

Large Scale Models of DSP&P Locomotives

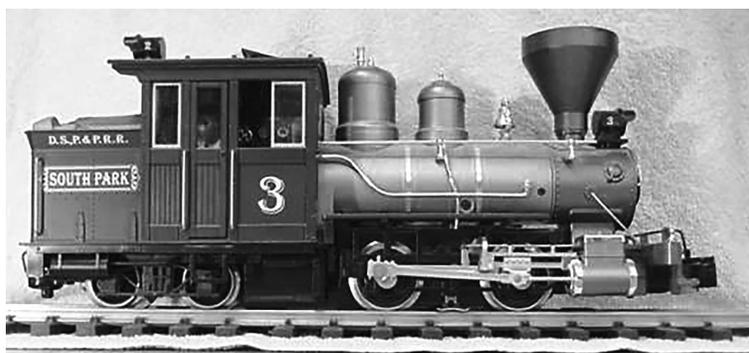
Part 6: Odds and Ends

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This LGB release is definitely *odd* as it is a model of a locomotive that DSP&P never owned. It is LGB's 1:22.6 "G" scale version of an 0-4-4T Forney painted as DSP&P No. 2, named *South Park*. None of this is true to the prototype. DSP&P No. 2 was a Dawson and Bailey 4-4-0 named *Platte Canyon*; none of the South Park's locomotives were ever named *South Park*.

If you don't count the drivers too carefully, you can imagine that No. 2 is a South Park Mason Bogie. A new number, name, smoke stack, and headlight would help the illusion (delusion?), as would a pilot truck. The factory sound must also be replaced.

The price was right and nothing else resembling a real Mason Bogie was available at the time, so this model, with new headlights, passed for my first Bogie, renumbered to DSP&P No. 3 – at least the number, if nothing else, is correct.



Builder's photo of DSP&P No. 3, LGB's pseudo-Mason Bogie.

As an *end* to this series, I thought a brief review of the Accucraft 1:20.3 "F" scale waycar would be in order. Made of heavy brass with steel wheels, it comes painted in straw yellow as a DSP&P un-numbered waycar or as a brown, unlettered, generic transfer caboose. No dry transfer numbers are provided by Accucraft to give the waycar a number – that would have been a nice touch. I lettered mine as DSP&P No. 60 to match my 1:1 scale replica waycar/storage shed.

The Accucraft model generally follows the dimensions of Charles Brommer's plans for DSP&P No. 73 in the Jan/Feb 1992 *Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette*. However, the window treatment on the model is weak – in the famous photo of waycar No. 72 (with Mason Bogie #No. 42), the lower sash clearly slides up inside the upper sash. The model does not replicate this fea-

ture as obviously as it could have. The end railings include a solid panel between each pair of inboard uprights, as on Brommer's plan. This *odd* feature does not appear on other plans or photos in my collection. Brake rigging and pedestal details are good but nothing moves. Doors do not open and there is no interior detail. Coupler pockets are designed for link and pin fittings (not supplied).



Builder's photo of DSP&P Waycar No. 60.



Builder's photo end view of Accucraft waycar showing solid panels in end rails and side window treatment.

To *end* your DSP&P freight train accurately, you can also consider the Hartford Products kit for DSP&P Waycar No. 72, available from Ozark Miniatures website. I have two of them, built by others, as my eyesight is now well below what is needed for craftsman kit construction. Happy Modeling!