

7. Ron King's "Shorty" Caboose



SRS 079 was one of a pair of cabs that I scratchbuilt for my On30 Sandy River layout in the 1980s. This caboose is based on the D&RGW Type III design, a short, eight-wheel, center-cupola style. The D&RGW built 16 of these starting in 1885. Several have survived the years and are on display in various Colorado locations. Since my Sandy River system was 30-inch gauge, I decided to slightly reduce the overall length and width of this caboose to keep it proportional with other SRS equipment. The car is made from wood, with metal fittings, Grandt window frames with glass microscope slide cover glazing, and Kadee trucks and couplers. Even though I did not furnish the interior, it still managed to earn 110 points for a Merit Award. **Ron King**

