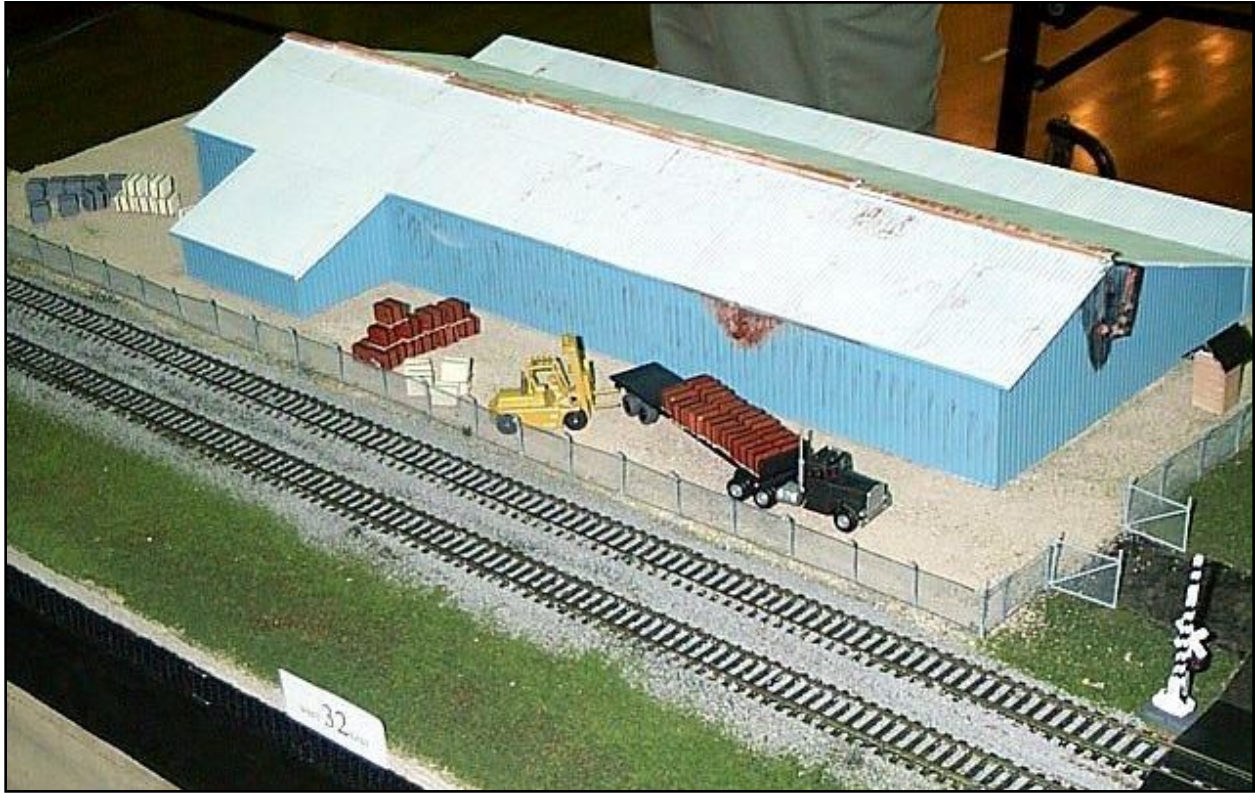


8. Ernie Little's Brickyard Plant



In my early time as a member of the NMRA, I was also a member of the Prince William Model Railroad Club. As a member of the club, I constructed a 2' by 4' HO scale module which was modeled after the Glen-Gery Brickyard plant location in Manassas, Virginia. I had driven by it daily between home and work for years and I wanted to model something close to my home. At one time there was a loading dock and associated siding where box cars would be loaded, using forklifts, with bricks that were shipped off to destinations along the east coast. The siding and loading dock were later removed and the bricks shipped by truck. The plant and quarry were shut down in 2019 after nearly 70 years of operation. The building was razed to allow construction of a data center on the site.

Due to the size of the plant, I used several Pikestuff structure kits to kitbash the large processing building. This was my first venture into kitbashing and I learned a lot about how to provide support for a large structure and make it portable.

The picture [\(above\)](#) was taken by **Lew Renninger**, a member of the Prince William Model Railroad Club, at a train show at Saunders Middle School in 2003. In the picture you can see a tractor trailer and forklift that were additional kits I built to outfit the module. Toward the left of the picture, you can also see pallets of "masonry" goods that would have been produced by the plant. The fencing was made from a Walther's chain link fence kit that used "wedding veil" as the chain link fence.



The photo [\(above\)](#) shows Southern locomotive 4189 passing the facility while bricks are being loaded onto a trailer for delivery to one of several customers of the Glen-Gery plant. This picture was taken by **Jim Connal**, a member of the Prince William Model Railroad Club at the time. **Ernie Little, MMR**