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10-09-2024, 10:53 AM #1486

Dave,

Excellent job on the trestle and bents. I like how you have it above and in front of the buildings. Not something you see on all layouts. Well done!

Keep up the great work on it.

Tom

The difference between the almost right word and the right is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

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10-12-2024, 11:33 AM #1487

Well... Sometimes you have to admit defeat and try a different approach. I was having real problems pre-assembling the top iron bar with the tension rods, and then trying to fish that into the holes in the bottom piece. So today I cut a new set of top bars, painted another set of tension rods (Floquil Grimy Black), and will do this by positioning the tension rods first, and then fishing the top bar into position. I'll add the NBW castings, and then touch up paint. Photos tomorrow, after the paint cures.

p.s. that's one reason why I order extras of things like NBW castings... There are 18 tension rods, so 36 NBC castings... I'd rather have extras than to run out.

dave

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10-12-2024, 01:54 PM #1488

Dave,

Sometimes a person has to face reality.

Tension rods etc etc are fine details that add interest to a model. Worth the effort to get right.

Mike

I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now *Bob Dylan*

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Making progress! Here's the process that's working. (1) drill larger holes through the bottom joist. (2) insert the tension rods. (3) 'lock' the bottom in place with the Grandt open core NBWs. (4) trim the rods, note NOT to the same height. (5) insert the 'metal' (styrene) top plate. (6) add the top NBWs. (7) glue everything onto position with CA. (8) touch up paint.




I find I need to drill out the NBWs to about .024 to get them to slide over .020 painted rod. 5 more to do, this is one of those things where I take a break after each :-)

Those big wood pieces sit underneath the bridge to provide a stable platform to work with the rods/NBW's hanging below the bottom of the joists.

There's a piece of wood that parallels the diagonal tension rod (that's the compression member for the outriggers), I'll cut, test fit, then stain and install those to finish this project, probably tomorrow before that's done.

add: The tension rods are all installed, but I do need to trim the tops and touch up the paint.



dave

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Here's the prototype info, from the Mallory "Bridges and Trestles" book:



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Dave, the bridge is looking very good.

Follow along as my dog and I travel the country in our van.
Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/A-Dog-A-Van-and-A-View-108345371976229> YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@RickS727>

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The rods look very good on the bridge Dave.

Curt Webb
Freelanced PRR Bellevue Sub

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Looking good, Dave.

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Nice job Dave!!

Jerry

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." A. Lincoln

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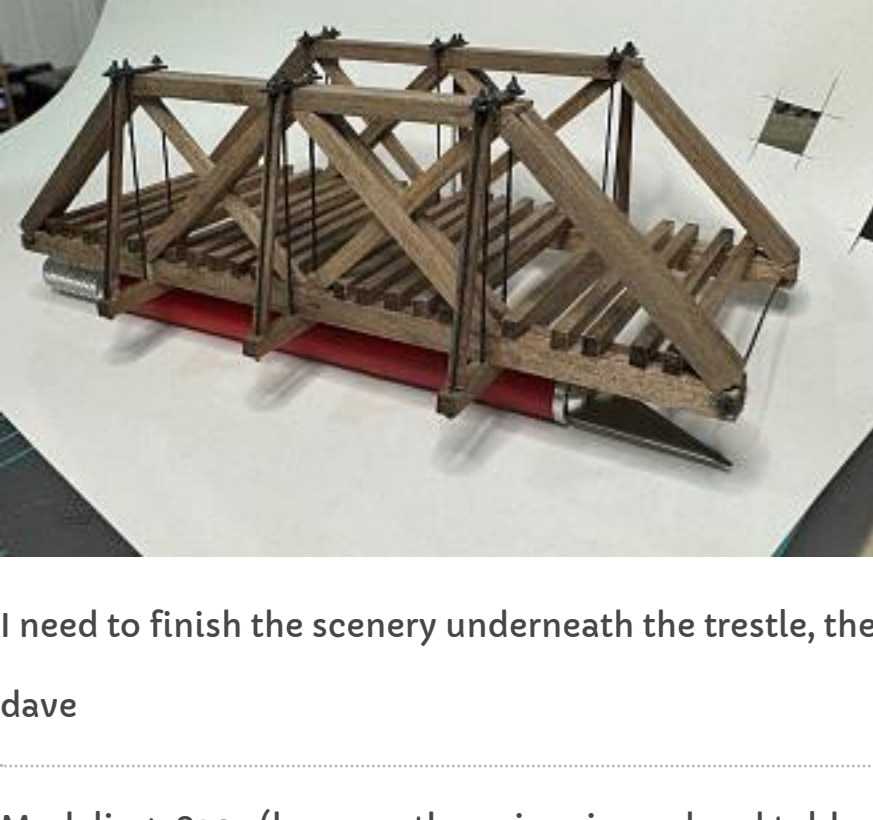
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Truss is DONE!



I need to finish the scenery underneath the trestle, then glue the bents and install the truss.

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Great job on the build Dave.

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Well done, Dave.

George

Before each flight, make sure that your bladder is empty and your fuel tanks are full.

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10-15-2024, 11:34 AM #1498

Dave excellent job! Everything looks very well done and should compliment your layout nicely.

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And a significant step backwards today... I knocked the bridge deck to the ground, and the wood stringers glued to the plastic ties all popped loose. FORTUNATELY, I do have more wood of that size. So I'll stop for the day. The plan tomorrow is to get the bents installed, then I think I'll cut and glue the bent-to-bent pieces glued.

dave

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"Stuff" happens.... Best wishes, Dave!

Pete in Michigan

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deemery commented 10-15-2024, 04:11 PM #1500.1

Naughty words were uttered!!

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