

Come Together – The Abbey Road Experience

Boston & Maryland Railroad an American Flyer Hi-Rail Layout

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Sometimes a project comes to mind and it is quickly completed and on the layout in no time. The Abbey Road Experience is one such project.

I was looking over my “kingdom”, Boston & Maryland Railroad, when a quick thought came to mind for a scenery upgrade between the local corner store and the Sumner Tunnel entrance.

I went online and found a 1/64th scale walking person and same for an off-white VW bug.

Construction:

To make the sidewalk crossing, I selected a thick/stiff clear plastic sheet. I used ½” tape on the underside of the clear plastic sheet to mask the areas to be painted and left clear. This was a simple process using a rattle can of white spray paint.

After viewing a number of images online of the Abbey Road album cover, I decided that the paint colors for the Beatles suits leading with John are White, Black, Blue and Gray.

Once I was able to determine the license plate number, I played with my printer in Word or Excell. I settled on using my Brother’s label maker to print my license plate.

The Liberties of Modeling:

If you look closely at the painted figures, I did not spend any time worrying about getting the hair, shoes, belt, beard, suit right. Because you know what the cover should look like, as soon as you view the model, your eye fixes all that is not right and you never knew it. Have a little fun viewing the cover photo and the model.

Ideas for Improvement:

If you are not satisfied with the figures, you can spend time adding breads, no shoes for Paul and no suit for George.

The license plate for the VW Bug is a bit too big. With a little more effort, the plate can be made smaller. I thought it would be better to be able to “see” the plate numbers.

If you want to spend more time on the surrounding scenery, one could model both sides of the street, put the VW Bug up on the curb, add more vehicles and add the album cover to the brick side of your building as a testament to your modeling skills. It is also, somewhat a mirror image in a mirror image.

This was a fun, simple project that will get a notice each time someone comes over to play trains, and after all, that is what the hobby is all about.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Included below are the some images of David's project and of the album cover that he used.

If you have any questions or improvement comments, please feel free to contact me as listed below.

The Boston & Maryland Railroad has been profiled in the past on YouTube and the S-Gaugian. The BMRR is a freelance American Flyer/American Models/S-Helper Hi-Rail layout using AF track and switches. The BMRR draws upon David's roots as a New Englander and over 35 years living in Maryland. He is an active member of the Baltimore American Flyer Club. For more articles written by the author please visit the BAFC website and click on "Articles" for more modeling ideas. <https://baltimoreamericanflyerclub.org/>, david.avedesian@newportassociates.net, 301 938 1811 cell

