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06-09-2020, 11:27 AM #691

Well, I didn't get the loco all the way around the layout. I found one place where I forgot to add feeders, and a couple of bad suitcase connectors. The last one defeated me, because I ran out. So more are on order, and with a bit of luck I should make it all the way around the layout Thursday.

dave

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

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Orionv17 Senior Member
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06-09-2020, 11:29 AM #692

Welcome to My world, Dave! :erm:

Keep pluggin!

Pete

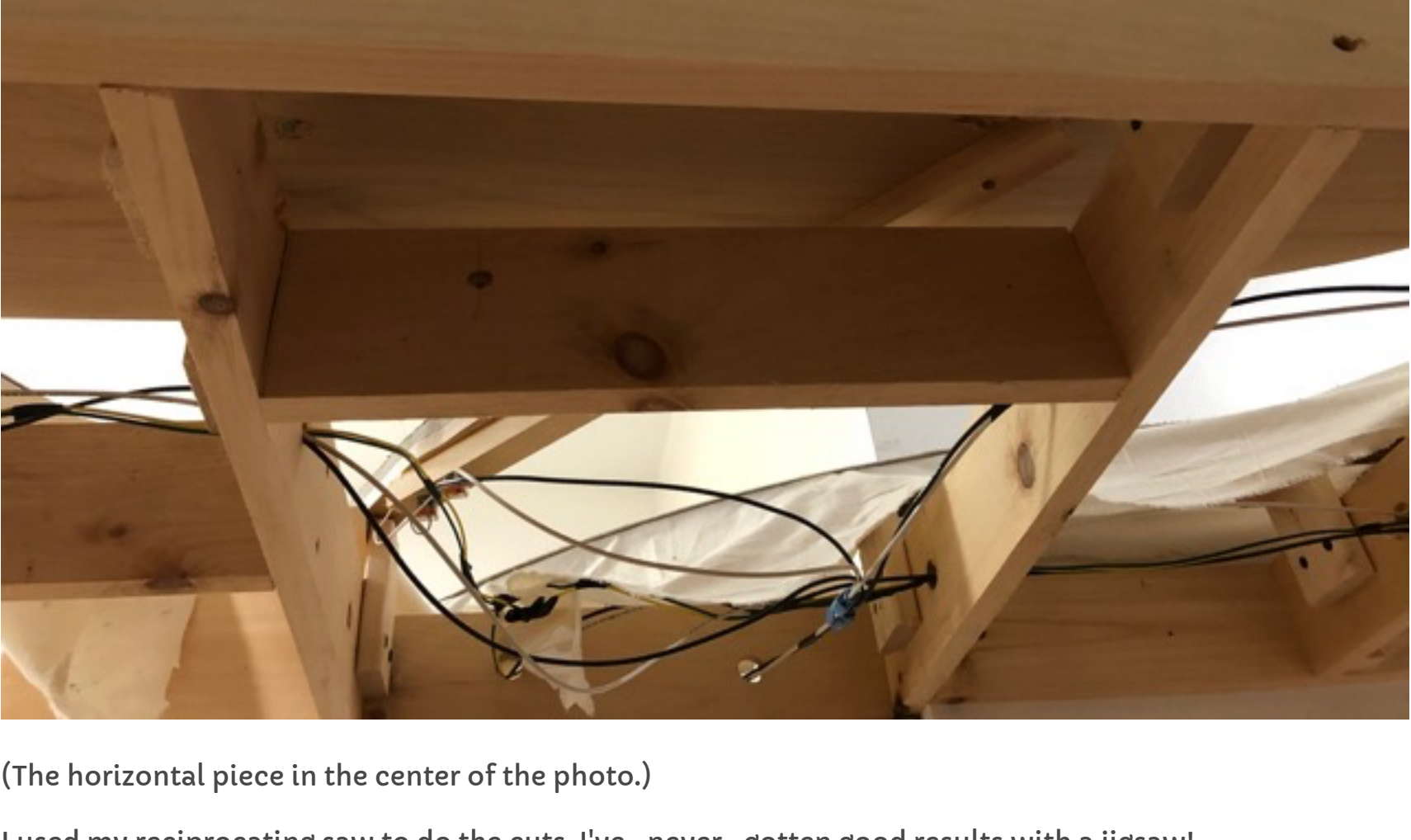
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06-10-2020, 12:37 PM #693

There's a section of the layout that runs underneath the stairs with its sloped ceiling. I decided I really need better access there. So I had to cut away a cross member and cut out a part of the benchwork/plywood/homasote. First, I added a new cross-piece:

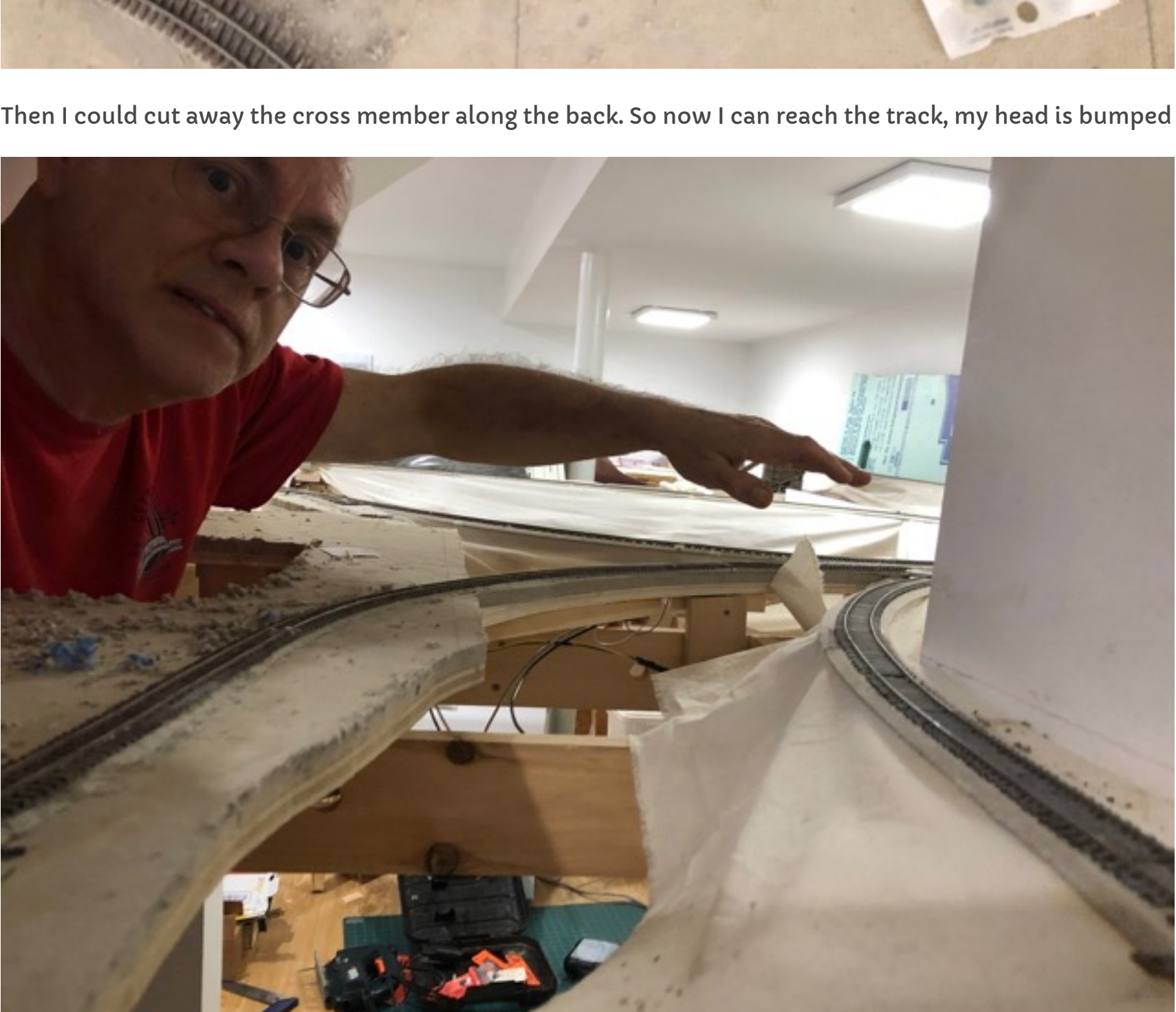


(The horizontal piece in the center of the photo.)

I used my reciprocating saw to do the cuts. I've -never- gotten good results with a jigsaw!



Then I could cut away the cross member along the back. So now I can reach the track, my head is bumped up against the ceiling from the stairs above.



I added some supports underneath to hold the cut-out. Over the homasote, I'll use Gatorboard as the base for whatever structures and scenery I use there, making sure the Gatorboard is larger than the cutout it will sit upon.

Needless to say, it would have been MUCH Better to do this before I laid track and did wiring.

dave

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06-10-2020, 01:52 PM #694

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Originally posted by deemery

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dave

Dave,

There are Rules....:erm: 😊

My world...

Pete

in Michigan

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06-10-2020, 01:58 PM #695

And there's "good judgement" and how we get that!

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06-10-2020, 02:12 PM #696

That, too... And Experience... 😊

Pete

in Michigan

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railman28 Senior Member
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06-10-2020, 02:46 PM #697

I think you're going to glad it's there.

Bob


It's only make-believe

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06-11-2020, 05:27 AM #698

A better shot showing the very close quarters in this part of the layout.



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06-11-2020, 03:20 PM #699

A little thing, but I added some protection so people don't bump into the exposed track junction.

(And by 'people', I mean 'me'.)

dave

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06-11-2020, 03:35 PM #700

Good Plan.

I have a pair of "cargo pants" that is constantly looking for the low kitchen cabinet hardware to snag the pockets for me... Not helpful! :erm:

Pete

in Michigan

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06-12-2020, 11:28 AM #701

I've had enough wiring and trackwork for a while. I started on the Walthers brick kiln kits. I plugged the gas line holes by enlarging the holes in each segment to 1/16 and then gluing a piece of Evergreen 1/16 rod into the hole. I'll paint the brick before adding the metal banding. It would have been a lot better design if the kiln walls were a single casting, rather than 14 pieces that you have to glue together and then work out the joints. I have a couple more Walthers styrene brick buildings en-route, at least one will go with the kilns for the industry underneath the stairs.

dave

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Michael_Hohn Senior Member
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06-12-2020, 02:07 PM #702

I'll be interested in seeing the results, Dave.

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

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BurleyJim Senior Member
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06-12-2020, 06:33 PM #703

Code 20 rail is good for about 15-18 amps. that little 'connection' of copper clad on the bottom at the junction of the screws might be good for 3 amps. A little puff of smoke, and the deed is done. Remove all other connections and equipment off the rails and isolate all other feeders before you blow that 'fuse'. Check for continuity between the screw heads before and after. You, of course do not want continuity (a short) between the screws. A Class 'C' Fire extinguisher if you want to add some drama, a spritz of air freshener before any 'what's that smell?' questioning a begins. 😊

Jim

Take the red pill

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06-13-2020, 03:00 PM #704

I started a separate thread on the kiln construction: http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/L_TOPIC_ID=52926

dave


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06-17-2020, 01:54 PM #705

Here's the crossing. I soldered together HO30 and HO gauge rails. My current thinking is to lay down the NG rails onto some PC Board crossing ties and solder into place. Then bring the assembly back here, lay down the standard gauge rails line up correctly, mark and take back to the workbench. Then I can cut through the NG rails and solder the SG rails into position, doing on my workbench the same as Jim did on location.



If I can figure out how to do some PC Board ties to hold the running rails in place without adding short crosses across the rails, I'll be home free. If not, I'll probably end up going back to the location, laying down regular wood ties, spiking the rails in place, and finishing the guard rails, etc onsite.

dave

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