

4. Alex Belida's Climax



Years ago I acquired an MDC Roundhouse HO Climax Kit with its noisy power chassis that barely moved. I loved the body of the Climax, but, oh, that motor! So following a tip, I got a Bachmann 44-ton switcher, removed the

body, did some

serious trimming and planted the Climax body atop the Bachmann chassis. I then did some more customizing of the Climax body -- cutting away the fake plastic wood load and substituting real "logs" trimmed from branches from my yard. I added canvas curtains and a tarp made from dried tea bags, popped a couple barrels, a box, tools and some chain onto the body, then did some weathering. It now runs like a dream, smooth, fairly quiet and always reliable. **Alex Belida, MMR**

