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A Day Out with Thomas at the Medina Railroad Museum, Medina NY



Marty Phelps, Director of the Medina RR Museum.



Barbara Hancock and Linda Klein.



Bill Carr and Dave Moore keep the trains running.



A serious future model railroader.



Volunteer students from the Iroquois Job Corps.

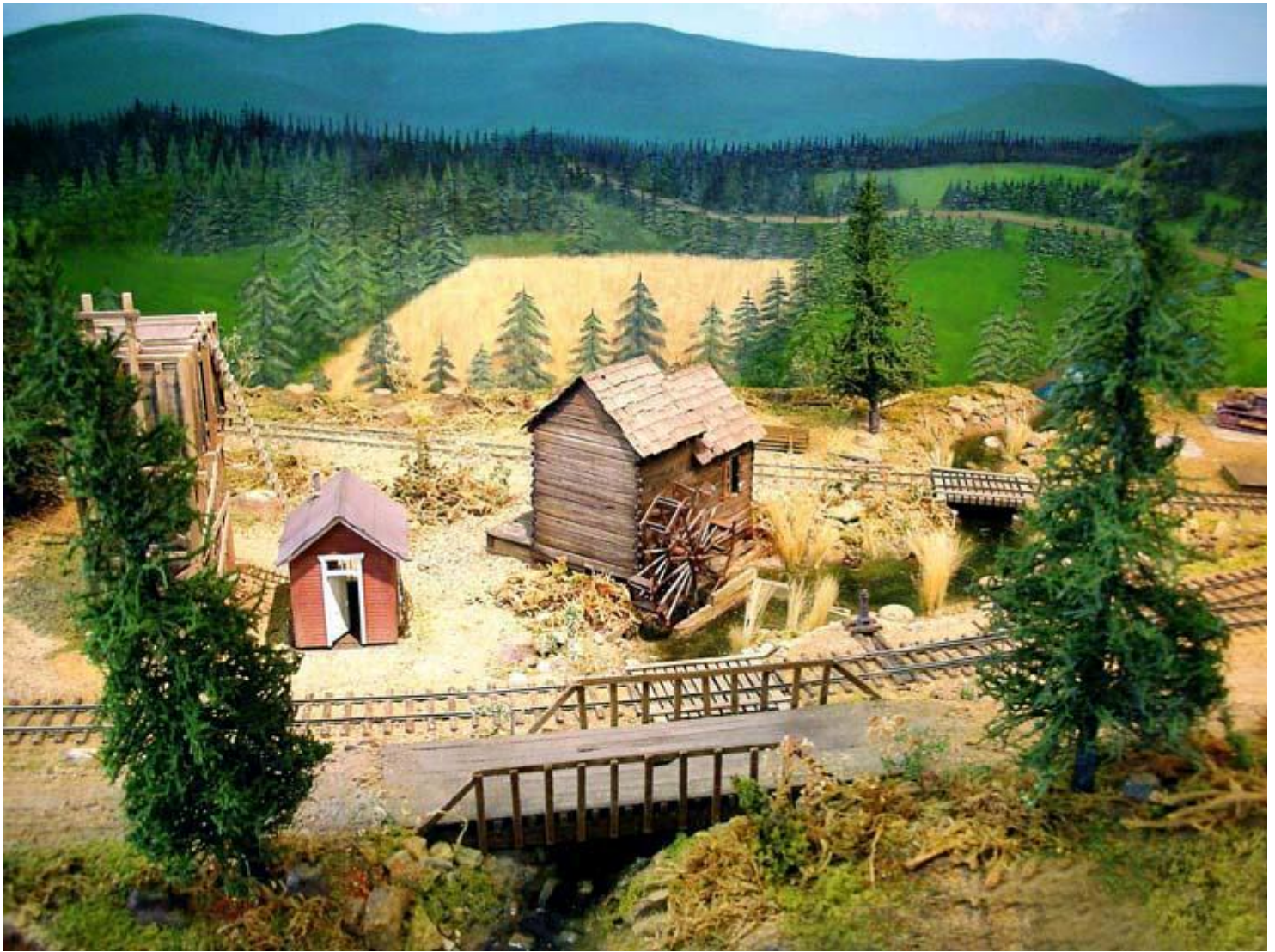


The Balloon Man.

Scenes from the Mid-Atlantic Narrow Gauge Guild Module Show, Kimberton, PA, May 2009

Photos by Sam Pennise





The NMRA NFR Woodstock Turn Convention

By Ned Spiller, MMR

The NMRA's Niagara Frontier Region held its annual convention from April 17th to the 19th, 2009. Carolyn and I made the drive up to Woodstock, Ontario, and had a great time.

I always take the opportunity to attend as many clinics as I can at these conventions. I got to eight Friday evening and Saturday morning. They were all great, but a couple of them really stood out for me.

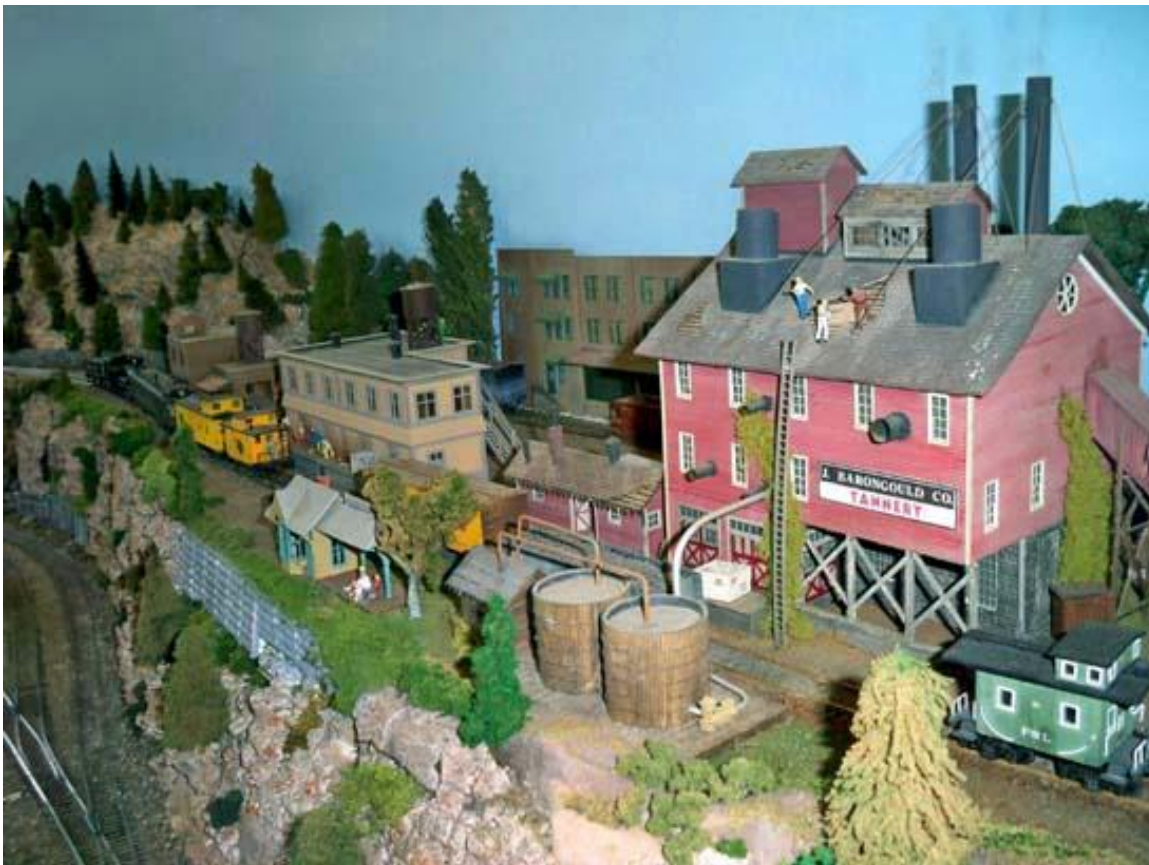


Above:

Roger Chrysler models the Lake Erie and Northern, an interurban line in Southern Ontario. Everything runs under wire on hand laid track. Roger operates the layout using a 1953 timetable and car cards.

Left:

Jim Totzke's Ontario Short Line is set in the 1920s to 30s. Lots of scratch built and kit bashed structures.



Brian Fayle gave a clinic on "The Beauty of Small Layouts". When Brian says small, he really means small. His latest projects have been about 2' x 3', in G_n15 (1:24 scale on 15" narrow gauge track). Brian makes everything on his layouts, including birds that are specific species for the area he is modeling. He has some photos at www.brifayle.ca.

Another interesting clinic was given by Joe Rutter, who owns *Full Steam Ahead*, a kit manufacturer www.fullsteamahead.ca. Joe had lots of information on finishing and weathering structure models, and on using different materials to build them.



Above: Terry Pond recently switched from HO to S scale because there were just too many choices in HO. He is building a nice layout, with all hand laid track.



Left:

Gord King is modeling the CN Dundas Subdivision with a large layout under construction.

A highlight of this convention was the speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Rod Case is a civil engineer and model railroader. He worked for *CP Rail*, then became a consultant to the *French National Railways* and other railroads around the world. He gave a very interesting discussion about how the railroads in Europe and Asia differ from the business model of the US and Canada (many trains, short distances, and very heavy traffic). He gave a fascinating talk, with pictures, of him driving the *TGV* in France.

There were 25 layouts on the tour – way too many to see. On Saturday afternoon, Ray Howard and I toured four of them, and on Sunday afternoon, Carolyn and I stopped by two more on our way home.

Carolyn and I had a good time, got to visit with folks we had met at previous conventions, and learned a lot. I've got plenty of new ideas to think about for my layout.



Above: Bill Ball's West Highland Central is an operations based layout with very nice scenery and structures.



Left:

Greg Whayman's New York & Seven RR models several northeast US prototypes. The layout has all hand laid track, and is fully computer controlled.

Photos by
Ned Spiller.

Building a Large 1:87 Scale Sawmill I

Part 15 – The Lumber Transfer

by Richard Senges

In Part 14 of the *Sawmill Series* we discussed the construction of the Log Carriage. This issue we will review the Lumber Transfer - see the model photo below.

The Lumber Transfer was primarily built per the instructions in the *Keystone Locomotive Works* (P.O. Box J, 10879 North Main Street, Pulteney, NY) kit. The kit is numbered HO - 39 and "is 18 scale feet long and 10 scale feet wide. The bed is made from one casting which has simulated boards with the grooves cast between them. Included in the kit are table legs, chain, chain dogs, chain rollers and a control station."

The chain supplied was copper in color. I substituted a smaller chemically blackened chain which looked more realistic. Also, I laminated real wood boards on top of the Lumber Transfer frame – see the model image below.

To assure a good fit of the table legs to the main bed casting, I drilled small detents in the bottom of the casting for each leg. Then used epoxy glue to adhere the legs to the frame.

Gray spray paint was used for the main structure. Brown stain was used on the distressed wood decking. Two of these units will be in the mill along with a third all wood scratch built unit.

Next Issue – The Log Haul



From the *Keystone Locomotive Works* instruction sheet – "The transfer table conveys the sawed boards from the live rolls to the cut-off saw for final processing. The table consists of boards with chains and chain dogs running in grooves between the boards to carry the lumber along. It was a very simple machine but performs a very necessary task for the mill workers."



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