

Martin Brechbiel's South Mountain Branch of the Cumberland Valley Railroad



An overview of the area around Doyle's and the road around the back of the pickle plant.

1. What is the name of your layout? My layout is rather small and has not seen the light of day in many years for various reasons. Name of the layout, well, the name of the lines that are freely interpreted through the layout might be the Cumberland Valley Railroad (CVRR), specifically the South Mountain Branch line of that parent.

I also liberally borrow the name Chambersburg, Greencastle, and Waynesboro (the Come, Go and Wait) for my trolley and traction line modeling.

2. What scale is your layout? The scale is O scale.

3. Does your layout have a specific era and/or location? Specific era is mainly pre-1920 as the CVRR was absorbed by the PRR after 1919; however, anachronisms and time travel do seem to take place.

4. What are the overall dimensions of your layout? Overall, the layout room is ~11' x 15' so the dimensions are small for the scale and the space is tight.



5. How do you control your layout? Control of the layout is simple block DC control; however, some might claim that the layout might control me.

Coming back around from passing the pickle plant on the return loop back to Lemasters and then the yard in Marion. The coaling platform was built by Noll Horan, MMR.

6. Do you host operating sessions or would you consider doing so? Operations were never considered in the design of the layout which was really far more about being a test bed of the models that I build as well as serving more as a very large visual display module with a train running through it.

7. What type of track (sectional, flex track or hand laid) and switches are on your layout and what is its code? All track is hand laid code 125 and all of the switches are hand laid in place on ties that were hand cut (band saw).

8. If you were to brag about your layout what would you describe as its outstanding feature(s) Outstanding features might include what is a host of scratchbuilt structures many with Merit Awards and/or featured in publications scattered about within the kit built structures, all arrayed in scenery set to replicate that same branch of the CVRR. The feature that is evident regarding my layout is that it is effectively completed. I periodically putter with adding some details into scenes, but only rarely now. I do, however, have plans to create a totally different scene in the large lift out... someday. The photos are just a small sampling of a few scenes on the layout.



Doyle's Ice where if Old Man Doyle hasn't got it, you don't need it, and if you don't want it, Doyle will take it off your hands. All scratchbuilt along with the corn crib full of corn.



Two wagon loads of cucumbers coming into Lauther's pickle plant passing by the milk station across the tracks from the back of the plant.



Must be a slow day at the pickle plant, but there're cuke's to be processed and more in route.



A view down one side of the main street of Lemasters. Yes, there was such a business and the building is all scratchbuilt.