

Visitors!

Bob #1 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Here are photos taken during the start of the 2015 RockyOps weekend. If others who attended and have photos, please feel free to add them to this discussion thread.

First up: One of David's dear friends from his days at the Spokane model RR club came for a visit— Ron Peterson. Here we see Ron in the green vest (center) and Jim O'Neil far left. Behind David is a foamcore/CAD drawing mock-up of the Ohio River bridge that Vince prepared before making masters for casting urethane parts. I can't wait to see Vince's work progress!



David demonstrated one of the Arduino-controlled panels, this one for the complex staging yards called "Dogtown" that resides on the lower deck below the Havens Yard A/D tracks and the 28 linear feet of the International Paper out of sight to the right.



The hump yard bowl was filling up and soon ready for demonstration.



Bob #2 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Jim pulls his train behind an A&O GP35 for his switch job into the isolated area of Fillmore Heights.



Once Jim pulled his train into Fillmore, David gave him the lowdown of the switch job. And David's

Spokane colors are showing!



Meanwhile Ron starts to switch the complex job at International Paper, a switch job about 28 feet long!



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Vince hosted some of the A&O F3s to run an empty coal train.



Quintin Foster watched as David demonstrated the Whiting Rotaside dumper used on A&O 1.0, used

to dump live coal loads.



Quintin observes as a local live coal load is dumped by Jim who ran the Fillmore switch job.



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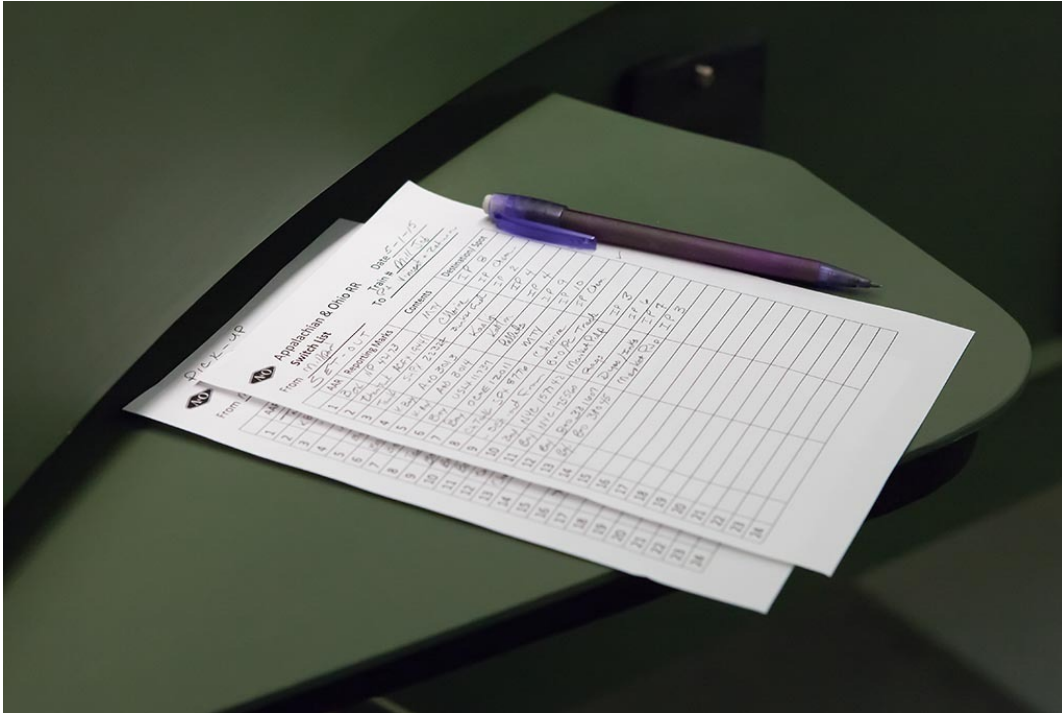
Quintin starts an empty coal train to Sobol Springs.



During this turn the sun suddenly turned dark... So David passed Quintin a flashlight. A&O crews need to keep a flashlight in their grips at all times!



One of the successful new additions was this swing out table so that the Mill Job switch crew could prepare their paperwork.



rnb3 #5 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Really cool! I cant wait for my chance to operate!

You know, if one where to connect a quarter slot to the layout like a vending machine or video game, I would deposit all of my kids' college funds in it!

Bob #6 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Rick -

That can certainly be arranged! 😊

Sparkfun (a great source for robotic and electronic parts) has two different models for sale. They are already my preferred vendor for Arduino boards (Pro Mini).



up148 #7 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Fantastic! Fantastic! Fantastic! It is impossible to visit the A&O forum without learning something or coming away with a new appreciation for what you guys are accomplishing. It just doesn't get any better than this. Thanks to Dave and Bob and all the A&O crew for taking our hobby to a whole new level.

Butch

David #8 February 14, 2016, 10:35pm

Thanks Butch. Such kind comments, indeed. And I haven't even started scenery yet. But we're almost done with everything else, so it will be soon!

David