

22 June 2023 Great Falls Model Rail Road Club Modelers Forum Notes

Eight in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes)

Bob Willard – Brought Square Foot Contest Rules, also brought seven O Scale structures he scratchbuilt in the past. Crossing Shanty, Engine Shed, Hand Car Shed, Run down shed with tree top fallen onto it, Gas Station, Outhouse, Covered Bridge. The amount of details he includes makes them very interesting to see.

John McMullen – Asked about glue(s) to use with Styrofoam and benchwork, several types were put forth, also different methods of cutting foam were discussed, including hot wire, old steak knives, rasp files.

Paul Lodge – Brought in a box of G Scale items (loco, boxcar, track and has more at home) to suggest a raffle at Christmas time.

Carmen Anastase – Has been building houses for his layout.

Kent Waterson – Has been thinking and gathering information for a new O scale project he wants to create/build using his new Elegoo 3D printer. The subject: Laketown from the Hobbit as Smaug the dragon flies overhead burning it. He has done a couple of proof-of-concept tasks that he brought in to show; several window 3D prints and a working thunder and lightning board.

Dick Holman – Reiterated the Square Foot Contest saying it is a great way to get members to try something new and expanding their skillsets.

Jamie Robinson – Brought in a Proto 48 (Finescale O) turnout that he built several years ago as a test of concept with a working hand throw.