

Houston N'Crowd



2014 San Jac Tour

# THE ORDERBOARD



*BC&G business car Houston on N'Crowd member Al Hague's Kansas & Pacific during the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club Annual Fall Layout Tour.*

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# N'Crowd highlights N-scale variety

Your N'Crowd Model Railroad Society was well-represented in the 2014 San Jacinto Model Railroad Club 2014 Fall Layout Tour. Five N'Crowd members were on the official tour list, a sixth invited club members to see his work in

progress, and the club's own BC&G was back in action after recent bridge, track and electrical maintenance and repair work was completed. In addition to the N'Crowd's participation, another 53 layouts were included on this year's tour.



*Above, Gordon Bliss and his Santa Fe - All the Way.*

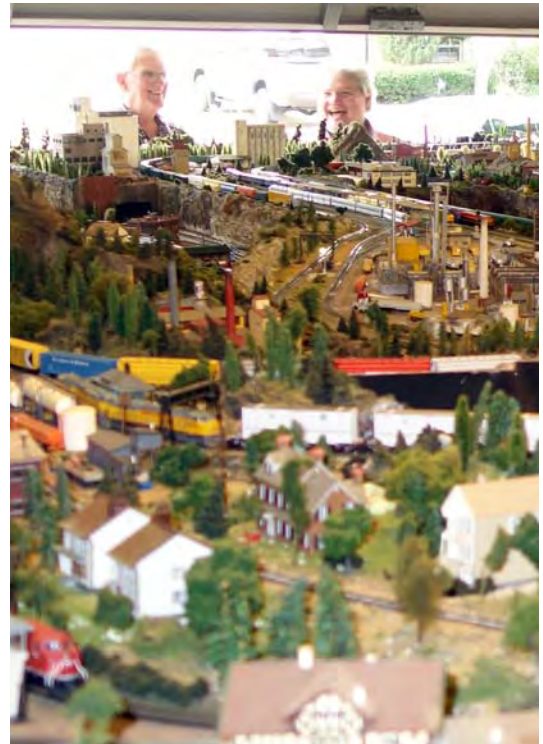
*Below and right, visitors enjoy the sights on Gordon's layout. Photos by Tom Marsh unless noted otherwise.*







*This page, Al Hague shows off his Kansas & Pacific. Al's multi-level garage layout has around 1,500 trees, many buildings and more trucks and trailers than you care to count!*







*This page, Greg Johnson's latest creation models the Southern Pacific's operations in east Texas. This marked the first time on the San Jac tour for Greg's new East Texas Railroad, and the layout did not disappoint. The East Texas Railroad will be featured in Kalmbach Publishing Co.'s upcoming Model Railroad Planning 2015.*







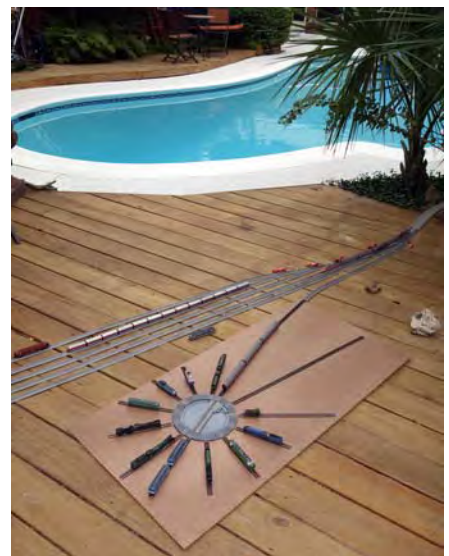
*This page, Samuel Townsel II is modeling the UP in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. His double-deck layout was started less than a year ago, and he has still found time to work on the refinery on the club layout at Papa Ben's and not ignore his wife and two young children! Samuel's son is already a diehard Santa Fe fan, so we can expect to see a Warbonnet or two on the Ark-La-Tex Line in the future.*



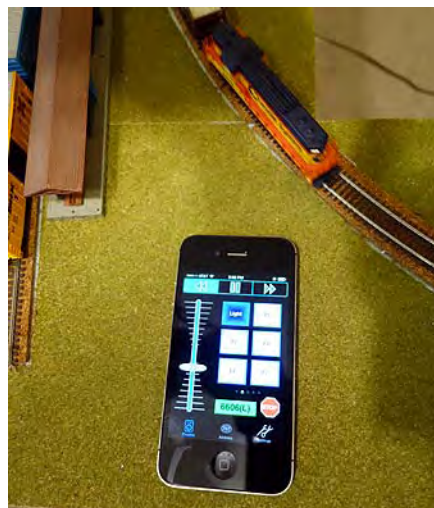




*This page, the San Jac layout tour guide book rarely includes the phrase “weather permitting” when referring to an N-scale layout, but it did this year in the listing for Daniel and Thattaya Shaw’s Le Cevenol garden railroad. The layout is unique not only for the gauge selection, but for featuring Daniel’s interest in French and other continental European prototypes. The poolside deck provides yard space, while the well-manicured garden provides the scenery.*







Above and far left, Dejan Suskavcevic did not join the official San Jac tour this year, but he did invite N'Crowd members to check out his "test" layout. Dejan is using his modules to practice and test his tracklaying skills, including a variety of hand-laid switches and crossings.

At left, Dejan is also testing a DCC/computer/wireless interface, which allows him to control multiple locomotives and track routing on the layout using smart phones.





*N'Crowd's Bayou City & Gulf welcomed San Jac tour participants over the last Saturday and Sunday in November. Top left, visitors enjoy action on the BC&G. Top right and above, Santa's N'Crowd helpers man the BC&G during the tour.*

*At left, a unit train of empty UFIX coal hoppers winds its way around the BC&G during the tour. Photo by Gordon Bliss*