

## JOHN GRIFFIN (HO)



John's model railroad is an island style so he could walk completely around it, giving him access to everything. It is a freelanced layout that depicts two important times in his life. Approximately two-thirds represent a portion of the Napa Valley and its vineyards. There are two reasons for this; the first is that is where he met his wife and best friend. The second is if he going to spend a lot of money building this, maybe he should have something she can relate to (keeps the peace).

The remaining third of the layout depicts a small portion of the George's Creek Sector of the Western Maryland Railroad. During the first half of the twentieth century this was one of the richest bituminous (soft) coal regions in the country. It supplied the coal for the Pittsburgh area steel mills. John travelled the depicted Route 36 every day for four years while going to college. This is the area John called home before he came west. He has an extensive write up of the sector explaining its history which includes a map showing all of the coal mines that dotted the landscape. He will be handing this out to all individuals who visit his layout.

## ROB SPANGLER's WP 8<sup>th</sup> Subdivision (HO)



Rob's HO Western Pacific's 8<sup>th</sup> Subdivision is a proto-freelanced extension of the WP set in Utah in the 1978-1982 era. The layout is approximately 30 x 30 ft. The layout has been under construction for just over six years and is nearly 100% complete. Scenery is outstanding with a custom painted backdrop. There are many large scratch built and kitbashed buildings to see. The layout has two levels with a lower deck staging yard and a branch line. Construction details include the use of structural backdrops to reinforce the 60-foot long serpentine peninsula. Rob uses codes 83, 70 and 55 flex track installed with caulk. Control is NCE DCC.

### **.MICKEY BRAUN (HO)**

In November of 2011 Mickey started rebuilding his new layout and now has it about 75% complete. The layout is 17 X 22 feet in HO scale and he has approximately 200 plus feet of mainline track on the two levels. He has the lower level bench work, decking, track work, helix to upper level, and lower level fascia all constructed. Upper level bench work is 99% done along with new plaster work that has begun; some buildings have been built and set in place. Mickey's layout is a freelance railroad using mostly UP locomotives in the modern era. He runs primarily freight with an occasional Front Runner train, and hopes to have some scenery constructed by the time of the tour. Control is Digitrax DCC. Mickey's layout is designed for both operation and running long trains. Cameras are allowed.