



Great Falls Model Railroad Club Modeler's Forum - February 21, 2026

Eleven in attendance (Bob Wright taking notes, Jamie Robinson taking photos).

Bob Willard – Brought in an O Scale Berkshire Valley Line Tractor Trailer and also a Harley Davidson servicar (towed behind vehicles that were delivered to customers and then driven back to the dealership). His third show & tell is a resin car kit (for the front) with the rear half was scratch built.

Richard Holman – Wanted to talk about this year's square footer contest. Preliminary discussions followed. "Down at the Depot" theme with HO scale and below using up to 12" x 12" base and any scale over HO using up to 18" x 18" base. Details to be hashed out in the near future.

Kent Waterson – Recently had an article published in Fine Scale Modeling magazine. It was on his 1/48th scale 1st prize winning 2024 Southern Maine Scale Modelers diorama of the aft end of a U.S. Navy ship. Brought in two Funaro & Camerlengo Rutland Flat Car kits. He built two with loads, one with marble blocks (cast from Plaster of Paris). The next project he is working on is White River Junction depot for his home layout. He has it in his CAD system and is using a Cricut to cut walls. He showed off and asked for comments on several brick siding products to apply to the exterior walls. He also showed off some 3D printed test cupolas and windows/rollup doors for the station. Lastly he has been testing several paints to accomplish a verdigris green for his depot roof.

Wanda Wright – Requested 3D assistance on a railway port-a-potty. Shared a Modeler Railroader link with the group and was told about possibly purchasing an already built model online.

Jamie Robinson – Brought in a Jeep kit he purchased a few years ago for \$3 on E-Bay in 1/48th scale. In spite of the directions not being in English he assembled and painted it. Jamie made some modifications to the windshield casting to permit it to fit inside the frame, rather than sitting on the back of it, greatly enhancing its realism. These kits were produced in both olive drab and desert sand colors, but no choice was available. Since Jamie wanted an OD model, the one he got was desert sand...

Steve Doughty – Showed off new magnetic clips his wife purchased for him. Displayed a donated Lionel freight car that he has been cleaning up and attaching a girder load to. This was the longest "O" scale car made by Lionel (1955-1957). He says it still needs two brake stands and he is re-thinking how he attached the girder to the car.

Connor Welch – Brought in two diesel locomotives that he has been working on to bring them up to as-built style. He has weathered one, lettered both and needs to weather the second.

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Travis Johnson – Had six diesel locomotives in various stages of work on the table. One GATX he is looking for the mate for it. His Blue diesel (dummy) is being turned into a GP38-2. His GP50 is being converted to a GP60. His GP38 was going to be a daughter unit but he has already purchased one and now he is deciding on what he can use it for now. His shell and diesel tank are going to be turned into St. Lawrence & Atlantic units. And his St. Lawrence & Atlantic engine is in the process of being painted.

Ted Gerber – Posed questions to the group regarding old Ambroid wood kits missing safety gates and suggestions on where to find drawings of them. Also searching out Sherman HO scale tanks – check out Empire Models in Nashua, NH and AHM Minitanks. He also enquired about a BAR layout at the 1967 Montreal Expo and more info on it.

Carmen Anastase – Distributed several free items. He is attempting to repair a cleaning car's trucks (they had springs). Kadee coupler springs can be used to replace them, they are just a little softer in use. Requested assistance with a Micromark coupler gauge.

