

## 13. Ken Wilson's Flat Car



I decided to modify Athearn "blue box" 50' flat cars into a Santa Fe 44' 6" cars with the goal of making five of them. In 1924 the Santa Fe had 500 class Ft-M flat cars built that looked like the Athearn car. I removed a section near the middle of the car to reduce the length and eliminate one stake pocket. I cut off the molded grabs and steps and fashioned new ones from wire and flat bar. The underside took the most work. In addition to modifying the frame to reflect the SF prototype, I added sections of distressed scribed siding to cover the steel weight. The brake parts are from Tichy and Cal-Scale, and I made the pipes and rods from wire. I added a pair of 50-ton Andrews trucks from Tahoe Model Works with semi-scale wheels. *Ken Wilson*

