

2. John Paganoni's MoW Cars



Crane No. 4251 (photo left) was stationed at New London, Connecticut, and remained there into the early 1960's, after steam power was scrapped. It was rated at 120 tons. I actually saw this crane in action in

my youth when a Consolidation derailed and almost went into a mill pond on the Palmertown Branch. The Tichy kit (#4010) was quite close to the prototype in appearance, so it was a nice fit for my layout. The main modification to the kit was re-arranging the boom cabling and pulley arrangements. The cables and pulleys were the biggest challenge. The boom configuration that came with the kit used two heavy duty "torsion rod beams", which for some reason the CV did not use. I also added some extra details to approximate the prototype style railings, canvas weather curtains, guy wires to keep the boom from swinging during travel, and spot lights.

The Jordan Spreader (photo right) I modeled is configured close to the unit used on the Central Vermont Southern Division. Spreader No. 4284 was used for ditching, track/ballast installations, and snow removal. The basic kit was an older Jordan Spreader kit by Walthers (#932-53553). The plow conversion kit was a blessing from Custom Finishing (#247-317) as it was very unique and would have been a challenge to model from scratch. Precision Scale and Cal Scale provided some much needed detail parts. The cab was scratch built of styrene using photos for reference. *John Paganoni, MMR*

