

8. Tim Tilson's Favorite Flatcar Load



When you model 1905, in rural northern Michigan, there aren't many options for flatcar loads. However, with a bit of ingenuity you can come up with some. Here is my favorite. The car is a Funaro and Camerlengo flat car kit (#6501) in HO scale. It comes with Pennsylvania decals but I lettered it for the Soo Line. The load is a horse drawn steam engine from Model Tech Studios (S0201). I added the wooden deck. The engine is glued down and has some shims. I chose to use silver thread to represent a cable because it is easier to work with than chains which are probably more prototypical. The car with load was way too light, so I added some $\frac{1}{4}$ oz weights and then covered them with wooden boxes from a kit. The car runs just fine now. Photo by Mr. Bruce Weigle. *Tim Tilson*