

The CVSGA High Rail Layout

The high rail layout has served the CVSGA well over the years but it is in need of a major makeover. Items to be addressed include, but not limited to, the following

1. First and foremost is reducing the weight of each section. This effort has already started and there is a lot more to do.
2. Track repairs and correct uneven track transitions between sections (some scenery tear-out may be necessary to do this)
3. Check out all electrical wiring (one corner panel is not getting sufficient power on the outer loop)
4. Install a DCC system to the control panel plus make the control panel easier to understand and use
5. Complete makeover of the scenery to include
 - Repair of damaged buildings
 - Additional buildings
 - Add trees, bushes, grass
6. Build suitable storage boxes for all club owned locomotives, rolling stock, and anything else not permanently attached to the layout. There should be a place for everything and everything in its place for protection and ease of transport.
7. Install some accessories such as horn & whistle (not openly visible)
8. Add protective Plexiglas panels as needed similar to those on the tinfoil layout
9. Repair the skirting that is attached to the perimeter of the layout
10. And anything else that is found in need of attention

It is a major undertaking that requires the skills and knowledge of the many people who make up the CVSGA. Now is your chance to show what you can do. What skills can you offer to help move this effort along? Much of the work will be ongoing throughout the summer and beyond if necessary. Contact Jim Futules at 330-633-9097 or email at jfutules@neo.rr.com for scheduling and location of the layout. The long term plan is to eventually replace it with a totally new layout.