

PRODUCT REVIEW

**Dream-Plan-Build Video Series,
Special Project Edition
Realistic Layout Operations**

Following up on the release of Volume 7 in its Dream-Plan Build Video Series, Kalmbach Publishing Co.'s has released a Special Project Edition on "Realistic Layout Operations." This DVD contains a step-by-step how-to guide on how to run trains in a prototypical fashion on a modest N-Gauge home layout.

Sixteen chapters take the viewer through the necessary steps in setting up an operating session with a minimum amount of paperwork. The disc provides .pdf files with examples of all the forms needed. There are examples of timetables, how to use train orders, and, the heart of the system, a car waybill system (see Micro-Mark catalogues for the components).

Several of the chapters explain the various roles and needed personnel to successfully run an operating session including Yardmaster, Dispatcher, and Train Operator (engineer/conductor).

Most of the chapters deal with running trains. The club might wish to purchase a copy if we ever get around to putting on a full operating session some weekend.

Cost: \$24.95 including S&H

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**Dream-Plan-Build Video Series,
Real Rails Edition
Horseshoe Curve**

The Dream-Plan Build Video Series from Kalmbach Publishing Co.'s has developed into several distinct lines with the new release of a second Real Rails Edition on "Horseshoe Curve."

The video provides a tour of the Altoona - Johnstown mainline during the Conrail heydays of the late 1980's to the mid 1990's. Chapters present a tour of the former Pennsy railroad shops; a look at action along Horseshoe Curve and a brief history; A history of Conrail; tours of Bennington Curve and the tunnels of Gallitzin PA; and finally a cab ride on a pair of helper engines as they coast down grade back to Altoona.

The video is not for everyone, but there are some interesting lessons for the modeler. The focus on two interlocking towers, rustic rugged mountainous scenery, and modern train movements will hold the attention of most viewers. Besides there are even some interesting line side structures.

"Hey, Hobie - you ought to see the telegraph poles along the right-of-way... they gots 6 cross arms. Say, wouldn't it be fun to string wire on those. It's only 60 lines!"

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