

Miscellaneous Show and Tell Items

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First of all, I'm an On30 narrow gauger who models no particular prototype. I model just the things I like and you can see that I'm certainly not a "rivet counter."

(1) The little yellow gas station is my condensed version of the actual 1930's prototype Shell station that still exists and is preserved in North Carolina. The large clam shell front of the model is actually a real one that I saved after a seafood dinner served on these clam shells one night. I included a complete interior and have plans to light it one of these days. The gas pump is, if I remember correctly, a Banta or Wiseman kit. I had no printed plans and just "guestimated" the dimensions.

(2) The "Dewey, Cheatam and Howe Law Office" is a Banta kit (I think) with a complete interior and plans for lighting. The made up sign is from one of my favorite radio shows..."Car Talk."

(3) The "Painless Dentist" office was built around one of the prefinished cast plaster buildings available at one time from Mizell's Hobby Shop in Denver. I added a styrene foundation and it has a complete removable interior. The framed sign was printed on the computer and the hanging white tooth is from one of the dollhouse shops that sells detail parts.

(4) The "Boland Store" was created out of Evergreen styrene, painted and weathered. It was completely freelanced and left roofless with no rear wall to show the interior. There are several commercial figures while beads, and small bric-a-brac make up the inventory. The stove is a casting.

(5) The three ore cars are freelanced and scratch built of styrene on HO passenger trucks.

(6) The flat car-mounted tanker is from an HO MDC tank car kit. The flat car is scratch built with various O narrow gauge items added.

(7) The work caboose is scratch built with added figures on a HO passenger truck.

(8) The Porter engine is a Bachmann 0-4-0.



