

Greg Rich's New Baltimore & Fair Haven Railway



▲ Here's a snap taken of the NB&FH railbus as it is stopped at the St. Clair station. It started life as a Jordan Highway miniatures kit. A new brass frame, wheels, can motor, and sound decoder, were added. She now alerts passengers using an aa-uu-gaa! and a bell.

Greg Rich's New Baltimore & Fair Haven Railway, started in 2004, is a freelanced model of a railroad that may have existed somewhere near the Great Lakes. The NB & FH was founded around 1876 and acquired a smaller road, the Clemens Mountain Railroad. The Clemens Mountain Railroad allows Greg to run their rolling stock also.

The current date of the railroad setting is approximately October 1928. This allows Greg to run smaller, wooden, truss rodded rolling

stock, steam power, some very early box cabs, early autos, trucks and also wagons pulled by horse teams.

The railroad itself is a point to point with continuous run capability with control provided by Digitrax. At this point the railroad is 95% sceniced but this is a moving target as things are always in a state of continuous improvement. Greg is looking forward to the resumption of Operations when safety allows.



▲ Number 33's tender peaks out of the St. Claire engine house. The structure was a gift from Ed Black MMR. With a few small changes such as an additional door and a fresh coat of paint, it has found a home on Greg's railroad.

▼ LS & MS boxcar #D19077 has just been spotted at Hendrix Type Foundry, while MC&CS box is not quite ready to be released. The foundry is a modified kit offered by Foscale Models and both of the Central Valley cars boxcars were picked up 2nd hand by Greg and re-detailed.





▲ There appears to be a fair bit of activity on the main street of Midvale which is situated adjacent to Midvale yard. The Hardware store was built from a Lytler & Lytler kit obtained at a swap, the Hotel is scratchbuilt to fit the location and the new addition (and new idea, for the era) of a used car lot has sprung up, much to the dismay of the city fathers.

▼ Number It's a bright October Saturday morning at Midvale Yard and the crew of #39 have cars to sort and businesses to service. The two flatcars were scratchbuilt by Greg as was the stationary boiler load. The steam roller was a casting "kit" offered by Irv Schulz many years ago and just recently completed.





▲A little later in the morning, the crew of #39 had to clear the track for the Fair Haven Flyer as she passes through Midvale on her way to Fair haven. The flyer was made up by the author of LaBelle passenger equipment with engine #45 being made by Bachmann.

►Clemens Mountain RR car #890 is about to have some much-needed maintenance. This car has seen its better day as evidenced by her sway back and peeling paint. The picture was taken at the St.Claire engine house facility on the NB&FH Rwy.

