Albany Contest Report

The Model Contest at the NER Convention held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY was run using National Rules. I was assisted by Andy Clermont, MMR and Bill Barry, Photo Contest Chair.

There were a total of thirty models to be judged. There was quite a mix of models entered, with most categories containing at least one model. The quality of the entries was quite high. Seventeen of the models earned Merit Awards.

Class	Category	Modeler's Name	Model Description	Pts	Special
Kit Built	Caboose	Rudolf Slovacek	Napier Junction Caboose #38	91	1st
Kit Built	Diesel Locomotive	Jeff Paston	NYC E8 Locomotive	89	1st
Kit Built	Diesel Locomotive	Jeff Paston	D&H PA1 Locomotive	88	2nd
Kit Built	Diesel Locomotive	James Van Bokkelen	B&M BL2	88	2nd
Kit Built	Display	Thomas Oxnard	Ashland Lumber Co.	95	2nd
Kit Built	Display	Walt Grzebien	Gurney's Service	110	1st/New Modeler
Kit Built	Non-Revenue	Edward Skowronek	McGiffert Log Loader	89	1st
Kit Built	Passenger Car	Jeff Paston	Turbo Train	78	1st
Kit Built	Steam Locomotive	Mark Sklar	NYC 4-6-2 Pacific	102	1st
Kit Built	Steam Locomotive	Edward Spiller	D&LS #117 2-8-2 Mikado	88	2nd
Kit Built	Structure	Jeff Paston	Abandoned Gas Station	62	2nd
Kit Built	Structure	Howard Dwyer	Schwahn's Confectionary Co.	80	1st
Kit Built	Structure	Jeff Paston	Convenience Store	61	3rd
Scratch	Caboose	Ken Nelson	Transfer Caboose	66	1st
Scratch	Display	Andy Reynolds	Milton Crossing	73	1st
Scratch	Freight Car	Ray Muntz	Bulline Stock Car	89	1st
Scratch	Freight Car	Ken Nelson	Flat Car w/load	76	2nd
Scratch	Freight Car	Ken Nelson	CN Box Car	74	3rd
Scratch	Passenger Car	Ray Muntz	Rutland Business Car	99	1st
Scratch	Passenger Car	Ray Muntz	Swift Reefer	88	2nd
Scratch	Structure	Steve Erikson	Eastwick Junction Station	85	HM
Scratch	Structure	Andy Reynolds	Plate Girder Bridge Milton Xing	62	
Scratch	Structure	Andy Reynolds	Cranberry Screening House	91	HM
Scratch	Structure	Steve Erikson	Eastwick Junction Water Tower	95	HM
Scratch	Structure	Richard Smith	New Lisbon Enginehouse	111	2nd/Hub Award
Scratch	Structure	Richard Smith	New Lisbon Station	114	1st/Baldwin
Scratch	Structure	Richard Smith	Bucket Coaling Station	101	3rd
Scratch	Structure	Andy Reynolds	Freight Xfer Shed, Milton Xing	69	
Scratch	Structure	Andy Reynolds	Signal Tower, Milton Xing	77	
Scratch	Structure	Mike Bowler	Pinetar Bridge	75	

Now, to the entries. Our Best In Show—the Baldwin Trophy—went to Richard Smith for his outstanding New Lisbon Station. This model placed 1st in Scratch built Structures. Richard also received the Hub Award for the model with the second highest score—his New Lisbon Enginehouse and was 2nd in Scratch built Structures.

The New Modeler Award presented by the Sunrise Trail Division was won by Walt Grzebein

for his model Gurney's Service which placed 1st in Kit Built Displays. It is my hope that Walt will bring another model or two to Newport next year so that we may continue to enjoy his fine modeling.

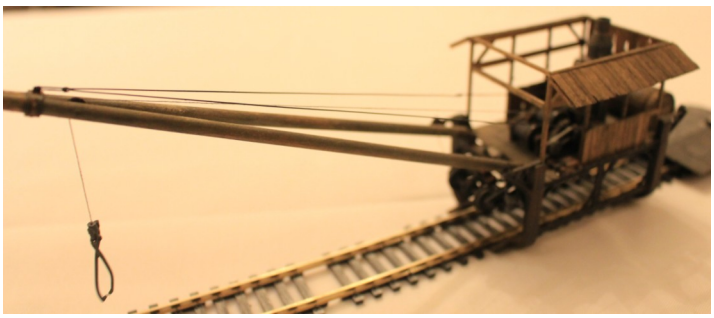
2nd place for his B&M BL2 locomotive.

In the kit-built Display category Thomas Oxnard took 2nd Place for his Ashland Lumber Co.

In the kit-built Caboose category Rudolf Slovacek won a 1st place for his Napier Junction #38.

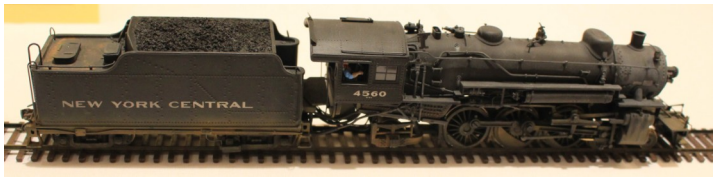
In the kit-built Non-Revenue category Edward Skowronek won a 1st Place for his McGiffert Log Loader.

In the kit-built Diesel and other locomotive category Jeff Paston won a 1st for his NCY E8 locomotive. Jeff also tied for 2nd with his D&H PA1 locomotive. James Van Bokkelen also took



In kit-built Passenger Car category Jeff Paston won a 1st Place for his Turbo Train.

In the kit-built Steam Locomotive category Mark Sklar won a 1st Place for his NYC 4-6-2 Pacific.



Edward Spiller won a 2nd Place for his D&LS 2 -8-2 locomotive # 117.

In the kit-build Structure category Howard Dwyer won a 1st Place for his Schwann's Confectionary Co.

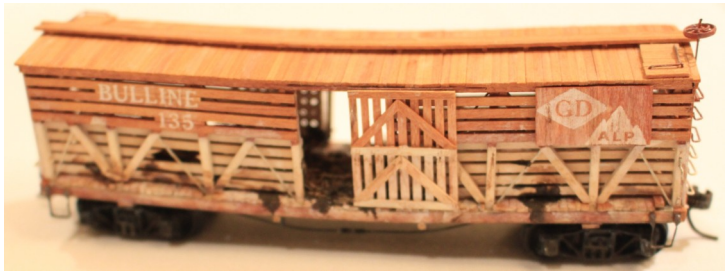
Jeff Paston won 2nd Place for his Abandoned Gas Station and 3rd Place for his Convenience Store.

In the Scratch built Caboose category Ken Nelson won a 1st Place with his Poco Valley Transfer Caboose.

In the scratch built Display category Andy Rey-

nolds won a 1st Place for Milton Crossing.

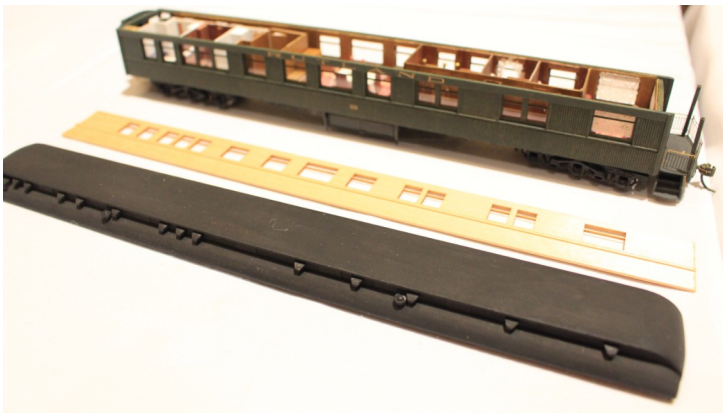
In the Scratch-built Freight Car category Ray Muntz won a 1st for his Bulline Stock car.



Ken Nelson won a 2nd Place for his flat car with load.

Ken also won a 3rd place for his CN Box Car.

In the scratch built Passenger Car category Ray Muntz won 1st place with his Rutland Business Car.



Ray also won 2nd place with his Swift Reefer.

In the scratch built Structures category Richard Smith won a 1st place with his New Lisbon station

He also won a 2nd place with his New Lisbon enginehouse.

He also won a 3rd place with his Bucket Coaling Station.

Two additional models deserve recognition. Steve Erickson won an Honorable Mention with his Eastwick Junction Water Tower and Shed.

Andy Reynolds won an Honorable Mention with his Cranberry Screening House.

I want to thank the people who gave up their time to serve as judges: Bill Barry, Rich Breton, Andy Clermont, Mike Evans, Paul Lessard, Ray Muntz, Ned Spiller, Mike Tylick, James VanBokkelen, Dick Walz, and Brian Whiton. It makes it easy to run a contest when you have quality judges. Thank you all.