

Do You Know How...

...to make a module and operate realistically?

Switching at Fort Ross modular layout



Brian Moore explains Operations and Modular Model Railroading

This picture is a simple enough scene of a single locomotive switching cars on a quiet branch line; on one level, it's something that each of us can achieve alone once some basic skills have been acquired: 8 feet of scenic boards, with a small train – nothing too strenuous there, then, but not much track to run on, either. But once you join up with seven or eight other people, you can together assemble a functional railway that works in exactly the same way as the real thing does. This is what we do, one day most months, at the meetings of the Western Union Division of the NMRA(BR) in Plymouth.

The locomotive is a proprietary model which is sound-equipped, and it runs very smoothly. As the person driving it, I have instructions to follow. I've picked up the two wagons and have just put it into reverse gear. Prior to moving off, I'll sound the horn and ring the bell, and carefully take the cars back onto the main line to make up my train. It's the ability to run trains reasonably prototypically (but not have the rivet-counters shout at you if you get something wrong) that gives me a buzz every month. Why don't you give it a try yourself?

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