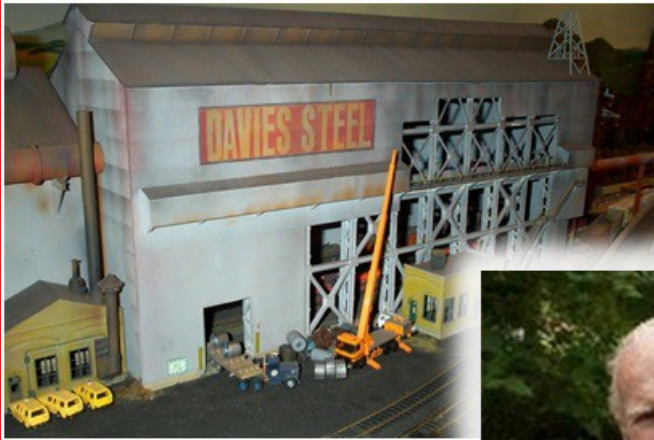


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## Dean Freytag

### Part 3: Buildings II

## Reason of these Special Issues

I am one of many modelers who did not have a chance to meet Dean before his passing but are highly influenced by his modeling of the steel industry. Many newcomers to the hobby that model steel mills don't recognize the name, Dean Freytag. In this and following issues I hope to introduce these modelers to Dean's layout and show modelers with a little imagination an empire can be built. Dean's layout was not built overnight and it did see many changes over the years as Dean's added to and took away from his steel empire.

This is the first of 3 special issues of The Mill Newsletter featuring the late Dean Freytag's South Ridge and Davis Steel layout. In this issue we will take a look at the over layout. Issue two will consist of the structures Dean built and issue three will be of his vehicles and rolling stock. There may be a possible forth issue of random pictures that members didn't submitted in time to be published in these issues.

In this issues, you will find photos taken by modelers that visited Dean's layout during various times of the building of it. The photos will be categorized by people that submitted them and all are used with permission by the person who submitted the photos.

Dean was known to many as the father of steel mill modeling.

Sadly Dean passed away December 25, 2010.

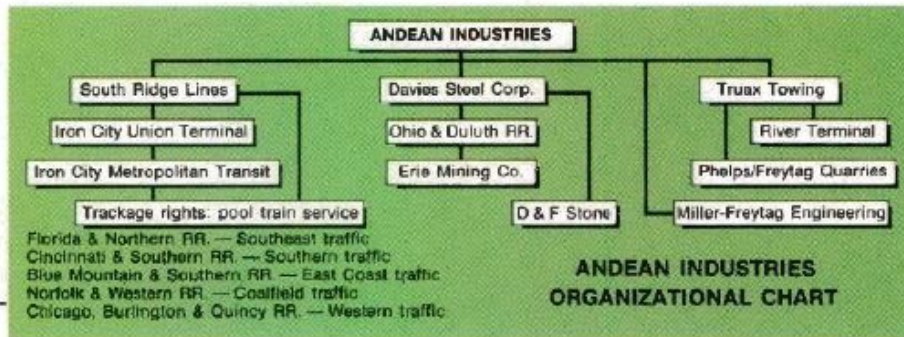
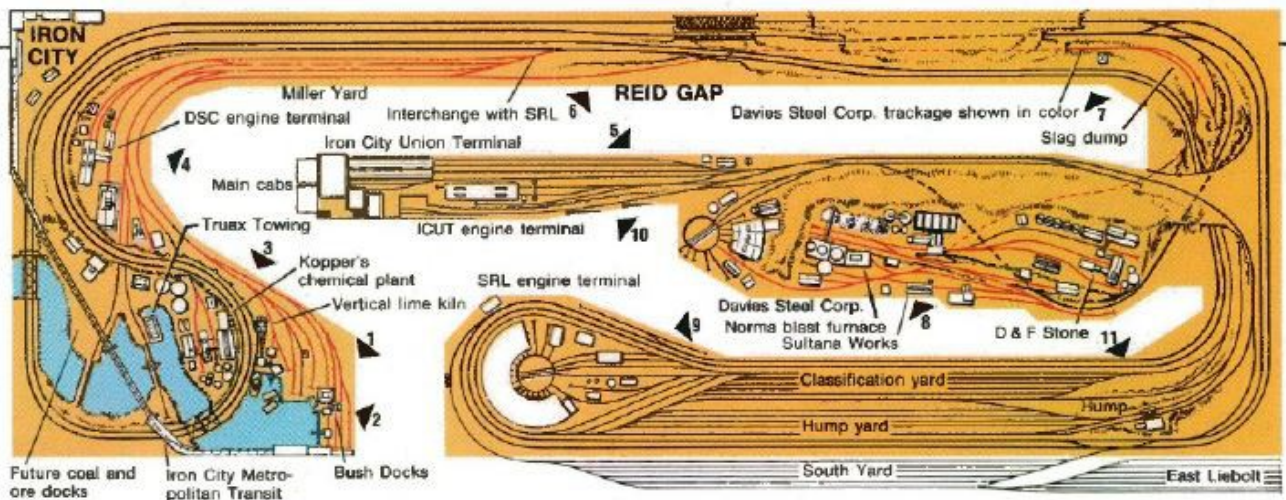
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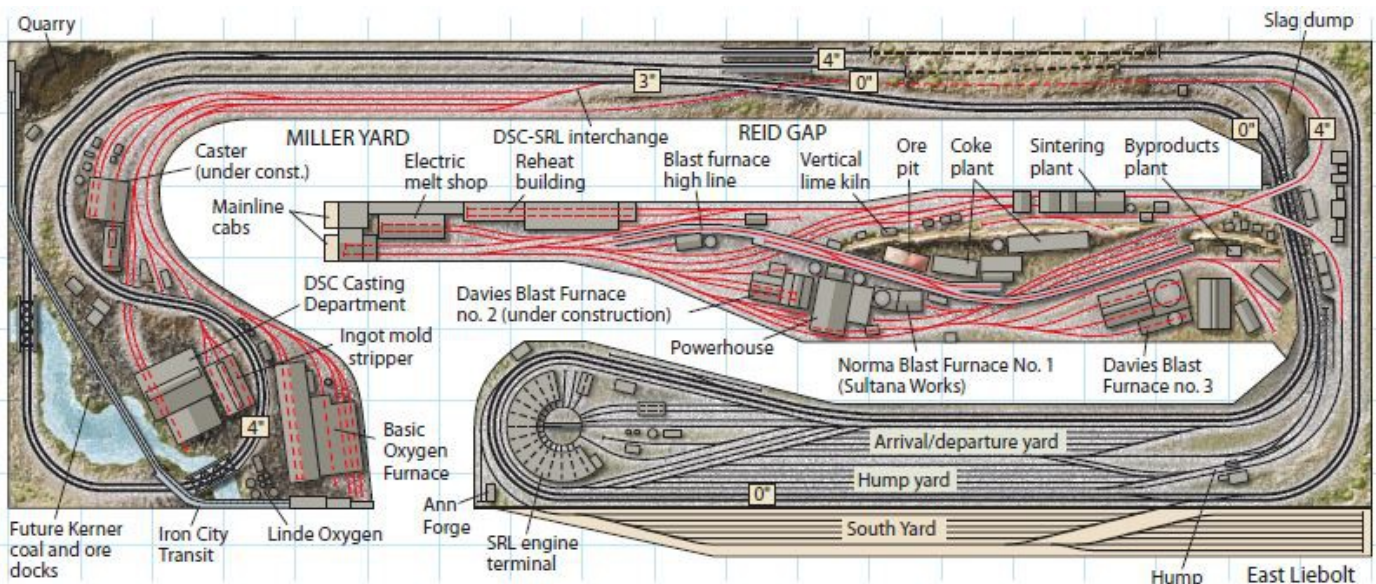
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**SOUTH RIDGE LINES RR.**  
Not to scale Overall room size: 13'-0" x 38'-0"



Layout drawings show the changes that Dean made to the South Ridge Lines between November 1998 and November 2008.



## SOUTH RIDGE LINES RR

Scale:  $\frac{3}{16}$ " = 1'-0"

24" grid

Davies Steel Corp. tracks in color

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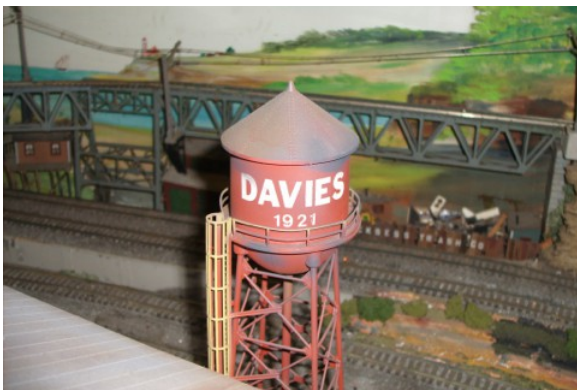
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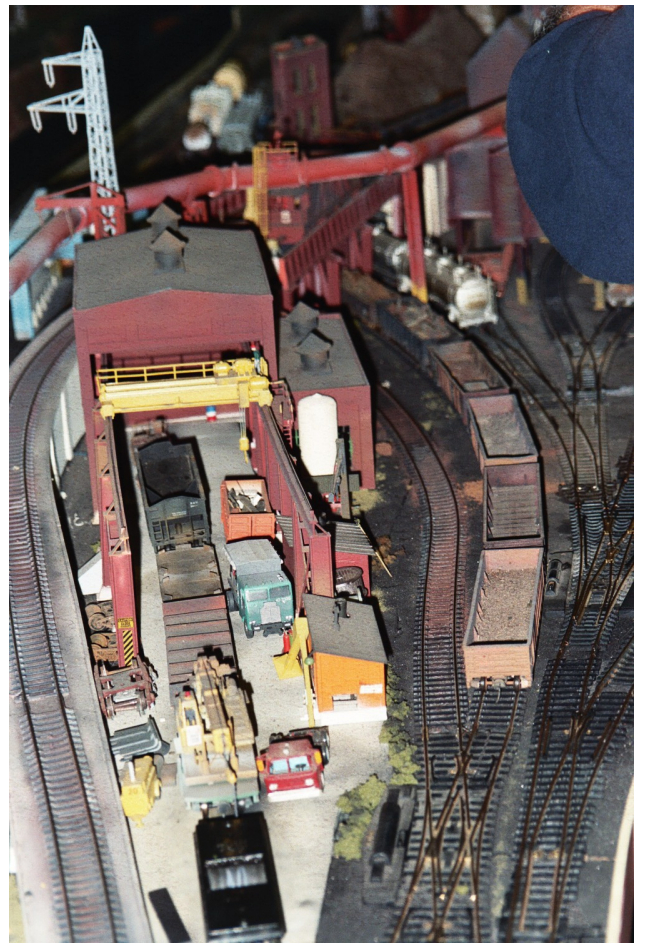
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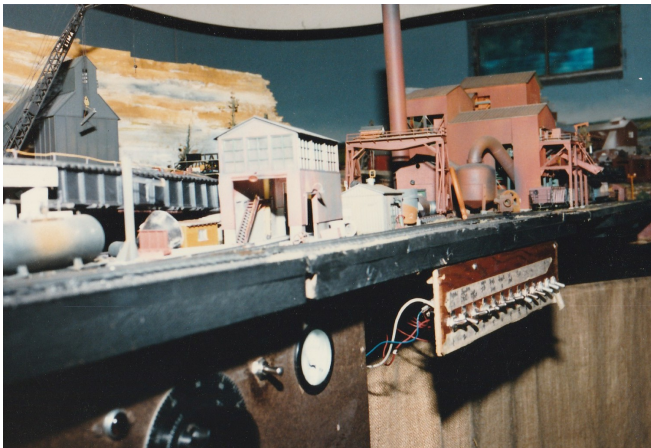




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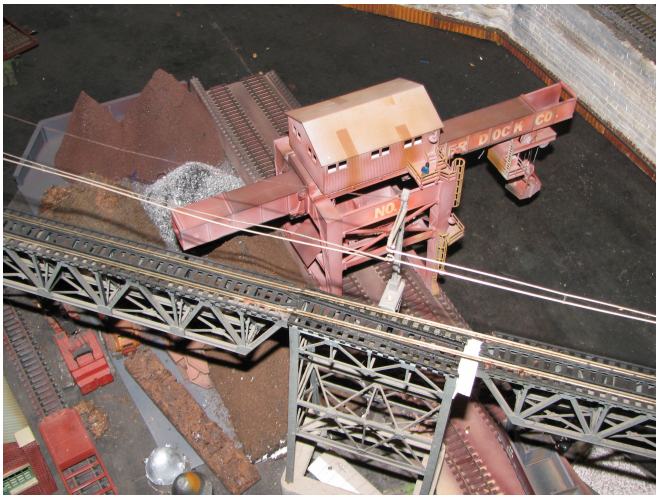


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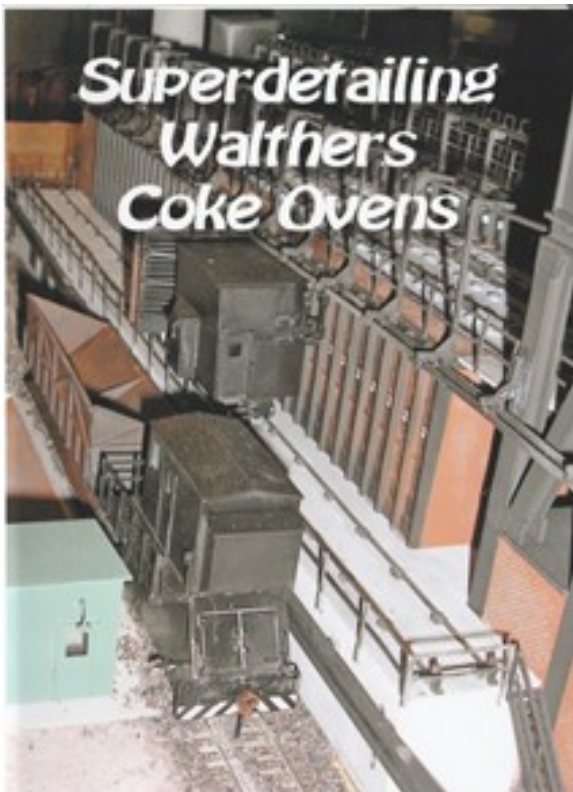
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The presenter is Jeff Borne, known for his heavy industry HO-scale layout "Columbia River Steel Corp."

Includes a self-starting CD-ROM "book" with 314 photos and a list of parts used in the project and a 100-page construction instructions (in PDF format). CD contents can be printed out. The video is two hours. \$24.95 + free shipping (in the United States only)

<http://www.prairie-works.com/steel-mill-modeling.html>



The Steel Mill Modelers SIG is hosting STEEL ZOOMIN' for anyone interested in modeling steel mills and their related industries. During the winter, these meetings were held on the second Saturday of each month. However, as we move into warmer months, the meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 8pm, Eastern Time. Check the Steel Mill Modelers website for the latest information: [SMMSIG.org](http://SMMSIG.org).

There is no need to RSVP for this event, but it is limited to the first 100 persons who log into this Zoom meeting. Attendees have given clinics on topics such as steel mill photos, modeling techniques, and virtual layout tours. Following the presentations, we have a "show-and-tell" for anyone who wishes to share with the group, using a Zoom feature that allows each person in the meeting to show, via live video and audio, their workbench projects.

This is an opportunity for you to show off and ask questions. We would ask that you limit your sharing to no more than three pictures of your project(s) and please limit your discussion to a one to two minutes. To share photos, store the photo(s) on your computer and open on your "Desktop." This will make it easy to share using the green "Share" button on the Zoom screen. We are also always looking for future meeting items. See the full agenda below.

These meetings are recorded and links to the "Steel Zoomin' Meetup Videos" are available in the "Members Area" of the Steel Mill Modelers website ([SMMSIG.org](http://SMMSIG.org)). Please note that this is available for members only. You can join on the Steel Mill Modelers website ([SMMSIG.org](http://SMMSIG.org)).

If you are not a member but would like to receive invitations to these meetings, please send an email request to [phillipsfoundry@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsfoundry@yahoo.com).

#### Virtual meeting tips:

**Computer preparation:** If you have time, reboot your computer before you begin an important session. Close any other programs that are communicating via the internet to save bandwidth. Close out of email or any other application that sends notifications. You want to eliminate these distractions during our sessions, and you do not want them to appear if you are sharing your desktop during your presentation.

Arrive early so that you and your computer or smart phone are set up and functioning and that you have time to get comfortable with muting and chatting.

**Sharing layouts:** Videos tend to be jerky over Zoom so it better to take a series of pictures and show those pictures of your layout.

**Sharing pictures:** To show more than one photo or drawing, try putting the images into a Power Point file and then just go through slide by slide on your desktop to share the presentation.

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Become proficient with the MUTE function. If you have a cough or sneeze coming, or you need to type something in CHAT, hit the mute. Remember to turn it back on. Avoid typing until you can mute (meaning you are no longer talking). Typing, especially if your keyboard is next to your microphone, is LOUD !

Many of us have been stuck at home and not used to speaking, so if coughing may be an issue, keep a glass of water or cough drops handy.

Finally, avoid virtual backgrounds. They take up a lot of bandwidth. It may be better to simply purchase a backdrop, use a curtain, or have a plain wall behind you.

Phillip B.



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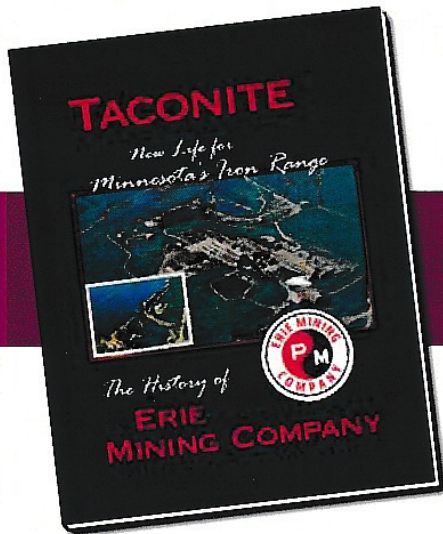
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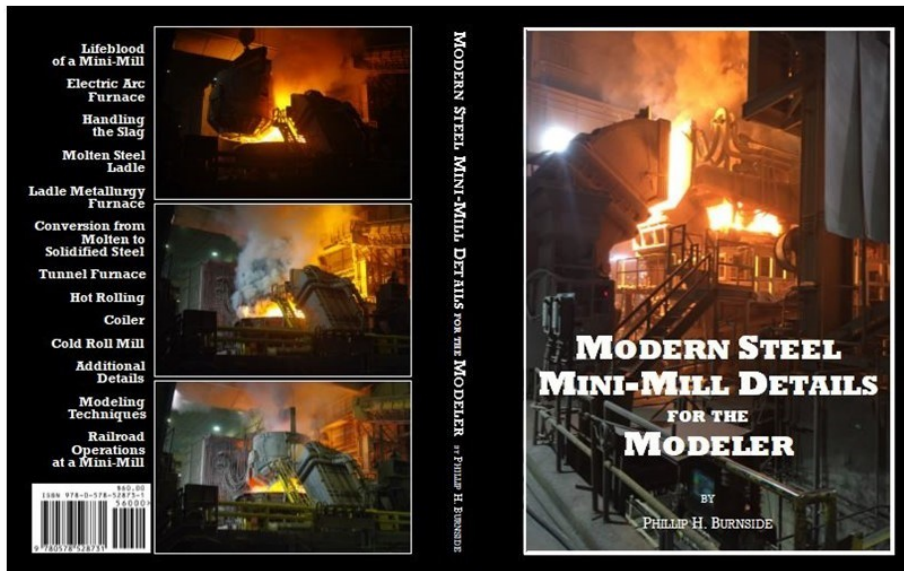
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# Modern Steel Mini-Mill Details for the Modeler

by  
**Phillip H. Burnside**

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What started as a chance encounter with a Nucor company executive led to an incredible opportunity for private tours to photograph the interior of a modern steel mill. Knowing that most visitors are not allowed to take photographs inside these mills, and with the assistance of Nucor, the author is sharing his experiences and newly-found knowledge by writing this book. With over 300 photographs, drawings and diagrams, this book explains the various steps and describes the equipment used in a modern steel mini-mill. It also illustrates the techniques used to build a model of the Nucor facility in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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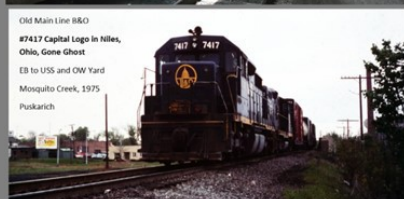
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Youngstown, McDonald, Girard, Niles, DeForest Junction  
Old Main Line B&O, Erie Canal Branch, PRR, P&Y, T&M, Touch of LE&E  
Wayne A. Cole



Above: 1972 USS Open Hearth, the Teeming Platform, "Whitey" Cicatiello First Steel Pourer, adjusting the Stopper. Joseph Cicatiello  
Left: Y&N AlCo 221, 1975 with Caboose 108 returns Extra from working USS McDonald to Ohio Works. Bud Puskarich

Volume 17 Steel Graveyards is an intense United States Steel Ohio Works history and its railroad the Youngstown and Northern. About 200 pages of the 292 page, 44 color pages, hardback, details the massive plant and its entire history. Emphasis is on the open hearth, Bessemer converter, and blast furnaces. The open hearth in particular is manifested with unique 1970 employee photos. Numerous maps and charts manifest layouts and production flow. The 5 mile Y&N linked the USS Ohio Works and the USS finishing mill at McDonald. Volume 17 has well over 500 first time photos and outstanding timelines!

About 1/3rd of the book covers the very complex railroad layout on the north and south side of the Mahoning River. I did not intend to cover in Volume 17, but the Y&N was built upon the Painesville and Youngstown narrow gauge; thus, one history led to another and I had to have a good geographical end and beginning. I could not have **ghost rail loose ends** so to speak. Consequently, old main line B&O is detailed, P&Y (the unknown T&M ) from Youngstown to DeForest, Erie Railroad from near Girard to DeForest, the Canal Branch, connection to Ohio Works, PY&A near Niles, Mineral Ridge RR, Ohio Central, LE&E, streetcar lines in Niles area. All this lead me to cover briefly AM Byers, Republic Niles, and a handful of smaller blast furnaces in Girard Niles area. Volume 17 is complex and an exceptional first time history. DeForest operation OML B&O, P&Y and Erie covered in depth.

There are a handful of other Ghost Rails 9, 12, 13, 15, 16 plus some coil bounds as Y&A or Y&S Special Edition available; email if interested. Prefer: **Books can be paid via PayPal Family and Friend to wacole@hotmail.com. Or send a \$65 check for Volume 17 to: Colebooks, 1402 Seminole Circle, Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010 Add \$10 for priority. Price listed includes shipping**

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Brief note:



Frank Sabo is currently writing a book on Armco Steel -AK Steel. He is looking for images of Armco locomotives both roster and action, rolling stock, and also photos of any of Armco's structures. These photos can be from any year or any plant. If you would like to make a photo contribution, please contact Frank by email. The book will be published by Morning Sun Books with a release date sometime in 2022. Frank Sabo can be contacted through his email [SP\\_Lives@rocketmail.com](mailto:SP_Lives@rocketmail.com) or Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/frankie.sabo>



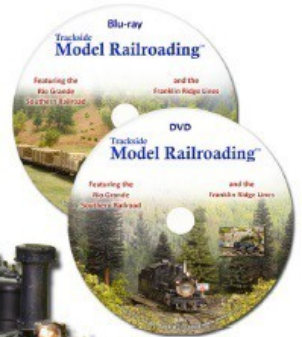
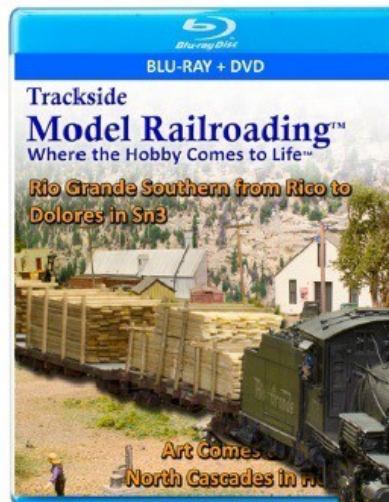
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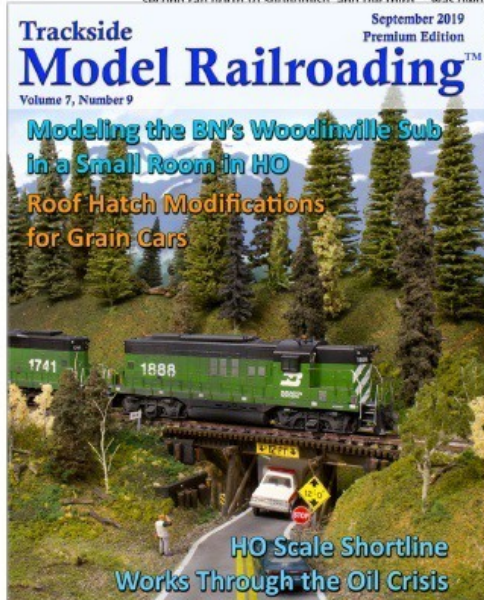
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From Woodinville, one leg of the wye headed west to Bothell, Kenmore, and Seattle, the second ran north to Snohomish, and the third

CB&Q formed the Burlington Northern, the route known locally as the "Eastside Beltline" was owned by the BN. As a concession of the Milwaukee Road was granted rights over the former Northern route and used it to access its remote Ellingham, and Sumas operations to

the north. Unlike the BN, which operated mostly shorter locals on the line, Milwaukee ran long trains with six-axle GE's on a line that was never intended for such heavy service. Brian shared, "There are many reports that BN operators were shocked when they first

learned that Milwaukee was running 80-plus car trains over the line. After Milwaukee abandoned its 'Lines West' in 1980, the line reverted to its branch line status." The Woodinville Subdivision passed to the BNSF after the BN/AT&SF merger in 1996.

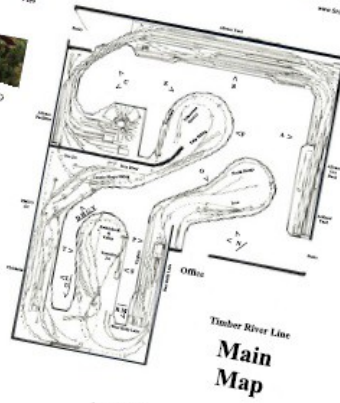


The Kirkland Turn travels through Redmond. The city is the southern terminus of Brian's Woodinville Sub layout. It sits east of Seattle on the other side of Lake Washington and at the north end of Lake Sammamish. It began as a logging town, first incorporating in 1912. It grew significantly in the 60s and 70s, partially thanks to a number of high-tech industries that made the town their home.

# All Scale Rails

## John Tews' **Timber River Line**

By Bonnie Domrois  
 Photos by Kevin Domrois & Bonnie Domrois



Take a trip on the Timber River Line and experience a visual tour of legendary Master Modeler John Tews' Timber River Line. 245 color photos show multiple industries including mines and logging and interchanges as the railroad moves the products back and forth. This being a fully operational railroad, every detail and movement is taken into account, mimicking full size railroads, along with innovations like John Tews' automatic model train hopper car unloader. This book also includes a biography on John Tews himself; both personal and his achievements within the industry, including Trainfest and how he grew it to one of the largest model railroad shows in the country. This book is destined to be a favorite and hold a permanent place in your collection.

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