

15. Tim Barr's MLW DL-535 & K-28



My favorite diesel locomotive is an HOn3 MLW DL-535 by Precision Scale with a custom D&RGW paint job by Brian Boyles. In back of it is parked a standard gauge SD-60. The picture doesn't show it well, but the SD-60 is huge in comparison, approaching three times the volume of the DL-535.

The photo **below** shows the DL-535 alongside my favorite steam locomotive, a factory painted HOn3 D&RGW K-28 by Sunset. The real one was much beloved by its engineers



for its smooth running and was dubbed the "Sports Model." The army commandeered seven of the ten K-28's during WW2, and sent them to the White Pass & Yukon in Canada to help move troops and supplies. At the end of the war it was too much trouble to bring them back so they scrapped them in place, leaving the other three back in the U.S. as the only surviving members of the class. All three have been restored and are running on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge in CO. The DL-535's were originally purchased by the WP&Y. I bought

the model and had it painted D&RGW so I could run it and say that it was "reparations" for the K-28's "stolen" during the war. The D&SNG has since purchased several DL-535's from the WP&Y, turning my joke into reality. **Tim Barr**