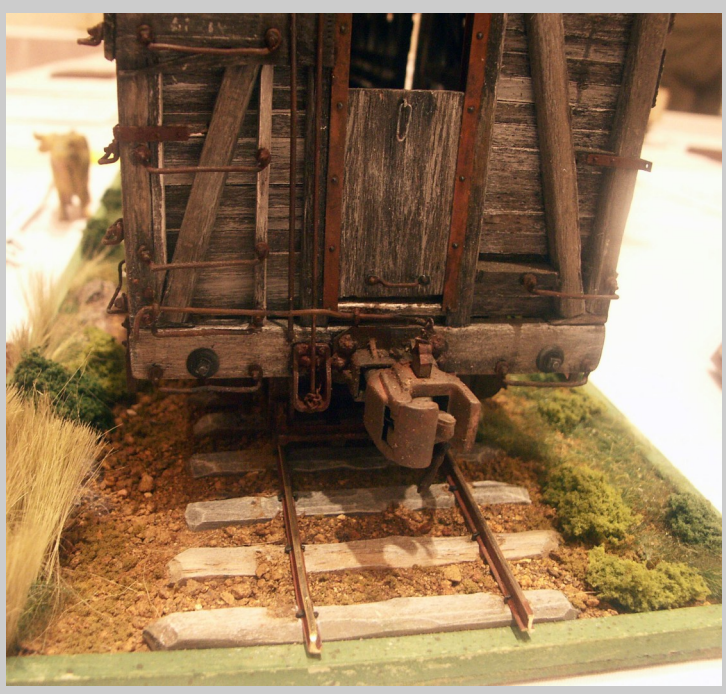
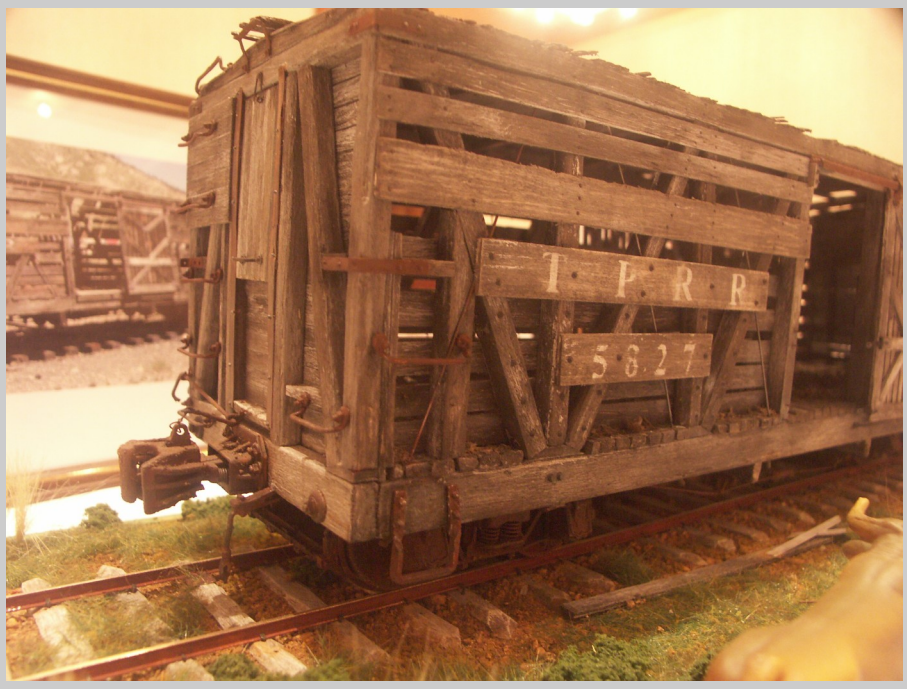
Spring2006 Baldwin Trophy Winner
Bill Brown's TPRR Stock Car #5827

History / Background: The Denver and Rio Grande Western operated an extensive network of narrow gauge railroads in Colorado and New Mexico until the 1950's. When the railroads were abandoned, most of the rolling stock was left where it was. Two portions of the railroad survive in the form of the Durango & Silverton Railroad and the Cumbres & Toltec Rail-road. In 1981 The Public Broadcasting System had this D&RGW stock car re-lettered "TPRR" for the 1981 movie entitled "The Legend of Gregorio Cortez". In 2004 this car was photographed in Silverton, CO.

Model: The model was constructed to match the photographs as closely as possible. Additional photos and plans were used from the book 'Slim Gauge Cars' by Carstens Publi-cations. The model was constructed on wood, card stock, plastic and metal. It is the intent that the model appear severely weather-beaten just as was the prototype. All wood is distressed and shows the effects of decades of wear and rain, snow, sun, freezing and thawing.



An attempt was made to add every detail found on the prototype. The only exception is that the brake rods do not connect to the trucks so they do not restrict operation when run. Commercial parts were used to augment the hand-crafted details, many made from sheet metal and rod stock.