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09-26-2024, 02:18 PM #1471

Dave,
Your bridge looks good, just the right size.
Mike

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09-26-2024, 02:58 PM #1472

Dave the trusses and the bridge look great. A job well done so far!

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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09-26-2024, 07:22 PM #1473

I think the proportions worked out just right... The bridge bents should be pretty easy to push out tomorrow. I'll have to do the NBWs, the hollow core NBWs should be here Monday.
dave

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09-27-2024, 02:34 PM #1474

I assembled the truss bents today. They still need NBW castings and then trimmed to fit. But here's a mock-up. The truss itself needs the tension rods and outriggers, along with sway bracing underneath.



Once I get the trusses located and sanded, I'll remove them, put the plastic plugs in place, and finish the scenery.
dave

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09-27-2024, 04:02 PM #1475

Looks very good so far Dave.

Curt Webb
Freelanced PRR Bellevue Sub

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09-27-2024, 05:18 PM #1476

That's coming out very nice!

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09-27-2024, 07:21 PM #1477

George
George

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

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09-27-2024, 07:43 PM #1478

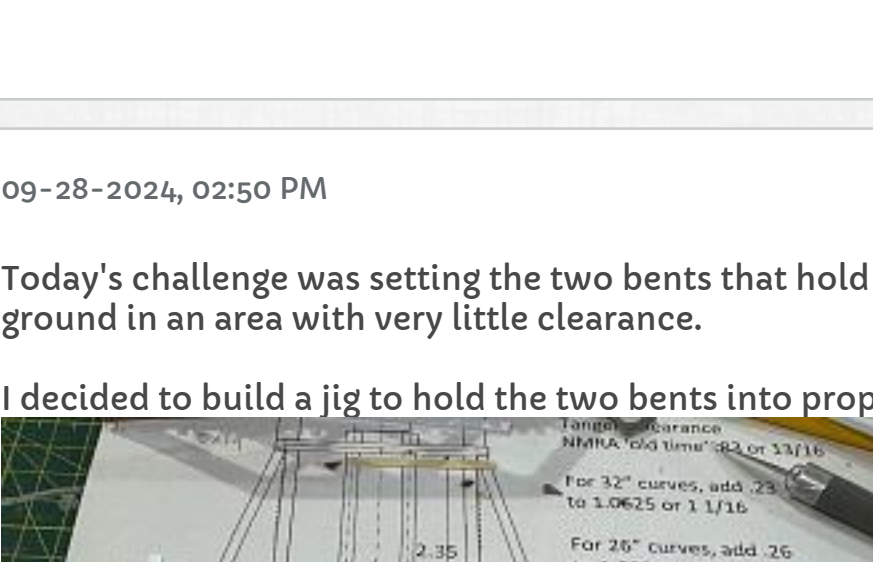

Nicely done, Dave! Keep plugging!
Pete
in Michigan

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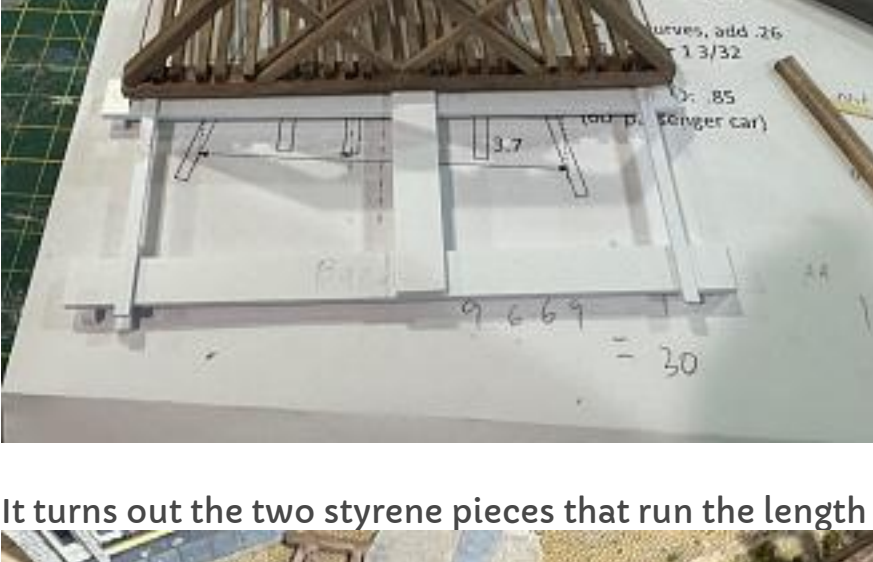
09-28-2024, 02:50 PM #1479

Today's challenge was setting the two bents that hold up the truss. They needed to be square, spaced precisely at the length of the truss and positioned on the ground in an area with very little clearance.


I decided to build a jig to hold the two bents into proper alignment.


It turns out the two styrene pieces that run the length of the bridge were perfect for centering the bridge underneath the track.



Looking up to make sure the two center posts are actually underneath the track..



Finally, I marked the position of the mud sills, removed the bents, and glued the plugs into place. Next task tomorrow will be scenery around those plugs.



If you look carefully at the top of the right long piece, you can see it's beveled to line up against the curb on the road. And on the lower left, there's no real clearance between that mud sill and the sidewalks. But it does just fit, so that's OK.

The other thing you'll note are the NBW castings on the bents. I hit them with a bit of medium neutral grey after they're in position so they pop a bit from the brown wood.

dave

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09-29-2024, 07:48 AM #1480

Good job, Dave. The angle of the road relative to the track adds a bit of drama.
Mike

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deemery commented 09-29-2024, 09:35 AM #1480.1

I think it adds to the general sense I was trying to get of this scene being 'organic,' that the road was there first, then the railroad had to figure out how to put the tracks over the road.

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09-29-2024, 07:59 AM #1481

Very nice work Dave.


Jerry

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09-29-2024, 02:17 PM #1482

Fill and first scenic (dirt) layer installed:



I'm thinking about adding some tall static grass around the entire trestle, which I'll want to do before I glue the bents into position.
dave

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09-29-2024, 06:27 AM #1483

Dave, I like how you're positioning things in a way that makes sense in the 1:1.
Nice start on the scenery.

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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09-30-2024, 09:31 AM #1484

I like the complexity of the whole scene. Different levels (track and street) and planes from front to back (mainline, coal trestle, storefronts.)
Mike

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09-30-2024, 01:48 PM #1485

Dave great job on the trestle and looks like you're processing nicely. Should be a nice scene when finished for the foreground area of the layout.

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