

## 10. RON KING'S SANDY RIVER SYSTEM



I started working for the Southern Railway System in 1978 and enjoyed some wonderful years until I lost my job after we merged with the Norfolk and Western Railway. During that time, I was modeling in On30 and did a lot of scratchbuilding and kitbashing. I

decided to call my railway the “Sandy River System,” after the “SRS” for Southern. The name also paid homage to the two-foot gauge Sandy River railroad in Maine. In my On30 days, I borrowed ideas, plans, and anything I could get from every narrow-gauge railroad that existed. On my layout, you could find locomotives with Southern Pacific NG whaleback tenders, Sandy River boxcars, Pacific Coast Railway oil tankers, West Side Lumber flat cars, and D&RGW cabooses. In an effort to tie everything together, when I built my locomotives and cabooses, I decided to produce some custom decals, and I borrowed one of the original heralds from my employer. The decals were produced by Rail Graphics in Illinois back in 1980, or ‘81. I sent the camera-ready artwork and they produced the decals in White, Gold, and Black. The “SR” with the flying arrow was one of the original Southern Railway heralds back in the 1800’s, and it worked perfectly for my Sandy River System. **Ron King**

