

Modeling Standards on the Quartzville Railroad

Charles A. Hutto

NMRA Pacific Northwest Region, First Division

October 25, 2014

Ideas to be addressed

- Why are standards in model railroading important?
- Figuring out standards for your model railroad.
- Applying standards for your model railroad.
- Documenting standards for your model railroad.

Examples of standards for you to consider

- What scale should I model in?
- Benchwork: How high off the ground should track level(s) be?
- Electrical: DC or DCC? What color should the feeder wires be?
- Trackwork: What Code? What color ballast? Minimum curve radius? Minimum turnout on the mainline?
- Scenery: What time of year is it? What color is the sky?

Sources of Information

- "Track Planning for Realistic Operation" by John Armstrong.
- Ask people more experienced than you.
- The Internet
 - Podcasts
 - YouTube Videos.
 - Google searches.
- Try it and see what happens.