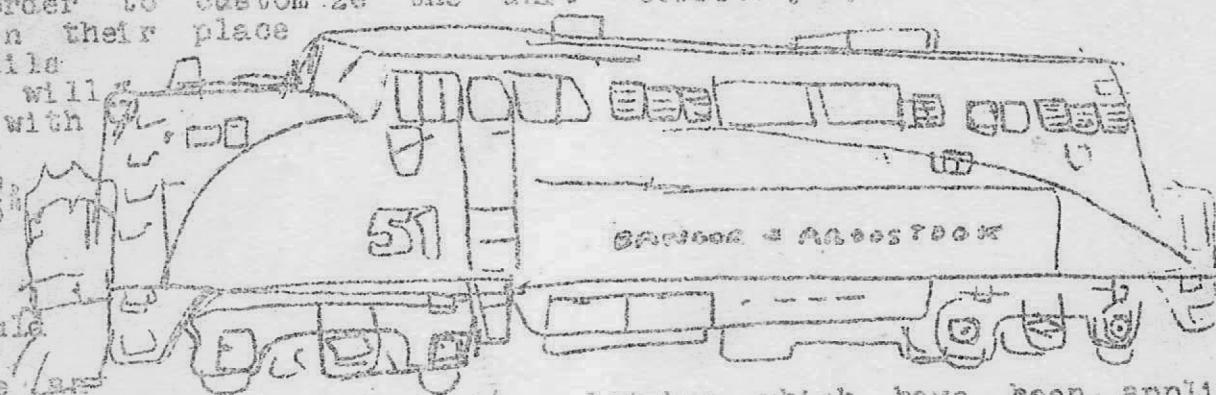


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The EMD BL-2 or Branch Line two, of which the BAR is on to become the sole owner, (see January BAR Newsletter), is certainly an interesting prototype to model, to say the least. Any model pike is not complete without at least 1 accurate BL-2 detail. A good model to begin with when customizing your own BL-2 is the HO BL-2 model made by AMM (Associated Hobby Manufacturers). The handrails which are found on this model are slightly oversize, thus in order to customize the unit correctly you must remove these and add in their place new handrails which you will construct with very thin brass wire, about .025" thickness. The next detail which should be added to achieve an accurate model is the winterization hatches which have been applied to the locomotives by the BAR to protect the machinery from the tough pine snows. The first of these is found covering the outline of the locomotives' forward inspection hatch. The second of these hatches covers the rear set roof fan. The actual dimensions of these hatches on the prototype locomotives are $\frac{1}{4}$ by 2 feet, but naturally it is necessary for the modeler to scale down these dimensions to the proportions of the scale in which he works. Next, the modeler might wish to fashion one windshield wipers for an extra touch of realism. This is easily done by shaping brass wire to the correct form and applying cement sparingly. Also, for an additional touch of realism, cement a small brass chain, (the one offered by Campbell Scale Models is ideal for the purpose) in the small opening between the handrails on both ends of the locomotive. You might also wish to install M.U. lines using thin brass wire, bent to the curve of the front windshield alongside which the lines will be applied. Diesel air horns should be placed, one on the long hood, the other on the side of the unit, directly above the first set of three louvres. Finally, you might wish to add a hoodtop bell to unit # 55 if this is the particular unit you have chosen to customize. This is as per the prototype. Of course this article cannot possibly deal with all the modifications which could be made on an R-T-R BL-2, however, it has explained many of those which are likely to be found on BAR locos.



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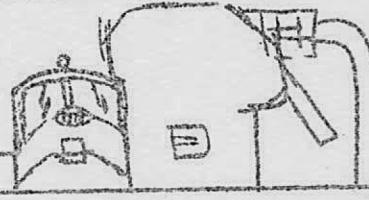
MILLNOCKETT STATION: AN INTERESTING PROTOTYPE WITH INTERESTING MODELING

Perhaps what is one of the more interesting station buildings that is found on the BAR is Millnockett station. One of the more interesting features of the station itself is it's single-arm semaphore. If one is modeling Millnockett in HO, then he might find the semaphore made by Roundhouse products very close to the prototype. The station itself is a small structure with it's exterior sides covered with aluminum siding of a very pale tan color. For a better visualization of the structure, see the illustration below. An asphalt platform extends a short distance in either direction from the station building itself. There are three through tracks running through Millnockett, and all of these pass to the right of the building. A small warehouse of an unknown type is located opposite the station across the main. A short distance further down the main on the same side as the warehouse, there is a small diesel service facility. The most prominent feature of the facility, hence making it most interesting to model is an old enclosed coaling tower, a carry over of the steam age. Many such towers are available in HO scale and perhaps N scale as well. The tower is illustrated in Figure 2. At about the point the diesel facility is found, the three track main branches out into a small freight yard. 2 slides of Millnockett Station will be included in a BAR slide set to be made available to members soon. Once again, the individual modeler must decide just how much or how little detail he wishes to add to his model. Millnockett station is an example of the many challenging and diversified modeling projects presented by stations which are small, yet include many interesting points, such as yards and engine facilities.

Fig 1



Fig 2



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N. Maine Jet. Station

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