

## 18. Douglas Kirkpatrick's W&OD Freight Motor #26



One of the unique aspects of being a member of the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc. club is the club's location in the Vienna, Virginia depot where at one time the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) railroad ran outside its door. The railroad is long gone but the memories are captured in various publications. The railroad began in late 1847 and ended in 1968. The right-of-way has been turned into a hiking-biking trail by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The club's HO scale West Northern Carolina Railroad includes a traction segment for the enjoyment of both interurban and trolley enthusiasts. Paging through various W&OD publications, I came across the picture of freight motor number 26 resurrected from an old wood sheathed boxcar and spare parts. Some would say that it looks like an ugly duckling while others would say that it is unique and has definite character. I believe that the porthole windows make it a one of a kind so I decided to scratch build the unit for the club's traction members. **Douglas Kirkpatrick, MMR**