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This page features the late Bob Janz locomotives

BOB JANZ: THE MODEL BUILDER
(1933-2014)

Through his work for hobby shops throughout the Chicago area Bob was well known as an excellent painter of railroad models.

However, his true skill was his unique ability to look at pre-built locomotive models (brass or plastic) and visualize what could be done to change it into a CNW looking engine.

Presented here are some examples of Bob’s creativity:

C&NW Class ‘J-4’ Berkshire
Original model Overland “C&NW” J-4 (2-8-4)
Produced 1983-83

#2809:
Originally a good model “out of the box” in typical Bob Janz fashion it was deemed that “it needed some work”.

Of note is the rebuild of the ashpans and trailing truck. Not to be overlooked is the work on the boiler front, pilot and steam piping.

* For comparison an “out of the box” Overland J-4 is also displayed.

C&NW Class ‘A’ American (4-4-6)
Original model Fujimya SP&T&O Class E-23
Produced 1986-74

8385:
This engine was built from a Fujimya SP&T&O Class E-23
The cab was completely scratch built. Note the special “cab windows” as well as all of the detailing that made it a C&NW Class A.

This was another of Bob’s personal models.
All painting was done with DuPont automotive lacquer.
CNW7009 SD50 by Paul Becker

International Cabooses CNW11071 and CNW11074 by Tom Baldner

CGW3846 Flat by Tim Coyle

CNW4202 GP7 by Paul Becker

CNW77822 Ware Emergency Boxcar by Tom Baldner

Ballast Regulator - N Scale by Larry Rinehart

CNW870455 100-Ton 3-bay Hopper by Paul Becker

OO Gauge 4-8-4 CNW3009 - From Lou Schimtz Collection - Decaled by Mike Vana

CNW 11301 Gons & Tie Crane - N Scale by Larry Rinehart

Model photos by Tim Coyle
Locomotives in the lash-up include the last two Chicago & North Western AC4400CW units still in original C&NW colors, UP C&NW Heritage unit #1995, SD70ACe, and UP #8897, SD70AH on display. "Meet the Super Quad Squad"

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