

## **Great Falls Model Railroad Club**

### **Modeler's Forum Notes 19 Dec 2024**

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

Bob Willard – Showed off a scratch built “O” Scale building that he started during the recent Extrainaganza. It is a Grocery Store/Gas Station. He also brought in some Dollar Store paint pallets.

Jamie Robinson – Displayed an Atlas “O” Scale caboose from the late 1970’s, he has replaced the original couplers with Kadee couplers, the trucks have been upgraded to Red Caboose with pickups for LED marker lights. Marker lights are brass with led inserts. The colored lenses are acetate, painted on one side, punched in a circular shape, and inserted into the lens openings. The caboose is painted in Great Falls livery. Jamie also recently ordered a 3D printed Lambert Locomotive Works caboose that represents a B&M series made by the International Car Company.

Richard Holman – Requested constructive feedback regarding his Square Footer entry from the recent ExTRAINaganza. Some suggestions were: providing a list of elements on the display for viewers to discover, elevating the display on a turntable, and spotlighting the display. This also got the group thinking about the next contest, stay tuned for more details.

Wanda Wright – Asked for suggestions on painting; practice and experimentation were the answers provided and research on-line.

Bob Wright – Brought in an Alaska EMD SW-1 Loco he had purchased from Eric earlier in the year and had Tony’s Train Exchange upgrade to DCC with sound.

Kent Waterson – Presented a 3D printed building for his Laketown diorama. He also brought in a sampling of 3D printed detail parts (barrels, crates, ropes, sacks, etc.) Also demonstrated his sound & lighting module for the diorama.