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

**L**eonardo Gustavo Madeo of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is selling an interesting selection of resin-cast **HO scale** human figures produced from hand-carved masters. Hand-painted HO figures are priced at five for \$7.50. Unpainted figures are 20 for \$6. Individual figures are \$1.50 and \$.30 respectively. HO figures weigh about 2.5 grams each and shipping and handling to the US is \$7 for packages weighing up to 100 grams.

In addition to his present selection, Leo welcomes inquiries for specialized figures representing various eras or trades. Future plans call for figures in other scales. Leo operates his business under the name **All In**

**Scale** and invites North American modelers to visit his site at ([www.soldadosgalileo.com.ar/private/ferromodeng.htm](http://www.soldadosgalileo.com.ar/private/ferromodeng.htm))

**I**n late January, Athearn announced road names and delivery schedules for a broad selection of new **HO scale** products. Heading the list is a Genesis SD70ACe locomotive – a SD70MAC modified to meet stricter diesel emission standards imposed by EPA – decorated for BNSF in five different road numbers, Kansas City Southern (5#), Union Pacific (5#) and UP road number 1982 in MoPac Heritage scheme. Delivery is scheduled for September.

Athearn is also working on an EMD SD40-2 diesel decorated for CSX, Norfolk & Western (in both black and maroon schemes) and a Union Pacific version with a 116-inch extended nose. An undecorated model will be included in this run. The **HO scale** ready-to-roll models should be available by May.

Athearn's popular Genesis F3-F7 EMD diesel will be available in July in various A and B combinations decorated for Erie Lackawanna with several road specific details.

In June, a DCC-ready SD45T-2 locomotive will be available decorated in new schemes for Southern Pacific

in four road numbers, NREX (3#), Bessemer & Lake Erie (3#) and a rerun of the popular SSW/Cotton Belt Bicentennial in red white & blue. Also scheduled for June delivery is a DCC-ready SW1500 locomotive with upgraded tooling that will allow some prototype specific details for CP Rail, Norfolk Southern, MKT and Southern Pacific. An undecorated version will be included.

Following last year's success of producing modern AC4400 diesels in the fallen-flag schemes of C&O, Milwaukee Road and Rio Grande, Athearn will continue its "what if" notion by releasing its GP60M diesels



**FIGURE 1:** 3rd Rail Division of Sunset Models ([www.3rdrail.com](http://www.3rdrail.com)) is taking reservations for an all-brass **S scale** Southern Pacific 4-6-2 steam locomotive with delivery expected late this year. Different versions of the Espee 4-6-2 in this import project will include class P-8, class P-10 and class P-10 in Daylight livery. Virtually all of the features of 3rd Rail's earlier O scale model, shown above, will be incorporated into the new **S scale** edition including sprung drivers, directional lighting, glazed windows and a fully detailed backhead. The models will be available for straight DC operation with scale wheels, with QSI DC/DCC with sound and scale wheels, and with TMCC sound (Lionel) and AF wheels. Although they are not requiring deposits, 3rd Rail will ask for your promise to buy what you reserve. Visit the above web site for pricing and reservations.



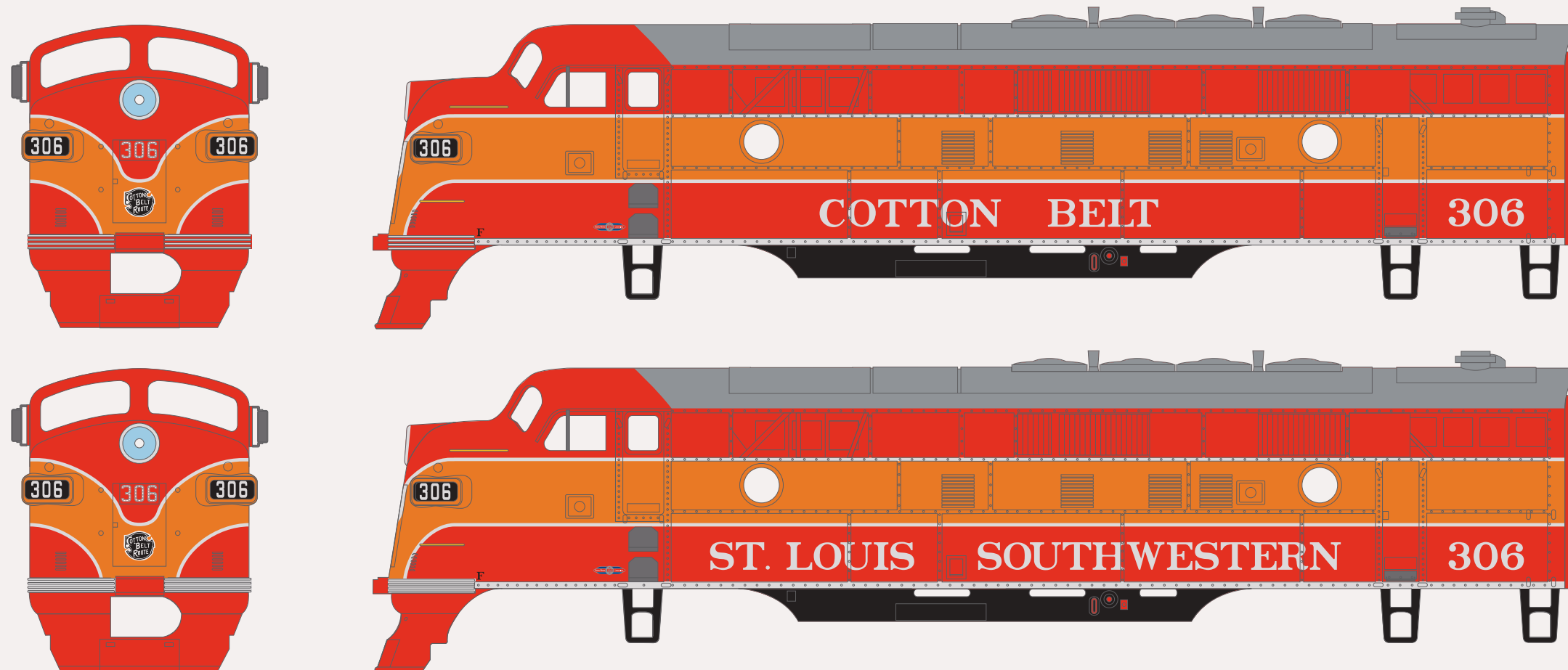
decorated in the early schemes of Burlington Northern (black over green), Canadian National (red and black), Conrail (blue) and Union Pacific (gray over yellow). The production schedule calls for these DCC-ready models to be released in June.

Four different vehicles are on Athearn's production schedule including 2-packs of 25-foot Trailers coming in April for Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Canadian National and Pennsylvania. Also a 1955 Ford F-100 panel truck will arrive in May decorated in appropriate railroad schemes for Chesapeake & Ohio, Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, Southern Railway, Air Express and Union Pacific.

Arriving in May in corporate colors are contemporary Yard Tractors for Canadian National, Roadway Freight, CP Rail, Consolidated Freightways, Yellow Freight and P.I.E. Completing the vehicle group is a newly-tooled 1950s-era Flexible Bus scheduled for June delivery with two different destination signs each for Acadian Lines, Massachusetts Northeastern, Queen City Trailways and Northern Pacific.

A group of new transit models scheduled to go to dealers in June is lead by a DCC-ready F59PHI locomotive for New Mexico Railrunner, West Coast Express and GO Transit. Also Bombardier Commuter Cars available as a cab unit, as a single coach and

**FIGURE 3: American Limited Models ([www.americanlimitedmodels.com](http://www.americanlimitedmodels.com)) has introduced upgraded diaphragm kits specifically engineered for Rapido Super Continental HO scale passenger cars. Available in either gray or black, ALM's diaphragms are priced at \$4.95 for one car or \$23.95 for a six-car pack.**



**FIGURE 2: Athearn is quoting a May delivery date for its Genesis series HO scale model of Athearn's Electro-Motive Division FP-7 Cotton Belt and SSW diesel locomotives. Decorated in the colorful red and orange Daylight scheme, locomotive number 306 will be available with its original St Louis Southwestern lettering as well as with Cotton Belt spelled out on its side. The ready-to-roll models will be available with factory installed SoundTraxx Tsunami dual-mode DC/DCC decoder with onboard sound.**

#### Scale Color Key:

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N scale news

HO scale news

S scale news

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G scale news

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in a 3-pack of coaches. They will be decorated for GO Transit, New Mexico Railrunner and Florida Tri-Rail.

Athearn also announced new road names and paint schemes for freight equipment including 40 and 50-foot boxcars with Youngstown doors, bay-window and cupola style cabooses, FMC 4700 covered hopper cars, Ethanol tank cars and PS2 2600 covered hoppers. Look for full details on these items in next month's Newsletter.

**A**tlas O ([www.atlaso.com](http://www.atlaso.com)) has introduced a select group of **O scale** laser-cut kits including an 18 x 6-inch model that replicates the station at Maywood, New Jersey. Other kits include several types of intricate fencing, a telephone shanty, an outhouse with a quarter-moon in the door and a section house that can be used to house workers or as a

maintenance equipment building. The laser items are available direct only from Atlas Laser Design Structure at <http://www.atlaso.com/olaserdesign.htm>.

**F**or its **HO scale** customers, Atlas ([www.atlasrr.com](http://www.atlasrr.com)) reports it will deliver its new code 55 curved turn-outs to dealers before the end of February.

**B**achmann ([www.bachmanntrains.com](http://www.bachmanntrains.com)) is accepting dealer reservations for its **On30 scale** Baldwin 4-6-0 decorated for Eastern Tennessee & Western North Carolina and Greenbrier & Big Run Lumber Co. The ET&WNC version will be available with a steel cab in black with red windows and white pin stripes.

The models come with DCC and are available with or without sound. Other options include a painted but unlettered locomotive with either a

steel or wood cab. See your favorite dealer for complete details.

**B**lackstone ([www.blackstonemodels.com](http://www.blackstonemodels.com)) is developing several **HOn3** versions of D&RGW and RGS class C-19 2-8-0 locomotives with delivery beginning late this year. The narrow gauge steamers will be offered

as they appeared from the 1920s through the early 1950s with the initial production run replicating locomotives with a flared tender body.

The extended production run looks something like this: D&RGW 345 as she appeared in the 1930s in Royal Gorge Route paint; D&RGW 346 with



**FIGURE 4:** This sharp-looking Polysar car is just one of several **N scale** ACF 5701 hopper cars Atlas is preparing for release this July. Other roads will include ACFX (as an ERS repaint), Amoco Chemicals, AFPX - Fiber and Plastics Company, Phillips Petroleum and Union Tank Car. All decorated in gray and black paint.



**FIGURE 5:** Atlantic Scale Modelers ([www.atlanticscalemodelers.com](http://www.atlanticscalemodelers.com)) was scheduled to begin shipping its new **O scale** Harbor Master Office, shown here, in late January. The assembled model measures 5.5 x 3.5 x 5-inches tall.



a switcher footboard decorated in Flying Grande paint of the 1940s and early 1950s with an optional road pilot available as a separate part; D&RGW 346 in the 1930 Royal Gorge Route herald; D&RGW 347 with box headlight and unique steam dome with fluted-ring top and round bottom decorated in 1920s-30s era Royal Gorge Herald in both green boiler with aluminum bronze lettering and in black paint with white lettering; and RGS 40 in standard 1930s-40s paint with a box headlight and mismatched domes. A yellow Bumblebee scheme, held over from the movie "Denver & Rio Grande," will also be available.

The models will be available in DC-only with no sound or DC/DCC with optional Tsunami sound. Some models will be available in a factory pre-weathered finish. See your

local dealer for complete details and reservations.

Although Blackstone has been holding off on a price increase for a year or more, some increases are expected to be announced shortly. The company's long range projects (think two years or so) will likely include a K-36 and some short cabooses.

**Broadway Limited Imports** ([www.broadway-limited.com](http://www.broadway-limited.com)) has issued a consumer notice for its **HO scale** Norfolk & Western 2-8-8-2 class Y6b steam locomotive. The technical bulletin provides corrective information regarding the smoke toggle switch, shipping foam between the boiler and the front engine, and an update about the tether cable plug. For a printable copy of the bulletin go to BLI's web site at [www.broadway-limited.com/](http://www.broadway-limited.com/) and click on Y6b Bulletin.



**FIGURE 6:** Everyone who preordered BLMA's **HO scale** amazingly well-detailed Norfolk Southern class G-86R Top Gons from the manufacturers second run can look forward to receiving their models in early February. The run includes cars with the special logo and yellow striping as well as cars with the logo only.

**FIGURE 7: "Blue Coal" is one of four new decorating schemes Bowser ([www.bowser-trains.com](http://www.bowser-trains.com)) has released on its **HO scale** 70-ton offset-side triple-hopper cars. Other roads will include CNJ, DL&W and D&H. The models are priced at \$15.95 each.**



**Centralia Car Shops** will release its recently tooled **N scale** observation car in about ten different road/paint schemes sometime late this summer. The word on this project came from InterMountain Railway Company ([www.imrcmodels.com](http://www.imrcmodels.com)) which is responsible for production and marketing CCS products. We'll keep you posted as we learn more specifics, meanwhile, contact your dealer for reservations.

**Daniel Kohlberg** ([www.home-mindspring.com/~paducah](http://www.home-mindspring.com/~paducah)) has released new **HO scale** decal sets for GATC Airslide covered hoppers for Illinois Central (1955+), N&W (1961+), Nickel Plate Road (1955+) and Wabash (1954+). Dan's decals include prototype information and helpful

**FIGURE 7:** Cannon & Company ([www.cannonandco.net](http://www.cannonandco.net)) used the recent Cocoa Beach prototype modelers meet to introduce a new **HO scale** Bifurcated boxcar end. After establishing its reputation as a producer of highly-accurate components for modifying diesels, Cannon has recently focused on a similar approach to freight car parts. The new Bifurcated ends are available direct only at \$5 a pair.

modeling hints. The sets sell for \$10 each and will decorate three cars.

**Highlands Station** ([www.HighlandsStationLLC.com](http://www.HighlandsStationLLC.com)) continues to expand its selection of digital books with the release of David Casdorph's "Norfolk Southern Coal Cars." The 440 PDF pages include over 200 hi-res color photos that can be zoomed-in for close study – try that with a conventional printed book.





Casdorph covers the current NS coal car fleet as well as predecessor railroads that were still on the roster as of late 2009. The physical characteristics and dimensions of all classes of Norfolk Southern coal gondolas and hoppers are provided along with an overview of suitable HO and N scale models. The CD is priced at \$19.95. Visit the above web site for system requirements and ordering details.

**JWD Premium Products** ([www.jwdpremiumproducts.com](http://www.jwdpremiumproducts.com)) has

**HO scale** loads for open-top gondolas and hopper cars specifically designed to fit most popular brands including Athearn, Atlas, Accurail, Bachmann, Bowser/Stewart, Con-Cor, Roundhouse, Tichy, Tyco, Varney/LifeLike, Walthers and Proto 1000 & 2000. The selection includes both fine and course coal and steel scrap loads.

**Kato's** ([www.katousa.com](http://www.katousa.com)) **N scale** version of GE's ES44AC (Evolution Series) locomotive decorated for Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, CSX

**FIGURE 9: The latest scenery-building video from the creative mind of Dave Frary is "Building Landforms Part 1." The video provides all the information needed to build a diorama or model railroad scenery in any scale using cardboard strips and plaster cloth. Dave takes the viewer step-by-step through the entire process. The 52MB video is \$5.95 and can be downloaded instantly from [www.mrscenery.com](http://www.mrscenery.com).**



**FIGURE 8: The newest background kit from Fos Scale Limited ([www.foslimited.com](http://www.foslimited.com)) is Ravenswood Leather Products. Despite its impressive 11.5-inch width, the finished **HO scale** model is just 1-inch deep – plus an additional inch for the loading dock. The craftsman-style kit includes laser-cut walls, NorthEastern Scale lumber and Tichy plastic windows. Here's a clever idea: Fos includes alternate signage for Zanuck Seafood in the kit.**

and the new BNSF "Swoosh" scheme is expected to be available in late April or early May. Two loco numbers will be available for each road name.

Special features include body modifications to reflect railroad-specific details, directional headlight, illuminated numberboards and working ditch lights. Kato's DCC-friendly mechanism is ready for a drop-in decoder. (See Soundtraxx comment on page 7) Also coming from Kato in late April is a Volvo Tractor with a 40-foot Evergreen container and chassis, plus a Yard Tractor with a 40-foot Cosco container and chassis.

**Microscale** ([www.microscale.com](http://www.microscale.com)) has released decal sets for a variety of Southern Pacific gondolas operational from 1960 forward including corrugated and smooth-side cars built by Gunderson, Bethlehem, Greenville, Thrall and PC&F. Also new are decals for CSX 60-foot and 86-foot boxcars. New decals for locomotives include ATSF GP60M red and silver Santa Fe Superfleet diesels from 1990

thru 1996. All sets mentioned are offered in both **N** and **HO scale**.

**N.J. International** ([www.njinternational.com](http://www.njinternational.com)) has released some nicely-detailed commercial trash containers crafted in brass. A standard 8-cubic yard container with a fixed lid is available in **N scale**. The **HO scale** version has a split-opening lid.

Also new in **HO scale** is a 20-yard roll-off sled with both interior and exterior details including wheels.

**The next run of Rapido's** ([www.rapidotrains.com](http://www.rapidotrains.com)) modern wide-vision caboose is scheduled to be delivered in mid-2010 in eight new road names plus an undecorated version.

Names and decorating schemes for the **HO scale** ready-to-run model include Chicago Burlington & Quincy (gray body, red and black "Burlington Route" herald), Conrail (blue body with white lettering), Canadian Pacific Railway (white body with red lettering), Delaware & Hudson (red body with yellow lettering, D&H shield



and “Radio” logo), Denver & Rio Grande Western (yellow body over gray), Essex Terminal (yellow body with black cupola and roof), Missouri Kansas Texas (green body, yellow MKT lettering, and “Radio” logo) and New Brunswick Southern (green body with yellow lettering).

Rapido’s feature-laden caboose has see-thru etched-metal end platforms and steps, separate factory-installed grab irons, full end detail including uncoupling levers, multi-colored interior with handrails, opening windows in the cupola, operating marker lights and interior lighting supported by all-wheel pickup. Underbody details include separate air and brake piping and nicely-detailed Barber-Bettendorf caboose trucks with in-line brake shoes. See your dealer for reservations.

**N**ew projects underway this year at **SMR** ([www.smrtrains.com](http://www.smrtrains.com)) include two Civil War-era 4-4-0 steam locomotives in a very limited run of just fifty models. Handcrafted in brass, the locomotives are the



with a 9-foot Youngstown door and was painted BAR orange with black ends. Also coming in March is a black D&H open-top hopper car as built in 1951. In April, Kadee will release a 1955-built SAL 40-foot boxcar with an 8-foot door decorated in original boxcar red. Also a similar GTW boxcar built in 1957 with a galvanized roof and a red oxide car body.

U.S. Military Railroad’s “General McCallum” and the “Pocahontas” of the Richmond & Danville Railroad. Both are historically important locomotives built to USMRR specifications by William Mason Machine Works of Taunton, Mass. The **O scale** locos will be available in both 2-rail and 3-rail versions.

**F**uture publications coming from **Signature Press** ([www.signaturepress.com](http://www.signaturepress.com)) include “The Northwestern Pacific Railroad” by longtime NWP historian Fred Stindt and “The Northern Roads: Railroads of Arizona, Volume 6” by noted historian David Myrick whose study includes a close look at the famed railways of Jerome and the Grand Canyon.

**S**outhern Railway Historical Society is offering “Southern Railway 50 ft All-Steel Box Cars - Book 1” to members and the general public. This is the second of more than a dozen books being prepared by SRHA that will document with drawings, photos, and railroad records all of the diesel

**FIGURE 10: Kadee Quality Products** ([www.kadee.com](http://www.kadee.com)) has scheduled a March delivery date for an **HO scale BAR 50-foot boxcar with functioning cushion underframe similar to the earlier WM car shown here. The prototype car was built in 1962**



**FIGURE 11: The newest HO scale craftsman kit from Sidetrack Laser Manufacturing** ([www.sidetracklaser.com/Grass%20Valley.htm](http://www.sidetracklaser.com/Grass%20Valley.htm)) is **Grass Valley Feed and Seed. The HO scale craftsman model is based on a late 1800-era structure that still stands on a branchline of the Southern Pacific in Lebanon, Oregon. Locals may recognize the prototype as Farmway Feed & Seed or under its previous name of Scroggins Feed & Seed. In addition to the main structure, laser-cut components include a dock, pallets, windows and doors. Other details of the 10.75 x 7.75-inch model include paper graphics sheet, metal roofing and siding, cast details and several Grandt Line windows.**

locomotives, and freight and passenger cars of the Southern Railway, plus Central of Georgia diesels and freight cars. This volume covers the title subject cars acquired between 1938 and 1963. The 11 x 17-inch, 150-page book is spiral-bound, allowing it to lay flat without damage. Visit [www.srha.net](http://www.srha.net) for pricing, special discounts and ordering information.

**F**rom the long list of future projects on Jim King’s desk, it looks like the next resin kit to be released under

the **Smoky Mountain Model Works** brand will be an **HO scale** Southern Railway 8-window wood caboose. This will be an update of a kit introduced several years ago and long out of stock.

The new version will consist of a one-piece cast-resin body, photo-etched brass ladder rails, window mullions, awnings and end railings. Appropriate decals and trucks will be included, along with Kadee #58 whicker couplers.



For additional information including pricing and reservations visit [www.smokymountainmodelworks.com](http://www.smokymountainmodelworks.com).

**T**rainworx is developing four new decorating schemes for its **N scale** 86-foot Thrall four-door boxcar. The new roads are Southern, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, BNSF and Union Pacific "Building America." Since availability is expected to be limited, Trainworx is accepting pre-orders at [www.train-worx.com](http://www.train-worx.com).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### New Boss for Athearn and Roundhouse

Horizon Hobby, the general-line hobby distributor that purchased Athearn and Roundhouse in 2004, has named Paula "Gwen" Mueller director of the firm's proprietary model railroad division. Prior to joining Horizon, Gwen's executive experience included product development and marketing of juvenile products, sporting goods, and automotive after-market industries. Mueller is a 1981 graduate of the University of Illinois. No other management changes were announced for either Athearn or Roundhouse and product planning and development

are expected to continue at the firm's current west coast locations.

### NMRA and California To Partner in Major Historical Exhibit

The National Model Railroad Association and California State Parks have reached an agreement to develop a 3500 square-foot scale model railroad exhibit at the prestigious California State Railroad Museum located in Old Sacramento State Historic Park. Both vintage and modern scale model trains will be included in the exhibit, which has been given the working title "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading." NMRA is to provide the necessary funding and will be responsible for designing and building the huge layout that carries a preliminary price tag estimated at \$500,000 to \$750,000.

In a related but separate proposal, the same parties are exploring the possibility of relocating NMRA's existing library from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the California State Railroad Museum Library.

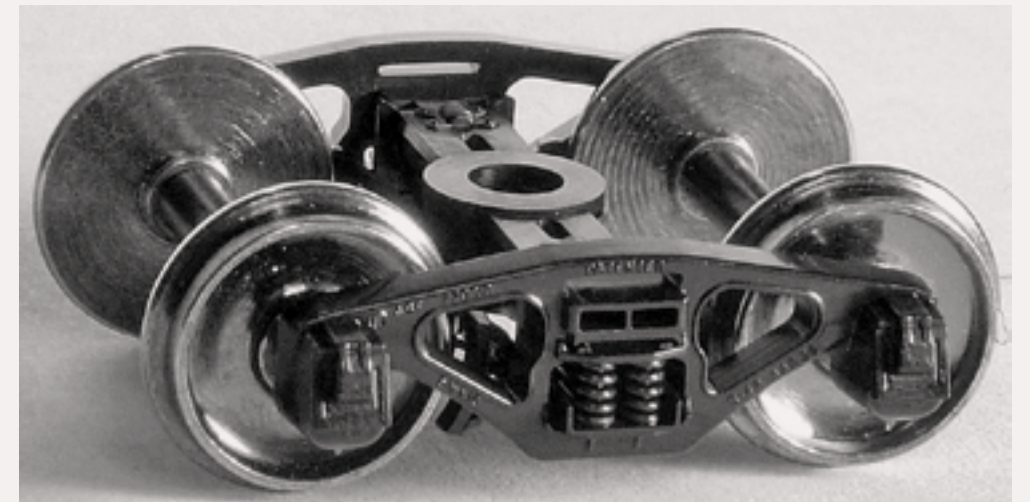
### German Model Makers In The News

After declaring bankruptcy just last February, Märklin says it earned \$10

**FIGURE 12: Listen-up Kato operators! Soundtraxx ([www.soundtraxx.com](http://www.soundtraxx.com)) has released a new Plug-and-Play digital sound decoder specifically engineered for Kato **HO scale** diesels. Item TSU-KT1000 replaces the light board included in recent Kato production, allowing even the most timid among us to readily install 16-bit digital sound.**



**FIGURE 13: Tahoe Model Works (5801 Sheep Drive #17, Carson City, NV 89701) has added this 50-ton Barber Lateral Motion truck to its growing line of accurately detailed trucks. The prototype used steel rollers and a roller seat between the bolster and springs to provide a side-to-side movement of the car body resulting in a smoother ride. U-section trucks with this feature were manufactured from the early 1920s to the late 1930s. Tahoe's **HO scale** version consists of a one-piece body cast in black acetal plastic with separate brake shoe detail and non-magnetic insulated metal wheelsets with RP-25 contour wheels (item TMW-109). They are also available with semi-scale (.088" wide) wheelsets (item TMW-209). The trucks are \$6.25 pair and may be ordered from your favorite dealer or direct from Tahoe. Add \$3 shipping and handling on direct orders.**



**FIGURE 14: Delivery of Walthers ([www.walthers.com](http://www.walthers.com)) revised **HO scale** Amtrak California Superliners is expected in early April. Priced at about \$65 each, Walthers says the model's significant feature is a metal finish that replicates stainless-steel in a way that paint cannot equal. Other features include factory-installed wire grab irons, upper and lower interiors, see-thru tinted windows, working diaphragms and prototypically-correct trucks with metal sideframes.**



million in fiscal 2009 on sales of \$160 million (US equivalent). The German train manufacturer's quick return to solvency has apparently caught the attention of international investors including Lionel Model Trains. European financial media reported last month that American officials from Lionel had visited Märklin's production facilities in both Hungary and Germany, with an eye toward

purchasing the well-known toy train company.

Also from Germany comes news that a court administrator has approved a creditor's reorganization plan for Faller GmbH, best known in the US as a manufacturer of plastic structures cataloged and distributed by Walthers. Faller has been struggling financially in recent years and declared bankruptcy in August 2009. ■



**FIGURE 14:** Luncheonette is just one of several pre-spaced sign-backings included in the Modular Classic Sign Kit being offered by Vectorcut ([www.vectorcut.com/letters.htm](http://www.vectorcut.com/letters.htm)). Additional backings designed for use with the **HO scale** 14-inch letters include Candy & Soda, Toys & Stationery, Candy & Cigars, Pizzeria, Deli & Grocery and Ice Cream. The pre-spaced panels measure 3.25 x .27-inches. Two panels for freehand signs are also included. The individual letters are composed of resin-coated .015-inch card material.

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## Briefly noted at press time...

... Athearn will soon announce an 89-foot flat car with canted C-side sills for delivery late this year. The highly detailed HO scale cars will be based on a prototype built by Bethlehem Steel in the 1960s for trailer-on-flatcar piggyback and autorack service. The principal user of these flats was Trailer Train, which designated the cars as their F89F and F89FH classes with the H indicating cars equipped end-of-car cushioning.

A wide range of chains and attachment fixtures were applied to these cars including fixed and collapsible trailer hitches arranged in two, three and four hitch configurations. Development work is still underway but a look at preliminary engineering samples indicates Athearn will offer at least five variations of the car.

... ExactRail has launched a new series of HO scale freight cars that will replicate a prototype unique to a specific railroad. Known as the Signature Series, the initial offering is expected to be Southern Railway waffle boxcar. ■

## 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

### February 2010

CALIF., 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).

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

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

### March 2010

CALIF., STOCKTON, March 13, Winterrail 2010, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 W. Alpine Ave.

GEORGIA, PORT WENTWORTH, March 19-20, Savannah Prototype Modeler's Meet, Port Wentworth Recreation Center. Details by emailing Bob Harpe at [RHarpe@comcast.net](mailto:RHarpe@comcast.net).

MAINE, GRAY (PORTLAND), March 20, 3rd Annual Maine All-Scale Narrow Gauge Show. Email [mainenarrowgauge@yahoo.com](mailto:mainenarrowgauge@yahoo.com)

OHIO, CANFIELD, March 25-27, Midwest Narrow Gauge Show, Canfield Fairgrounds. Clinics at Hampton Inn, Canfield. Details at [www.lighttirondigest.com](http://www.lighttirondigest.com).

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).

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

### Future 2010

BRITISH COLUMBIA, SALMON ARM, April 2-4, ShuswapRails 2010, Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre. Email host Ed Parsons at [mac13@telus.net](mailto:mac13@telus.net).

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).

CONN., COLLINSVILLE, June 4-5, New England Prototype Modelers Meet, Canton Community Center. Details at [www.neprototypemeet.com](http://www.neprototypemeet.com).

ILLINOIS, NAPERVILLE, October 21-24, Naperville RPM Meet, Naperville Holiday Inn. Email Joe D'Elia at [ppw-aline@worldnet.att.net](mailto:ppw-aline@worldnet.att.net).

INDIANA, EDINBURGH (COLUMBUS), April 24, Hoosier On30 Meet, Jonson County Park.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND, April 16-17, Great Lakes Model Railroad Symposium. Email Jason at [jmpamtrak@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpamtrak@yahoo.com).

KANSAS, BENTON, November 6-7, Mid-Continent Prototype Modelers Meet, Benton Lions Community Center, 150 S. Main Street. Details at [www.midcontinentprototypemodelers.org](http://www.midcontinentprototypemodelers.org).

MASS., MANSFIELD, Nov 10-14, Craftsman Structure Show, Mansfield Holiday Inn. Details at [www.css2010.com](http://www.css2010.com).

MISSOURI, ST LOUIS, September 1-4, 30th National Narrow Gauge Convention, St Charles Convention Center. Details at [www.30ngconvention.org](http://www.30ngconvention.org).

NORTH CAROLINA, HICKORY, September 7-10, 2011 National Narrow Gauge Convention.

OHIO, MARION, April 22-24, Central Ohio Prototype Modelers Meet, Marion Union Station. Email Denis Blake at [dblake7@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dblake7@columbus.rr.com).

ONTARIO, TORONTO, May 20-23, Canadian Association of Railway Modelers (CAORM), May 20-23, Annual Fest, Lakeshore Campus Humber College.

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).

WEST VIRGINIA, CASS, May 21-23, 2010 Cass Railfan Weekend. Multiple events, some requiring advance reservations. Details at [www.msrlha.org/greenacre.html](http://www.msrlha.org/greenacre.html).

WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE, July 11-18, NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention, details at [www.nmra75.org](http://www.nmra75.org).

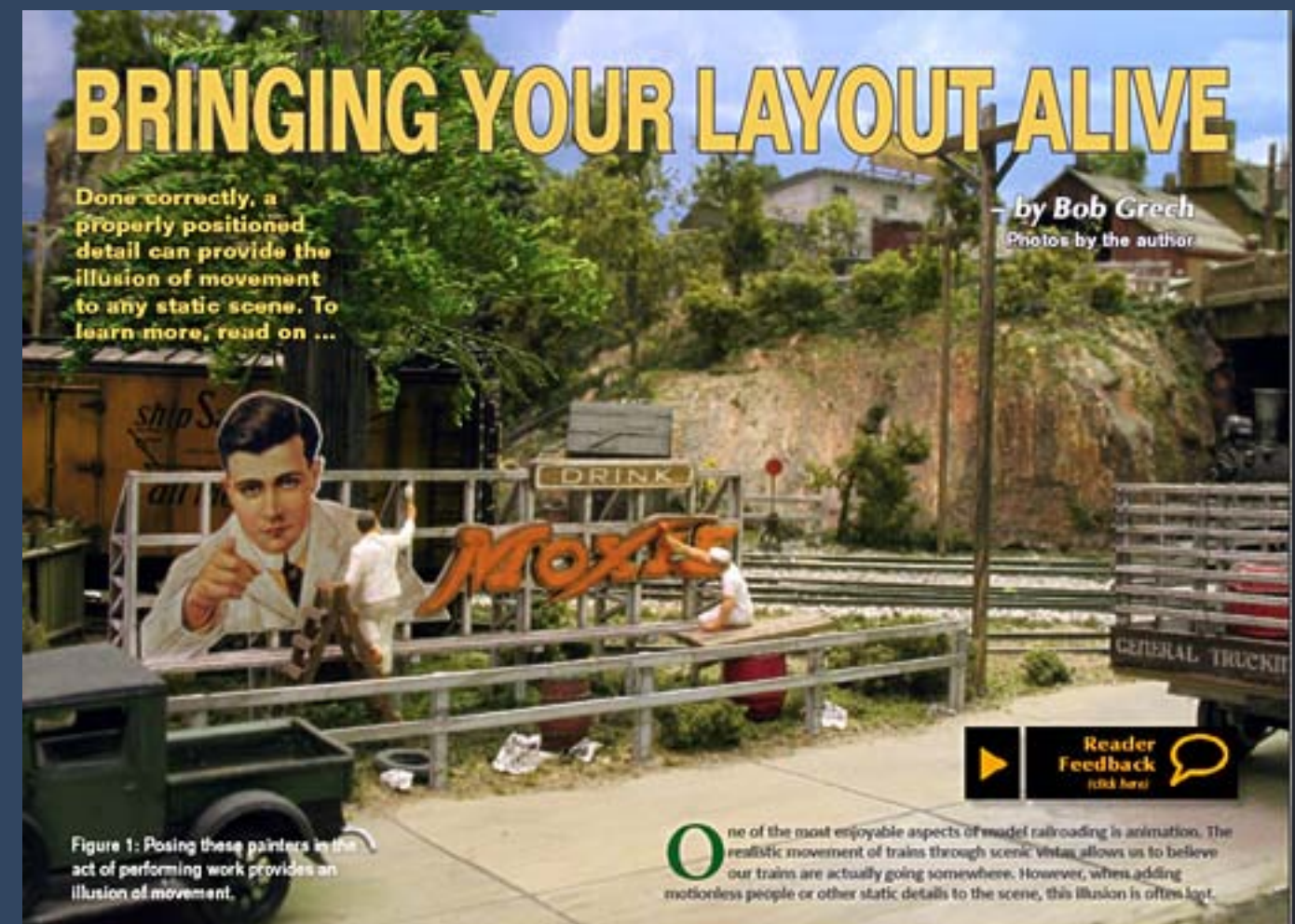
WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE, November 13-14, Trainfest, Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park. Details at [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com).

NEW ZEALAND, CHRISTCHURCH, April 1-5, NZ Association of Model Railroad Clubs National Conventions, St. Andrews College, Merivale. Details at [www.gcmrsleeper.org/nzamrc/index.html](http://www.gcmrsleeper.org/nzamrc/index.html). ■



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