

12. Rick Wright's Pair: Cab Forward and Allegheny



This Southern Pacific Class AC-6 4-8-8-2 Cab Forward #4138 is a 1998 O Scale product from Mike's Train House. It was converted to Proto-Sound 2 by the expert technician at Engine House Hobbies in Gaithersburg, Maryland seven years after I purchased it. Heavily weathered to reflect the smokey confines of snowsheds over Donner Pass where the prototype earned its keep, it has a superb sound system that accurately reflects the unique motive power of SP's cab forwards. Put a 25-car reefer block

behind its Vanderbilt tender, put smoke on "high" and sound on "labor" and it doesn't get any better than this! Here #4138 storms through Cumberland beginning the climb upgrade to Armstrong.



This Chesapeake & Ohio Class H-8 2-6-6-6 Allegheny #1647 is a 1996 O Scale product of Mike's Train House. This engine has been

hauling black diamonds on the 2.1% grades of my layout for a quarter century. Converted to the Proto Sound 2 Digital Control System by the technician at Engine House Hobbies in 2002, the engine is largely “as delivered” with the exception of light weathering on the drive wheels and the 6- and 8-wheel tender trucks. A 32 inch long die cast engine weighing almost 18 pounds, this early MTH Product is a favorite of mine. Here #1647 works upgrade through McClelland with a clear stack. Trailing are 25 hoppers of West Virginia black gold. ***Rick Wright***