

4. Alex Belida's Climax



This started as an MDC Roundhouse HO Climax Kit -- the one with a dreadful (and noisy) power chassis ([photo below](#)). Following a modification tip I found online, I got a cheap Bachmann 44-ton switcher off eBay, removed the switcher body, did some trimming and planted the Climax body atop the Bachmann power chassis. I did some more customizing of the Climax body—cutting away the fake plastic firewood load and substituting real “logs” trimmed from branches from my yard. I added canvas curtains and a tarp made from dried used tea bags, popped a couple barrels, a box, tools and some chain onto the body, then did some heavy weathering. It now runs like a dream, smooth, quiet and reliable. *Alex Belida, MMR*

