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03-08-2019, 03:34 PM #331

deemery Senior Member

They're attached with double-sided tape. It's barely acceptable. I wish there was a better way to attach them to the splines.

The advantage of the Wago connectors is that I can easily disconnect sections of track.

dave

Modeling 1890s (because the voices in my head told me to)

03-08-2019, 04:15 PM #332

railman28 Senior Member

quote:

Originally posted by deemery

Wiring...

dave

Yes, a necessary evil. My least favorite chore of the hobby.

Bob

It's only make-believe

03-08-2019, 04:21 PM #333

jbbv Senior Member

How about the single-nail clamps for fasting co-ax cable? I got 25 0.25" for \$2.99 and bought a couple dozen #4 round head wood screws to replace the nails.

James

03-08-2019, 04:57 PM #334

BurleyJim Senior Member

Or, You could dab a little no-odor polyurethane where you plan on putting them and let it dry overnight.

Take the red pill

03-09-2019, 11:41 AM #335

deemery Senior Member

Well, while wiring, I found MORE track kinks. Did I ever mention how much I hate trackwork?! I tried to fix them, but I'm contemplating either trying to hire someone to fix the track problems, or just doing a very large diorama. Very frustrated today!!

The problem with attaching the Wago connectors is there is significant torque when you open one of the levers, and significantly more torque if you open both levers at the same time. It appears the trick is to only open 1 lever at a time, while holding the connector in place with a finger on the other lever.

dave

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03-09-2019, 03:19 PM #336

railman28 Senior Member

Dave,

I'm sorry you're having so much trouble with the trackwork. Is the sub-roadbed shifting on you?

Or have the kinks always been there but you just didn't notice them?

Bob

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03-10-2019, 04:55 AM #337

deemery Senior Member

The kinks are definitely new. The track went in maybe 6 months ago. The basement doesn't have a dehumidifier, but it seems to be pretty stable. At this time of year, I'd expect the basement to be -drier- and therefore any track problems to be from shrinking, rather than expansion. But the kinks are all expansion kinks, the rails are longer than they were. I'm using Homabed, which I've learned is quite unstable in the face of moisture changes, I guess I should have painted it after installing it, before laying track sigh...

dave

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03-10-2019, 05:55 AM #338

jbbv Senior Member

I got some compression kinks in a few of my tracks the first winter. I got out the motor tool/cutting disk and expanded some gaps to fix it. They've never reoccurred, though I did get some rail creep closing gaps until I put bits of styrene in all of them (pix in my B&M Eastern Route thread). I think the underlying problem is the lumber industry's interpretation of "kiln dried" vs. actual heating/cooling season indoor humidity.

James

03-10-2019, 06:47 AM #339

Michael_Hohn Senior Member

Dave,

About every other year I have a section of track pop up during this time of the year. For that reason I try to leave small gaps between sections of track and I do not solder rail joiners. Still, like James, I have to widen gaps here and there.

It's all annoying but I can tell you it's best catching problems now before ballasting.

Mike

I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now *Bob Dylan*

03-10-2019, 07:42 AM #340

TRAINS1941 Senior Member

Keep the faith Dave. I'm sure you can work it out. You've put a lot of time in to give up that easy!

Jerry

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." A. Lincoln

03-30-2019, 06:49 AM #341

deemery Senior Member

I'm still thinking through the buildings behind the bridge. The one on the left is a quick mock-up to get a sense of size. It's 40' wide x 140' long, 4 stories. I did a bit of research and 1' between stories seems to be pretty common for local mills. The box on the left represents a mill tower that will be more-or-less that same height, even if it doesn't stick out as far. There'll be a spur to the left of the tower, leading to a coal dump and probably a warehouse.



The stuff on the right is an ITLA flat (hotel, that I'll repurpose as a fancy mill building, probably the 2nd mill on the site. The building on the left will be the newer 3rd mill.

I still need to think through the dam and streambed/rest of the terrain.

dave

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03-30-2019, 07:21 AM #342

railman28 Senior Member

Nice start on the scene. I'm trying to imagine it with the roofs and clock towers added. It should look great.

Bob

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03-30-2019, 08:05 AM #343

deemery Senior Member

Next step, picking and ordering the (7 packs) of window castings. I considered these windows and a larger 9/9 window, but decided the smaller windows looked more in balance.

I'll get some fancier arch-top windows for the tower.

dave

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03-30-2019, 10:23 AM #344

Michael_Hohn Senior Member

Dave,

If you order 7 packs of windows you're well on your way to the minimum order to get free shipping from Tichy.

Today I received an order I made Thursday.

Mike

I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now *Bob Dylan*

03-30-2019, 11:26 AM #345

TRAINS1941 Senior Member

Well Dave that's an impressive building. Looking forward to this coming to life!

Good pick on the windows.

Jerry

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