

1. John Paganoni's Many Cabooses



The [photo above](#) shows a lineup of five scratch built Central Vermont cabooses out of a total of seven that I made some years ago. This was quite a task as I even made each window as well as individually built cupolas. In retrospect, I could have made the job a LOT easier by simply making composite molds and used resin. I think I was so involved in researching these cabooses and trying to model modifications done to the prototypes that I didn't think how effective making composite molds would have been.

The [photo right](#) is caboose #4007. This car has a KC brake system and uses a vertical brake wheel. This appears to be "original equipment". The steps are also the old style with solid kick plates. This model had three guy wires for the smoke jack per one of the photos I



have in my collection. The cupola has the "newer mod" that has angle iron corner braces. This car still had arch bar trucks in my prototype photo.



The [photo above](#) is of caboose #4026. It has KC brakes, vertical brake wheel and staff, and arch bar trucks. The cupola corner bracing is the old style angle bracket arrangement.



The [photo left](#) is of caboose #4012. This caboose has the AB brake system. Trucks have been replaced with Bettendorf style. The smoke jack has two guy wires per the prototype photo I used in modeling this caboose. Note the step modification on this car with slats to enable kicking snow off the steps. This style was standard for Canadian National (the parent organization of the Central Vermont) cabooses because of heavy snow falls in

Canada, so it made sense to change CV cabooses to this step style since the CV headquarters was in St. Albans, Vermont, right on the Canadian border. The cupola has angle iron on the corners for strength. It is hard to see, but I put storm doors on this model. *John Paganoni, MMR*