

13. Bernard Kempinski's Conductor Car



I scratchbuilt my 0 gauge conductor's car as if it was a converted box car using prototype photos as guides. I laser cut the frame and then planked the deck with scale lumber. The car sides are laser scribed, but engraved on two sides so the joint lines show inside and out. I decided to add a full interior. I know the conductor had some type of desk and they needed a place to store tools and supplies for the crew. Being a converted boxcar, I assumed things were pretty rough. Most everything in the interior is scratch built except for the stove casting, the barrel, lantern and the tools. The chairs, bunk beds, storage chests, and desk are laser cut from my drawings. Making the roof removable to allow people to see the interior made the modeling task considerably tougher. The messages and conductor's report on the desk are scaled down copies of actual USMRR paperwork. The exterior doors slide and the hand brakes work. The couplers and brake wheels are also photo etched from my designs. I use link and pin couplers on my layout. **Bernard Kempinski, MMR**

