

## 5. Mat Thompson's Tank Car



My favorite car is this Atlas version of Hooker Chemical's 11,000-gallon tank car #3336. My research says the HO scale car is a highly accurate model to use red paint instead of the normal orange. I added light weathering. The real car carried liquid chlorine produced at Hooker's Tacoma, Washington plant, so it would have served the paper mill on my Oregon Coast Railroad.

John King gave me the car. It was a special run and he had one in his stash. He knew the link that made it perfect for my railroad. He wouldn't let me buy it from him - instead he contracted for lifetime visiting privileges. I now have exactly the right car for my railroad and a constant reminder of the friendships we can build in this hobby.  
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