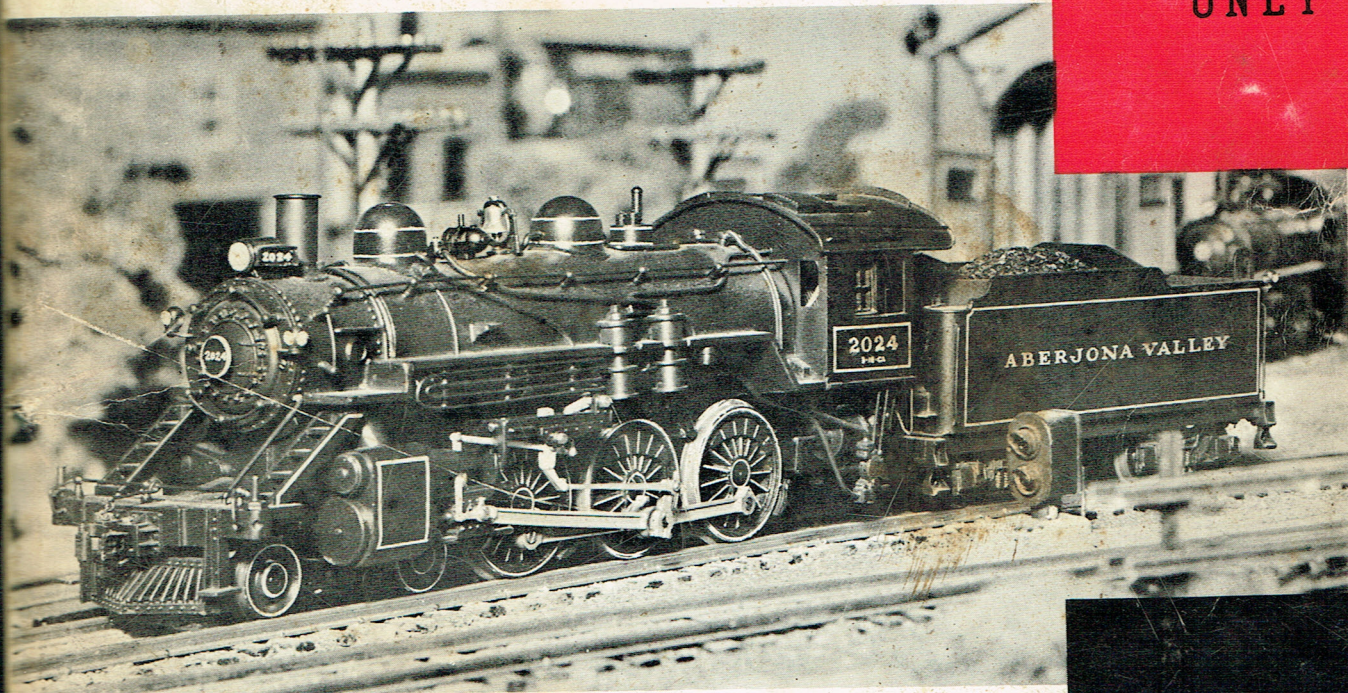


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# The Case For Model Railroading "O" Gauge In Particular

There is no hobby that makes for such lasting enjoyment as building a scale model railroad system. Those who have discovered its fascination, know how that fascination grows, how interest increases with each piece of equipment, each section of track that is added. Nothing need ever be put aside as completed beyond further development—as is the case with ship models or airplane models. You can change your plan, revise your entire system to fit newly acquired space—yet nothing you have already built need be discarded. You can use it all over again, with the fresh fascination of adapting it to a new arrangement. Model railroading is a hobby that lasts a life-time—and increasing numbers are finding it so. While there are many youthful enthusiasts, the large majority of model railroaders are men, thirty years of age and older. Among them are professional men, doctors, dentists, attorneys, engineers, prominent stage and screen stars and railroad executives—and all have declared it the most absorbing diversion they have ever taken up. Model railroading is definitely a man's hobby.

The rewards of model railroading increase steadily, once the hobby has been taken up. There is no end to the interest, entertainment and stimulating mental exercise it offers. We stress the fact that it is not child's play—any more than golf or bridge, or the collecting of antiques. Nor is it exclusively the diversion of the rich. Most railroaders are men of moderate incomes. By buying your equipment as you develop your system you spread the cost over a period sufficient to make it a negligible item.

Anyone who has ever thrilled to the sight and sound of a thundering locomotive, can reproduce that same exhilarating experience in basement, attic, garage, spare room or any place else where space allows the laying out of a model railroad system. Space requirements are not rigid—you can start a system to fit any spare space you happen to have. Many remarkable model systems have been constructed by men living in small homes or apartments. Contrary to general opinion, it is possible to erect an "O" gauge model railroad in a moderately small space. A man's selection of gauges is governed ONLY by the degree of realism he intends to achieve.

The term "GAUGE" means the distance between the inner edges of the rails. The term "SCALE" deals with the proportionate size of the model as compared with the actual prototype. Scale is expressed in inches and feet. A part of the prototype which is one foot long, would be only  $\frac{1}{4}$ " long on the model. "TINPLATE" means toy trains—Lionel, etc.

Here in these pages you will find motive power and rolling stock built to the exact scale of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1" or "O" GAUGE. These are scale replicas operating on a  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " track gauge and not to be con-

fused with the toy manufacturers version of "O" gauge which are much under-sized and out of proportion. There is a vast difference between a model railroad and a toy railroad. On a model railroad, all of the exterior details seen on the big locomotives and cars are faithfully reproduced to the exact proportions on the model. Furthermore, all ALL-NATION locomotives and cars are precision built and engineered for long, trouble-free running service.

We now make available many of our car kits for the TINPLATER. The primary difference is in the wheel standards. Due to the round head of the Lionel type track a deeper flange is required; therefore, the tinplate versions come equipped with deeper flange non-insulated wheels. The tinplate versions will NOT operate on scale track. The scale kits have the NMRA flanges which are small, very realistic and operate on solid scale rail—either steel, brass or nickel silver. This rail is spiked to wooden ties in the same manner as the prototype. Most scale "O" gauge railroads are now operated on two rail track with wheels insulated for this operation. Some of the older layouts operate on outside third rail and other model railroaders operate electric type locos and interurbans from overhead catenary. The scale versions will NOT operate on tinplate track—propulsion is supplied by powerful DC per-mag motors in all the scale kits. This affords reversing by polarity at the control panel. Due to AC-DC motors no longer being available, we no longer manufacture locomotive kits for tinplate trains.

Anyone who has once seen "O" scale in operation is immediately thrilled by the trouble-free, realistic, smooth and impressive performance. Due to the size and weight, operation reaches the ultimate in perfection not usually achieved in the smaller gauges. Thus there is no tendency to de-rail which makes switching, coupling and reversing simple and effective. Even the most avid smaller gauge modeller will admit that "O" gauge operation is tops!

A modeller is able to build more completely to scale in "O" gauge and obviously it becomes an easier job on a larger model. Many derive great satisfaction in the construction of a super-detailed kit and there is no limit to the amount of detail that may be added to an "O" gauge kit. Others would rather keep building to a minimum and devote more time to the actual operation of their railroad empire. Therefore, if you desire truly realistic models, ease in building, a complete variety of kits and parts, smooth running, accident-free service with peak performance in all phases of operation, we give you THE ALL NATION LINE—THE FINEST IN "O" GAUGE.