

Great Falls Model Railroad Club
Modeler's Forum Notes
10 February 2024

Twelve in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes and some photos, Travis Johnson taking most of the photos)

Bob Willard – Has gotten his 8” round base cut for the 2024 Modeling Contest, brought a new airbrush to show, also working on an Auburn/Turner Electric Car Barn Project building.

Kent Waterson – Continuing to work on his home layout.

Dick Holman – Repaired the club's hot air balloons, suggests hanging them over layouts instead of storing.

Wanda and Bob Wright – showed off a Walthers Trainline Forge Barn with tools that was painted/assembled on a recent vacation, also a doghouse with dog, and rolling trash cans all in HO.

John McMullen – Working on benchwork on his home layout, found green 60 Grit sandpaper at Ace Hardware, thinking of using it for lawns, roofs, ballfields. Also brought in a 1944 Locomotive Cyclopedia he is using for reference. Brought two posters he saved from his stint as Postmaster (one is for 33 cent stamp collection sheet and the other from 1987 for 22 cent stamps – both train related).

Joe Moser – New member, used to see the Wabash go by his house at 4 AM has been a loco fan since. Likes to run “O” Gauge not as interested in scenic work. Was a Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad attorney.

Austin Campbell – Working on rehabbing the diesel works on the HO layout. Using Plastruct to build a sand dump for the works.

Jay Wiley – Picked up wood kits at the last Club asset sale and built a Riding Car (probably used prototypically as a Maintenance of Way type of vehicle). Also built a caboos and modeled it after a Strasburg unit. Brought in a Climax engine he has been rehabbing (time sink).

Ed Webb – Nothing to show but contributed greatly to the conversation.

Wayne Derocher – Also contributed to the discussion.

Travis Johnson – Has five locos with bad motors he has been working on. Has replaced three motors so far to make them smoother/slower/faster running so he can speed match them from 1 to 60 mph. Requested ideas for temporarily holding down a transformer load on a depressed flat car. Much discussion ensued giving Travis several suggestions to ponder.