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5:30 PM		Lombard Hobbies RPM After Party									
6:00 PM		524 St. Charles Place		www.lombardhobby.com							
6:30 PM		Lombard, IL 60148		(630) 620-1084							
7:00 PM		(Bring your badge for after-hours admittance)		15 miles, 20 minutes away							

KEY:	Layouts	Tips and Techniques	Freight Car Research	Modeling	Extra Fare Meals
	Passenger	Prototype RR Ops & Industries	Other	Layout Ops & TT&TO	Room Open

IMPORTANT: PLEASE CHECK THE POSTED SCHEDULE FOR THE CLINICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. PRESENTERS, CLINICS, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

OP SESSIONS & OPEN HOUSES



**OPEN HOUSE - FRIDAY:
OCTOBER 25TH 6:00 - 10:00 PM**
**OP SESSION - SATURDAY:
OCTOBER 26TH 6:00 - 10:00 PM**

STEVE HAWORTH'S HO SCALE RIO GRAND SOUTHERN, CIRCA 1958.

415 Cornell Ave,
Des Plaines, IL 60016

<http://rgsrr.blogspot.com/>

Please email Steve Haworth at haworth7@gmail.com to sign up for the OP Session.



**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27TH
OP SESSION - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

TED SCHNEPPF'S O SCALE MILWAUKEE ROAD LAYOUT FEATURES NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWITCHING ACTION AND LOTS OF OPERATION.

Please contact Ted Schnepf at the show or via email:

railsunl@sbcglobal.net to sign up for the OP Session.



**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26TH
OPEN HOUSE - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

MIKE RITSCHDORFF'S N&W POKEY DIVISION IS SET IN THE LATE 1950'S WITH FULL FALL COLORS AND COMPLETE SCENERY.

7761 W. Peterson Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631
773 763 1516

Other visits can be arranged during the meet by emailing Mike at:

nwpoca@hotmail.com

*A Special
Thank You!*

A very heartfelt thank you to Bill Darnaby for opening his Maumee Route layout on Wednesday evening for conference attendees.

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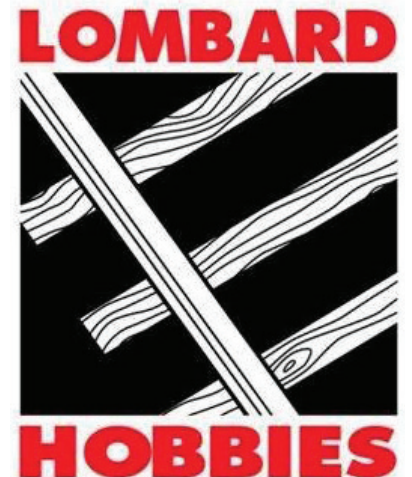
AFTER PARTY

Saturday, October 26th
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Complimentary
Beverages & Snacks
\$\$ Specials \$\$

**2 Local clubs will be hosting
open houses for RPM attendees
Saturday evening as well!**

Prairie Scale Modelers, Lombard www.psmrr.org
Elmhurst Model Railroad Club, Elmhurst www.emrrc.org



Lombard Hobbies
524 East St. Charles Place
Lombard, IL 60148
630-620.1084
www.lombardhobby.com

Bring your RPM Name Badge for admittance!

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

LAYOUTS

- 1 - You want more trains? You bet! - A multi-scale, best of both worlds scheme.** *Bill Pistello*
 Bill will discuss a multi-scale layout concept and the benefits of more than one scale to achieve modeling satisfaction. **KRUPA Room**
- 2 - Building a generic grainger town** *Clark Propst*
 Clark returns this year to discuss the typical things found in a grainger town that should be modeled. **KRUPA Room**
- 3 - Operations on the Corn Belt Route - Jason Klocke's Chicago Great Western Layout** *Jason Klocke*
 A discussion of how the Corn Belt Route operates and ideas from Jason's CGW layout. **ARCADIA Room**
- 4 - Realistic Track and Right of Way** *Kevin Kayser*
 Kevin will be discussing details for modeling track and railroad right of way that prove that track is a model too. **GOODMAN Room**
- 5 - Where went the Wabash? Insight on changing gears to the SP Clovis Branch** *Pierre Oliver*
 Pierre will share his thoughts on the abandonment of his Wabash layout and his choice to switch to modeling the Southern Pacific Clovis Branch. **ARMSTRONG Room**
- 6 - Modeling Freight Traffic on your Layout** *Tony Thompson*
 Freight traffic is the heart of an operational layout. Tony will be discussing freight traffic modeling with examples from his own layout. **WASHINGTON Room**

TIPS & TECHNIQUES

- 7 - Upgrade Vintage Brass Steam with Resistance Soldering** *Bob Chapman*
 Do you have brass locomotives or rolling stock that could use detail addition, clunky detail replacement, or addition of road-specific details? With lots of photos, Bob will open the door to resistance soldering – how to get started, and resistance soldering basics. Along the way, we'll cover common steam locomotive superdetailing opportunities. **ARCADIA Room**
- 8 - Outdoor Model Photography** *Keith Kohlmann*
 Photography can be a great tool to enhance your modeling. Learn the simple step-by-step method of making models look outstanding in natural light. Or just come to enjoy the pretty pictures. Prototype modeling will never look the same. **ARCADIA Room**
- 9 - Hazardous Materials Placards for Model Railroaders** *Rich Mahaney*
 The handling of hazardous materials provides interesting opportunities for modeling. Rich will be discussing the things modelers should know about the way cars are marked for use on their layouts. **ARMSTRONG Room**
- 10 - Machinists Tools for Modeling: Part 1 Hand Tools** *Ryan Mendell*
 Ryan will introduce various machinists hand tools he uses to make modeling easier and more precise. Techniques to use each tool will be presented, with a focus on how these methods can be applied to kit-bashing, scratch building and pattern making. **ARMSTRONG Room**

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FREIGHT CAR RESEARCH

11 - L&N House Cars and Open Top Cars of 1930-1955

Bill Welch

Associated with hauling coal, the Louisville & Nashville had a very large and diverse fleet of two-bay 50-ton hoppers for that task. But the railroad also served steel industries in Chattanooga and the greater Birmingham area requiring gondolas and flat cars. This presentation will cover the fifteen different groups of open top cars operated by the L&N to serve the various mining and industrial areas in its territory.

GOODMAN Room

12 - UP Freight Car Painting and Lettering- 1920-1980: Get UP Models Right for Your Modeling Era

Dick Harley

The variety of Union Pacific painting and lettering schemes that span the 60 years covered by this presentation can be difficult for modelers to navigate. Dick will share information to help make sure the models on your layout are appropriate to the years you are modeling.

GOODMAN Room

13 - M&StL Refrigerator Cars

Doug Harding

Doug will share information about modeling M&StL refrigerator cars that will help with modeling specific prototypes for your fleet.

WASHINGTON Room

14 - The General American G85 Flatcar: TOFC and Autorack Equipped, plus roots in Clejan design

Jim Panza

Jim will be discussing the history, design, and modeling of this interesting prototype flatcar.

KRUPA Room

15 - Poultry In Motion

Kristin Dummler

An update to last years popular "Which Shipped First, the Chicken or the Egg" presentation, Kristin will revisit the history of shipping live poultry by rail with updated photos and new information.

KRUPA Room

16 - LIRR Intermodal Bogies

Paul Strubeck

A history of and modeling advice for Long Island Railroad Intermodal Bogies. These unique TOFC cars from the 1980's present an interesting prototype for modeling.

GOODMAN Room

17 - NYC Steel Freight Cars Part V: Covered Hoppers

Roger Hinman

Continuing his series of presentations on New York Central steel freight cars, Roger will present an overview of covered hoppers from the earliest cars onward in the NYC fleet.

WASHINGTON Room

18 - Monon Gondola: Prototype history and building the F&C kit

Stephen Funaro

Stephen will present an overview of the Monon gondola that is the basis for the F&C car kit, as well as tips and techniques for building your own version of this car.

**** Please note: This clinic is only being offered once.**

KRUPA Room

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

MODELING

19 - Modeling a UPRR 65000 Gallon Steel Low Tower Water Tank

Bob Van Arnem

Steps and materials used to build an HO scale model based on prototype plans and photo graphs. A handout of scale CAD drawings/templates and of references for modeling is included.

ARMSTRONG Room

20 - Open Loads

Craig Wilson

Always eye catching on any train, open loads are a favorite of modelers for the interesting items they present. Craig will provide a clinic on how to model several open loads on your layout.

ARMSTRONG Room

21 - Steam Locomotive Appurtances Part 2: Trailing trucks, booster trucks, valve gear, and more.

Frank Peacock

Continuing from 2018's presentation, Frank will help you identify more parts of a steam locomotive and make better, more informed, modeling choices for your locomotive projects.

GOODMAN Room

22 - 2018 Mini-Kit Build: FGEX Truss Rod Reefer

George Toman

The RPM Chicagoland 25 mini-kit representing a FGEX truss rod reefer was built by George and he will present the build with tips and ideas he found while constructing this model.

ARCADIA Room

23 - Hunter Hughson Weathers Models: A look at many weathering pigments and techniques

Gerry Schaefer

Using weathering pigments is something accessible to most modelers as a way to finish a model build. Tips and techniques for working with these products will be discussed.

WASHINGTON/GOODMAN Rooms

24 - Going BIG: Changing from HO to Proto48

Jeremy Dummler

Considering changing scale? Jeremy found himself in a position where changing scale was easier than continuing in HO. He will discuss his "ah ha" moment, his process for determining what to model in Proto:48, and some of the things he discovered as he made the leap to model in a larger scale.

KRUPA/ARCADIA Rooms

25 - Open Top Cars and their Loads

Jerry Hamsmith & Ed Rethwisch

Matching open loads to cars and achieving prototype appearances with those loads is something every modeler wants. Jerry will discuss the cars and their loads along with how to model these appealing loads for your railroad.

ARMSTRONG Room

26 - Modeling Three Monon Boxcars post 1955

Mont Switzer

Railroad specific details are important to many modelers. Mont Switzer will present modeling information for three boxcars from the Monon in the post-1955 era.

KRUPA Room

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

TIME TABLE & TRAIN ORDER

27 - The Workings of an Interlocking Tower (and modeling full-size on Burgett's C&O) *Alan Bell*

How does an interlocking tower work? Demystifying the operations of these important and common features of railroading and how to model their workings will be discussed.

KRUPA Room

28 - Railroad Work Rules *Jack Ozanich*

Staying safe on the rails is the responsibility of all who work on a railroad. The rules for how things are done will be presented by Jack as he discusses rules for working on the railroad.

**** Please note: This clinic is only being offered once.**

WASHINGTON Room

29 - Demystifying Operating Rules (TT&TO, TWC and DTC rules) *Jerry Dziedzic*

Understanding different types of train control is important for an operating layout. Jerry will help you understand the difference between Time Table & Train Order, Track Warrant Control, and Direct Traffic Control rules for your layout and layouts you might visit.

GOODMAN Room

30 - TT&TO Operations Round Table *Lowell Smith*

Lowell will host a discussion of Time Table & Train Order operations with an aim at making this kind of train control accessible to all.

MORTON Room

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE OPERATIONS

31 - Train Communications in the 1940's (including ITC/VHF/PRR Trainphone/Modeling on DM&IR) *Bob Hanmer*

Railroad communication methods in the 1940's will be discussed at this presentation. A variety of forms adopted by different railroads will be covered, and modeling the communications as adopted by the DM&IR will be presented.

GOODMAN Room

32- Great Lakes Rail Marine Interface Part 1: Lake Michigan Car Ferries *Charles Hostetler*

Moving freight across the Great Lakes forms an important connection for railroads that reduces time in transit for many loads, and cuts down on interchange of cars. Charles will present part 1 of what he intends to be a series on Great Lakes Rail Marine by discussing Lake Michigan Car Ferries.

KRUPA Room

33 - B&O Cumberland Division in the 1950's *Henry Freeman*

Operations on the Baltimore & Ohio Cumberland Division in the 1950's is the focus of Henry Freeman's presentation. He will discuss the line as it existed with connections for the B&O toward Washington DC and the other railroads of the era.

GOODMAN Room

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

PASSENGER

34 - Foreign Road Cars on the California Zephyr

Bob Webber

The famous California Zephyr did not always include only equipment of the CB&Q. Bob will discuss equipment from other railroads that found it's way into the records as having been on this famous train..

ARCADIA Room

35 - Mail and Express Trains, Part II: Trains West of Chicago and St. Louis

Dave Lambert

Picking up from his previous clinic, Dave will discuss mail and express trains and their equipment West of Chicago and St. Louis. Part 1 of this series was presented at this event in 2018.

ARMSTRONG Room

36 - Building Passenger Cars from Styrene Sheets and Strips: Featuring a wooden car, a riveted steel car, and a lightweight.

Dick Scott

Three kinds of passenger car scratch building projects will be presented. The tips and ideas will make building your own cars something you can do.

ARCADIA Room

37 - Early 1960's Midwestern Passenger Specials

Jim Singer

Passenger specials were a common occurrence on many railroads. Jim will discuss several documented special trains from the 1960's.

WASHINGTON Room

OTHER

38 - Creating Artwork for Decals

Ted Culotta

This discussion focuses on the tools used to create artwork to be printed for decals to letter models, both rolling stock as well as other subjects including structures, signs, etc. Points to be discussed include reference material, software, and techniques.

WASHINGTON/ARCADIA Rooms

39 - Non-Colorado photos from Colorado Railroad Museum's Ralph Hallock Collection

Tom Madden

Many railroad museums hold a treasure trove of railroad photos. Tom will showcase photos found in the Ralph Hallock Collection from the Colorado Railroad Museum that do not depict Colorado, but are none the less fantastic examples of railroad photography.

ARMSTRONG/WASHINGTON Rooms

SPECIAL HANDS ON CLINIC

40 - TT&TO Training Session and Live Operating Session

Harold J. Krewer

This special hands on clinic requires additional sign up as space is limited.

Harold returns with his popular TT&TO Training clinic, where classroom time is put to use in a TT&TO OP session held in the Ballroom on Friday evening.

The clinic will introduce TT&TO and explain how it differs from TWC, CTC, and other forms of movement authority. It will focus on the concepts of authority, protection, and other components. Harold will also cover the most common orders encountered: "Hard" meets, right-over, run lates, and more. Finally, proper procedures for dictating, copying and reading back orders will be discussed.

MORTON/BALLROOM



2019 CHICAGOLAND RPM MINI-KIT

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SINGLE SHEATHED BOXCAR

SERIES 16000-16975

This year's RPM Chicagoland Mini-Kit is an Illinois Central single sheathed boxcar. The prototype cars were built in a total of 1000 cars split evenly between Pullman Manufacturing and Mt. Vernon in 1927. The cars had unusual 3 over 5 Dreadnaught ends which are reproduced in the resin parts for the Mini-Kit. The cars were built with an outward facing angle sill that allowed the sills to be shallower than most contemporary cars.

In addition to the dreadnaught ends, these cars were built with Hutchins roofs, and a beard take-up reel at the base of the vertical brake staff. Originally numbered in the 176000-176999 series, the cars were later renumbered in the 1940's into the 16000-16975 series. Of the original 1000 cars, 961 of them were still in service in 1948, 920 of them in 1956, and 265 were still on the roster in 1965.



Photos courtesy of Ray Breyer's photo collection



MINI-KIT BUILD SUPPLIES

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS YEAR'S MINI KIT BUILT, MODELERS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

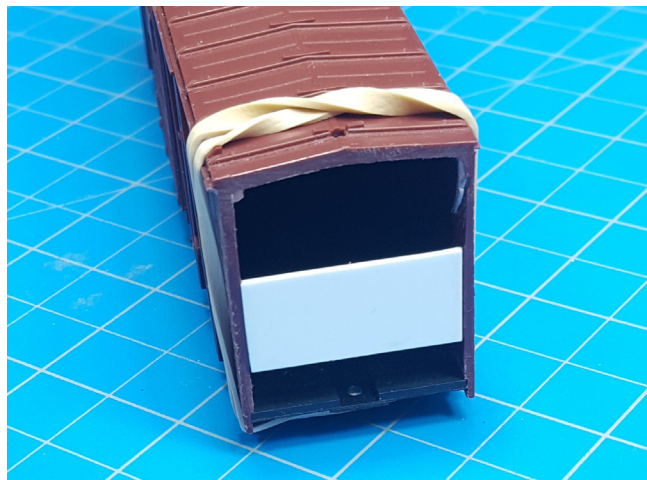
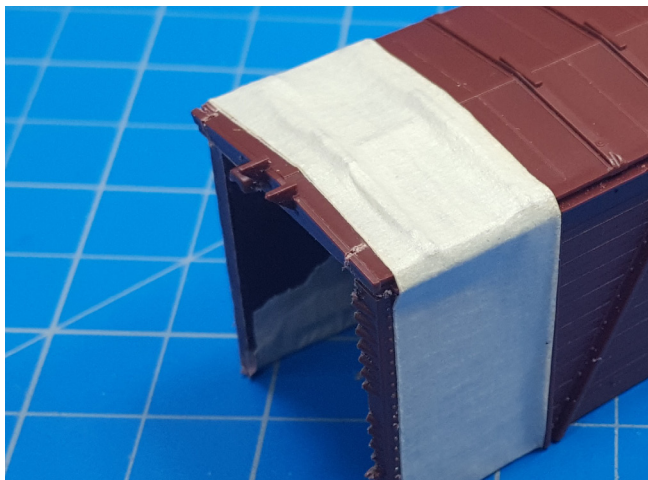
RPM Chicagoland 2019 Mini-Kit resin parts RPM Chicagoland 2019 decals

ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS REQUIRED:

- Accurail 7100 series undecorated single sheathed boxcar
- Plano Model Products #12121 Boxcar Ladder Set
- Tahoe Model Works 40-ton ARA Trucks TMW-114 or TMW-214
- 0.040" sheet styrene
- 1x6 HO scale styrene (for side flange)
- 0.020x0.030" styrene
- 18" grab irons of modelers choice
- Additional brake details per modelers preference
- Carmer cut levers of modelers choice if desired.
- Kadee #158 couplers

DRAWINGS FOR THIS CAR CAN BE FOUND IN THE BOOK, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD FREIGHT CAR DIAGRAMS, MARCH 1954 EDITION.





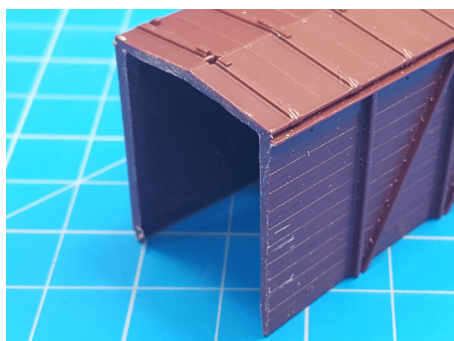
HO SCALE ASSEMBLY NOTES

STEP ONE: REMOVE THE ENDS

Use masking tape to protect the Accurail shell while removing the ends. The tape also provides a guide for how much of the shell to remove.

TIP: IT IS EASIEST TO REMOVE MOST OF THE END BY CUTTING INSIDE THE SIDES AND THEN REMOVING THE ENDS AS SHOWN IN THE PHOTO.

Once the ends are off, make sure everything is square before removing the tape.



STEP TWO: INSERT END SUPPORT & GLUE ENDS

A piece of 0.040" styrene is inserted into the new end opening to provide support for the sides and the replacement end casting.

TIP: USE A RUBBERBAND AROUND THE BOXCAR BODY TO KEEP THE SIDES STRAIGHT AND HOLD THE STYRENE IN PLACE WHILE GLUING.

Attach the new ends by aligning the top of the end casting with the top of the roof. When the alignment is good, CA is used to attach the casting from the back.

Thick CA should be used to fill the seam between the roof and end.

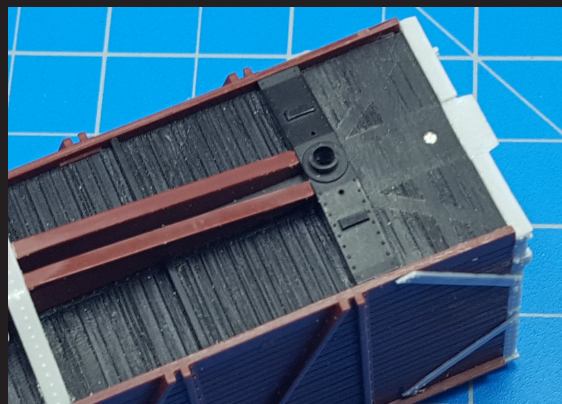
When dry, sand the seam smooth, then remove the cast on ladders and grabs.

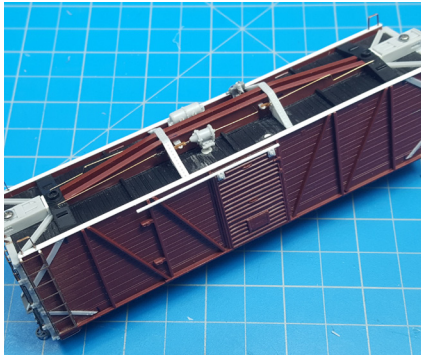
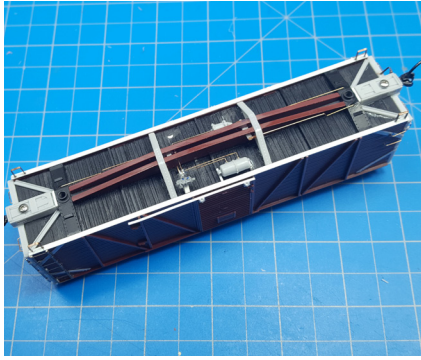
STEP THREE: FIT THE FLOOR AND ADD COUPLER POCKETS

The coupler pad and end diagonal braces on the under frame need to be removed down to the floor on each end of the car.

TIP: MAKE SURE THE FLOOR FITS BETWEEN THE ENDS.

Mount the floor so it is flush with the coupler pad on the car ends. The resin coupler pockets are attached to a piece of 0.015" styrene that is added to the back end of the box to match up with the center sill. Those can then be glued to the floor of the car with plastic cement.





STEP FOUR: UNDERFRAME & DETAILS

The kit includes replacement parts for the cross beams on the under frame to match the prototype. Those are attached to the Accurail underframe in the locations shown in the photos. From here, the car is detailed like any other model. The bottom of the side gets a piece of 1x6 styrene to for the side flange. The lower door track is 0.020" x 0.030" styrene. The trucks are Tahoe Model Works #114. The ladders on the sample model are Plano Model Products #12121 ladders.

Grabs were added as appropriate to the photos along with either K or AB brakes depending on the time period modeled.

The cars would also have had Carmer cut levers (not shown).



TIP: WHEN ADDING THE LADDERS TO THE CAR ENDS, MAKE SURE THE RUNGS ARE ALIGNED FROM END TO SIDE LADDER FOR PROPER APPEARANCE.

TIP: AFTER ASSEMBLY OF THE CAR, USE A MODEL PRIMER BEFORE YOUR FINAL PAINT COLOR.





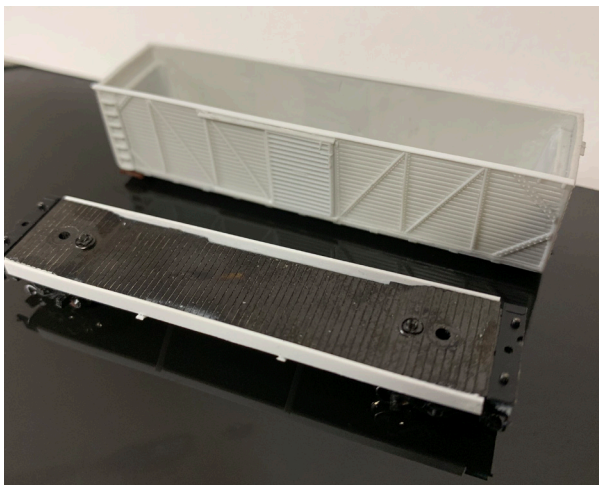
N SCALE ASSEMBLY NOTES

THIS YEAR'S MINI-KIT WAS ALSO DEVELOPED IN N SCALE AS A FULL RESIN CAR BODY. MOST OF THE APPLIED DETAILS CAN MATCH THE HO INSTRUCTIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTES:

Underframe

A Micro-Trains Line fishbelly underframe is provided. It will need to be widened as shown with two strips of .020x.100 styrene super glued to each side. Make sure to file the sides of the underframe flat as they have nubs.

Using the HO model photos as reference, add two full height crossmembers on the bottom. Styrene strips of .020x.125 can be superglued just outboard of the middle cast crossmembers. Then trim them to shape once secure, leaving triangles attached. Cap the triangles with .010x.040 styrene. Add any other brake rigging you would like at this time.

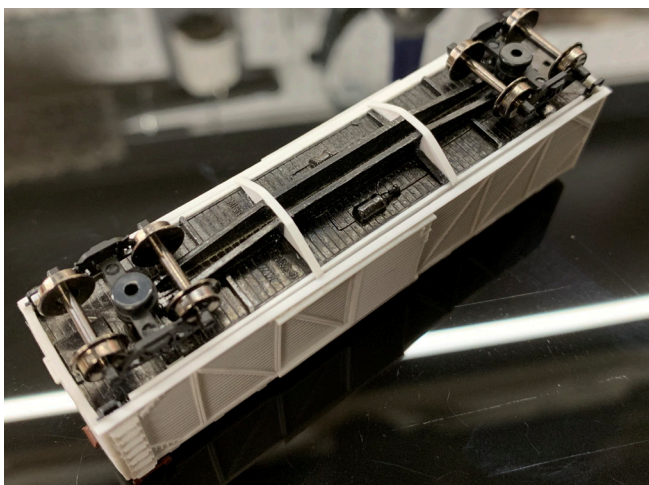


For trucks, lowered bolster trucks such as FVM will get the ride height close to correct.

For couplers, an underslung MTL coupler is suggested which would allow the full end sill detail of the cast body shell to be retained. Or, simply notch the end for a standard 1015 style box.

Body Shell

The roof of the model was a Des Plaines Hobbies flat roof, on which a standard Intermountain wood running board will snap in the holes. Make sure the thin layer of resin is trimmed from the holes.



As shown on the HO model, a strip of styrene along the lower sill will add the exposed sill. Styrene strip of 010x.040 is appropriate and is shown in the photos here. CA works well for styrene to resin joints.

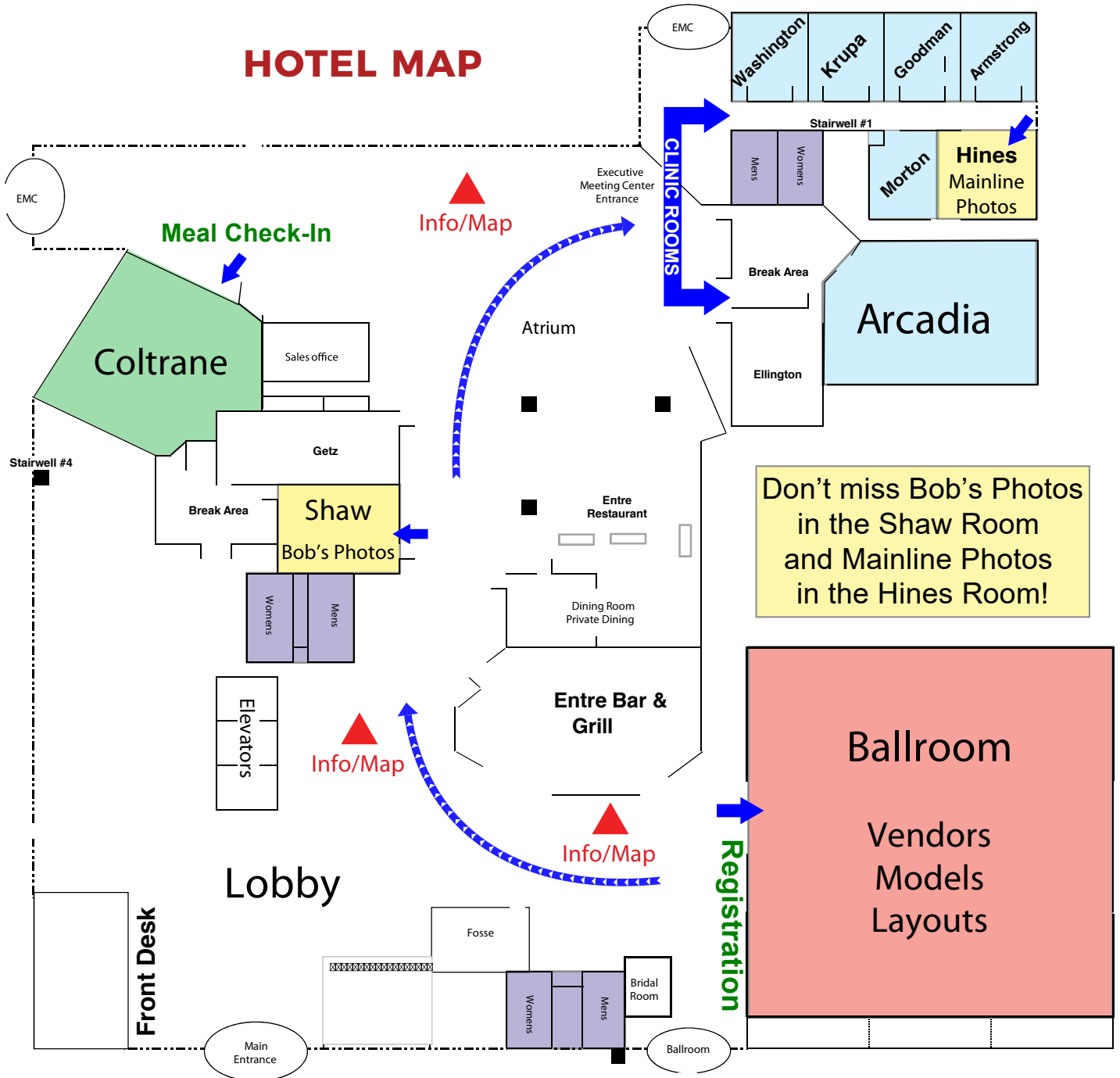
The rest of the grab irons and end details can be added with your favorite wire, and then the car is ready for paint and decals.

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