

**PRODUCT REVIEW**

**Dream-Plan-Build Video Series, Vol. 7**

Coming fast on the heels of the Real Rail Edition – F Units in Action, Kalmbach Publishing Co.'s has released the 8<sup>th</sup> volume in the Dream-Plan-Build Video Series. This DVD contains the blend of modeling, rail history, layout tours and tourist segments in a format similar to that of the other DVDs in the series. Of interest, the DVD contains segments on:

Model Railroad Techniques

- Building L-Girder Benchwork
- Scratch Building from Model Railroader Plans
- FineTuning Your Rolling Stock
- Tips for Better Sound with DCC
- Creating a Realistic Forest Scene
- Enhancing Wood Structures by Weathering

Model Railroad Layouts

- Lorell Joiner's Intricate Industrial O Gauge Layout
- Adding the Details on NeilThompson'sHO Layout
- Western Realism on Ellito Klein's O Gauge Layout
- Bob Board's American Flyer Layout and Collection

Prototype

- The History of the Bicentennial Train
- Riding the Rails at the Kentucky Railway museum
- Preservation of Steam on the Heber Valley Railroad

This volume contains much of what we've come to expect in the series. Borrow the club's copy, sit back, and enjoy an hour or so of interesting ideas.

Cost: \$24.90 (S&H Included)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As reported at November's meeting:

04/01/07	Balance on Hand	\$ 1,230.52
	Income	\$ 65.54
	Expenses	<u>\$ 50.58</u>
04/30/07	Ending Balance	\$ 1,245.48
	March Obligations	<u>\$ 264.55</u>
	Balance Available	\$ 980.93

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**Dream-Plan-Build Video Series,  
Real Rails Edition  
F Units in Action**

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 "F Units in Action."

The video provides a history and overview from the development of the EMD F-Unit to it's demise as a mainline road engine. And on into the era as a tourist line prime mover. Chapters present the story of how the FT changed how railroading moved cars on steel rails. The story starts with the development of the FT and its successors (F2, F3, F7 and F9); details on how the FT compared with steam (comments on cost savings the Union Pacific experienced by eliminating 1/10<sup>th</sup> of his trains in the desert southwest by not having to run water trains to towers along it's right-of-way was an eye-opener); the explanation of why the F unit fell to the GP series is also interesting.

The video is not for everyone, but there are some interesting lessons for the modeler. Early diesel paint schemes for some regional roads are evident throughout the video. Several scenes of L&N F's are striking.

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**Next Meeting: MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Location: ETSU, Brown Hall Science Building, room 312**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**  
**Dinner: 5:45 PM Ruby Tuesdays**  
**Across from ETSU on State of Franklin**  
**Program: TBA**

