

## **Great Falls Model Railroad Club**

### **Modeler's Forum Notes – September 26, 2024**

Five in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes and Jamie Robinson taking photos)

Bob Willard – Brought in four “O” Scale Kemtron Kits, two RS3s (one built, one still in the box) and two GP-7s (one built and one still in the box).

Jamie Robinson – Presented a free project to the group, later left at the clubhouse - two battery powered locomotives that need to be worked on to be made functional. He also showed off an HO Gulf Mobile & Ohio Atlas RS1 locomotive (early yellow-box) to which he is adding an ESU 58921 Decoder (with built in keep alive) to, as well as LED lighting and speaker (a cut-down iPhone 4).

John McMullen – Had several questions as he continues to plan his home layout. He asked about positioning signal boxes and whether there are specific locations for them along the track. The answer was that locations can vary. A second question was regarding keeping programming track separate from operational track: keep them separate! Requested a conversion from 150 feet to HO dimension (1.72 feet). Showed off a cardboard template he created to figure out appropriate radii and separation of track on curves. Asked about steel rail track, was warned to watch out for rust and possible loss of electrical pickup.

Kent Waterson – Brought in his 3D printed Smaug (22-inch wingspan) for his Laketown display, unfortunately it is a bit delicate and one of the wings had snapped off as he was bringing it to the meeting. He will be reattaching it as he continues to build his diorama. He has started working on another building for it. He also showed off two 3D printed woven baskets for details on the diorama.