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Contributors

Introduction

This book was written to introduce purchasers of train sets to the world of model building. Building your own models, by whatever means, is the first step taken when moving beyond purchasing ready to use items. The options are kitbuilding, kitbashing, or scratchbuilding. This book gives you a look at rolling stock and structure model building by all of the above methods through several model building articles.

I have not included benchwork, trackplanning, tracklaying, control systems, and operating schemes as nothing about On30 model trains requires any special attention on these topics. Many books and articles have been written which cover the material more than adequately.

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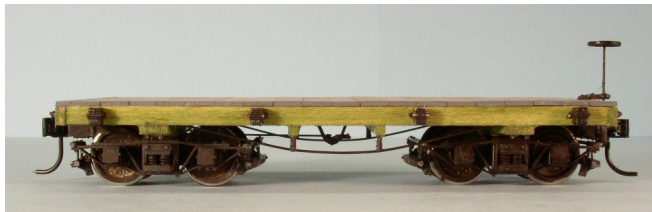
I hope you find something in these pages that inspires you to build a model or two.



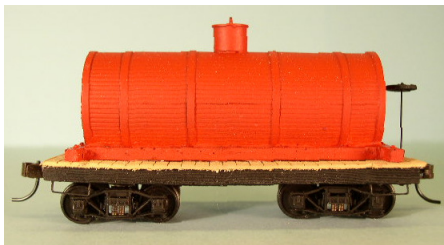
Phoenix figures painted by
Granite Creek Enterprises



Rick Perry's layout in a briefcase



Evergreen Hill Designs Shop Built Flat car kit
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Rio Grande Hobbies Wooden Tank Car kit
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Thomas Yorke bank/jail
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