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Looks good indeed.

James

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05-27-2020, 08:18 AM #632

Well..... I started to hook up the frog feeders, and there's a short somewhere along the power bus. So I went and unhooked the bus from each connector (the connectors paid for themselves today). Now to start hooking up the bus, feed-by-feed, to figure out where the short is. :-)

dave

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Dave, you might want to double check the track gaps. If you used some pcties check that the copper cladding has the proper gaps.

Phil Z

POR (press on regardless)

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05-27-2020, 09:14 AM #634

Dave,

Also have a very close look at every turnout to ensure that an eighth-inch long or shorter piece of solder is not crossing a gap. Do this before you cut any wires! Don't ask! :erm:

Pete

in Michigan

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05-27-2020, 10:00 AM #635

Progress... First turnout had the frog feed mis-wired. Of course, that shorted everything out. I'm slowly moving down to where the rest of the turnouts are. Step by step, inch by inch....

update: Done!! One mis-wired frog can mess up your entire track bus. And several of them were wired backwards.

At least now I have the debugging pattern down. But I need to build a 1' tall stool to sit on, so I don't have to stretch to work on the underneath wiring.

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Dave glad you found it.

TomO

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05-27-2020, 01:52 PM #637

Glad you found it relatively quickly.

I think doing the wiring on my layout is one area where my impatience serves me well. As soon as I get a frog wired I have to fire up the power to check it out. Everything looks neat and organized under your layout.

Mike

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

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05-27-2020, 02:00 PM #638

Glad to hear this, Dave! Congratulations!

Pete

in Michigan

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05-27-2020, 04:12 PM #639

Search for 'mechanics rolling seat'; most are a little higher than 12", but they can carry tools with you under the layout.

James

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05-28-2020, 04:13 AM #640

If it's too tall, I'll bump my head on the benchwork. That's the problem with my current 18" homemade stool.

dave

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05-30-2020, 01:55 PM #641

It's alive! <http://www.earlyrail.org/hon30-firstrun.m4v> The test loco is a nice heavy Kato N scale F unit. Not sure how well my small 6 lighter HON30 locos will do, there are definitely rough spots and hesitations. But at least it moves!

dave

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Not bad for the first run!!

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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Yay progress! Careful application of needlenose pliers and a 4" knife file will often do wonders for bumps in the RoW.

James

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all right Dave! Congratulations. It's looking good.

It's only make-believe

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Congratulations, Dave! It runs!

Pete

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