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07-09-2018, 12:57 PM #211

A productive day today, but nothing to show for it. I built another curved turnout, and finished (gapped) a couple other turnouts I built earlier. Then I started doing detailed layout for the small yard. So that's a couple items checked off the punchlist.

dave

Modeling 1890s (because the voices in my head told me to)

07-09-2018, 06:17 PM #212

Dave,
Punch List - sounds like a recent blog post I wrote on doing projects.
<http://ocalicreek.blogspot.com/2018/...o-project.html>
Galen

My Train Blog: <http://ocalicreek.blogspot.com/>

07-10-2018, 02:48 PM #213


Some more punch list progress today. Mostly, I worked on the patch of the layout where there's both standard and narrow gauge under the stairs. I'm doing that in homasote-over-plywood, cutting the homasote to approximate shape, then gluing those chunks to a piece of plywood. Tomorrow I'll trim the plywood, and hopefully glue the assembly into position. I also got more scenery apron fabric.

dave

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07-13-2018, 02:48 PM #214

Here's the narrow gauge connection from the crossing (just out of sight, near left corner) back to the yard. I also added a standard gauge spur in the same general area, it's going in to the right of the big level.



That standard gauge spur is an addition to the track plan, I added it because I have a kit or two that will fit nicely in that space.

I can't make this permanent until I get the standard gauge track down (since the narrow gauge support is right where I'd have to stand to work on the standard gauge track), and then I might remove this section and hand-lay the HO30 track on it. (I don't have enough ME HO30 flextrack, and they don't make it any more.)

Work will be on hold for a couple weeks while we're in holiday in Blighty.

dave

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07-13-2018, 03:23 PM #215

You have made great progress Dave since starting the new layout!.Have a wonderful holiday and be safe. 🇺🇸 8D

Ted

07-17-2018, 10:53 AM #216

I fit in a piece of styrofoam in the middle of the blob. This will be all urban, and starting with the level styrofoam helps install the buildings plumb. The hill will rise to the right to cover the track.



dave

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07-17-2018, 12:33 PM #217

Great start Dave.
I thought you were on vacation to England??

Jerry

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

07-17-2018, 01:05 PM #218

We go tomorrow morning.

dave

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08-03-2018, 02:37 PM #219

I'm back from vacation. I picked up a couple small items at some UK hobby shops. Current layout projects include preparing more standard gauge flextrack and constructing HO30 turnouts using FastTracks jigs. Those are a lot harder than standard gauge! I want to be ready when the next order of Homabed arrives (hopefully in the next week or so.)

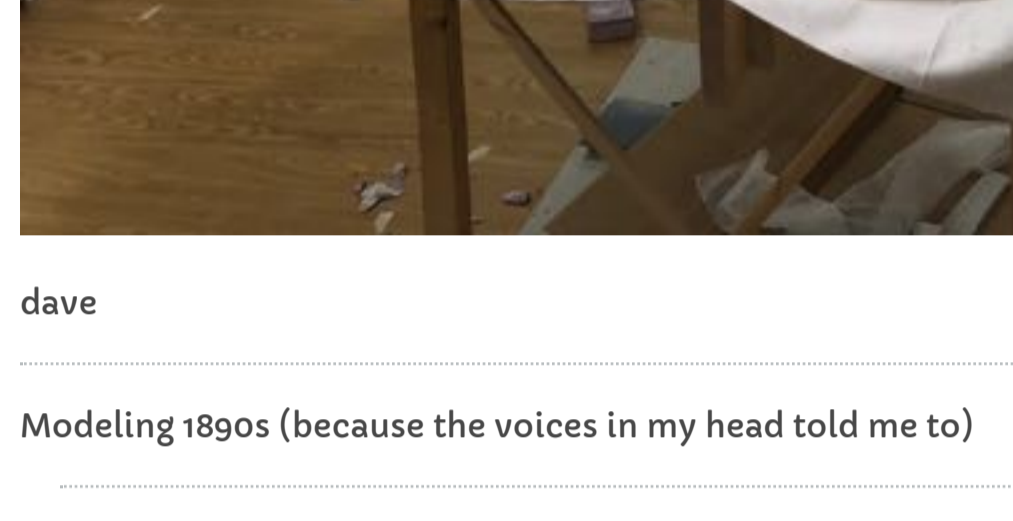
dave

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08-05-2018, 01:33 PM #220

There seems to be a consensus on using caulk to attach track to the roadbed. It's cheap, flexible, noise-deadening and relatively easy to remove the track if necessary.

Someone suggested using a fine tooth tile spreader. But then I saw this contraption at Home Depot. I epoxied some styrene over the holes on the outside, so all that is left open is the width of the track.



I'll report back how well this works.

dave

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08-05-2018, 02:28 PM #221

Good to see you back at this.

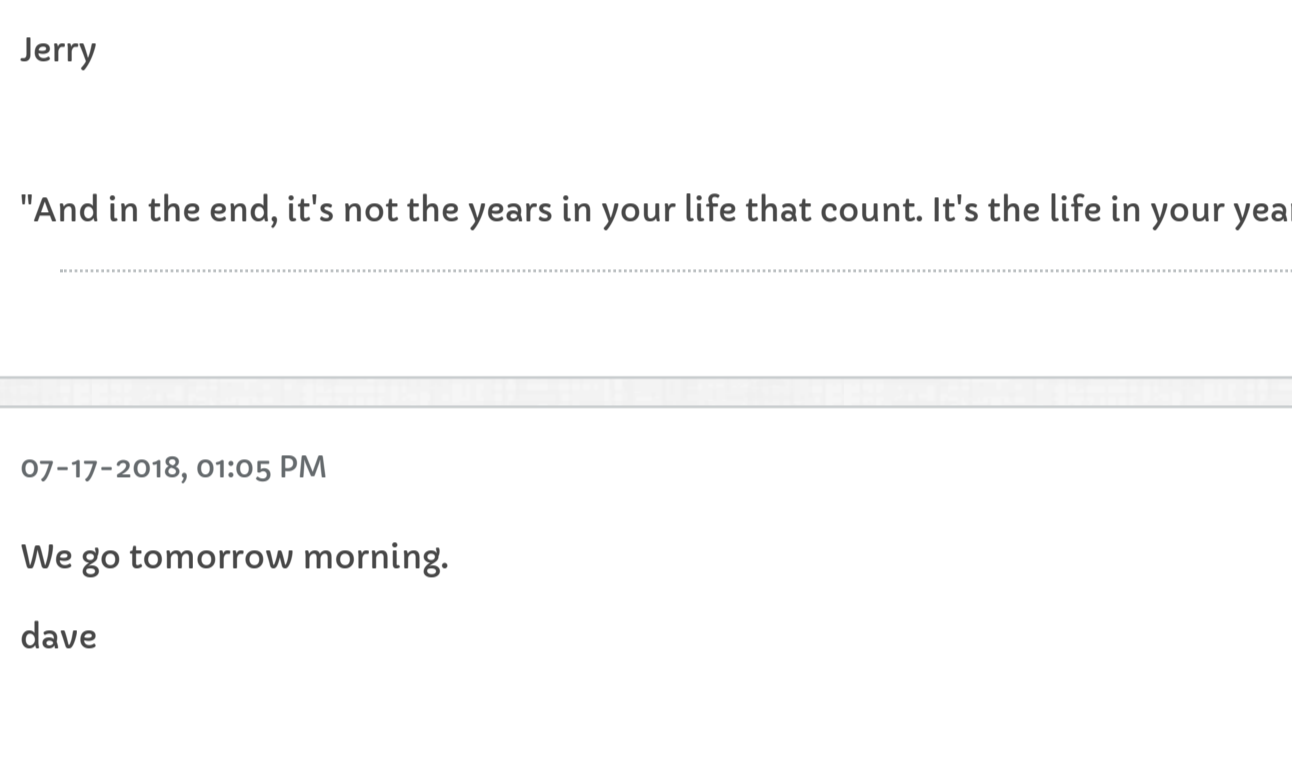
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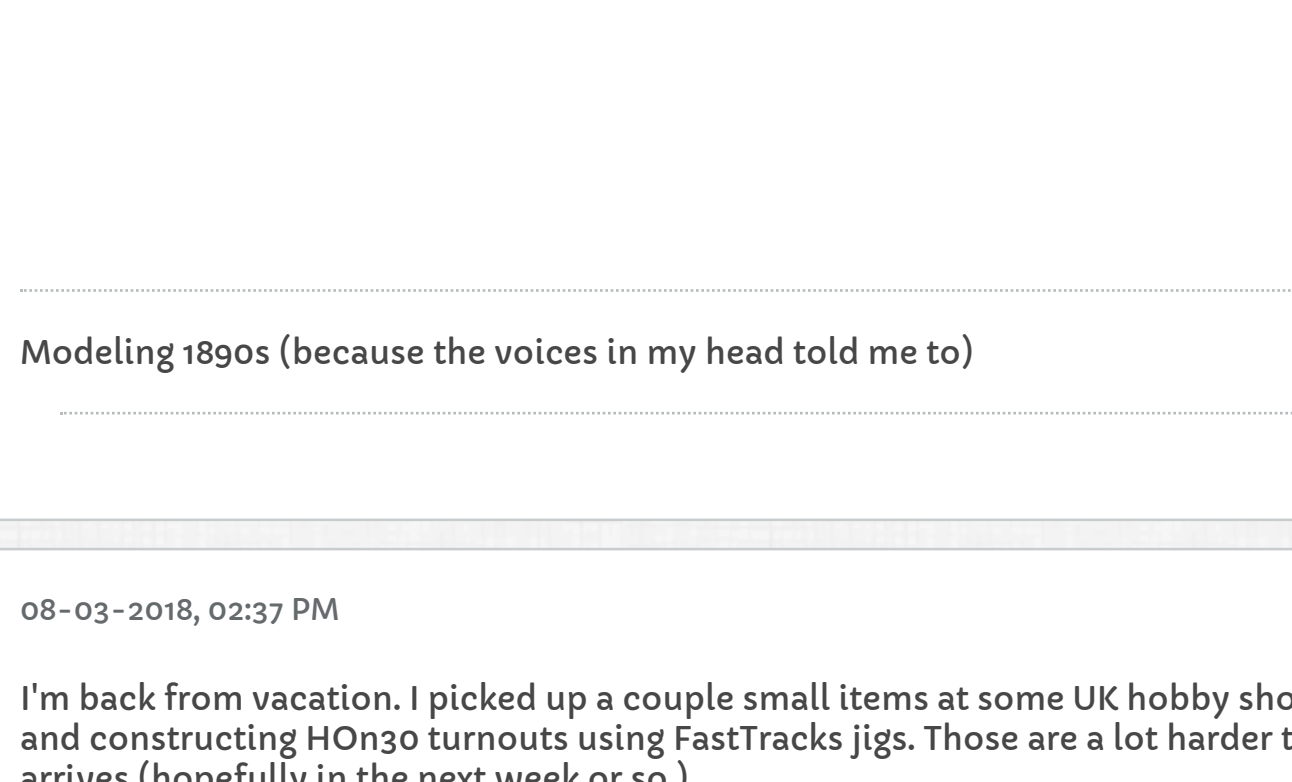
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The Great Dover Orogeny[®] has begun!
First, I transferred the interior perimeter of the track onto a piece of paper.

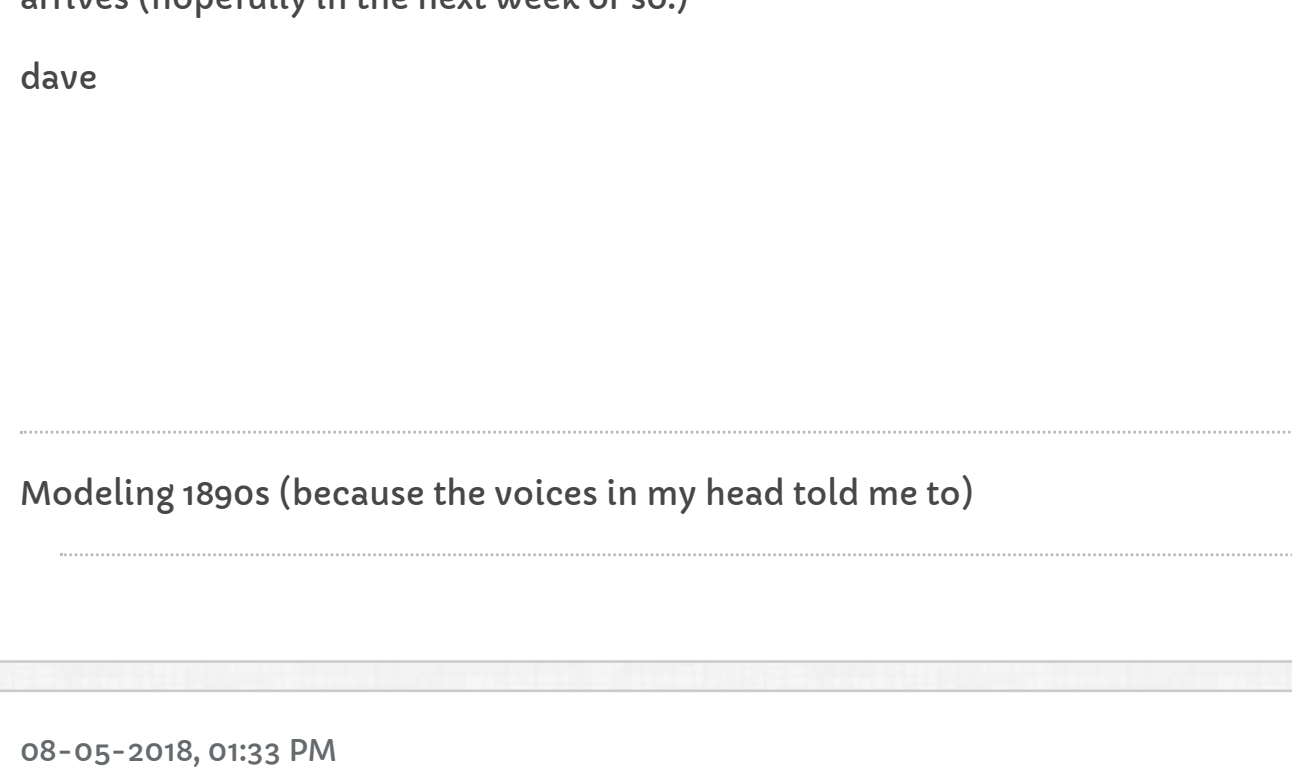
Then I taped that paper template to 2" styrofoam.



I found this serrated knife at a dollar store (cost \$4.) The problem is the blade itself is thicker than the serrated kerf. But it's good and sharp, and the serrations cut pretty well.



I added some risers, and this piece fits at the top of the tunnel portals. There'll be an overhang to create the tunnels, I'll do that from 1/2" styrofoam later on.



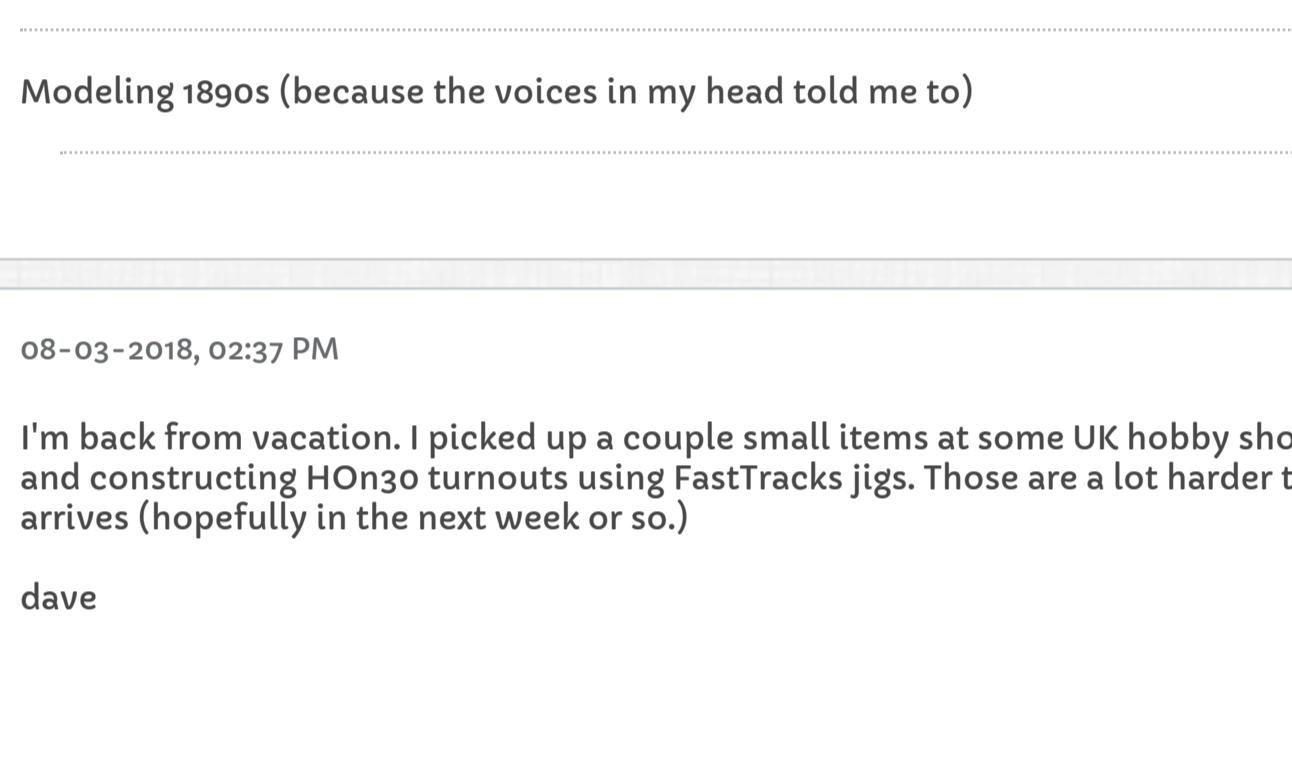
dave

(* orogeny noun Geology: A process in which a section of the earth's crust is folded and deformed by lateral compression to form a mountain range.)

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08-15-2018, 02:32 PM #223

Then I added another lower layer.



Finally, I roughed in the big hill that will serve as a view block.

Still more work to do on this.

But now I get a sense of the topography for the blob.

And I got notification my Homabed order is en-route.

dave

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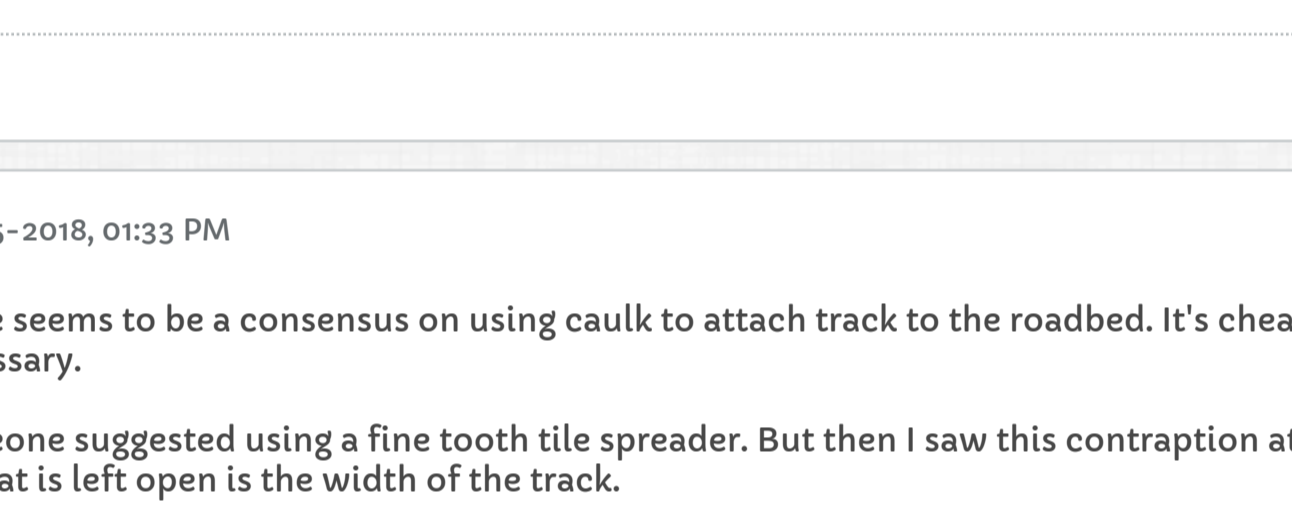
08-15-2018, 03:41 PM #224

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Originally posted by deemery

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So, actually you went to a \$4 store and ended up with a 'watermelon knife'. Excellent! 😊 Of course I'm envious at how well your layout is progressing.

Jim

Take the red pill

08-15-2018, 04:27 PM #225

Dave,
That's a pretty cute knife in the colors of a watermelon. XActo knives should be red for all the cuts I've sustained using them.

Dover Orogeny: you've been paying attention in your geology class.

Mike

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

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