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## News and views from up and down the line...

**A**thearn ([www.athearn.com](http://www.athearn.com)) will soon begin tooling for two versions of EMD's basic GP-15 diesel locomotive. The prototypes were introduced in the early 1980s as replacements for aging GP7s and GP9s.

Athearn's **HO scale** models will feature see-through etched radiator intake grilles, etched radiator screens, sliding cab-windows, nickel-plated blackened RP25 wheels and molded Celcon handrails.

Variable details – dependent on road specific prototype practice – include MU hoses or MU cables, plows, operating front and/or rear

ditch lights, louvered or inertial air filters, “gong” bell (C&NW), extra jacking pads (MP), and Blomberg-B or Blomberg-M truck sideframes.

Road specific versions of the GP15-1 with either central air-intake or car-body intakes will be offered for Missouri Pacific, C&NW, SL-SF and Conrail. The second variation will be a GP15T with central air-intake and an alternator as delivered in late 1982 to Chessie System (C&O) with dynamic brakes, plus a similar non-dynamic version purchased by Apalachicola Northern in early 1983. Delivery of the Genesis ready-to-operate models is scheduled for May 2010.

Athearn earns our honesty-of-the-month award for stating up-front that its forthcoming **N scale** Wood Chip Hoppers are “loosely based on similar prototype cars.” New tooling will extend the sides of Athearn's existing triple-bay rib-side hopper making it suitable for wood chip service.

Road names will include Chesapeake & Ohio, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern, Louisville & Nashville and Norfolk Southern. Plans call for each road name to be available as a single car as well as in two 4-packs for a total of 9 cars with different road numbers. Delivery of the ready-to-operate wood chip hoppers is expected in March 2010.

**A**ccurail ([www.accurail.com](http://www.accurail.com)) has a selection of **HO scale** car kits scheduled to go to dealers this month including limited runs of Chesapeake & Ohio 55-ton coal hoppers, Delaware & Hudson 40-foot wood refrigerator cars, Norfolk & Western 70-ton triple hoppers, and a New York New Haven & Hartford 55-ton USRA coal hopper.

**C**on-Cor ([www.con-cor.com](http://www.con-cor.com)) is considering producing both **HO** and **N scale** versions of the popular 1935 New Haven Comet. However, due to the current economic climate, the Arizona-based company is delaying a final commitment to tooling pending evaluation of advance orders.



**FIGURE 1:** Here is a preview look at a unique **On30 scale** powered car under development by Backwoods Miniatures ([www.backwoodsminiatures.com](http://www.backwoodsminiatures.com)) . The cast resin body is mounted on a Tenshodo SPUD power unit. Delivery date and pricing are pending.

With the understanding that the price of the famous 3-car streamliner will be in the \$430 to \$460 range, Con-Cor is asking anyone interested to place a no-deposit, no-obligation reservation. If sufficient interest is indicated and a decision is reached to move forward, delivery should be completed roughly 12 to 14 months later.

**Darryl Huffman** ([www.darrylhuffman.50megs.com](http://www.darrylhuffman.50megs.com)) has released a 2-disc DVD video clinic

on weathering a Bachmann steam locomotive.

The 3-1/2 hour clinic thoroughly demonstrates the use of a variety of techniques and materials to visually age four locomotives. Two of the locomotives are **HO standard gauge** plus an **On30** 2-6-0 and an **On30** Bachmann Shay. None of the techniques Darryl describes in this DVD require the use of an airbrush. To order visit Darryl's web sit at the above URL.



**FIGURE 2: Pinkhams Pallet & Keg Company is the latest structure from Bar Mills** ([www.barmillsmodels.com](http://www.barmillsmodels.com)). The **HO scale** craftsman-style complex was inspired by a display model created by Rob Miller. Occupying an area 12 x 18-inches, the kit includes plastic windows, laser-cut shingles, signs, rolled-roofing, Northeastern metal roofing, "Insta-Fence" and numerous resin and white-metal castings. Production will be limited to 275 kits with delivery scheduled for mid-December.



**FIGURE 3: Digital Fox** ([www.digitalfox.com](http://www.digitalfox.com)) is offering this ready-to-operate Western Pacific 41-foot steel gondola based on an Accurail model. The **HO scale** car comes with Accumate magnetic couplers and Delrin wheelsets. Visit [www.digitalfox.com](http://www.digitalfox.com) for details.

**B**rass importer **Division Point** ([www.divisionpoint.com](http://www.divisionpoint.com)) has contracted with Boo-Rim of Korea to create 100 **HO scale** Boston & Maine class P-4a and P-4b 4-6-2 Pacific steam locomotives.

The original prototype P-4a class was delivered in 1934 with 80-inch drivers, Coffin feedwater heater, HT stoker, Elesco superheater, American multiple front-end throttle, smoke deflectors, distinctive skyline casings and a 12,000-gallon 18-ton tender. A second air pump was installed on the pilot in 1944-45.

Lima delivered the P-4b class in 1937. Division Point's production order calls for three versions of each of the two classes of Lima-built "Super Power" locomotives.

**F**ollowing a successful sell-through of the initial release, a second production run of **Centrailia Car Shops** early (1928-1965) Santa Fe **HO scale** waycar has been scheduled for delivery late this coming spring. InterMountain ([www.imrcmodels.com](http://www.imrcmodels.com)), which is responsible for

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producing and marketing the Centrailia brand, says it will include more of the undecorated models which sold out quickly in the first run.

**E**ric Neubauer's newest book, "RoadRailer," is available now in digital CD format from **Highlands Station** ([www.highlandsstation.com](http://www.highlandsstation.com)). The digital book contains over 200 pages and 300 high-quality color photos. Presented in PDF format (Adobe® Reader® 5.0 or later required), all text is fully searchable, and all high-resolution color photos can be zoomed-in for close examination.

A complete illustrated roster of RoadRailers in service for Triple Crown Services is included as well as illustrated rosters of other operators, including Alliance, Amtrak, Canadian National, Clipper, CSX, Excel, Ice Cold Express, Santa Fe, Schneider, Swift, TMM Logistics, and Union Pacific.

**B**udd Pioneer III and Silverliner MU cars are the next **HO scale** models under development at **IHP** ([ihphobby.tripod.com](http://ihphobby.tripod.com)). The company expects to offer all the as-built versions including the six original 1958 Pioneer III cars #150-155, 38 PRR cars #201-219/251-269 from 1963, and 17 Reading cars with the large end-windows and

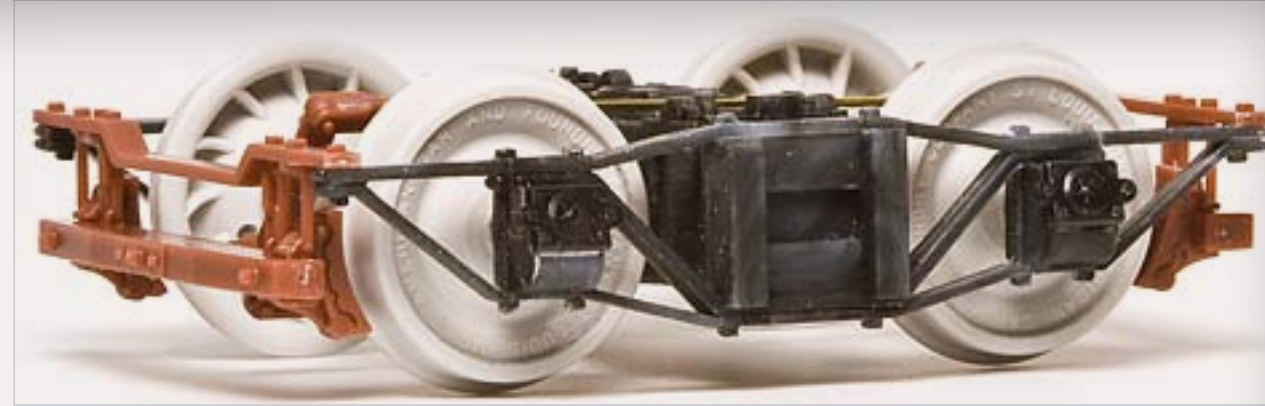
**FIGURE 3: In 1977, Pacific Car and Foundry introduced a heavily-insulated refrigerator car with internal, air-bag loading devices and a sliding-sill underframe. They became known as "beer cars" for the**

refreshing cargo they frequently carried. ExactRail ([www.ExactRail.com](http://www.ExactRail.com)) has introduced an **HO scale** version of PC&F beer car in its high-end Platinum Series of accurately scaled freight cars. Features include stand-apart door tracks, separately-applied door bars, wire-formed coupler cut levers, and individually-applied air hoses. The car rides on ASF 100-ton Ride Control trucks and will be offered in three numbers each for Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, and Western Pacific plus two Burlington Northern schemes (BN and RBCS).

Also new from ExactRail is an **HO scale** Gunderson 5200 boxcar in the firm's value Express Series. The Gunderson car features double-sheathed construction, 4/4 corrugated ends, non-overhanging roof, notched sill, and double 8-foot doors. Road names on the initial production run will be BN, SP and SP&S.

**FIGURE 4: Components to assemble this On3/On30 scale truck are available from**

**Foothill Model Works (FMW). Items required include Foothill's truck castings (FMW T-15), wood brake beams (FMW 4000), brake levers (FMW 4004), wheelsets (FMW 4006 24-inch wheelsets). Foothill is currently overstocked on the T-15 truck castings and is offering them at a reduced price. See [www.foothillmodelworks.com](http://www.foothillmodelworks.com) for details on special pricing.**



**FIGURE 5: This beautiful HO scale brass model of a Frisco 4500 class 4-8-4 is a pre-production sample handcrafted in Korea by Boo Rim for importer Glacier Park ([www.glacierparkmodels.com](http://www.glacierparkmodels.com)). The handsome prototypes displayed some of the most colorful paint schemes ever applied to a non-streamlined steam locomotive. The 4500 class Northerns were delivered during World War II and although still relatively new, Frisco began to replace them with diesel locomotives in the immediate post-war period. Glacier Park will replicate all of the variations of the class including the memorable oil-fired blue and white Meteor with disc drivers; the coal-fired Frisco Fast Freight with Boxpok drivers and winged logo; and a late-steam version of the 4500 with large tender-numbers. Several variations in the life of each basic group will be produced. Included in the project is a Will Rogers Special that will be in Glacier Park's Limited Edition series. For complete details on each of the variations visit [www.glacierparkmodels.com](http://www.glacierparkmodels.com).**

truck pilots unique to the #9001-9017 group.

Body castings, trucks, pantographs and decals will be included in each car kit. A production schedule has not been finalized but they will be available sometime during the first half of 2010.

**I**nterMountain Railway Company ([www.imrcmodels.com](http://www.imrcmodels.com)) reports that the **HO scale** Red Caboose coil cars announced in mid-summer did not generate sufficient advance reservations to meet minimum requirements for a 2009 production run. IMRC and Red Caboose are calling for another round of reservation in hopes that additional interest will justify placing the coil cars in production in the near future.

It should be noted that several CSX (CSXT) paint schemes have recently been added to the lineup. Reservation can be placed with your favorite hobby dealer or direct with IMRC.

**K**almbach Publishing ([www.kalmbachstore.com](http://www.kalmbachstore.com)) has released "The Model Railroader's Guide To Diesel Locomotives," an 88-page



**FIGURE 6: Kadee Quality Products ([www.kadee.com](http://www.kadee.com)) has introduced a new series of AAR type E couplers featuring a hidden knuckle-spring that Kadee claims is stronger than their older style G scale couplers. The new couplers are available either with or without gear boxes in centerset, medium-offset and large-offset styles. A straight-shank coupler is also available for stationary mounting. The height gauge for the new Type E coupler (shown) is available now.**

soft-cover book in an 8.25 x 10.75-inch format. Author Jeff Wilson covers the history, spotting features and characteristics of the most common prototype locomotives produced by major U.S. manufacturers and their Canadian subsidiaries.

Particularly helpful are charts that show the year(s) each prototype locomotive was built, with a guide to the service life of each model.

Omitted from this study are locomotives built for export, small industrial switchers, experimental locomotives, diesel-hydraulics, gas-turbines, gas-electrics and narrow gauge equipment. The book is full of valuable information of interest to both modelers and non-modeling rail fans. It is a bargain at \$19.95.

**K**ato USA ([www.katousa.com](http://www.katousa.com)) is preparing to introduce several familiar paint schemes for its **N scale** ALCO PA and PB diesels including Santa Fe Warbonnets, Delaware & Hudson Blue Warbonnets, Southern Pacific Daylights, and Denver & Rio Grande Western four-stripe Aspen gold – a perfect match for the



**FIGURE 7: Here's an early look at a Missouri Pacific HO scale caboose under development by Lake Junction Models ([www.lakejunctionmodels.com](http://www.lakejunctionmodels.com)). The photo of this laser-cut engineering sample was provided by LJM owner Bill Hoss who told MRH the car shown is just one of three MP cabooses scheduled for release this winter. The others are a side-door caboose and a bay-window caboose converted from a double-sheathed wood boxcar. The Missouri Pacific units will be followed by wood cabooses for the Ft. Dodge Des Moines & Southern, Atlanta Birmingham & Coast, Western Pacific and Norfolk & Southern.**

California Zephyr. The SP and D&RGW locomotives feature updated lighting with illuminated number boards.

Kato PA/PB models are ready for a drop-in DCC decoder compatible with the Train Control Systems KOD8 series and Digitrax DN163K0A. Delivery is expected to begin with the D&RGW version arriving in March, 2010.

**T**he newest book from **The Shelf Layouts Company** is "How To Design A Small Switching Layout." The 74-page, 8 x 10-inch perfect-bound book provides a step-by-step guide to designing small switching layouts that are both practical and challenging.

More than 70 illustrations support the text which covers strategic planning, setting the bench work footprint, establishing scenery-only zones, selecting and planning industries, roughing in structure locations, considerations for yards and staging, and setting the main line route.

Priced at \$21.95, the book may be purchased from Caboose Hobbies or from Amazon.com.

**M**icroscale ([www.microscale.com](http://www.microscale.com)) has released several bicentennial decals in both **N** and **HO scale** including Delaware & Hudson Bicentennial Spirit Of Freedom series

for U25B and RS3 locomotives, Grand Trunk Western Bicentennial eagle-profile scheme for GP38A diesels, Chicago North Western Bicentennial series for GP18s and Illinois Central Gulf 1976 Bicentennial decals for GP38 locomotives.

**M**icro-Trains ([www.micro-trains.com](http://www.micro-trains.com)) will produce a series of models decorated for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in both **N** and **Z** scale. The colorful cars will represent fantasy railroad equipment from various periods of the 20th century.

**M**indspring ([www.mindspring.com/~paducah](http://www.mindspring.com/~paducah)) has **HO** and **N** scale decals for BNFE Western Fruit Express 57-foot yellow mechanical reefers and Gulf Mobile & Ohio PS 4740 covered hoppers representing lettering schemes from 1970 forward. Each set of decals will letter two cars.

**M**orning Sun Books ([www.morningsunbooks.com](http://www.morningsunbooks.com)) has two new titles coming out in early January. First up is *“Trackside Around Southern California 1954-1963”* by Dick Donat, an exceptional photographer who successfully recorded the decade of transition from steam-to-diesel on the Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads during the late 1950s to early 1960s.

The second new book is *“Toronto Trolleys In Color”* by Kenneth C. Springirth who thoroughly documents the trolley system in Canada’s largest city. The books are priced at \$60 each.

**F**ollowing the successful introduction of replacement gears for Bachmann’s **HO** scale Shay, **NWSL** ([www.nwsl.com](http://www.nwsl.com)) is intent on developing replacement gears for Bachmann’s Climax. Future plans call



**FIGURE 9:** Rapido’s ([www.rapidotrains.com](http://www.rapidotrains.com)) second run of **HO** scale wide-vision modern cabooses includes this SSW-Cotton Belt car. Other roads in this latest release include Algoma Central (red with black roof), Chessie (yellow body, red trim, gray roof), Great Northern (red with black roof), and Northern Pacific (green body, yellow end, gray end). Features of the ready-to-operate models include complete underbody detail including separate air and brake piping, Barber-Bettendorf caboose trucks with in-line brake shoes, textured floor, interior handrails, opening cupola windows, steps, see-through etched-metal end platforms, uncoupling levers, separate grab-irons, interior lighting with all-wheel pickup, operating marker lights and metal Macdonald-Cartier knuckle couplers.



**FIGURE 8:** Overland Models ([www.overlandmodels.com](http://www.overlandmodels.com)) showed this **HO** scale BNSF version of National Railway Equipment 3GS21B locomotive at Trainfest in Wisconsin in mid-November. In addition to the BNSF scheme on this pre-production sample, Overland will import handcrafted brass models decorated for CSX, DGNO (2GS14B), NRE demo, Norfolk Southern, Pacific Harbor Line, US Army and UP.

for replacement gears for the **On30** Shay and Climax as well.

**S**an Juan Car Company ([www.sanjuancarco.com](http://www.sanjuancarco.com)) has new **On3** and **On30** versions of type-II Rio Grande Southern and Colorado Southern boxcars. The ready-to-operate injection-molded cars feature wire grab-irons, metal wheels and magnetic knuckle-couplers.

**T**he Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society ([www.atsfrr.com](http://www.atsfrr.com)) has published *“Stan Kistler’s Santa Fe in Black and White,”* a large-format book that pays tribute to seven decades

of Santa Fe images by the noted photographer. Case-bound with dust jacket, the 11 by 11-inch book includes 173 images personally selected by Mr. Kistler. Price of the new book is \$60 or \$48 for society members.

Also available from SFHS are **HO** scale kits for Pullman-built ATSF heavyweight passenger cars. The craftsman-style kits include custom etched-brass sides and plastic body-cores that consist of a roof, ends and floor. The kits include appropriate trucks without wheelsets.

Currently available is an 1820-1839 series baggage car and a 2105-2114

series RPO-baggage car. Horse express car #1990 is currently under development.

**Sunshine Models** introduced five new **HO scale** cast resin kits at the recent Naperville Prototype Modelers Meet. In addition to the composite gondolas, 8000-gallon GATX food commodities tank car and 1923 XM-1 boxcars mentioned here in our October issue, Sunshine launched new kits for a NYC 1-1/2 door boxcar and NHIX/WFEX/FGEX 50-foot steel reefer cars.

The NYC group replicates the 19400-195498 series of 1-1/2 door boxcars with raised sides for a 10-foot inside height capped with either a straight-panel roof or a diagonal-panel roof with an Apex steel running board. Custom decals are included with an option of either Roman or Gothic lettering.

The 1946 to 1950s-era steel reefers included a NP/NHIX 900-999 series 50-foot super insulated car equipped with a steel running board and NP Monad herald decals, a WFEX 66625-66799 series 40-foot car with a steel

running board, and an FGEX 38375-38499 series 40-foot reefer with steel running board. Order direct from Sunshine Models, Box 4997, Springfield MO 65808-4997 or visit [www.sunshinekits.com](http://www.sunshinekits.com) for additional information.

**Tangent Scale Models** ([www.tangentscalemodels.com](http://www.tangentscalemodels.com)) has expanded its impressive line of prototypically accurate **HO scale** freight cars with the release of a PRR class G31B 52-foot 6-inch welded 70-ton drop-end gondola car as built by ACF.

The feature-laden models incorporate such goodies as scale-sized side tie-downs with see-through holes, stand-off ladders, wire grab-irons, wire coupler lift-bars, see-through brake platforms, air hoses, road-specific handbrakes and Kadee couplers.

The initial release of the ready-to-operate models include correct paint and lettering for Pennsylvania Railroad class G31B in the original 1951 scheme (in 24 car numbers), Southern Pacific G-70-12 in original

**FIGURE 10: River Point Station** ([www.riverpointstation.com](http://www.riverpointstation.com)) has introduced an **HO scale** 1971 Plymouth Barracuda convertible. These great looking Muscle Cars are available in five authentic Cudda paint schemes: Sno-White (red interior and boot), Curious Yellow (black interior and boot), Sassy-Grass Green (white and black interior with black boot), Tor-Red (metallic-orange with black interior and boot seen here) and In-Violet (metallic-purple with black and white interior).



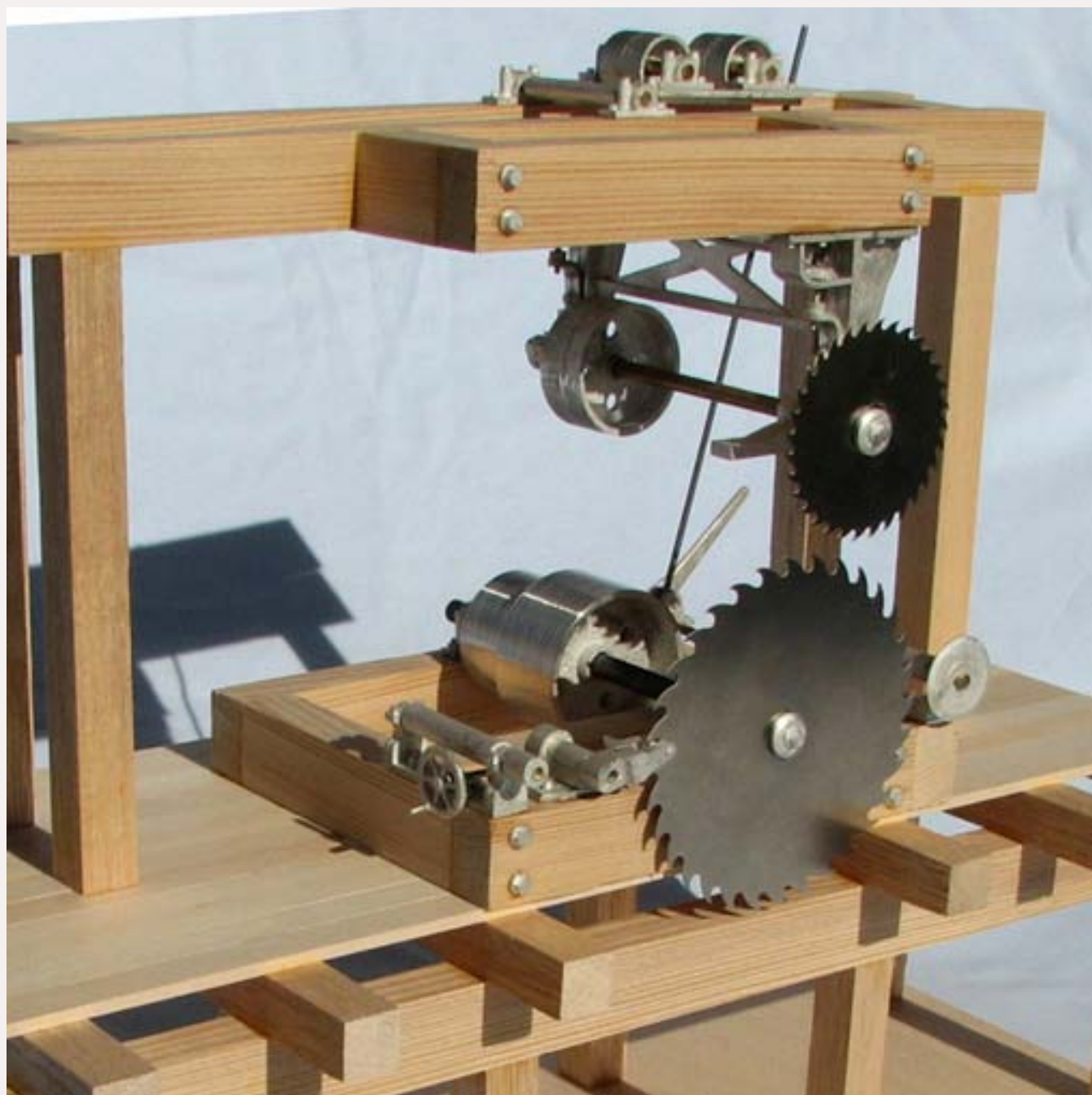
**FIGURE 11: Walthers** ([www.walthers.com](http://www.walthers.com)) has 12-packs of the Michigan-style Taconite pellet car as seen here decorated for Chicago & North Western. Other schemes available include Lake Superior & Ishpeming, Sault Saint Marie Bridge Co., and a data only version on a mineral red body. The **HO scale** models come in 12-packs at \$170 with Proto Max all-metal knuckle couplers on end cars and fixed knuckle couplers on intermediate cars. The trucks have prototypically-correct 5-foot wheel centers.



**FIGURE 12: Here is a finished model of Westerfield's new Santa Fe Refrigerator Dispatch (SFRD) kit** we previewed here last month. Five versions of the truss-rod reefers are being offered including modernized class RR.O and RR.R cars, class RR.O/R cars modified with tall loading-doors and class IE-Q and IE.R ice cars that saw service until the 1960s. The **HO scale** kit features a one-piece resin cast body, detailed histories and custom decals. To order visit [www.westerfield.biz](http://www.westerfield.biz).

1953 scheme (12 road numbers) and Wabash in original 1951 black scheme (6 road numbers). Undecorated

models are available in both kit and built-up form.



**FIGURE 13: This Allis Chalmers double circular-saw is the first in a series of kits for 1:20:3 scale sawmill equipment from Western Scale Models. Still under development are a log carriage, cut-off saw, edger and log rolls. Visit [www.westernscalemodels.com](http://www.westernscalemodels.com) for ordering information. Bill Gustafson, the founder and widely respected craftsman behind Western Scale Models, reports that due to arthritis he has decided to partially retire. He will be working at a slower pace and will continue producing kits in 1:20:3 and O scale, however, Bill will no longer offer items in HO or S scale. Bill also wants to spend more time with his grandchildren and family. As of December 31, 2009, all sales will be direct only from Western Scale Models through the above web site.**

To order visit [www.tangentscalemodels.com](http://www.tangentscalemodels.com). For those interested, Volume 19, Railroad Prototype Encyclopedia (see review on page 7) includes a comprehensive history of PRR class G31 gondolas.

Wagontop boxcar kit should contact Denis Blake at [dblake7@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dblake7@columbus.rr.com) for information on how to correct the problem. ■

**WrightTRAK Railroad Models** ([www.wrighttrak.com](http://www.wrighttrak.com)) is nearing completion of an HO scale resin kit for Southern Pacific class C-40-1 and class C-40-3 cabooses. Meanwhile, anyone experiencing difficulty with the CD included in WrightTRAK's new B&O

## Special Review by Lewis Matt

The RP CYC Publishing Company released the RAILWAY PROTOTYPE CYCLOPE-DIA, Volume 19, during the last week of October 2009. Volume 19 contains much useful prototype and scale modeling information: 149 black & white and color photographs, 31 diagrams, and 4 tables for a total of 113 pages comprising three in-depth articles on the following subjects:

*Emergency Composite Box Cars by Patrick C. Wider* (50 pages). The article is the fourth in a series that cover American box car designs that were built in large quantities during the first half of the 20th Century. The author covers the single-sheathed and plywood-sheathed 40' and 50' emergency box cars, including the PRR X38B, constructed during World War II following restrictions imposed by the War Production Board.

*Erie 40-Ton Express Milk Cars by Patrick C. Wider* (10 pages). The author describes and illustrates the unique Erie express milk cars built during the 1930s by the Greenville Steel Car Company. Also discussed and illustrated are some of the cars converted for express baggage service.

*The Family of All-Welded 70-Ton 52-foot 6-inch Drop-End Gondola Cars Based on PRR's Class G31 by Ed Hawkins* (53 pages). The article covers an interesting group of subject cars first built by the Pennsylvania Railroad (Class G31) in 1948-1950, followed in the 1950s with derivatives built by American Car & Foundry and Pullman-Standard for Pennsy, Atlantic Coast Line, Birmingham Southern, Delaware & Hudson, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Southern Pacific, Wabash, Sacramento Northern, and Western Pacific.

Volume 19 is \$29.95. All prices are in U.S. Dollars, postpaid in the United States. Please order direct from RP CYC Publishing Co., P.O. Box 451, Chesterfield, MO 63006-0451, or visit <http://www.rpcycpub.com>. ■

## Briefly noted at press time...

... The Old Yardmaster has received confirmation that Accurail has completed new tooling for an HO scale off-set side twin hopper. The first release will be for Santa Fe and data only in three different body colors.

... Davy Frary will soon announce a new DVD that deals with developing authentic land forms as a base for realistic topography.

... Athearn is working toward an April delivery date for several HO scale Genesis series locomotives including SD751s decorated for Ontario Northern and BNSF Warbonnet along with an SD70M for CSX and Canadian National. Also F3 A and B units for Denver & Rio Grange Western. ■

## About our news and events editor



**Richard Bale** writes our news column under the byline of *The Old Yardmaster*. He has been writing about the model railroad trade for various hobby publications since the 1960s.

Richard is currently introducing 3 of his grandsons to the hobby by involving them in the construction of his fifth layout. He enjoys building models, particularly structures, some of which appeared in the June 2006 issue of *Model Railroader* magazine.



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## Selected Events

### December 2009

FLORIDA, TAMPA, December 19-20, 5th Tampa Model Railroad Show, Special Events Center, Florida State Fairgrounds.

OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY, December 5, Annual OKC Train Show Travel & Transportation Building, State Fairgrounds, Details at [www.OKCtrainshow.com](http://www.OKCtrainshow.com).

### January 2010

CALIFORNIA, SANTA CLARA, January 30-31, Joint Annual Regional Meeting of Pacific Coast Region NMRA and Layout Design and Operations Special Interest Groups, South Bay Historical Railroad Society's meeting room Santa Clara Caltrain Depot. Detail at [www.pcrnmra.org/sigs](http://www.pcrnmra.org/sigs).

FLORIDA, COCOA BEACH, January 7-10, Prototype Rails, prototype modelers meet chaired by Mike Brock, Hilton Hotel, 1550 N. Atlantic Ave.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA, January 16, 38th Atlanta Model Train & Railroadiana Show, North Atlanta Trade Center.

MASSACHUSETTS, WEST SPRINGFIELD, January 30-31, Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show, Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. Details at [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com).

VIRGINIA, CHANTILLY (Washington D.C.), January 23-24, World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly Shopping Center. Details at [www.wghshow.com](http://www.wghshow.com).

### Future 2010

CALIFORNIA, LONG BEACH, February 15-16, World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, Long Beach Convention Center. Details at [www.wghshow.com](http://www.wghshow.com).

COLORADO, DENVER, February 20-21, World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, National Western Complex. Details at [www.wghshow.com](http://www.wghshow.com).

COLORADO, LITTLETON, June 11-12, 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Prototype Modelers Meet, Littleton Baptist Church, 1400 W. Caley Avenue. Details at [www.rockymountainprototypemodelers.org](http://www.rockymountainprototypemodelers.org).

GEORGIA, PINE MOUNTAIN, February 6, Narrow Gauge Railroad Day, Mountain Creek Inn, [www.themontgomerys.info/NGRDHOME/NGRDindex.html](http://www.themontgomerys.info/NGRDHOME/NGRDindex.html).

INDIANA, EDINBURGH (Columbus), April 24, Hoosier On30 Meet, Jonson County Park. Details at [www.trainweb.org/carc/](http://www.trainweb.org/carc/).

MAINE, GRAY (Portland), March 20, 3rd Annual Maine All-Scale Narrow Gauge Show.

OHIO, GREENFORD, March 26-29, All Scales Narrow Gauge Meet, Greenford Christian Church. Details at [www.narrowtracks.com](http://www.narrowtracks.com).

OREGON, ELSIE, March 6, Pacific Model Loggers' Congress, Camp 18 Restaurant (approx.18 miles east of Seaside). Details at [www.pacificmodellogger-scongress.com](http://www.pacificmodellogger-scongress.com).

OREGON, MEDFORD, April 30-May 1, National Z-Scale Convention, Ramada Inn Convention Center. Details at [www.micro-trains.com/NZC\\_2010.php](http://www.micro-trains.com/NZC_2010.php).

PENNSYLVANIA, VALLEY FORGE, March 26-28, Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, Desmond Great Valley Hotel, Malvern. Details at [www.phillynmra.org/rpmmeet.html](http://www.phillynmra.org/rpmmeet.html).

TEXAS, HOUSTON, February, 24-27, Sn3 Symposium, Hobby Airport Marriott Hotel. Details at [www.sn3-2010.com](http://www.sn3-2010.com).

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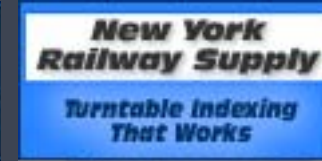
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