

**MODELER'S FORUM**  
**SEPTEMBER 22**  
By Paul Lodge

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club Modeler's Forum met on September 22 with Bob Willard, Dick Holman, John McMullen, Bob and Bryn Wright, Kevin Twine, and Paul Lodge.

Bob Willard brought the O scale Bunn's Feed and Seed Plant on which he has made steady progress this fall. He showed how he had made the wood look older by brushing black powder on the deck. As a result of his quick demonstration, it was decided to have a clinic on weathering at the next Modeler's Forum. Bob also brought three vintage trucks loaded with various items depending on the purpose of the truck. The trucks were all built from the same chassis but look totally different.

John McMullen explained that he has completed enough buildings to create a small town. He still hopes to add some government buildings, including a fire station and town hall.

Bob Wright brought two Lionel engines. He is not sure they work and was wondering if there was a test track on which he could try them. No one at the meeting has been authorized to start the Lionel layout. It was suggested he bring them on Saturday when there would be members available to check the engines and potentially fix them if there is a problem.

Paul Lodge brought more of his scratch-built models of West Minot buildings. These were built in N-scale to make them look further away on the modular layout. The church, grange hall and two homes were displayed. He had used homemade graph paper for N-scale to help with the accuracy in building the structures. The members got a kick out of his use of "Crazy Wally Made Me a Better Deal" plastic license plates.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to have a weathering clinic at the next meeting in October.