

## **Great Falls Model Railroad Club Modeler's Forum Notes**

**24 August 2023**

Seven in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes)

Bob Willard – Brought in a false front O scale building that he worked on during the Great Falls Balloon Festival weekend at the club. He also brought in the photo he used as inspiration. Check out the roof end in the photo.

Carmen Anastase – Continuing work on his home railroad layout, showed off a small boarded up house false front that he painted brown then green. Used bass board on the boarded-up windows/shutters. Also used pan pastels to detail.

John McMullen – Asked several questions: regarding PSX Circuit breakers (from Tony's in VT) and can they be connected? The advice from the group was they are individual and can be ganged together. Requested assistance in rating HO Loco manufacturers. Group consensus was that Broadway Limited, Athearn Genesis, Atlas, Rapido, were good choices for PRR locos in the 50's to 60's era. John asked about wheel sizes on passenger and freight cars. The answer given was to replace with same size wheel as on the car if needed.

Paul Lodge – Gave a demo for people new to the hobby on how in the past modelers made some of their own scenery. Using sawdust and RIT Dye to get most any color needed for modeling,

Kent Waterson – Brought in square foot display he created in the past and the photos he based it on. Has continued to work on his O scale Laketown (The Hobbit) building and brought it in to show his progress. He also brought in lots of 3D printed objects and passed on much knowledge about 3D printing and Cricut machines.

Dick Holman – Provided much good advice to all at the forum, as did all the participants.