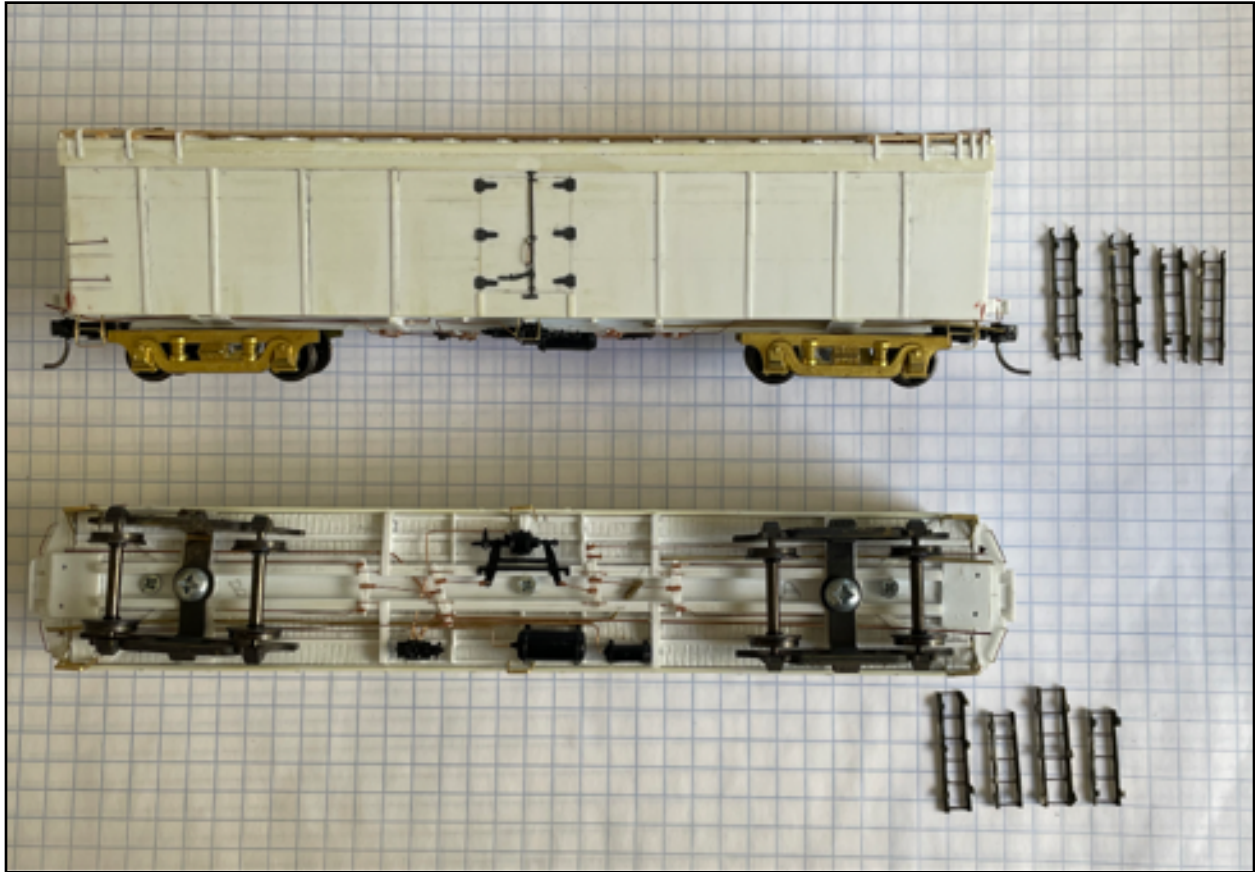


11. Ken Wilson's Reefers



I started building two Santa Fe express reefers at a Potomac Division clinic on May 14, 2022. I'll have bursts of motivation that are often met with information roadblocks or limitations to my skills that leave me frustrated. But I'm really on the home stretch and hope to finish these in early 2025.

These reefers were built in 1924 with wood side sheathing and steel plate ends. Unlike other railroads, the Santa Fe decided to cover the sides with steel plates instead of replacing the wood. Their rebuilds were done in two groups: 1934 and 1936. Although not mentioned in my research, I noticed a difference in ladder designs in various photographs. I believe they made a change between 1934 and 1936 to improve safety. I'm modeling one of each.

I decided to go for "completely scratch built" with over 350 parts in each, and a bunch more to go. *Ken Wilson*