

## **Modeler's Forum Notes 28 September 2023**

### **Great Falls Model Railroad Club**

Nine in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes)

Bob Willard – Presented his Androscoggin and Kennebec electrified coal car (still under construction) that used to run between Bath and Bates College.

Jamie Robinson – Showed off a SW1 Proto 48 Brass Locomotive he received recently. This model is part of a small run commissioned by an interested group of O Scale and Proto:48 modeler's. This particular model represents an early version SW1 with the two-step hood and arched cab windows, as modified by the Boston & Maine Railroad with full-length handrails along the outside of the long hood walkway.

Jamie also showed a Lionel 10E Standard Gauge Electric Train Set in its original box that was donated to the club by a very nice lady who saw our club at the Oxford Fair. This set is probably 80+ years old. Plans for its use in the club are underway.

Dick Holman – Displayed and demonstrated a set of brass Testing Sieves for Soil Samples that he had acquired years ago at a former employer.

Carmen Anastase – Attended meeting for inspiration and spoke about Amsterdam, Netherlands train station and accommodations for bicycles made there.

Roger Plummer – Gave the history on the prototype for an HO scratch-built Portland Terminal Caboose he built. This original three prototypes (from PS-1 boxcars) were used as covered shoving platforms/caboose.

Kent Waterson – Brought in his first 3D building (much progress has been made) from his "Laketown" project. Also presented his second 3D building (still under construction). Kent also showed off a 3D test print of Smaug the dragon's head and neck. Details are amazing.

John McMullen – Brought in the dirt used in Dick Holman's demonstration.

Paul Lodge – Brought in old Matchbox, Hot Wheels, and other vehicles for the club's \$1 sales bin used at shows/fairs.

There was a discussion of possibly changing the Modeler's Forum from the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to after the General Club Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday during the winter months. Pros and cons were raised by the club members present. The next Modeler's Forum will be held on Thursday 26 October, and then Saturday 11 November and Saturday 16 December at 3:00 p.m. following the member meeting.

Bob Willard thanked Bob Wright for a tip on how to use Vaseline (petroleum jelly) to seal super glue bottles for future ease of use. Carmen Anastase was able to locate a Woodworker's Forum video online that had these instructions. A general discussion followed regarding super glue.