

NPRHA Modeling Committee Annual Report

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Mission Statement

Enable and energize NP modeling through various efforts, including special runs with manufacturers, assisting manufacturers in their research, and researching and producing our own original kits.

1. 2008-2009 Successes:

- A. Released six new or updated kits this year (double the 2008 release count):
 - 1. HO Scale NP Mechanical Reefer by Red Caboose
 - 2. HO Scale NP resin flatcar by Speedwitch (updated kit to previous release)
 - 3. O Scale – NP Motor Car/Work Shed
 - 4. HO Scale – NP 30x48 Standard Plan Depot
 - 5. N Scale – NP 30x48 Standard Plan Depot
 - 6. HO Scale – NP East Helena Depot
- B. Continued to keep existing kits stocked at the store.
- C. We had one person resign, but added two new members.
- D. We implemented steps to try and reduce burnout by key individuals.

2. Areas for Improvement

- A. Need to be a little more even in distributing work across committee members.
- B. As stated in last year's report, we need more product development diversity to be sustainable over time.

3. Feedback Needed

- A. What is the modeling committee doing right?
- B. What does the modeling committee need to do better?
- C. What is the modeling committee not doing that we should be doing?
- D. How can the modeling committee improve communication with NP modelers?

4. Future ToDo:

- A. Need to finish the color card project that was started last year.
- B. Would like to develop an N Scale rolling stock kit of some kind.
- C. Need to increase our profile with manufacturers as a research resource.

Current Offerings As Of July 2009:

SKU	Description
N3116	HO Scale – Bay Window Caboose
N3117	HO Scale – Caboose Side Door Add-On Kit
N3111	HO Scale – Double Privy
N3109	HO Scale – Double Stall Tool Shed
N3107	HO Scale – Ice Shed
N3100	HO Scale – Motor Car/Work Shed
N3105	HO Scale – 2-Story Depot
N3121	HO Scale – 30x48’ Standard Plan Depot
N3103-HO-M	HO Scale – 4-Dome Train West Sign
N3039	HO Scale – 50’ Single-Sheath Boxcar
N3120	HO Scale – 57’ Mechanical Reefer (12 road numbers)
N3122	HO Scale – East Helena Depot
N3112	HO Scale – Resin Flat Car 53’
N3113	HO Scale – Stock Car 42’ 8”
N3106	HO Scale – Phone Booth (2 Pack)
N3102	HO Scale – Scale House
N3104	HO Scale – Stock Car Ends
N3108-1	HO Scale – Tool Shed (Single)
N3108-2	HO Scale – Tool Shed (2 Pack)
N3101	HO Scale – Wooden Fuel Shed
N3110	N Scale – Motor Car Shed & Fuel Shed
N3114	N Scale – 2-Story Depot
N3124	N Scale – 30x48’ Standard Plan Depot
N3103-N-S	N Scale – 4-Dome Train West Sign
N3103-O-L	O Scale – 4-Dome Train West Sign
N3123	O Scale – Motor Car/Work Shed