

My Home Layout, an Inheritance in the Shed Behind the House By Mike Johns

We moved to Apex, NC in August 2014 from Oregon. We brought with us an inheritance consisting of boxes of my wife's Grandfather's Lionel model railroad collection. My wife had fond memories being with her grandfather and his Lionel O scale trains. Since his Passing in 1972 they had been packed away in their original boxes.



My wife asked me to build a layout that our grandkids could enjoy with their Grandpa. The collection was large including 13 Locomotives and 60 cars as well as buildings and track. We decided to build a garden shed to in which to build our layout.



I enjoyed the Shed Project. To make it comfortable to operate and protect the Lionel collection I finished the interior with electrical, insulation and nice finish with trim.

My daughter is an artist. She painted my back drop for my wall mounted layout. I used a wall mounted layout as it uses no floor space. I needed to park my lawnmower in my shed as well. I called my layout the Appalachia to the Sea Railroad. I invited my friends from the Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club to my golden spike ceremony.



I built a lower storage shelf for the collection. Below that I built an N scale layout. The club was selling a HO layout so I added it to my Train shed. I added Lighting to the buildings. I added rope lighting to make my O scale painting backdrop pop! Recently I added Air Conditioning.

A 70 year family Legacy continues to roll in steam and diesel in the shed behind my house.