

Here's Number 3 in our series of Show and Tell. Submitted by member, Gerrad Reynolds. Thank you, Gerrad.

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After having stepped away from trains for a while, I have slowly worked back into it. At the last train show before the pandemic, I picked up a few models that I finally got around to working on. One of them was an old Rivarossi Rio Grande Krauss Maffei ML4000. I have always liked weird and unusual locomotives, but I couldn't afford the Division Point models. So I detailed and painted this model to a little of bit higher accuracy to the prototype, although it's still slightly different due to difficulty in locating certain parts.

First, I repainted it and added some decals, since the original paint was of 1970's model quality. Then, I shaved off the molded on details and fashioned my own grab irons, and other objects, from various office supplies. There were some blemishes on the cab, so I filled it with putty and sanded it. The top of the "hood" was generally annoying to paint because finding the proper color was difficult, since most prototype photos were black and white. For now, it's just a static model. I have plans to locate a sound decoder and maybe run it as an unpowered model in a consist with other locomotives. There is a motor but no pickups on the wheels, and its only "rear wheel drive", because the motor is mounted directly on the truck frame.







