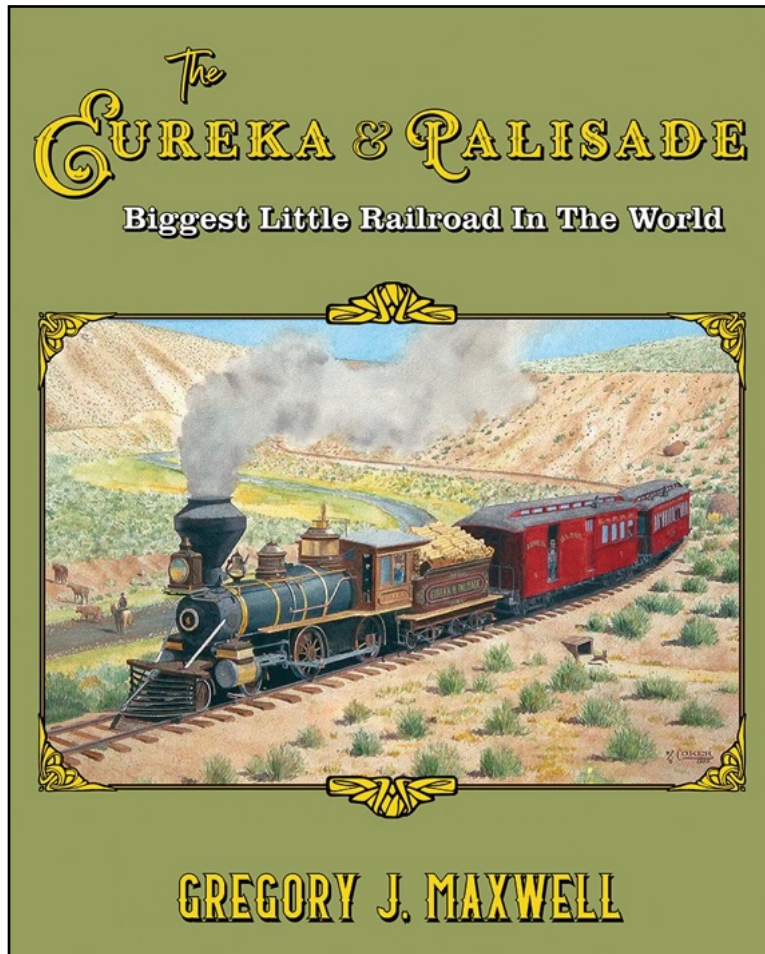


1. ALEX BELIDA'S EUREKA AND PALISADE BOOK



Most of you probably thought I would select the model railroad thriller I wrote, *Dead Rail*, as my favorite book, or its sequel, *Blind Siding*. I do recommend both, but this hefty tome (left) I received as a birthday gift has really impacted my Eureka and South Pass Railroad, a name I selected even before I knew there really was a Eureka in Nevada and a Eureka and Palisade Railroad that, like my HO layout, serviced mines. Of course, like lots of small railroads, the E&P eventually fell on hard times and died.

The railroad was a narrow gauge line just some 85 miles long from the silver mining town of Eureka to Palisade. Palisade is now a near-ghost town, but back in the late 1800s it was the interchange with the Central Pacific.

Among the railroad's many features that caught my attention was its use of small motor cars to sustain operations in the early 20th century. I'm currently working on a 3D printed HOn30 model of its motor car #22 when the line's named had changed to the Eureka Nevada Railway. It runs on an N scale Kato 11-109 drive.

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(Photo below right courtesy of Nevadagram)

