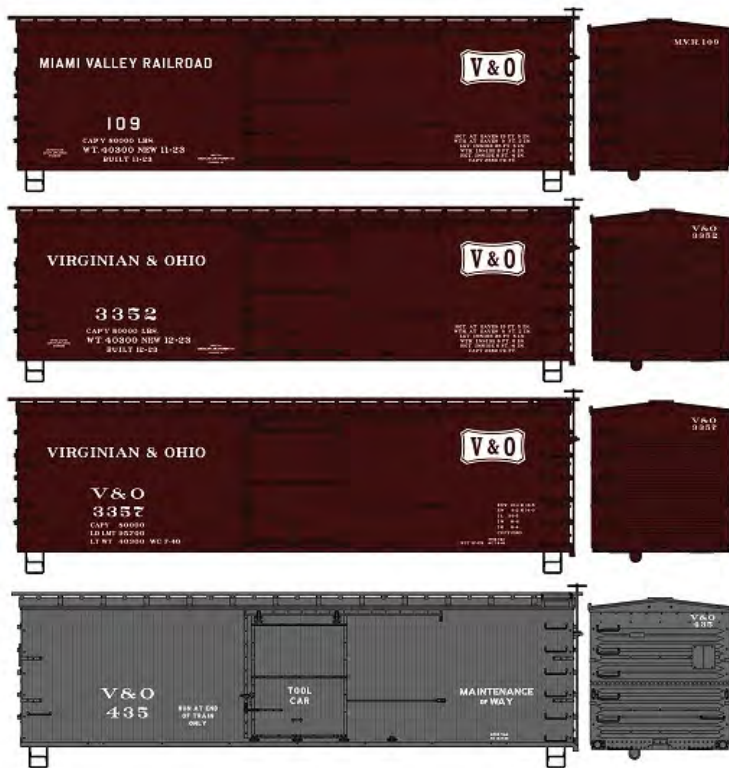




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The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July, 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December, 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: KEN STINETTE'S "THE OLD RELIABLE" LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE N SCALE LAYOUT



Ken models the transition era so he features a mix of steam and early diesel locomotives. While it is more of a freelance setup, he does focus on what L&N most famously moved: coal.

He has two coal mines as well as down stream customer converting the coal into coke and an amazing steel plant complex.



He designed the layout for operations and has about 20 sidings with a diverse set of industries offering a lot of spotting opportunities for his cars. It has a single main line with passing sidings about 10 feet long which can hold about 20 cars with the engine.



Coking plant



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His layout is a point-to-point design with return loops at each end.



Ken loves billboard reefers so he has included a large icing plant. He has a great selection of cars with enough to run separate beer trains and cross-country meat and fruit/vegetable trains.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: KEN STINETTE'S "THE OLD RELIABLE" LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE N SCALE LAYOUT



One of the most striking features is a forested hillside that is the source for one of his mines.

This was actually cut from a friend's HO layout who used forced perspective of what was a background feature.

It fits beautifully on Ken's N scale layout.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: KEN STINETTE'S "THE OLD RELIABLE" LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE N SCALE LAYOUT



Modeling in N scale allowed Ken to include a large steel foundry complex.



Raising the roof shows the molten iron being poured.

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A small but bustling city is nestled below the hillside for the workers supporting the many industries along the line.

Ken also has a great selection of period N scale autos and trucks to add realism and interest

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: KEN STINETTE'S "THE OLD RELIABLE" LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE N SCALE LAYOUT



Ken also enjoys passenger trains so a large terminal is included.



Passenger trains not currently on the layout are in wall-mounted displays.

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FEATURED MEMBER LAYOUT: KEN STINETTE'S "THE OLD RELIABLE" LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE N SCALE LAYOUT



Ken had a large locomotive servicing terminal and round house under construction when I visited his layout over a year ago. He has informed me that he has added details and scenery over the COVID lockdown. Given his modeling expertise, I look forward to seeing what he has accomplished.

—Jim Datka





GETTING WIRED

WITH TOM GORDON

CHEAP FASCIA PANELS

I personally like panels on the fascia to control turnouts. Some folks like turnouts to be all manual, but due to some personality quirk, I want all my turnouts to be controlled via some sort of machine. That, in turn, requires some sort of electronic interface.

In the past, I have built panels that control an entire area with loads of turnouts, but on my new layout, I'm trying my best to simplify the operator interface, and also to make the panels easier to modify.

To do this, I purchased a hundred or so thin wooden squares from (surprise!) Amazon. I selected 4" x 4" thin wood squares that are used for coasters and other craft projects. (The specific ones I bought aren't available, but many more are.) Granted, I had to purchase way more squares than I'll ever need, but they allow me to put one or two turnouts in a diagram and include the buttons to



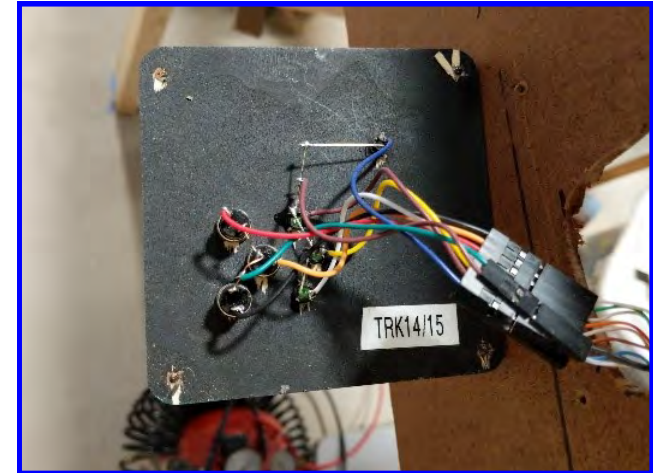
control them. Yes, this requires lots of wire to each panel, but this approach seems to work nicely. I've included a picture of the front and back to show how they look on the layout.

To build these, I primed and painted the background of the squares a nice glossy green, used 3M spray adhesive to glue on a printed diagram and sealed the panel with several coats of Krylon clear gloss spray. Buttons, toggles and LED's were mounted on the thin wood with ease after the appropriate holes were drilled. How you

wire this is up to you, but it is a cheap approach to have fascia control. As for specific paints, I'll let that be up to you, but the Krylon worked nicely. I did seal the printed paper with Grumbacher fixative, but that might not be truly necessary. I did this to prevent the inkjet colors from running.

As for the electrical hardware, I use pushbuttons from Mouser Electronics (part 104-0013-EVX) bought in quantities of 50 (I should have gotten 100 @ about a buck each). Make sure the throat (threaded part) of whatever you use is long enough to poke through the wood. I use small LED mounting collars (Jameco part 95513 for T1 LED's) to simplify mounting the lights.

Now there is the issue of what to do in order to prevent accidental throwing of the turnouts. Well, since I use JMRI, I can program the panels to go into a 'spectator' mode where guests can't accidentally push a button and cause a problem. When a button is pressed, a variable can be checked to



see if it's OK before performing that function. This will ultimately be tied into a dispatch station where the dispatcher can give a road crew permission to control a particular area via a toggle switch or some other device. There is an LED on each panel to indicate if it is in local control.

Now here's the overall advantage: If I should want to change things, or modify controls on a panel, replacement is fairly easy. I use DuPont plugs to connect the panel from the back, and I can create a new panel in a matter of days. It's also handy if you want to change the lettering or the diagram to make control clearer.

Regardless, this is a cheap way to make panels, and so far, they seem to work well. This can work with any technology behind the scenes, even direct wiring to track power.

Give it a try!



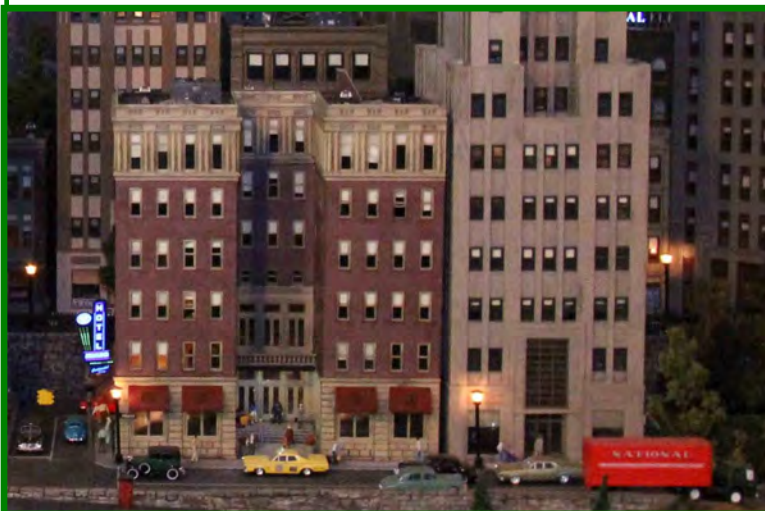
REMEMBERING GEORGE BLOODWORTH AND HIS L&K (PRR AND B&O) HO SCALE LAYOUT



George's layout was one of the first I visited on the 2017 Pilgrimage. He made a point of leading me around to point out minute details to be certain I did not miss them and that I understood how each fit the vision for his layout.

The city scene was incredible and he pointed out all the details that he painstakingly matched to the actual 1950-60s era Baltimore. He told me to stay there while he went to turn down the room lighting while city's night life brightened. It was breath-taking.

I was mesmerized by his round house and the highly detailed locomotive servicing facilities. The icing terminal is still one of the best I have seen.



Unfortunately that was my only visit to his layout. He had a passion for model railroading and shared openly and fully with everyone. He will be missed.

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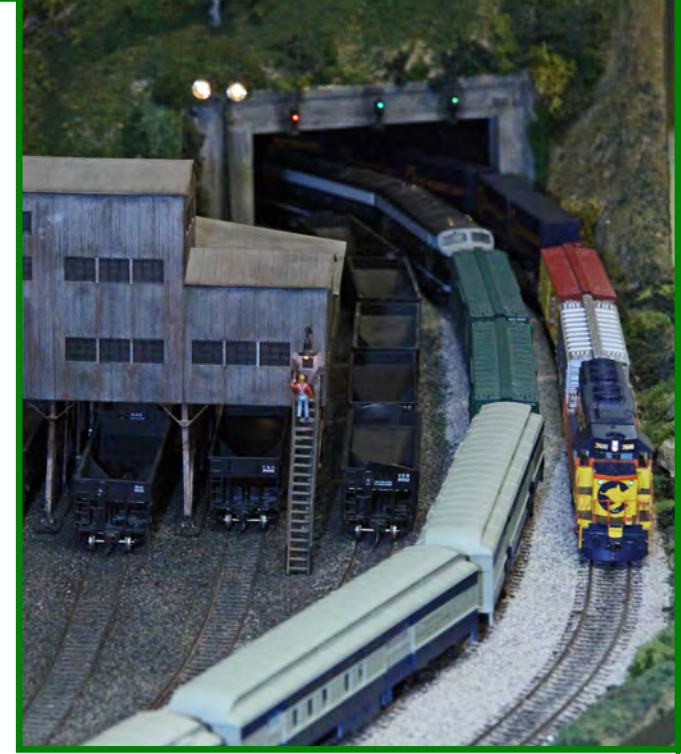


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