

## 14. John Paganoni's "Fire Engine"



I had all my favorite locomotives that I needed for my layout, but when it came to doing a scratchbuilt locomotive for my AP, I was at a standstill. I hate to build



a model just to build a model as I don't have much free time, so I needed an incentive to make this one. I have a very small logging section (most of it imaginary) and I found this to be an incentive because many prototype logging railroads, and others that traveled through the woods, built "fire engines". There is a prototype out in the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento that I saw many years ago, so I was able to make a model steam-powered "fire engine" that had prototype counterparts, though

the model is not patterned after any specific prototype.

For logging operations, railroad equipment was often made up of "cannibalized" parts from any cheap source possible. Usually the equipment was found in a major railroad scrap yard or equipment taken out of revenue service. This engine, #991, (I thought appropriate for a "fire engine") is such a hybrid made of parts that would have gone to the scrappers torch. If you look close at the tender side road marking, you will see a faded background Central Vermont logo under the "PAG RR" logo-- since I model the Central Vermont when steam was king, and my logging "operation" is in the New England location, the CV was the logical place to find a tender. Take a close look at all the pumps, hoses, tools, the red marker lamps, etc., as they closely replicate, in HO scale, the equipment I found on the prototype engines in my research. *John Paganoni, MMR*

