Annual Model Competition 2023

Freight Stock

The following pages show the entries in the Freight stock category of the 2023 model competition. Voting takes place online, and all members will be emailed voting instructions and a unique voting ID.

To make your choice, look through the pages, and select your choice of best entry, note its number (eg. C2) and select that choice on the online voting form.

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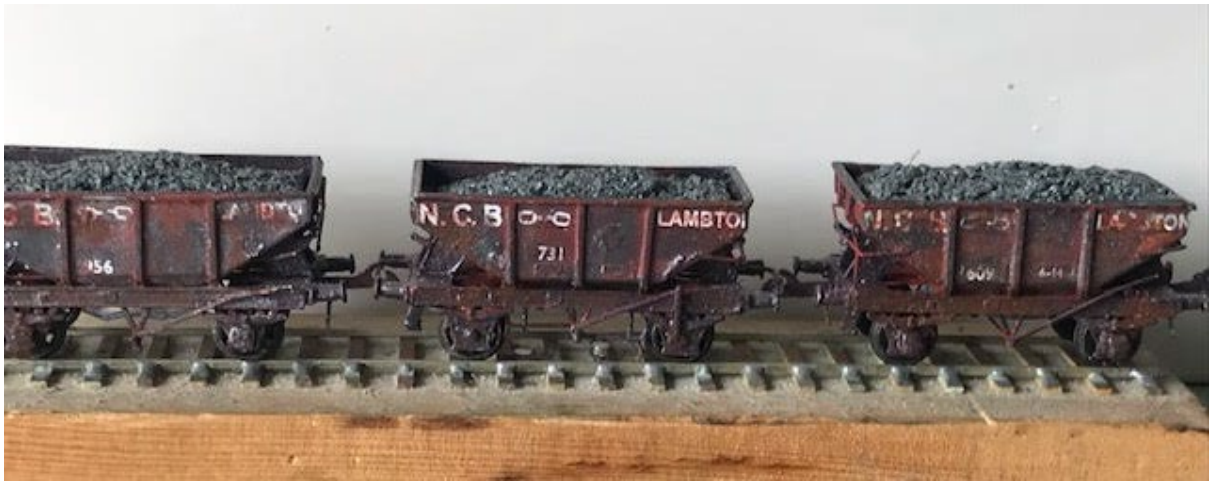
W1 – NCB Hoppers



These are three etched kits from Bob Jones suitably weathered and fitted with loads of coal. I cannot remember ever seeing a clean coal wagon on NCB metals. They are 13ton steel hopper wagon to diagrams 1/142 and 1/144. Kits are all soldered with a few fiddly bits stuck with superglue.

Built as covid lockdown projects and painted and roughed up to resemble NCB wagons with authorisation to run on BR tracks in the north east. Having worked for said NCB my layouts have a make do and mend theme.

W4 – Nuclear Flask

From the first batch of purpose made Magnox nuclear flask wagons B900512 was constructed in 1960 by Swindon works. The 1:152 model is a mixed media build using etched nickel silver and 3D printed parts.

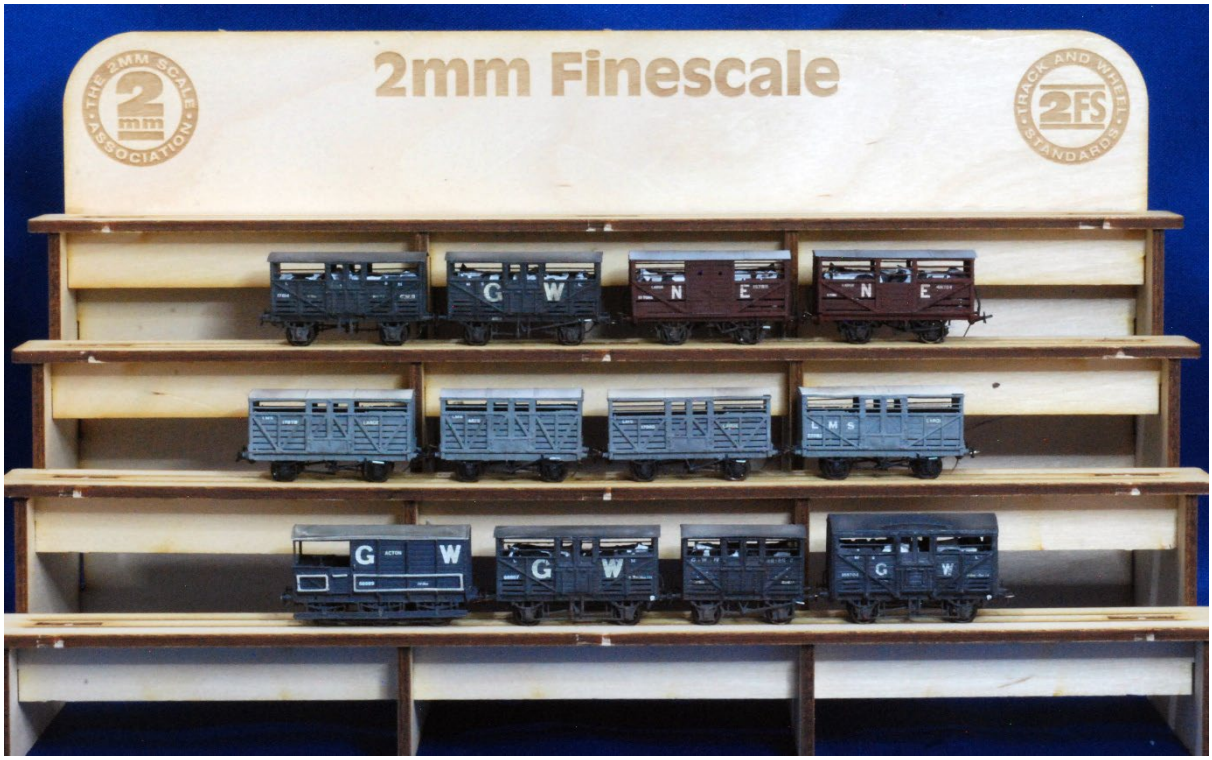
W9 – Victorian Railways “U” Ventilated Vans

Mixed media kits for VR Broad gauge U Vans. The chassis is an etch designed by a 2mm member in Victoria with a 3DP body designed and printed by one of his mates. Transfers designed and printed by the builder. Designed to run on true 5’3” scale track of 10.5mm.

W10 – VR "WT" water wagon

This is a fully etched kit for a 10.5mm gauge (5'3") VR WT water tank. Prototype details can be found at WT water tanks (victorianrailways.net). Decals produced using Adobe Illustrator and printed using Ghost White Toner on a home Laser Printer.

W18 – Cattle Train
A mixture of etched kits and 3D prints from various sources.



W19 – Mixed Goods Train

An assortment of Association kits and 3D prints from Shapeways, each fitted with a different load. The names on the private owner wagons have been taken from my family tree. I am sure my stonemason great-great grandfather would be amused to see he now owns the quarry!