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ARHS Model Projects

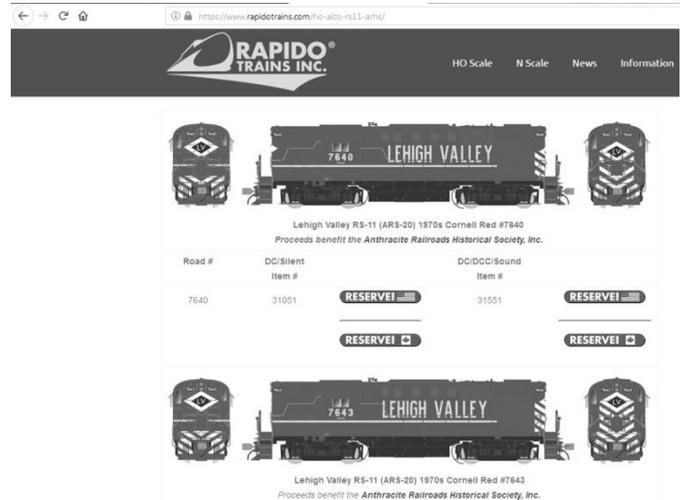
Cornell Red LV RS-11s from Rapido

ARHS is pleased to announce a special run of HO scale LV RS-11s by Rapido. The special run (ASM-20 using LV nomenclature) will feature the colorful Cornell Red with large yellow lettering that was applied to a pair of these units, Nos. 7640 and 7643, in the 1973-1974 time period.

This special run will complement the Tuscan Red schemed RS-11s that Rapido has announced as part of its first run of these highly-detailed Alcos. These units are available directly from Rapido (<https://www.rapidotrains.com/ho-alco-rs11-arhs/>) for \$225 (DC/silent) or \$335 (DC/DCC/ESU LokSound.)

AHRS LV SW-8 Dynamic Brake Detail Parts

Good news! The society is doing another run of these popular parts to model the dynamic brake equipped Lehigh Valley "pups". We expect to have these ready by March 2019 and they will be available from the society (<http://www.anthraciterailroads.org/store/category/models/>) or at one of the train shows we attend (Such as the Allentown Spring Thaw Train Meet.)



ARHS CNJ Baldwin "Babyface" Diesels

Another blast from the past. AHRS will once again be offering resin kits to model both "A" and "B" units of CNJ's DR-4-4-1500 in HO. We expect to have these ready by March 2019 and they will be available from the society or at one of the train shows we attend. Note: these shells require a powered chassis to be operational.

Industry Notes (Models from other organizations or manufacturers)

Rapido LV RS-11 in Tuscan Paint

Rapido is producing the LV RS-11 in the original Tuscan red paint scheme these units wore upon delivery from the PRR. Available in four numbers; 8641, 8642, 8644, and 8648; you can still reserve them from Rapido



(<https://www.rapidotrains.com/ho-alco-rs11-us/#lv>) or from hobby retailers. Expected delivery is Summer 2019.

Tangent Scale Models LV X58 Boxcar in White

Tangent Scale Models has produced the Lehigh Valley's X58 boxcars in HO with the white with black ends scheme. Build dates of Nov 1965 in six numbers: 7103, 7104, 7106, 7107, 7118, and 7120. These are available from Tangent

(<https://www.tangentscalemodels.com/product/lv-original-1965-x58-insulated-w-ld-x58-boxcar/>) for \$44.95.

Yarmouth Model Works DL&W 40' Automobile Car

Yarmouth Model Works has produced a resin kit in HO of the DL&W 40' automobile boxcars. Between Aug. 1935 and Sept. 1937, 350 USRA DS boxcars were rebuilt by the DL&W into all-steel automobile boxcars. The kit features a body pattern that was fully 3D printed and includes custom etched parts, custom decals from Speedwitch Media, laser cut running board, and Tahoe Model Works trucks.

Available from Yarmouth

(<http://www.yarmouthmodelworks.com/index.php/ResinModelKits/Index>) for \$60.

Bowser Mfg. 55-ton Fishbelly Hopper

Bowser Mfg. is producing another run of HO 55-ton fishbelly hoppers. Road names include CNJ, LV, and Reading (with the Anthracite herald) with three numbers announced for each owner. See (<http://www.bowser-trains.com/new/55fish.html>) for \$27.95 each

Railroad Model Craftsman Article on RDG MU cars

The January 2019 issue of RMC has an article on the Reading's MU cars by Jim Rose. The article is comprehensive and includes detailed drawings of the power car. Pick up a copy at your favorite hobby shop or newsstand.

F-unit Restoration Report

By Rich Jahn

Both F3s operated on the last trips of the Steamtown season to Moscow the Thanksgiving

weekend. The only significant issue being the lack of cab heat in 663. 663's random shutdown issue was solved by borrowing the rebuilt governor we had purchased for 664B (B unit). This governor will go back to 664B when it comes time to start the B unit this year.

In December a contractor was hired to repair metal corrosion in the engine room floor. This work began the week of Dec. 17 and was suspended because of the government shutdown. Work will continue in February.



Photo by Rich Jahn, December 17, 2018

Photo and Document Archives

By Rich Jahn

Volunteers are sorting and scanning various ARHS archive materials. Numerous collections have been donated which includes material not part of our primary focus interest. There are probably other historical societies or archives in a similar situation. In the recent past we traded a group of Southern Pacific (mostly) steam negatives to a California-based historical society that had LV, RDG and CNJ negatives. This worked well for both organizations. If anyone knows of other groups in the Midwest, West, South or New England that may have anthracite railroad negatives, slides or other assets, please have them contact the ARHS so we can open

a dialog. I can be reached directly by email at arjay3@mac.com .

Using the Web Site's Index to Flags, Diamonds and Statues

By Kirsten Jahn Richardson

Have you ever wished you could look at the table of contents of past *Flags, Diamonds, & Statues* or see what issues include articles about your favorite railroad? The ARHS website includes this information in the *Flags, Diamonds, & Statues* section.

Simply scroll down to see "Index by Railroad" and "Index by Volume". If you choose a railroad, the relevant articles are listed in alphabetical order with the respective volume and issue listed. If you choose a volume, all of the issues are listed, with cover photos and tables of contents.

In 2019 we are hoping to update this directory to bring it up to the current issue. If you would like to help with this effort, including making the overall directory more robust, please let us know. We can always use more volunteers to benefit our membership.

From the Membership Secretary

By Glen Larimer

I wanted to remind our members that dues renewal is not an annual cycle – it's more like a subscription entitling you to three issues of our magazine and all *Anthracite Extra* newsletters published in between.

Please note that the message on the back of the FD&S cover sheet asks, "Are you down to your last lump of coal?" and is intended to have members check their status by looking for his or her expiration issue on the address label and comparing it with the current issue of the magazine. It is not telling you definitively that it is time to renew!

Currently there are many members who keep sending in dues annually and are paid up three or more cycles ahead of time. This is not a real problem – it just isn't necessary, if members just

check the magazine label for their expiration issue and renew at the proper time.

Meet the New Modeling Coordinator

By Charles Liggett

Let me introduce myself as the Society's new modeling committee chair. I grew up in Wyncote, PA on the hill above the Reading's Jenkintown station so I saw a lot of passenger and freight traffic on the Bethlehem Branch. My father commuted to New York City on the *Wall Street* for 20 years spanning both the FP-7 and RDC eras into the Aldene plan. I remember three trips with my father to New York: The first on the DL&W from Maplewood, NJ to Hoboken behind steam, then two trips on the Reading from Jenkintown to Jersey City on the *Wall Street*. One trip behind the FP-7s and one on the RDC cars.

My modeling is in HO scale and focuses on the Reading, but I have projects that will include the CNJ, LV, B&O, and even the PRR. I am active in the Rockledge Model Railroad Museum and the Allegheny Western Lines modular club. I have a module for Jenkintown and have started building a layout based on the Reading's Chester Branch.

My membership in the Society started three decades ago and has been continuous for the last 15 years. After hearing calls for someone to take over the modeling committee for quite a while, I've stepped forward.

Membership Condolences

By David Johnson

We are sad to announce that Gordon E. Johnson passed away on December 8, 2018 at the age of 94. Gordon was a long-time member of the ARHS and an enthusiastic HO modeler of the anthracite railroads.

Gordon's long career as an architect was based on degrees earned at Cornell University. His Connecticut projects included the Stamford

Observatory, Enzo Pinza Theater, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Stamford.

After Navy service in the Pacific during WWII, he met the love of his life, Gladys, and was married in 1949. They relocated to Stamford, CT, and enjoyed a marriage that lasted until her death in 2014.

Gordon and Gladys were active musicians. As organist and choral director in area churches for over sixty years, he composed many pieces, some that were premiered by Gladys. He conducted a musical theater group, was active in the Schubert Club, and led the American Guild of Organists.

All who knew him will miss his quick wit and undaunted spirit. His life will be celebrated March 23, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Riverside CT.

Help Wanted - ARHS Train Shows

By Kermit Geary

In the colder months, volunteers are especially needed to help staff sales tables at train shows. ARHS members tell people about the Society, and help them buy models, books, posters, back issues of our **Flags, Diamonds and Statues** magazine, and DVD videos of past conferences. Sale proceeds support ARHS projects and help in keeping dues reasonable. No special skills are needed, and volunteers get free admission to the show. Please contact Kermit Geary (arhs@anthraciterailroads.com) if you are interested in helping with this.

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Harrisburg Chapter NRHS
<http://harrisburgnrhs.org/pdfs/TrainShowFlyer2019.pdf>
200 Gibson Street (IBEW Union Hall)
Steelton, PA 17113

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Jersey Central RHS
<http://jcrhs.org/rshow.htmlcmrs.org/>
Mother Seton High School
Valley Road
Clark NJ

Mother Seton HS is located on Valley Road at the Clark traffic circle, Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Carbon Model Railroad Society - Palmerton, PA
<http://cmrs.info/>
Palmerton Area High School Gymnasium
3533 Fireline Road
Palmerton, PA. 18071

Upcoming ARHS Meetings

By Olev Taremae

Monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the Quakertown Train Station, 15 Front Street, Quakertown, PA, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Please contact Olev Taremae (arhs@anthraciterailroads.com) to suggest topics of future programs related to Anthracite railroads. You are encouraged to provide contact information for other parties who may have potential programs.

March 8, 2019

Mike Bednar returns in March. He will draw from days in engine service on the Lehigh Valley RR, and later in other roles for Conrail for stories and images. The specific topic will be posted on the web site soon.

April 12, 2019

Doug Peters will present a program covering the Delaware and Hudson's operations in the early days of Conrail.

May 10, 2019

Craig Werley will share slides from the Kantner brothers slide collection. Arch and Bruce Kantner photographed railroad operations in Schuylkill County and nearby areas in the 1950s and 1960s. Their images give in-depth coverage of a rarely-seen area and time period.

Comments or Suggestions?

Please email us (extra @anthraciterailroads.org).