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## New Tracks Modeling Observations

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Welcome to the New Tracks Modeling Observations Newsletter. Updates to our regularly scheduled parts of the program are also included along with the advance schedule for March and April (see schedule on page **21**).

Current news about the New Tracks Modeling Scholarship is also included. And as always, if you want to write an article, send in your tip or "trick" about any aspect of model railroading, or just share a photo or two of a model you are building, just contact me directly. Send your questions and suggestion for this newsletter to:

[Martin.Brechbiel@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Martin.Brechbiel@newtracksmodeling.com).

Check out the last page! We have a paper model of a small station for you courtesy of Paul Egri for you to build!

### From Jim Kellow, MMR:

Greg Cassidy and Steve Sherrill represented New Tracks Modeling and our Scholarship program at the Great Scale Model Railroad Show in Timonium, MD on February 3 and 4, 2024. Steve Sherrill got a lot of interest from kids and adults with his battery powered micro layout. Thank you to Scott Geare for putting on a great show and allowing us to participate.



## Individual donations so far in 2024

As I write this in February, we are already getting donations for our 2025 Scholarship. Individual donors in 2024 are: David Menard, Gerald and Linda Feeney, Jim Kellow, MMR, Ft. Ron Walters, Bob Charles, MMR. Thank you all so much for the leadership and financial commitment to our young future modeler's education you have exhibited. Your help is greatly appreciated. I hope we will receive more donations this year from a lot of modelers who read this newsletter.

## It's Easy to Donate to our Scholarship Fund!

The simplest way for individuals or Corporations to donate is to use the Zeffy platform. We chose Zeffy as they insure that 100% of your contribution will go to our scholarship fund. There are no processing or administrative fees. Click [here](#) to use the Zeffy platform.

## Thanks to everyone who has donated through our New Tracks Modeling Patreon Account.

Donations to Patreon are not associated with our Scholarship program or personnel costs, but rather cover the out of pocket costs of just getting our Zoom, and YouTube shows produced, our Website developed, maintained, etc.

We have a Patreon account, New Tracks Modeling, for your donations to help fund these costs. We hope you can make a small financial contribution. Please press this link, our [Patreon account](#), to donate to help pay for all of the operational costs of our **New Tracks Modeling Shows**.

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## Organizational Sponsors for New Tracks Modeling

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## Regularly Scheduled Segments that you can see weekly on New Tracks Modeling

### Scratchbuilder's Corner

by Martin Brechbiel, MMR ([Martin.Brechbiel@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Martin.Brechbiel@newtracksmodeling.com))

Scratchbuilder's Corner continues to present aspects of scratchbuilding primarily with wood as the medium to build structures and rolling stock, but also includes the use of other materials such as styrene, brass, resin, and other casting materials.

Intentions here are to teach & share techniques and "tricks" that can be adapted into your own scratchbuilding projects working from simple projects up through ones of increasing complexity. As such, this is not so much to provide projects that you are intended to build yourself, although that is certainly possible.

Segments in January and February have continued to introduce basic structure building projects as well as completing scratchbuilding another basic structure, Lomax's Welding. Thereafter, in January through February, this part of the show will move back to scratchbuilding rolling stock, which will most likely be some sort of maintenance of way cars of some purpose yet to be determined. As we move forward through 2024, the building of vintage old kits and what I term "resurrection" projects that require a healthy measure of scratchbuilding to complete will be presented.



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## New Tracks Modeling Mentoring Scholarship

### *For Modeling's Future*

by Bob Davidson, Chairman of New Tracks Scholarship Committee  
([NTMMS@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:NTMMS@newtracksmodeling.com))

The scholarship committee is busy planning for the future of the program, and how to best get the word out to interested applicants. Please help us spread the word to all high-school senior, college and technical school students who are or

will be pursuing a STEAM related course of study and encourage them to apply for the scholarship. Applications for the 2024-2025 scholarships remain open until July 1, and can be viewed under the Scholarship tab at [newtracksmodeling.com](http://newtracksmodeling.com)

Also, please let members of any train clubs or other organizations you may belong to know about the scholarship program and encourage interested students to apply. We've received several applications already, but would like to see many more.

Our banners and flyers have been at many train shows this Winter, and will be shown at upcoming shows this Spring across the country. If you or your group are interested in having a banner, or can help distribute flyers at your local shows or meetings, please let us know.

We're continuing to raise funds for future scholarships. Please consider making a donation by visiting the scholarship site ([newtracksmodeling.com/scholarship](http://newtracksmodeling.com/scholarship)) and clicking on the donate link.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Davidson at [NTMMS@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:NTMMS@newtracksmodeling.com)

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## New Tracks Modeling “MY BUILD” 2024

by Chris Course ([railrunner130@hotmail.com](mailto:railrunner130@hotmail.com))

Model railroading is about sharing and the monthly MY BUILD is your opportunity to share and show off your build with the world. Trains, structures, or boats, it doesn't matter. It doesn't have to be your latest build. Heck, it could even be something you found at a yard or estate sale and just thought was neat. Or, maybe if you're stuck on something, need a different technique, or are stumped on how to proceed on a project. This is a good part of the show to ask questions. Please ask. We can help. The February My Build is on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hBZKFy3kp4> This My Build featured a new component – a real time popular vote of the presented models. Greg Cassidy won the popular vote by chaining down his Conowingo Models Debris Boat to a flat car.



Every other month, six times each year, we have a theme. These are not rigid. If you can find something to share that fits in a category, regardless of being “outside the box”, that is ENCOURAGED!

The remaining schedule and topics for the **2024** My Builds are:

- March 20** Free for all! Anything goes!
- April 24** Spring! scenery, flora, vegetation, trees, something wild, flower boxes, vines, backdrops, planting crops, world awakening after winter, greenhouses;
- May** Free for all! Anything goes!
- June** Water. Waterfront buildings, wharves, boats, covered bridges, water tanks, anything water related;
- July** Free for all! Anything goes!
- August** Harvest. farm equipment, grain elevators, hopper cars, mills, tractors, agriculture, barns, chicken coops, livestock, cattle pens/ranching, cattle cars, reefer cars;
- September** Free for all! Anything goes!
- October** Halloween. Haunted houses, abandoned buildings, abandoned railroad cars, scarecrows, derelict engines;
- November** Free for all! Anything goes!
- December** Holiday. Santa, Christmas billboard cars, snow scenery, snow plows, people ice skating, holiday lighting, holiday decorations.
- January** Free for all! Anything goes!
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## The On30 Rustic Buff & Old Gothic Railroad's Shantytown!

by Tom Farrell ([tfarrell60@comcast.net](mailto:tfarrell60@comcast.net))

The development of the Shantytown scene on the Rustic Buff & Old Gothic On30 model railroad reboot is steadily advancing, approaching a satisfactory level of completion, while also acknowledging the perpetual nature of such projects. This month's focus revolves around the creation of backdrop



buildings, billboards, and wooden fences. Another key priority is the construction of approximately six shanties, situated between the river-edge bait shops and the mentioned backdrop structures.

My personal objective is to transition to another section of the layout by the end of this month (February 2024). For those interested in tracking the progress of this scene, you can tune in to the live YouTube show "New Tracks Modeling" every Wednesday at 7:00 pm ET.

Additionally, all segments of New Tracks Modeling are broken-out and archived on YouTube, allowing for later viewing at your convenience.

## What's to know about The Scales We Model In?

We have had many discussions with modelers who ask, “What is O scale or N scale all about? Does anyone really model in S scale? Can I really scratchbuild a model in N scale?” Your scale of choice may be G, O or O Hi-Rail, S, HO, or N, and there are others yet that modelers choose to build in today. However, we frequently know little about the details of other scales, are possessed of misinformation, or simple mythology.

To discuss this on a regular basis, New Tracks Modeling is running monthly segments on G, O, O Hi-Rail, S, HO, and N scale hosted by knowledgeable talented modelers in each scale. These modelers will try to answer your questions, present information about what is possible to accomplish, and then present what a new modeler entering a scale might need to consider.

The remaining **2024 schedule** for “The Scales that We Model In” is:

March	6th O, O-HR	13th HO, N	20th S	27th G
April	3rd O, O-HR	10th HO, N	17th S	24th G
May	1st O, O-HR	8th HO, N	15th S	22nd G
June	5th O, O-HR	12th HO, N	19th S	26th G
July	3rd O, O-HR	10th HO, N	17th S	24th G
August	7th O, O-HR	14th HO, N	21st S	28th G
Sept.	4th O, O-HR	11th HO, N	18th S	25th G
October	2nd O, O-HR	9th HO, N	16th S	30th G
Nov.	6th O, O-HR	13th HO, N	20th S	27th G
Dec.	4th O, O-HR	11th HO, N	18th S	25th G

If you have specific questions you want addressed, or a specific person you would like to see interviewed on a scale segment, please contact the appropriate host. Their email addresses are shown below.

### **G Scale Modeling** hosted by **Steve Bittinger (3/27)**

Feb. 28 See: [https://youtu.be/dFlcx7vE\\_6c](https://youtu.be/dFlcx7vE_6c)

[Steve.Bittinger@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Steve.Bittinger@newtracksmodeling.com)

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The program will be on repurposing everyday materials into useful modeling materials and unique tools for G scale modelers. This will be a demonstration from my workshop.

### **O Scale Modeling** hosted by **David Schultz (3/6)**

**Sponsored by O Scale Central**

[David.Schultz@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:David.Schultz@newtracksmodeling.com)

David continues presenting O Scale on a budget

## O Gauge Hi-Rail Modeling hosted by Dennis Brennan (3/6)

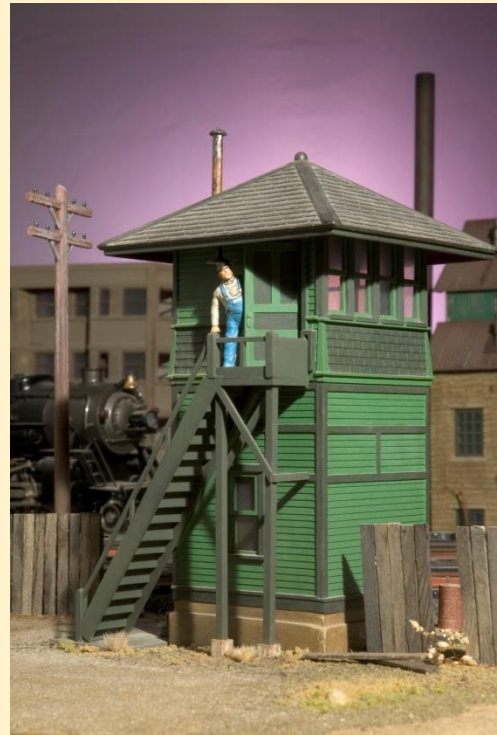
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[dennis.brennan@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:dennis.brennan@newtracksmodeling.com)

Feb. 7 See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4PtUqc3hWs>

Don't overlook simple Plasticville kits! In March the topic will be: "Kitbashing a Plasticville Switch Tower."

With some paint and a few simple details, the Bachmann Plasticville Switch Tower can be made into a credible model.



## S Scale Modeling hosted by Timothy Huebner (3/20)

Sponsored by National S Gauge Association (NASG)  
[Timothy.Huebner@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Timothy.Huebner@newtracksmodeling.com)

I will be going over a few new S scale products from scale trains and discussing options for affordable S scale locomotives by going over the American Models RS11 briefly.

## HO scale Modeling hosted by Ed O'Rourke (3/13)

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[Ed.O'Rourke@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Ed.O'Rourke@newtracksmodeling.com)

Feb. 21 See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR7lslK2aCw>

In March, if all plans come to fruition, I'll start to talk about adding scenery to a small space.



## N Scale Modeling hosted by Clem Harris (3/13)

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[Clem.Harris@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Clem.Harris@newtracksmodeling.com)

Feb. 14 See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqfPb1TL8As>

For March, I'll continue the process of making the BNSF 9653 by showing how it's weathered.

## Modeling is Modeling either 2 or 3 rail, or American Flyer or S Scale.

This discussion was started by Dennis Brennan in his O Scale Hi-Rail segment on our January 3, 2024 New Tracks Modeling Zoom show. You can see a video of the show on our YouTube channel. Jeff Jordan joined the discussion and later sent me the following two examples. Jeff is a member of the New Tracks Modeling team and also a member of our Scholarship committee.

### From Jeff Jordan

Here's Lionel Rico Depot. I modified it to change it from its early 1900's appearance to its 1940's appearance by deleting the gingerbread trim and telegraph tower (which burned down in 1934). I also painted it in accurate



D&RGW colors. After this photo was taken I weathered it a bit and added a lighted agent's office.

Here's the Coaling Tower. The top was a substitute from Mount Blue. I textured the plastic, shortened the legs for On30, scratchbuilt the chute, added Grandt Line hardware, and added the lights and paint.



Thanks, Jeff! You can contact Jeff at: [Jeff.Jordan@newtracksmodeling.com](mailto:Jeff.Jordan@newtracksmodeling.com). So does anyone else have any models they feel are suitable you want to share? We'd love to see them. Why not show them on one of our MY BUILD show segments hosted by Chris Coarse (See page [7](#)).

## Meet Ian Fainges at the Narrow O Scale Meet in Harrisburg June 2024

If you model O Scale/Gauge you are going to have a very rare and fantastic opportunity to meet Australian, Ian Fainges, one of if not the best in my opinion O scale figure painters in the world, if you attend the Narrow O Scale Meet run by Al Judy this June 7-8, 2024.

Al always has a great show but with the chance to Meet, talk with, and oh my gosh, maybe get Ian Fainges to custom paint a figure just for you, makes the show a must attend for all us O scale/gauge guys. Yep, Lord willing, even Jim Kellow is going to try to get to the meet. All updates and information can be found on Facebook at Harrisburg Narrow O Summer Meet. See you there!

## 2024 HARRISBURG Narrow O Summer Meet

On3 – On30 – On2 - On18

A two day event focused on anything and everything O scale narrow gauge.

Friday June 7 (11:00 to 6:00)  
and Saturday June 8 (9:00 to 3:00)

LOCATION: **New Hope Church**  
584 Colonial Club Drive  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17112

Guest admission: \$15 for both days – Spouses and children under 12 free.  
Clinics and Maker Spaces demos on going throughout the event.  
Food and drinks: Available throughout the event.

Due to church rules and insurance restrictions: NO alcohol will be allowed.

**Vendors:** For table information, availability, admission and fees please email us at [milcreekrr@yahoo.com](mailto:milcreekrr@yahoo.com) for detailed information.

For updated information on the event, including the vendor list, Clinic topics, Maker Space presenters and displays along with any additional information or updates can be found on the Meet's Facebookpage under the title "Harrisburg Narrow O Summer Meet".

Most attendees have used either the Quality Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Area, 200 N Mountain Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112 (717) 540-9339 or The Ramada Inn, 300 N. Mountain Road, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112 (717)-461-9602 in the past and found it to be a clean, friendly and a good value. Best of all it is located only .9 of a mile or about 3 minutes from the New Hope Church venue.

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Purchase tickets on line!!!  
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[www.Piedmont-Div.org](http://www.Piedmont-Div.org)

## NERx is Coming March 18-21

Back by popular demand, NERx, the virtual convention of the Northeastern Region, NMRA, is coming to a screen near you in March. The team is hard at work putting together another fantastic lineup of content, including Clinics, Layout Tours, and Roundtable Conversations.



Photo is of Drew James' HO scale Canada, Spokane and Pacific (photo by Ed Olszewski).

We will also be sharing your work in the Model Showcase and this year we are introducing Tips & Tricks, short video segments showing modeling tips that do not fit into a full clinic. Drew James will be leading a Roundtable during NERX on managing a crew of friends helping build his layout.

If you are interested in presenting a clinic or have a layout you would like to have on the layout tour, then please reach out by sending an email to [info@nerx.org](mailto:info@nerx.org) with a short description and we will be in touch! See <https://www.nerx.org/> for more information.

## Rusty Rails New Castings

# Rusty Rail

For the HO scale crowd we have three items. First item is a Horizontal Boiler that can be used anywhere in a logging operation or an industrial location. Simple boiler but you can always add more to it. It could be a great abandoned piece near a old sawmill. Also comes with two fire wood piles. The figure in the pictures is not included. All resin casting and come unpainted. [Click here to check it out](#)



Second item is a small rural gas station where you could see a car or a tractor pull in for a fill up. Joe is going to be able to afford a real building someday. This is a one piece casting shown used in a scene with a 1934 Ford pickup and Joe putting the gas in and the driver stretching his legs and wiping his forehead. All resin casting and comes unpainted. Measures 3 3/4" by 3 1/2" and 1" high. [Click here to check it out](#)

Third item is a small water or fuel tank on skids. Could be used anywhere in a logging operation, industrial or portable fueling station. The figure in the pictures is not included. All resin casting and comes unpainted.

[Click here to check it out](#)



This month we have two items for the O scale group. First item is a great little junk pile that goes on the ground around a shop or in area with other junk. A lot of pipes and rods of different sizes and other detail. Measures 3 1/2" by 1 1/4". All resin casting and comes unpainted. [Click here to check it out](#)



Second item is a junk bin with a lot of detail, just check out the detail and small foot print. This casting is 2 3/4" long 1/2" wide and 5/8" tall. All resin casting and comes unpainted. Figure is not included; he is just to show you how it looks. [Click here to check it out](#)



## 3D printed parts!

Check out our new 3D printed Industrial Air Compressor kits in HO and O scale. May cost a little more but the detail is great.



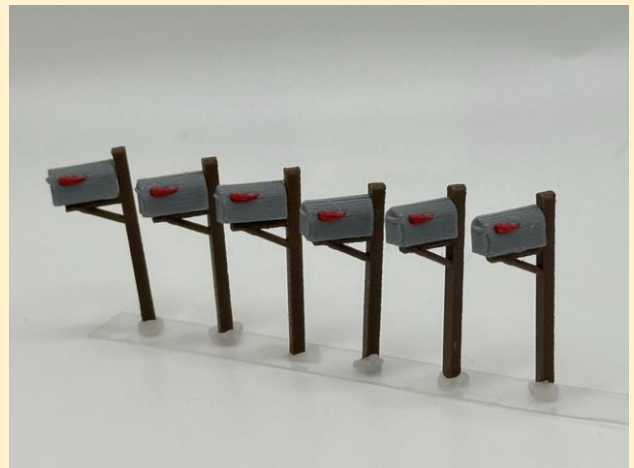
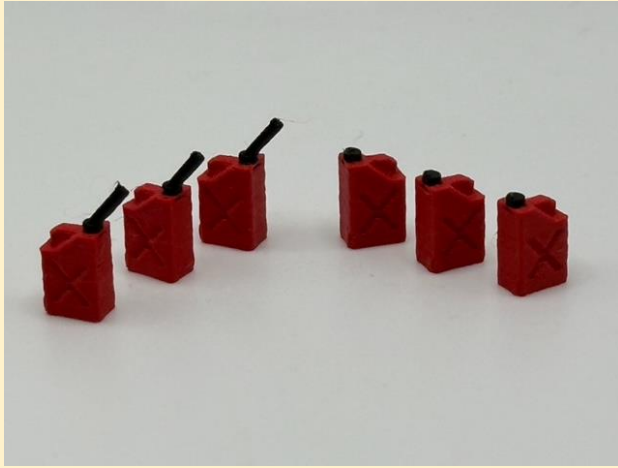




## One color, Two color, Three color, Four!

Since the beginning, CatzPaw has always printed products in one and two colors. Then we expanded our capabilities by adding resin printers to our line-up so we could print high detail items. Continuing down that path, we print the high detail resin items in color too. Now we have upgraded our filament printers and can print in one, two, three, and four colors!





**We are excited to announce the official launch date of April 17, 2024, for the InvisaTrax™ Transport System product line. Mark your calendars!**



# Crystal River Products

On March 6, 2024, Rand and Seth Johnson, father and son owners of Crystal River Products will begin their **BUILD ALONG** of one of their kits. Details about the kit including the discount available to viewers who purchase the kit, as well as the code word to use when ordering the kit are shown below.

The kit we'll use for our build-along will be one of our most popular. It's [this little gem of a small coal shed](#) that's a relatively

quick build, common enough in design to have a place on just about any steam-era railroad (though it's based on a Colorado narrow gauge prototype), and surprisingly intricate. It showcases the clever jigs that Tom Fitzgerald (the founder of Crystal River Products) is so well-known for in his kit designs, and it's available in all 3 of the scales we support: O, S, and HO. We could even be arm-twisted into developing it in F / G, if somebody wanted us to try that.

We'll offer 20% off the regular price of this kit for New Tracks Modeling viewers. The coupon codes are:

- For [the O scale version](#): oscalenewtracks2024
- For [the S scale version](#): sscalenewtracks2024
- For [the HO scale version](#): hoscalenewtracks202

Please visit their website at: <https://www.crystalriverproducts.com/> for additional information about their Company.



## Ipswich Hobbies

Jack Dziadul, owner of Ipswich Hobbies will build his Section House kit starting April 10, 2024 in a **BUILD ALONG**. The kit is available in N, HO, and O Scale for New Tracks Modelers.



### Special Pricing for New Tracks Modeling Viewers

1. Kit No. 6      N scale      - \$15 less 20% discount = \$12
2. Kit No. 5      HO scale      - \$25 less 20% discount = \$20
3. Kit No. 18     O scale      - \$45 less 20% discount = \$36
4. Shipping \$8.95 – Local pick-up option

### Ordering the kit

1. Discount code  
NEWTRACKN = N scale (Good for one kit)  
NEWTRACKHO = HO (Good for one Kit)  
NEWTRACKO = O scale (Good for on kit)
2. Discount start date March 6, 2024
3. Discount end date April 15, 2024

Please visit the Ipswich Hobbies web site for more information about the company and its products: <https://ipswichhobbies.com/>

**New Tracks Show Schedule** – March/April (Register at: <https://newtracksmodeling.com/>)  
 Subscribe to YouTube channel New Tracks Modeling and ring the Bell. All programs are always subject to change.

<p><b>March 6</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            O scale Modeling with David Schultz            O scale H-R with Dennis Brennan            Decals off; Dry Transfers on! with James Taverna (2/3)            Announcement of Ipswich Hobbies Section House kit with Jack Dziadul            Build Along - Crystal River Models with Rand and Seth Johnson (part 1 of 5)            Scratchbuilder's Corner 19 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill</p>	<p><b>March 13</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            N Scale Modeling with Clem Harris            HO Scale Modeling with Ed O'Rourke            Decals off; Dry Transfers on! with James Taverna (3/3)            Build Along - Crystal River Models with Rand and Seth Johnson (part 2 of 5)            NMRA Clubs and Divisions with Phil Edholm - Senior Chief Andy J Zimmerman President of SSR            Scratchbuilder's Corner 20 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill</p>
<p><b>March 20</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            S scale Modeling with Tim Huebner            MY BUILD with Chris Coarse            Build Along - Crystal River Models with Rand and Seth Johnson (part 3 of 5)</p>	<p><b>March 27</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            Local Hobby Shops with Mark Poggendorf            G Scale Modeling with Steve Bittinger            Build Along - Crystal River Models with Rand and Seth Johnson (part 4 of 5)            Scratchbuilder's Corner 21 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill            Catz paw InVista Traxx Diorama with Sherri Johnson</p>
<p><b>April 3</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            O Scale Modeling David Schultz            O High Rail Dennis Brennan.            Setting the Stage with Scenery with Bob Geldmacher            Build Along - Crystal River Models with Rand and Seth Johnson (part 5 of 5)            Scratchbuilder's Corner 22 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill            Catz paw InVista Traxx Diorama with Sherri Johnson</p>	<p><b>April 10</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            HO Scale Modeling by Ed O'Rourke            N Scale Modeling Clem Harris            Jack Dziadul's Ipswich Hobbies Section House kit (Part 1 of 4)            Announcement of the MER convention by Jack Dziadul.            Scratchbuilder's Corner 23 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill</p>
<p><b>April 17</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            Mark Poggendorf Local Hobby Shops            S scale Modeling with Tim Huebner            Jack Dziadul's Ipswich Hobbies Section House kit (Part 2 of 4)            Setting the Stage with Scenery with Bob Geldmacher            Scratchbuilder's Corner 24 with Martin Brechbiel            Scratchbuilding his layout with Tom Farrell            "What Do You Want to Talk About" with Steve Sherrill            NMRA AP with Kurt Johnson - Don't read too much into it!</p>	<p><b>April 24</b>            Welcome &amp; Announcements; Jim Kellow            G Scale Modeling with Steve Bittinger            MY BUILD with Chris Coarse            Jack Dziadul's Ipswich Hobbies Section House kit (Part 3 of 4)</p>

## Coming up in future shows!

### WATCH ME BUILD Railroad Models

These segments provide modelers the opportunity to build a model to not only demonstrate their modeling skills and techniques but to help other modelers improve their skills. These segments may be for one or more shows depending on the details included for the modeling presentation. Viewers can ask questions and learn from experienced modelers various facets of modeling. Upcoming 2024 Show Segments:

#### **Starting June 5, 2024** Sherri Johnson Technology series

Sherri Johnson is very well qualified to conduct this series. She has been a Professional Electrical Engineer/Mechanical Engineer working with technology for 45 years which includes using technology in her company, CatzPaw. This series will run through September 25, 2024. Its purpose is to discuss technology in such a way modelers understand what it can do for them, how they can go about taking advantage of it, and understand its future development and impact.

Subjects will include:

1. CAD Programs you can use and learn
2. Craft cutters and more sophisticated cutting machines and their applications
3. 3D Printing machines capabilities and purposes for model railroading.
4. Other technology you haven't heard of!
5. AI, the impact it's having today and will have over the next 5 years. How can you benefit?

This is a series that will be presented in such a way you will be able to understand and actually use the information presented. Don't miss any of the segments!

**Starting June 12, 2024** Frenchman River's Spillane Building in O Scale will be built by Tom Farrell as currently occupied, and by Tom Yorke as vacant and dilapidated. This project will be done in a number of 15 minute separate show segments. These segments will be a great way not only to watch two very talented modelers show how this kit can be build, but also how it can be bashed to become something entirely different.

**Starting July 31, 2024** For 4 show segments ending on August 28, Tom Grossman, owner of Tag Team Hobbies will discuss and demonstrate which Airbrush modelers may need to buy, the air source you will need for an airbrush, and how to use various techniques with your airbrush. Tom has been helping modelers with airbrushing for over 30 years across various hobbies and for all skill levels. He believes you get the best results if you learn the basics of airbrush control.

We have had many requests for this kind of show and I think Tom is the perfect person to help us learn and improve our airbrushing skills. Visit his website at: <http://www.tagteamhobbies.com/>

**Show date - October 23, 2024** Kurt Thompson with Modeling Lifestyle.



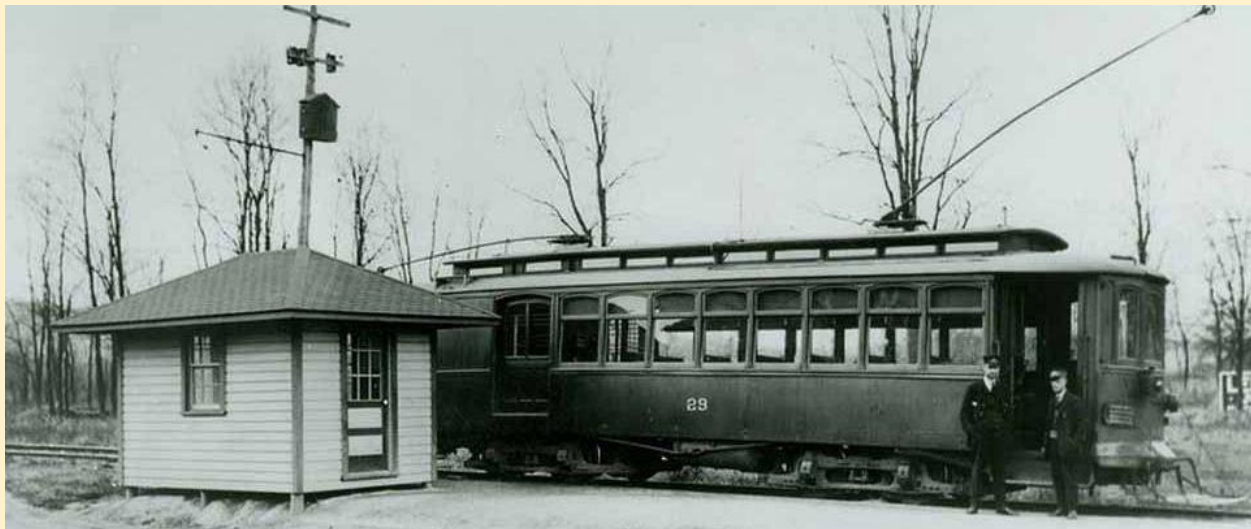
From **Jim Zagel** → The Durango and Silverton narrow gauge railroad on its Cascade Canyon run past a mass launch of balloons during the Snowdown celebration

## Reaching Applicants for the NMT Scholarship – Getting the Word Out!

Every reader of this newsletter can help get applicants for our scholarships both at their local HS and college levels. Promoting scholarship availability and reaching out to college students can be done through various effective methods. Here are some suggestions:

1. **College Websites:** Contact the administration or career services departments of various colleges and universities, asking them to include your scholarship opportunity on their websites or scholarship portals. This will ensure visibility to a large number of students.
2. **Social Media:** Utilize social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, to share information about your scholarship. Create visually appealing posts and encourage students to share the information with their peers.
3. **Email Campaigns:** Obtain email lists from colleges and universities, targeting students who fit the eligibility criteria for your scholarship. Send out personalized emails offering information on the scholarship, application process, and deadlines.
4. **College Fairs and Events:** Participate in college fairs and events to directly interact with students. Set up a booth or table where you can provide brochures, answer questions, and raise awareness about your scholarship opportunity.
5. **Campus Ambassadors:** Collaborate with student organizations or campus ambassadors from different colleges to help promote your scholarship. These students can serve as brand ambassadors, spreading the word about your program among their peers.
6. **Press Releases:** Draft and distribute press releases to local and national media outlets to generate wider awareness about your scholarship program. This can attract attention from a broader audience, including potential applicants.
7. **Online Scholarship Databases:** Register your scholarship on popular scholarship search platforms, such as Fastweb, Scholarships.com, or College Board's Scholarship Search. These platforms are frequently used by students searching for financial aid opportunities.

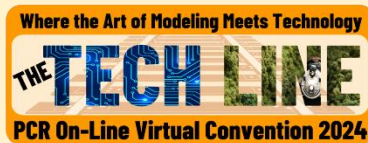
Remember to include clear instructions on how students can apply, including any required documents and deadlines. Make the application process straightforward and easily accessible to maximize student engagement with your scholarship opportunity.





# New Tracks Modeling “Modeler’s Path to Success.”

Join the virtual 2024 NMRA Pacific Coast Region Convention. The same team that put on the 2021 Virtual NMRA National Convention is putting on a virtual version of the 2024 PCR Convention in Silicon Valley. The virtual version of the Convention will feature great experiences and an opportunity to participate no matter where you live. The theme of the Convention is: Where the ART of Modeling Meets Technology. The clinic and modeling will reflect the new technologies that are changing the hobby. The virtual Convention will feature great clinics, topical breakouts, a Contest Room tour with MMRs, virtual prototype tours, a Virtual Train Show produced by New Tracks Modeling, and more!



**Join us for the PCR 2024 Virtual Convention**  
**April 25-27, 2024**



The 2024 PCR Convention is Silicon Valley will be available on-line for virtual participants from around the world. The event is being hosted by the same team that did the legendary 2021 NMRA National Convention. Join us for great fun!

**3 days for only \$20 with code PCR24**

**Clinics** One clinic room will be in a hosted Zoom meeting. Virtual participants will choose clinics for the virtual tracks.



**Contests** Join an MMR moderated tour of the PCR contest room. See great modeling and have expert analysis of the models that are set for judging.

**Prototypes** Hosts will take virtual attendees along on the Prototype tours. A knowledgeable host will join both the SPCRR and Niles Canyon tours with an iPhone/gimbal in Zoom.



**Train Show** Virtual Train Show with vendor segments

**Breakouts** Breakouts were one of the best parts of the 2021 National. At PC20-24, there will be Birds of a Feather, Vendor, SIGs and more in breakouts – see old friends, make new ones, meet vendors and more!!!!



**If you can make it, join us in the heart of Silicon Valley**

The 2024 PCR Convention will be held April 24-28, 2024, at the Sonesta San Jose hotel in the middle of the golden triangle in Silicon Valley. Room rates are only **\$139 per night.**



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Thanks for reading!

Happy Modeling,  
 Jim Kellow, MMR



