

3. Mat Thompson's ALCO 660



Northern Pacific 602, an ALCO 660, is typical of the grimy, first-generation locomotives that switch the industrial areas of my Oregon Coast Railroad.

It's one of three HH660s the NP acquired in 1940. The color scheme was black with white stripping. It was renumbered 602 and repainted in 1950 and survived until the Burlington Northern merger in 1968. The other two engines were both sold to the Walla Walla Valley in Washington State but were often leased back to the NP when not needed during the potato and onion harvest. season.

Atlas offered it in HO in the original delivery white and black scheme as well as the 1950 NP scheme and lettered for the WWV. I bought the WWV, then found the NP body on EBay and swapped it out. I installed a Soundtraxx Economi decoder with a Current Keeper and did the weathering. **Mat Thompson, MMR**

