

**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF 3 ½" (89 mm) Gauge,
North-American-Prototype Live Steam Locomotives
and Foreign-Prototype Models Located in North America**

Part 3: 2-8-0 to 2-6-6-6

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We currently have **35** entries in this file, 710 total.

2-8-0

280.B&O2688.DiSantis

Date page created: 29 November 2018

Plans or castings from: castings and parts apparently from DiSantis

Lettering: Baltimore & Ohio #2668

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Since DiSantis was from the Northeastern LS, someone such as Bob Hornsby of Texas will know more: "bobhornsbye6(at)gmail(dot)com"

Builder: the late Frank DiSantis of Wappingers Falls NY

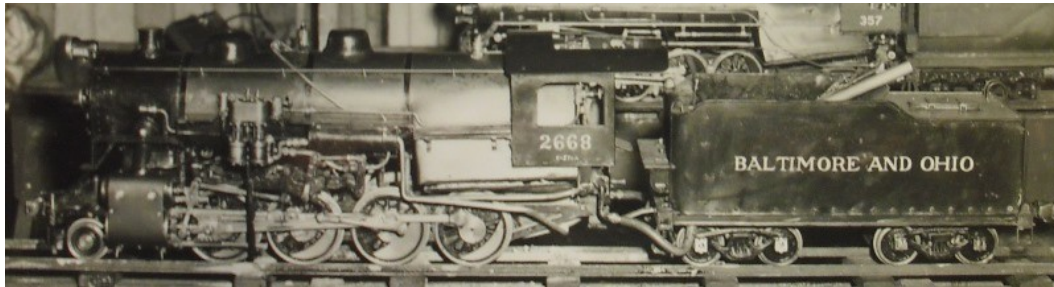
Year completed: not later than 1950

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

The IBLS website reports that DiSantis had this loco and a $\frac{3}{4}$ " Pennsy K4 running at the Brotherhood of Live Steamers meet in Danvers MA, 6-8 October 1950. The following year he was running a new 4-4-0 #999. He also has an 1870s-style 4-4-0 in this directory. His name was also spelled "DeSantis".

Bob Hornsby wrote on the NELS webpage: "If you were fortunate enough to have a DeSantis-built (sic) locomotive, you had a high-quality and authentic engine. Frank's engines were mostly scratch built." Frank began building locos in the 1930s.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.Christopher

Date page created: 19 November 2015, revised: 10 October 2016

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo", freelance

Lettering: New York Central #4600, "Minnehaha"

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Chris Giles of Seabrook/Kent in the UK

Contact: Chris is on Facebook

Builder: „Christopher“, the previous owner, fitted a new boiler.

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: Sept. 2016

History, comments:

Chris wrote on Facebook on 9 Oct. 2016: "My first outing with 4600 at Mote Park Maidstone at the MMES today, very happy with her performance". That is the Maidstone Model Engineering Society near Sevenoaks southeast of London.

I notice the drivers are much bigger than the regular 51" on the Buffalo.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.Corunna

Date page created or revised: 20 September 2015

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' „Buffalo“

Lettering: Canadian National #8347

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Ron Corunna from Western PA

Contact: "ron(at)ronsmodelengines(dot)com" or "www.ronsmodelengines.com"

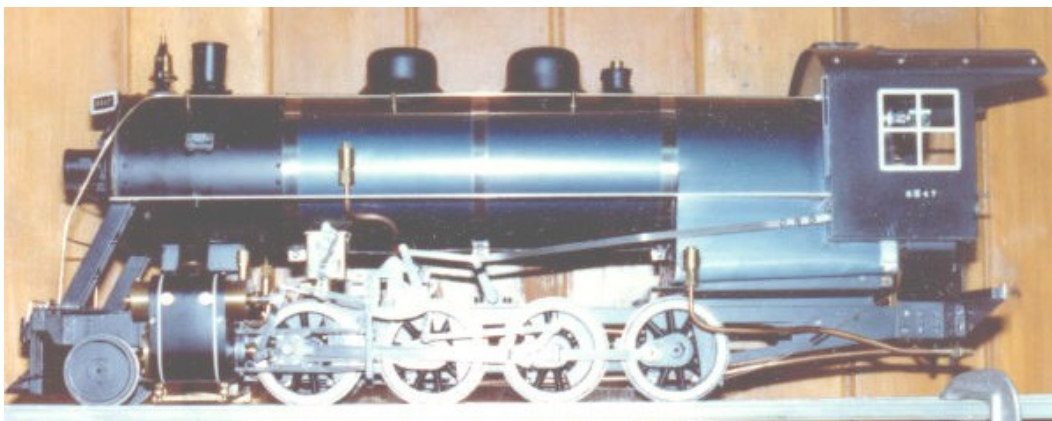
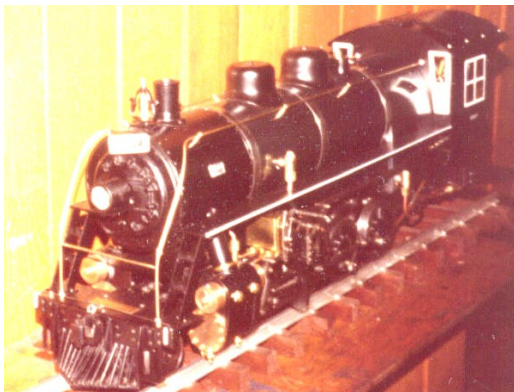
Builder: Ron Corunna

Year completed: unknown

History, comments:

Ron writes: "This locomotive is a Martin Evans design built from the book "Caribou." I added the front pony truck, which was shown as an option. This version is called "Buffalo" in the book. It is equipped with Baker valve gear and piston valves. The large port areas to and from the cylinders make this a speedy engine even with the small drivers. It has quite a bit of pulling power and it was able to pull a train with nine adults at the local track. It's an easy steamer as it has a copper boiler and a large grate area. I originally built the boiler with a stainless steel outer wrapper, but that didn't work out too well. Adhesion of the silver solder to the outer shell was poor and leaks developed after numerous heat cycles."

(I personally like the CN front very much!)



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.Sibbick

Date page created: 22 November 2022

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo"

Lettering: none

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Rob Brown of the UK

Contact: Rob Brown is on Facebook. Steve Bratina from Cambridge ON knew about the origin of the engine.

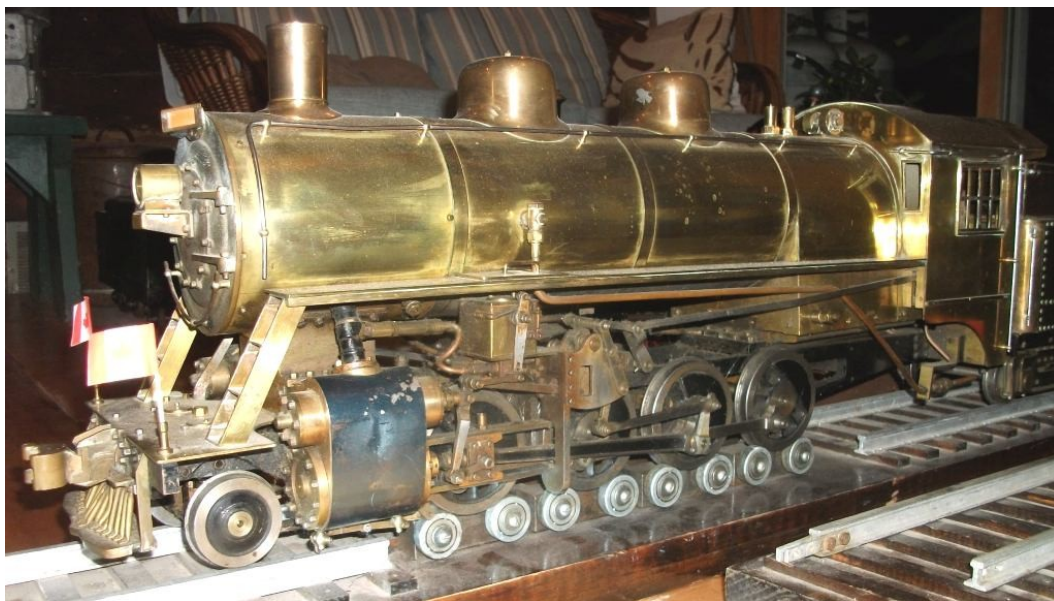
Builder: Russell Sibbick (1911-2003) of Brantford and Paris ON

Year completed: perhaps in the 1980s

Year acquired by present owner: Perhaps in 2021. The collector Rob Brown reported on Facebook that he had purchased it from the builder's son, John Sibbick.

History, comments:

This info and photo are from a discussion on the "3 ½-Inch and Smaller" Facebook page around 7 January 2022. The exact names and dates are from an obituary on the Internet.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 09 December 2020

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo"

Lettering: Great Northern #824

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Pat Hosford of Victoria BC and the VIME should know more. He can be reached via Facebook or "pathosford(at)gmail(dot)com".

Builder: unknown

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Shot among many placed on the Vancouver Island ME Facebook page on 2 August 2020. I'm guessing the photo was taken in the 1970's. This could be a Buffalo with a Belpaire firebox fixed up to resemble GN.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 09 January 2016, last revised 27 May 2020

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo"

Lettering: #4991

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Danny Hayward from Glynllifon/Wales, but offered for sale in May 2020

Contact: Danny is on Facebook

Builder: unknown

Year completed: 1996

Year acquired by present owner: approx. 2017

History, comments:

Offered for sale on the UK's "Station Road Steam" website in Jan. 2016 under the top photo. Loco has a marine boiler, which means a round firebox. "Station Road" wrote; "Silver-soldered copper boiler, 80psi working pressure, feed by axle pump and injector with auxiliary hand pump in the tender. Gunmetal cylinders with piston valves actuated by Baker gear. The engine was in regular use until 2014 when it came to us as part of an exchange. Boiler is in good order, it runs well.

Danny Hayward later bought the locomotive. Bottom photo from him appeared on "UK Model Engineering" Facebook page, where he offered it for sale on 25 May 2020.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 06 December 2021

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo"

Lettering: #8400

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Offered for sale by "Station Road Steam", Aug. 2021

Contact: "Station Road Steam" is easy to find on the web.

Builder: unknown

Year completed: after 2010

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Offered for sale on the UK's "Station Road Steam" website, which states that it was built by a well-known model engineer. They assure that the valve gear is excellent.



2-8-0

280.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 29 January 2025

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' "Buffalo"

Lettering: none, but there appears to be a plaque both below the cab window and on the running board

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: The club mentioned below can be contacted via: "secretary(at)rugeley-sme.org.uk".

Its webpage is: "www.rugeley-sme.org.uk".

Builder: unknown

Year completed: unknown, looks nearly new

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Shown on an Internet advertisement of the UK's "Rugeley Power Station Society of Model Engineers" for its $\frac{3}{4}$ " scale rally on 18-19 May 2024.



2-8-0

280.CP402.Hewitson

Date page created: 22 May 2020

Modeled after or castings from: Prototype said to be CP 402, built at Montreal in 1886.

Lettering: None, but there might be some on the tender.

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Ingenium, Canada Science and Technology Museums at Ottawa

Contact: "contact(at)ingeniumcanada(dot)org" or 613-991-3044

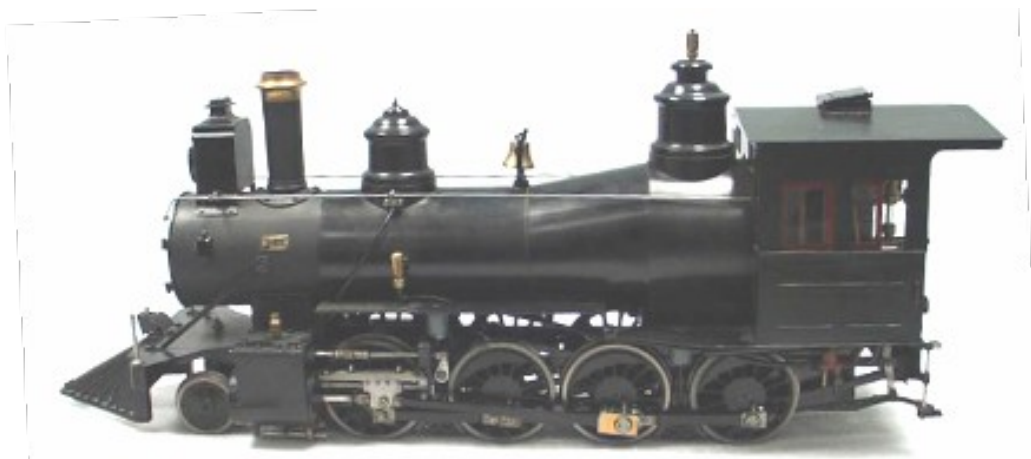
Builder: Jack Hewitson of Verdun/Québec (died 11/06)

Year completed: Hewitson's 29th loco, completed in 1983

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

The museum writes that Jack built over 35 locos, 1935-92. This one, according to the museum, is from the first class of 2-8-0's in Canada. Photo and info taken from the Ingenium webpage.



2-8-0

280.free.Loomie

Date page created: 13 December 2019
Modeled after or castings from: unknown
Lettering: #44
Scale: 1:16

Owner: Paul Loomie of NYC
Contact: The phone of the NY attorney Paul Loomie is 212-465-9200.

Builder: probably Ed Loomie, the father of Paul
Year completed: unknown

History, comments:
This photo from Facebook was taken at the Tinkerbell Society, Long Island Division, on 19 October 2019.



2-8-0

280.free.VanBrocklin29

Date page created: 23 July 2017, last revised 22 December 2019

Plans or castings from: heavy 2-8-0 from Van Brocklin

Lettering: Boston & Albany #1029

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Russ Page of Haverhill MA and the Waukashum LS

Contact: Pat Fahey at "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com" will know more.

Builder: The late Bill Van Brocklin Jr., Dover MA. He built approx. 41 locos – this is his 29th loco.

Year completed: 1986

Year acquired by present owner: August 2018 from Dave Karlson, who had obtained the loco from Van Brocklin in 1988.

History, comments:

Here's the only 2-8-0 Van Brocklin built! The heavy boiler and superstructure remind one of his heavy 4-6-0's.

As of 2018, Russ Page works as a locomotive engineer for Clark's Trading Post in Lincoln NH.

The photo was made by Yoder at the Waushakum LS on 24 Aug. 2018.



2-8-0

280.NdeM.Morris

Date page created: 16 June 2018

Modeled after or castings from: Nacionales de Mexico prototype

Lettering: #622

Scale: 36"-gauge works out to a scale of 1:10.29

Owner: Rob Morris of Healdsburg CA

Contact: Rob can be contacted via the Chaski forum webpage.

Builder: apparently Rob Morris

Year completed: unknown

History, comments:

On Chaski forum, Rob lists the prototype as NdeM #269. Photo posted on Chaski, 18 July 2010.



2-8-0

280.REA.Dimond

Date page created: 2 January 2016, revised 22 December 2019

Modeled after or castings from: Reading prototype, Friends cylinders and drivers only

Lettering: Reading #2017, but none in 2011

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Larry Micol of the Waushakum LS

Contact: Pat Fahey of the Waushakum LS at "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com" knows more.

Builder: George M. Dimond (1920-2008) from Leominster MA and the Waushakum Live Steamers

Year completed: 1971

Year acquired by present owner: 1997. Loco needed boiler work when sold. Rebuilt by Larry Micol. Returned to service in July 2009 when it ran at the Montreal LS anniversary.

History, comments:

Photo taken by George Dimond in August 1991; photo now property of Pat Fahey.

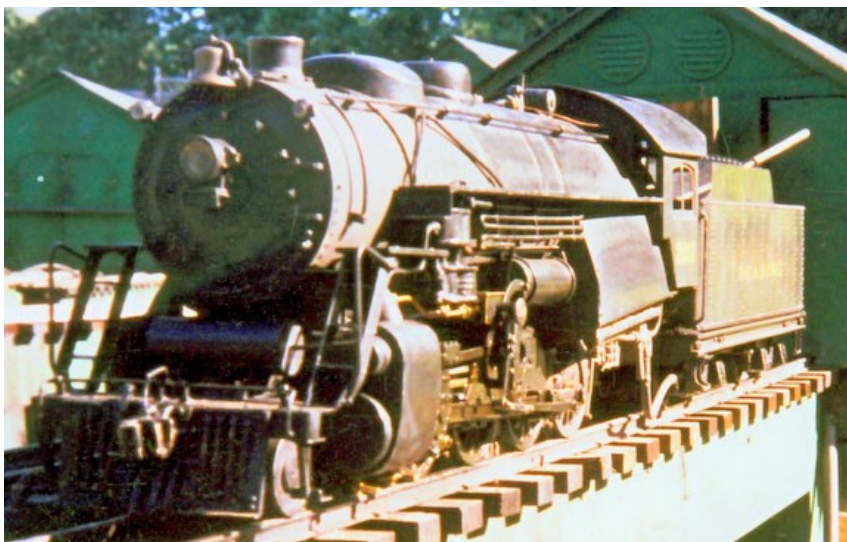


Photo at New Jersey LS, 2011



2-8-0

282.USA-S160.unknown

Date entry created: 22 November 2022

Plans or castings from: prototype is the S160 built for WW II

Lettering: USA Transportation Corps

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Bill Rouse of Edinburgh/Scotland and the Esk Valley Model Engineering Society

Contact: Bill Rouse is on Facebook.

Builder: the father of Bill Rouse

Year completed: Approx. 1945. The owner stated "around 1940", but this huge class only began to be built in 1942.

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Photo appeared on the "3 1/2" Gauge Enthusiasts Group" Facebook page on 30 Sept. 2022.



2-8-2T

282T.free.VanBrocklin37

Date entry created: 28 July 2017, last revised 21 December 2019

Plans or castings from: Bill Van Brocklin

Lettering: #37. Initially named and lettered "Claudia".

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Larry Simoneau in RI

Contact: Pat Fahey at "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com" should know more.

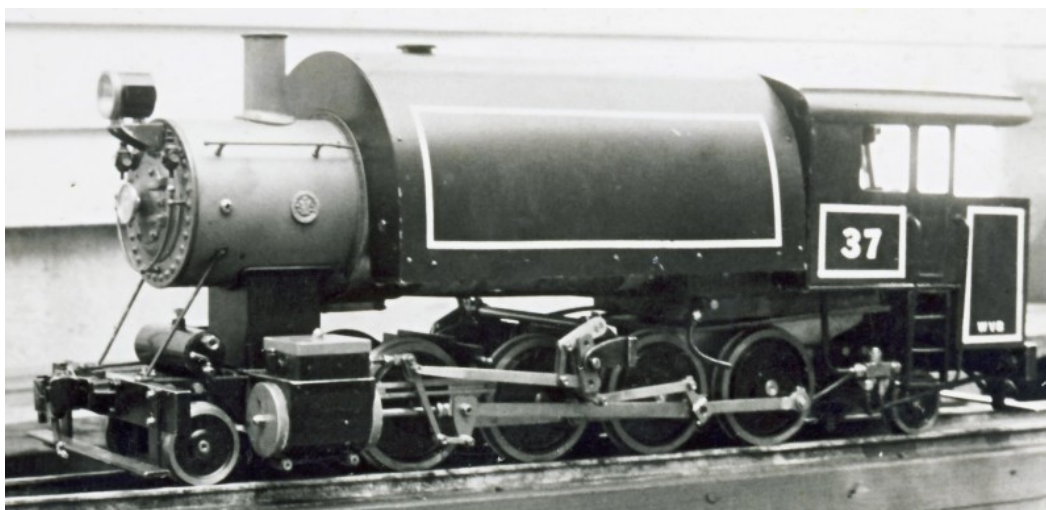
Builder: Bill Van Brocklin (1919-2000) from Dover MA, his 37th loco. He built approx. 41 locos.

Year completed: Built 1992. According to Pat Fahey's roster, this is the only 2-8-2T built by Van Brocklin.

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Photo probably taken shortly after 1992.



2-8-2

282.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 03 February 2018

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' Caribou (0-8-0) or Buffalo (2-8-0) converted to 2-8-2

Lettering: Santa Fe #271

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Jason Pattison of UK

Contact: try Facebook or Youtube

Builder: unknown

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

From video published on Youtube, 4 June 2016. Loco apparently in UK. The low drivers remind one of a logging-road 2-8-2.



2-8-2

282.Buffalo.unknown

Date page created: 25 June 2018

Modeled after or castings from: Martin Evans' Caribou (0-8-0) or Buffalo (2-8-0) converted to 2-8-2

Lettering: none as of 2017

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Seller from Abington region UK and belongs to the Northampton Society of ME
Contact: The Northampton club via "nsme.co.uk".

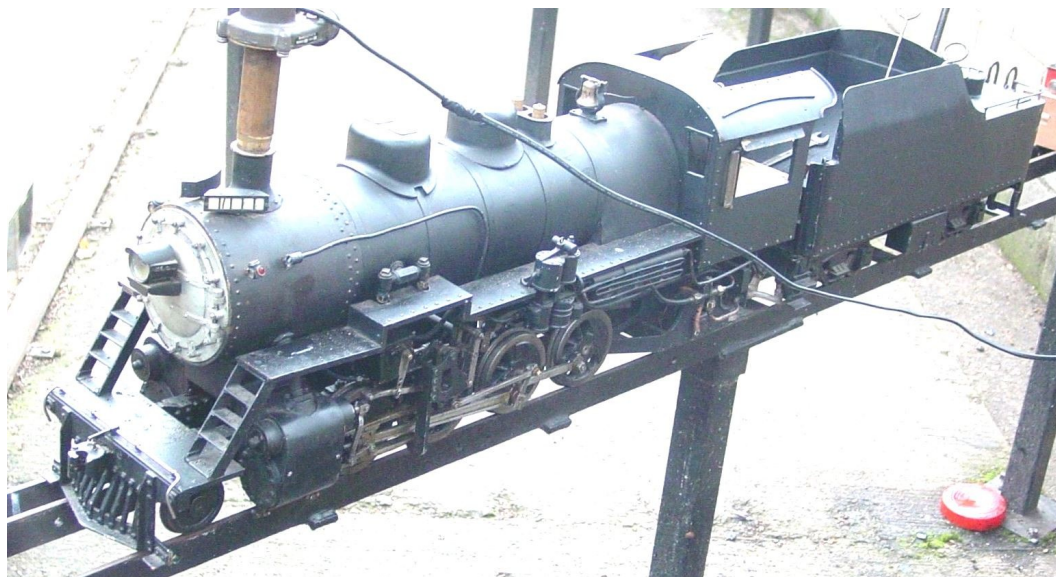
Builder: unknown

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments

Offered for sale on UK eBay, Jan. 2018. Loco in running condition. White smokebox door and above-center light reminds one of Central Vermont.



2-8-2

282.CN.unknown

Date page created: 30 May 2016, revised 11 July 2016

Modeled after or castings from: approximate prototype is Canadian National

Lettering: Canadian National #5428 – but this number would only fit Canadian Pacific

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Bernie Grow of Montreal Live Steamers

Contact: Montreal Live Steamers or via Facebook

Builder: unknown

Year completed: 1999

Year acquired by present owner: May 2016

History, comments:

These photos are is from the “Steam Days” website in UK. They sold the loco to Bernie Grow. Has two injectors, hand pump inside chassis, steam brakes, working headlight.



2-8-2

282.free.Mackie

Date page created: 25 November 2018
Modeled after or castings from: freelance
Lettering: C&NW #2599
Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Cap Purinton may know more. He can be reached via John Kurdzionak of Friends Models.

Builder: the late David Mackie, Ashland WI
Year completed: unknown
Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Looks like Young valve gear. This photo is from Nov. 1952. The albums owned by Cap Peterson have at least three photos; the most recent one shows the loco running at Winnipeg on 1 Sept. 1955.



2-8-2

282.free.Smythe

Date page created: 27 June 2017, last revised 29 January 2025

Modeled after or castings from: ½"-scale 2-8-4 by Harry Sait

Lettering: #805, unclear whether the tender is still lettered C&NW-style after 2020.

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Nate Heffner, Wrightsville PA. He helps out with the new-build 4-4-0 #331 at the full-size "Harrisburg, Lincoln & Lancaster" at Elizabethtown PA.

Contact: Nate Heffner is on Facebook.

Builder: the late Joe Smythe of Lynn MA, rebuilt by the late Arnold Thompson

Year completed: approx. 1937 in the original form

Year acquired by present owner: 2018

History, comments:

According to John Kurdzionak and Larry Micol on the ¾" Facebook page on 25 Dec. 2018, this loco began life as a ½"-scale 2-8-4 done to the plans of Harry Sait and built by Joe Smythe! Arnold Thompson of Marblehead MA then turned it into a 3 ½"-gauge 2-8-2. Later owned by Al Hubbard. Owned by Andy Bauer in June 2017 when it was advertised on eBay. It was on the front cover of "The Modelmaker" mag in 1939 in its original form.

Nate Heffner wrote on Facebook on 25 Dec. 2018: "After hearing about the history behind the loco, I plan on leaving her as is, but will get some new paint and new parts to spruce her up. She's in good hands now." In 21 June 2020 he reported on Facebook that a leaking stay and the axle pump have been repaired and that she is now running very successfully on Welsh coal. As you can guess from the rail size, Nate does mostly 7 ½"-gauge.

Top photo is from the "Backyard Railroading" Facebook page, 16 June 2019. Bottom one appeared on Facebook on 21 June 2020.



2-8-2

282.free.Steele

Date page created: 13 April 2016, last revised 22 December 2019

Modeled after or castings from: freelance

Lettering: Waushakum

Scale: 1:16

Owners: Doug and Jay Hill of Waushakum LS

Contact: Pat Fahey at "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com" knows more.

Builder: the late Norman Steele

Year completed: before 1945

Year acquired by present owners: 2012 from Pat Fahey

History, comments:

Shot from the Facebook page of Pat Fahey, Nov. 2013. Needing new piston rings, the loco has not run since approx. 2013.



This looks very much like the same locomotive with an earlier tender. Photo taken in 1954 when the loco was owned by Fred Crowell. Then lettered New Haven #3103. Shot copied from the albums owned by Cap Purinton in Aug. 2018.



2-8-2

282.free.Stevens

Date page created: 14 February 2016, last revised 17 December 2021

Modeled after or castings from: Freelance. Lettered for a S-1-e Grand Trunk/Canadian National Mike of 1921.

Lettering: Menotomy Central #3404

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Don Ritchie, Charlton MA, of Pioneer Valley LS and Waushakum LS.

Contact: His email is: „dhritchie(at)charter(dot)net”.

Builder: the late Gene Stevens of Norway ME

Year completed: 1944-45

Year acquired by present owner: 1972

History, comments:

According to Don Ritchie, did not run 1975-2009. Shot taken 13 August 2011 at Pioneer Valley LS.



Bottom photo from about 1945 on Chaski, 8 March 2009.



2-8-2

282.GT.Dimond

Date page created or revised: 20 October 2015

Modeled after or castings from: George Dimond. Loco is scratch-built except for cylinders, drivers, domes and couplers.

Lettering: Grand Trunk #3704

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Steve Bratina, Cambridge ON

Contact: Chaski Live Steam forum

Builder: George M. Dimond (1920-2008) from Leominster MA and the Waushakum LS

Year completed: Approx. 1975

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

This loco began life as Maine Central #623 and got its present identity, including the Elesco heater, around 1989. Steve Bratina wrote in 2009: "The cab had a cut in it so George could see the gauge glass in his later years. I filled in the opening and added an arch and corn grates."



Appearance in April 1988. Shot from Pat Fahey.



2-8-2

282.Kozo.Easter

Date entry created: 08 June 2021, last revised 01 January 2024

Plans or castings from: Kozo D&RGW K-27

Lettering: none

Scale: approx. 1:10

Owner: Greg Easter of Minneapolis MN

Contact: Greg is on Facebook.

Builder: Greg Easter

Year completed: 2023

Year acquired by present owner: perhaps 2020

History, comments:

Ran at the S. Croix WI track on 27 June 2023, as shown on Youtube on 29 Aug. Photo is from Youtube. Tender was not yet complete. I would guess this is the one begun by John Hudak. Greg also built a nicely-modified Kozo 0-4-0T.



2-8-2

282.Kozo.Nakahara

Date entry created: 23 November 2022

Plans or castings from: Kozo D&RGW K-27

Lettering: Rio Grande #464

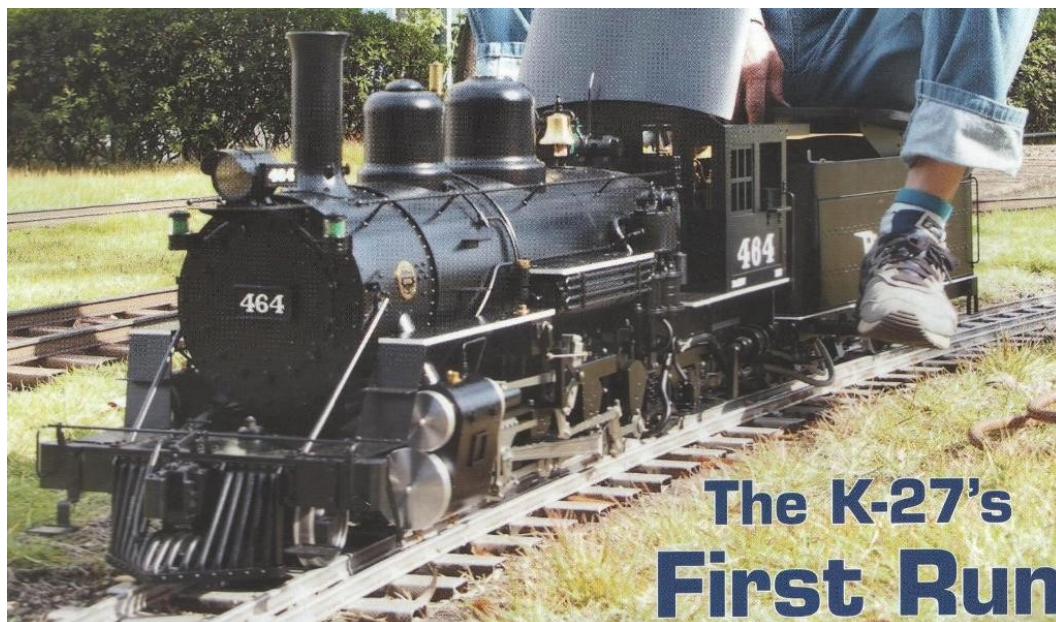
Scale: approx. 1:10

Owner: Tameto Najahara of Fukuyama/Japan

Contact: Try the Kozo Hiraoka support group under the "Discover Live Steam" forums.

History, comments:

Mr. Najahara has built a number of Kozo's engines, Najahara's 0-4-0 is posted in these files. This photo of the Mikado's first run on 6 Nov. 2021 is from the cover of the July/August 2022 issue of "Discover Live Steam"; the article was written by Kozo Hiraoka, who developed this model.



2-8-2

282.SOU4885.unknown

Date page created or revised: 12 January 2017

Modeled after or castings from: largely free-lance, perhaps Friends castings

Lettering: Southern #4885

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Try for ex. the Mid-South LS at Columbia TN.

Builder: unknown

Year completed: approx. 1950s

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

This shot and similar ones were marketed on eBay in late 2016. See for ex:

"464.NYC5297.Langworthy". This shot also taken at Charlotte NC in Oct. 1967.



2-8-4

284.Erie3389.Berkemeyer

Date page created: 14 August 2016

Modeled after or castings from: Erie

Lettering: Erie #3389

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Keith Taylor of Jefferson ME, "iblskeith(at)roadrunner(dot)com",
will know more.

Builder: Thomas A. Berkemeyer (died Aug. 2002) of Bloomingdale NJ

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Berkemeyer also built a beautiful Erie 4-6-2, which is also listed in the registry. This photo
taken by Steve Bratina at the 50th anniversary New Jersey LS meet, September 2011.

Published on the Chaski LS forum, Oct. 2011.



2-8-4

284.free.Leggett

Date page created: 20 October 2015, last revised 13 December 2019

Modeled after or castings from: free-lance

Lettering: TS&PH (Toad Swamp & Punk Hollow) #X666. Called "Black Betty".

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Jim Leggett, Saint-Lambert QC and the Montreal LS

Contact: 450-672-6666 or "jimleggettmedia(at)gmail(dot)com"

Builder: the late A.W. Leggett

Year completed: 1940s

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Jim wrote on Facebook on 2 June 2019: "She was a last minute choice to return to service for our 85th (anniversary meet) after being retired at the Waushakum meet in 2015. She still has not received the full restoration she deserves, but this workhorse has revitalized piston rings, a replacement spring on the lead truck and many other small repairs and maintenance items done with a few more to do. But she runs!"

Photo taken at the Montreal LS, 22 Nov. 2009.



2-8-4

284.free.Reithmaier

Date page created or revised: 01 July 2016

Plans or castings from: freelance

Lettering: unclear

Scale: 1:16

Owner: unknown

Contact: Bob Hornsby in Texas should know more: "bobhornsbye6(at)gmail(dot)com"

Builder: the late Paul Reithmaier (1893-1986) of Oak Park IL and Bavaria/Germany. He built roughly 15 locos, both in Germany and the USA.

Year completed: Dec. 1958

Year acquired by present owner: apparently 2004

History, comments:

Reithmaier was building steam in the US as early as 1927. He moved back to Germany in 1963, taking two Northern's with him. This 2-8-4 was listed for sale in an Internet auction in Sept. 2004. They wrote: "Paul Reithmaier wrote about the construction of this locomotive in the September 24, 1959 issue of 'Model Engineer'. A complete description appears on page 196. He began to build this locomotive (his tenth) in July, 1957 and completed it in December, 1958. After that he operated it on a 600-foot-long track in Oak Forest, Illinois."

Loco sold with tender. Info from a link on the IBLS webpage.



2-8-4

284.NKP779.Strom

Date page created: 10 December 2020

Plans or castings from: NKP S-3 class

Lettering: Wayzata & Grays Bay #779

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Lake Superior Railroad Museum at Duluth MN

Contact: The firm founded by Don Strom is at: "stromminnesota.com".

Builder: the late Don Strom of the St. Croix RR club and Cottage Grove MN

Year completed: built 1962-67

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Donald A. Strom (1930-2019) built at least three big, modern locomotives. All three appear on one photo in the "Modeltec" issue of Jan. 1989. Apparently all are now at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth. Nothing on its website, but the museum does sell a book on its collection. If I've deciphered the text behind the Modeltec photo correctly, then they were built as follows: the UP 4-6-6-4 in 1954-60, the NKP 2-8-4 in 1962-67, and the C&O 2-6-6-6 in 1968-75.

The name? "Strom Minnesota" (once "Engineering") was founded by Strom in 1961. It's located on Wayzata Blvd. in Minnetonka MN, just down the road from Grays Bay.

The image below is cropped out of the Modeltec photo. A poor photo of it running at St. Croix in 1978 can be found on the Youtube video: "Vintage St Croix RR Slide show 1976-1985".



2-8-6T

286T.DSS&P.unknown

Date page created: 10 December 2020

Plans or castings from: "Denver South Park and Pacific" Mason Bogie of 1880

Lettering: #25 Alpine

Scale: With 36"-gauge track, this would be a scale of 1:10.29

Owner: unknown

Contact: The St. Croix Railroad should know more: "www.stcroixrr.org".

Builder: unknown

Year completed: about 1983

History, comments:

Top photo at the St. Croix MN club in 1977; bottom shot is from 1985. DSP&P had four of these, all gone by 1894. With that incredible frame length, they had to be articulated! They even had outside valve gear in 1880! Note the vertical valve gear linkage. Excellent info on the class under: "www.ross-crain.com". Where is this jewel today?

Photos are from the Youtube video: "Vintage St Croix RR Slide show 1976-1985".



2-10-2

2102.B&M3018.Dimond

Date page created: 26 February 2017, last revised 22 December 2019

Drawings or castings from: George Dimond

Lettering: Boston and Maine #3018

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Steven Dimond, the son of George

Contact: Pat Fahey from the Waushakum club knows more; "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com"

Builder: George M. Dimond (1920-2008) from Leominster MA and the Waushakum Live Steamers

Year completed: 1994, Dimond's last loco

Year acquired by present owner: 2010

History, comments:

Photo taken by Pat Fahey at the Waukashum LS on 19 May 2002



2-10-4

2104.CV707.Hildreth

Date page created: 09 January 2016, last revised 22 Dec. 2019

Drawings or castings from: Hildreth

Lettering: Central Vermont #707

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Offered for sale on the "Discover Live Steam" webpage, Oct. 2017. Joe Cardelle of Waushakum LS is the seller.

Contact: Pat Fahey from the Waushakum club knows more; "faheypat22(at)yahoo(dot)com".

Builder: the late George Hildreth

Year completed: unknown

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

The ad on the DLS webpage states: „2-10-4 with 10 freight cars, steel boiler, all in good condition”.

Pat Fahey wrote the author in Dec. 2015: “Joe Cardelle bought the engine in pieces as a basket case. But Joe did a rebuild and the loco is running today.” The prototype was the last 2-10-4 used by Central Vermont, Feb. 1957. Photo from the Wausahkum newsletter, July 2009.

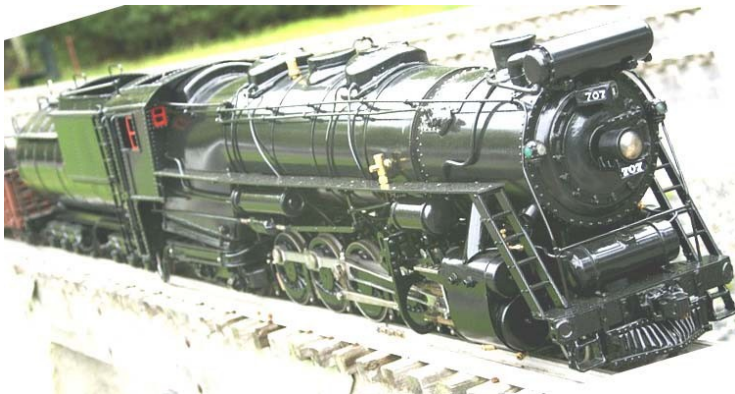


Photo from the ad on Discover Live Steam, Oct. 2017



2-6-6-6

2666.C&O1600.Balmer

Date page created: 2 August 2015, last updated 30 January 2025

Drawings or castings from: C&O H-8 Allegheny, castings mostly from Balmer

Lettering: Chesapeake & Ohio #1600

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Chuck Balmer of Urbana OH, member of Cincinnati Cinder Sniffers

Contact: Son Jim is on Facebook.

Builder: Chuck and Jim Balmer of Balmer Locomotive Works. Chuck has built four steamers (beside diesels) and has bought at least four more. All are 1:16.

Year completed: 2012 after 14,000 hours. Project begun 1976, but work only began in earnest in 2006.

History, comments:

This loco has exquisite detail. Stu Harrod wrote 2012: This is "a true masterpiece! It has fully-functioning scale air pumps, a Worthington feedwater heater, air brakes, a true-sounding whistle, low water alarm, turbo generator and blow-down muffler." Propane-fired, a copper boiler and weighs 350 lbs.

Photo from Facebook was taken 8 July 2017. Looks like the final teething problems were worked out that year. The Cinder Sniffers' "Mud Ring" lists the original run of this engine on 19 October 2014.

See under 6-8-6 the PRR turbine the Balmers have completed.



2-6-6-6

2666.C&O1640.Strom

Date page created: 10 December 2020

Plans or castings from: C&O H-8 class Allegheny

Lettering: Wayzata & Grays Bay #1640

Scale: 1:16

Owner: Lake Superior Railroad Museum at Duluth MN

Contact: The firm founded by Don Strom is at: "stromminnesota.com".

Builder: the late Don Strom of the St. Croix RR club and Cottage Grove MN

Year completed: built 1968-75

Year acquired by present owner: unknown

History, comments:

Donald A. Strom (1930-2019) built at least three big, modern locomotives. All three appear on one photo in the "Modeltec" issue of Jan. 1989. Apparently all are now at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth. Nothing on its website, but the museum does sell a book on its collection. If I've deciphered the text behind the Modeltec photo correctly, then they were built as follows: the UP 4-6-6-4 in 1954-60, the NKP 2-8-4 in 1962-67, and the C&O 2-6-6-6 in 1968-75.

The name? "Strom Minnesota" (once "Engineering") was founded by Strom in 1961. It's located on Wayzata Blvd. in Minnetonka MN, just down the road from Grays Bay.

The top image is cropped out of the Modeltec photo. The bottom photo running at St. Croix in 1976 can be found on the Youtube video: "Vintage St Croix RR Slide show 1976-1985".

