

Albion Software Newsletter

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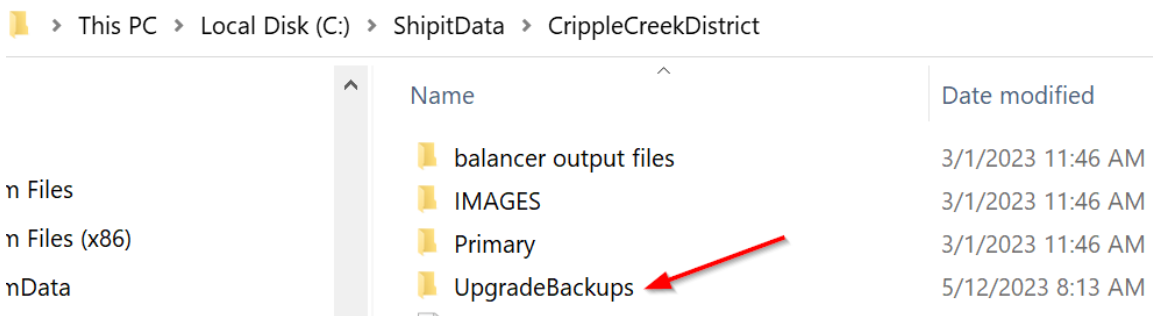
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Ship It! 10 Heading Down the Line

Latest Ship It! release is 10.0f

- What's changed?
 - The database upgrade process now runs once on start-up and creates a backup set of your data files in a folder called UpgradeBackups that sits in your data folder (see image below). Data files are only upgraded when necessary and only after you install a new version. (10.0e)
 - When you create a new database from within Ship It!, the data files are retrieved from a folder called NewFiles that sits where the software gets installed to (see image below). This gives you more control over the new database file creation process, should you care to do this yourself using Windows File Explorer. (10.0e)
 - I fixed a bug involving divisional car routing that in certain circumstances would cause a car to get duplicated in the switchlists and reports. (10.0f)



Location of UpgradeBackup folder

Name	Date modified
BACKUP	4/3/2023 4:24 PM
docs	3/18/2023 3:07 PM
NewFiles	4/4/2023 7:26 AM
UpgFileLocation	4/26/2021 12:57 PM

Location of NewFiles folder

National Narrow Gauge Off the Beaten Track Vendor Presentation

On Tuesday, May 9, I gave a vendor presentation to the monthly zoom meeting of the NNG group. The subject, of course, was Ship It! There will be a link of the presentation available on AlbionSoftware.com. You can also view the presentation on YouTube by clicking below.

[View the Presentation](#)

The NNG Group Home Page



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NNG Mission Statement

Our mission is to help sustain communication within the narrow gauge community in between National Conventions, providing a place to exchange ideas and suggestions. We host *Off the Beaten Track*, a monthly Zoom meeting that features a clinic, a vendor presentation, a virtual layout tour and an open discussion. Sessions are held monthly on the second Tuesday from 8:00 - 10:00 PM EST. We select layouts remote from likely convention sites, hence our name: *Off the Beaten Track*. By joining this io group, you will receive notification of meetings and the links to the meetings.

Join the NNG group on groups.io by clicking below. You'll get notifications of the monthly presentations (which contain a layout presentation, a vendor presentation, and a clinic, as well as a general chat session).

The focus is, of course, on narrow gauge. But the difference between narrow gauge modeling and standard gauge modeling is, depending on the scale, just a few millimeters in track gauge. Scenery, DCC, Loco maintenance, building construction, and yes, operation, (I could go on and

on) are all the same. So join up and expand your knowledge, see some great layouts, and make some new friends - click the button below!

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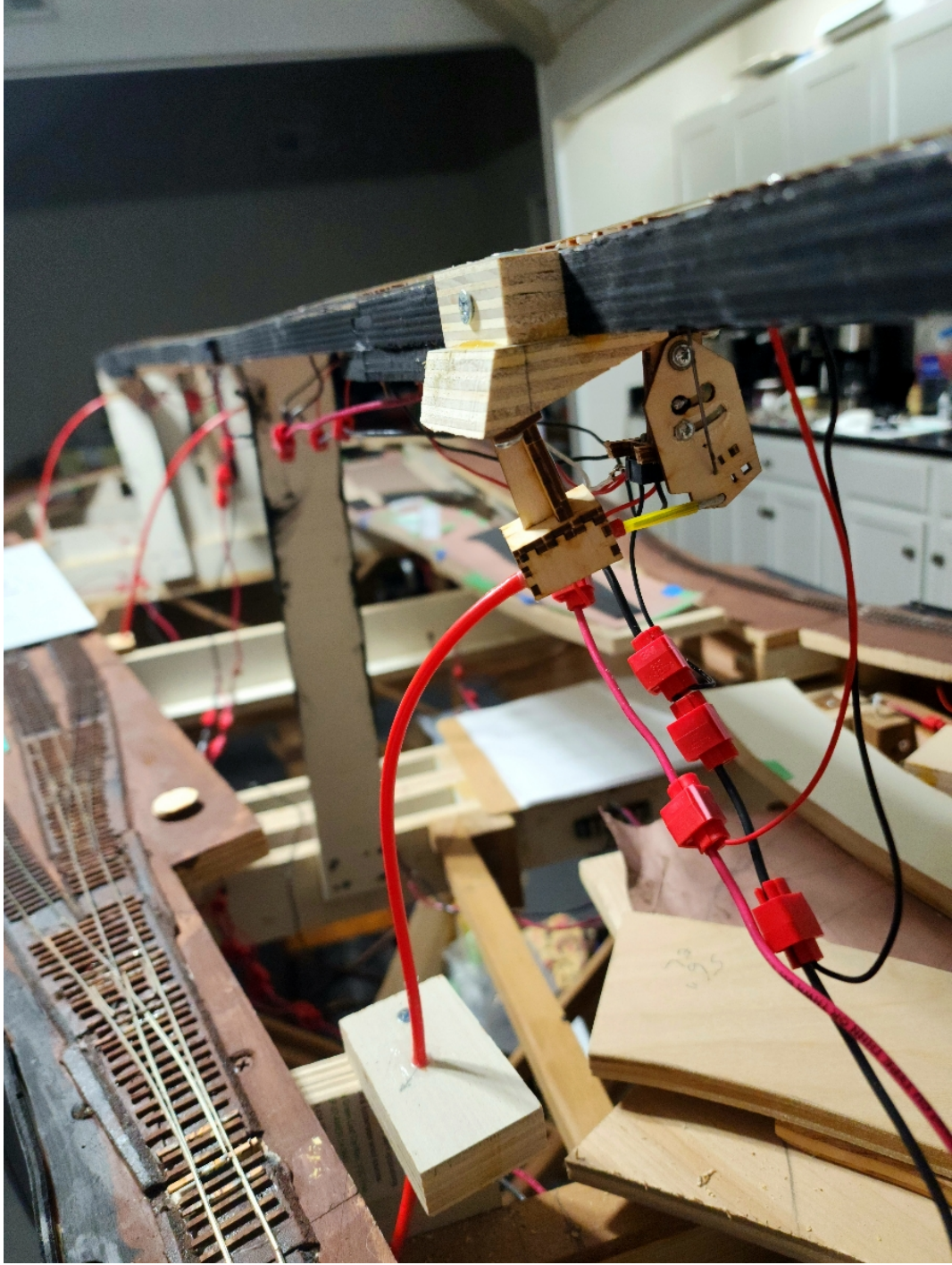


Progress on the Cripple Creek District

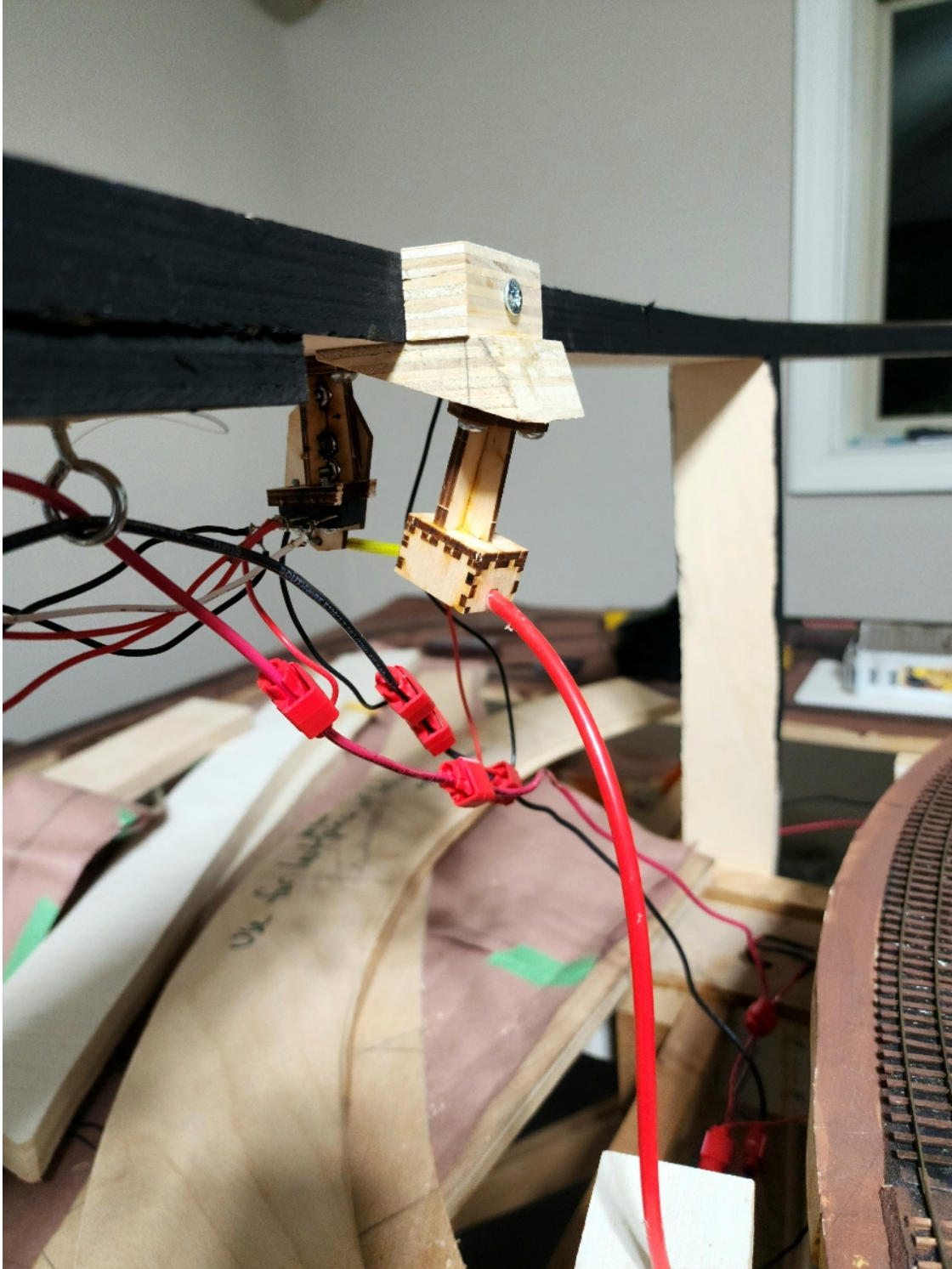
Scenery! I'd forgotten how much fun it is to build up cardboard webbing. Thank the Lord for glue guns! This scene was inspired by the last section of roadway when you drive down from Pikes Peak. It's not near enough deep, but I still plan on having some very steep conifer covered slopes. A trestle will go in as well - thankfully this track has little or no grade to it.



Below shows how I used a "tadpole" to help guide the connecting rod down to the button. I had to cut out a wedge to get the proper angle because of the close proximity of the upper track to the lower fascia where the turnout button is.



Another view.



My Grandson paid a visit. We spent many hours running trains. He let me know in no uncertain terms that he prefers the larger controller.



Here he's uncoupling the engine that has just finished building the train that will head up to Goldfield from Florence via Phantom Canyon. He did all of the switching from the Ship It! switchlist for Train #10.



A Better Way to Take Online Payments for Albion Software

I've been having trouble with Paypal these last few months, so I decided to jump ship. My daughter uses Square for her photography business, so I decided to give it a whirl. I'm glad I did, as it improves the purchasing experience. You have more payment choices, and can add notes to the purchase. If you order an upgrade it's easy now to let me know that you own Railbase!

Until the next time - have fun playing with trains!

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