

## 6. Ron King's 2-8-0



This is Sandy River #2 coasting down a gentle grade across the Rockies on my new Misty Creek layout. I built this locomotive in 1984. It was scratchbuilt in On30 scale from brass using the valve gear and frame from an old Hallmark HO scale 2-8-0 import. I used a set of modified drivers from Bowser and a Swiss micromotor for power. It also has the old PFM sound system installed. The domes were turned on a lathe; the cab and tender were built from brass sheet and stock shapes. All rivets were hand-punched. It took over 400 hours of work to build this loco.

The loco runs great and has won several awards, including a Merit Award. It took First Place at a Quad-Region meet (MER-NER-MCR-NFR) in May 1985 along with the Karl Parshall Memorial Award for Steam Locomotives. Later that summer, it took Third Place at the NMRA National Meet in Portland, Oregon.

I scratchbuilt three brass locomotives for my On30 Sandy River System layout and even though they are now retired (like me), they still bring a smile to my face when I look at them in the display case. **Ron King**