

## JOHNSVILLE

There was a thriving village along the main line, filled with cute little European-style houses. The mixed train stopped daily, except Saturday and Sunday, providing efficient service to nearby services and shopping.'

Tourists and sightseers came by train to ride the Mount Emmot cableway, and enjoy the food and sights from the Summit Restaurant.

Then, the railroad stopped the passenger service. Fewer and fewer visitors came on the narrow highway. Gradually the village income went down and the cute little houses fell into disrepair.

Now the village is a shadow of its previous self. The stucco on the quaint station is cracking. Roofs of the houses are badly in need of repair.



**Fortunately, the road is still passable, so a few do come to ride the cableway. Traffic has to slow through the medieval town gate.**



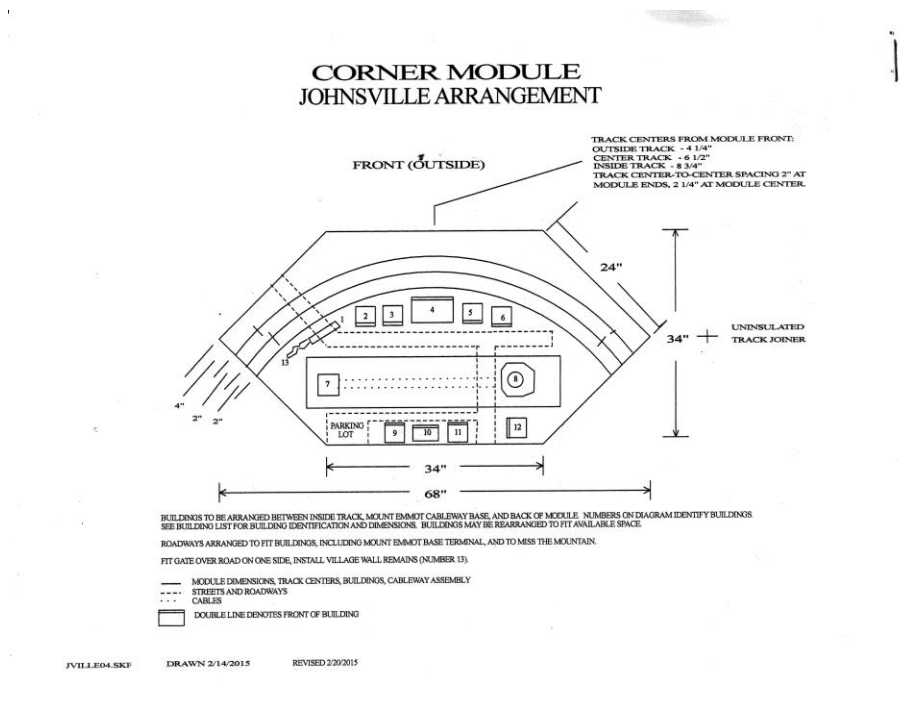
**Thank Goodness for the Mount Emmot Cableway!**



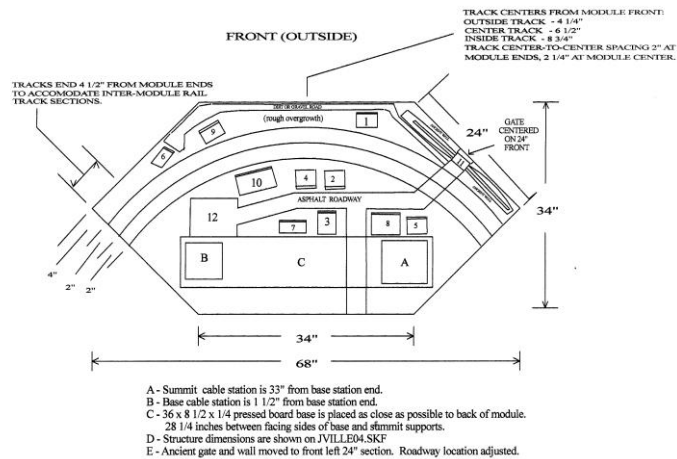


This sets the stage for adding scenery to the Mount Emmot corner module! We acquired several European-style houses at the February PPD meeting, and had a plan for installing them and adding scenery to the module at the April 2015 TECO meet.

These drawing show possible layouts of Johnsville on the corner module:



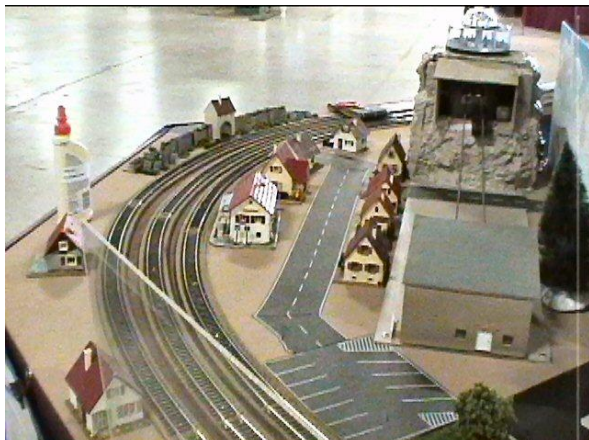
## MOUNT EMMOT CORNER MODULE ALTERNATE BUILDING LAYOUT

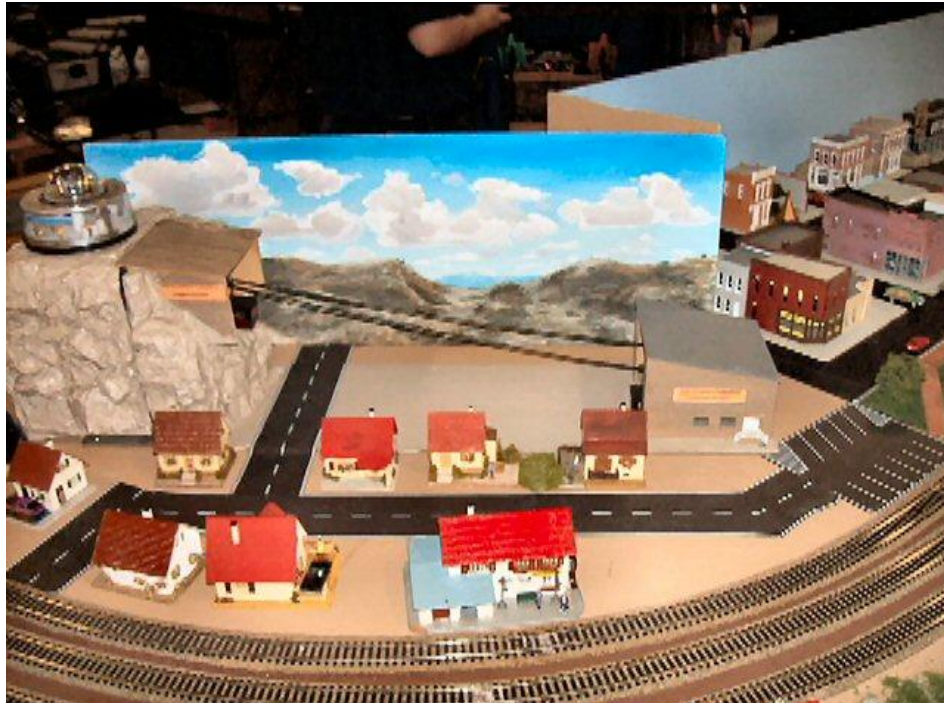


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The second layout was more practical. The ancient gate and fence fit better on the 24 inch side of the module, away from the cableway base station.

On the morning of April 25, 2015 we started. First the roadway was installed. That was the basis for locating the buildings. Next, the buildings were "dry fitted". When the layout was deemed okay, they were secured with wood glue.



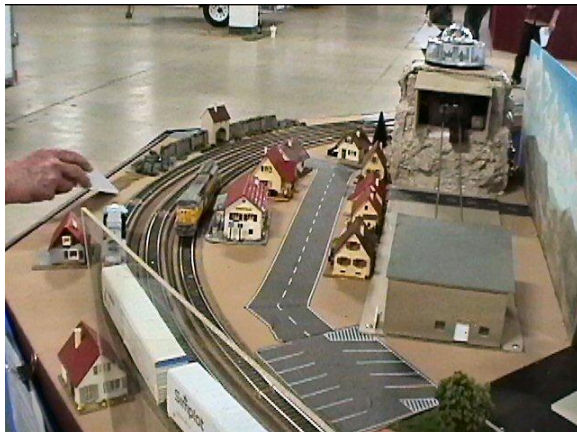


**Johnsville after roads and houses**

**During the show, we tried to get the Boy Scouts interested in scenery installation. It was a hard sell, as they were concentrating on completing their railroad merit badge requirements. When a group of scouts came by, we demonstrated scenery techniques.**



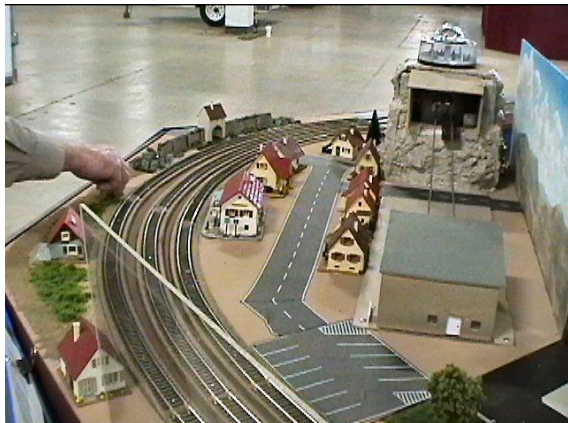
In the meantime, Jerry Hansz did some scenery work. Here he is installing a dirt road, using a homemade dirt spreader.



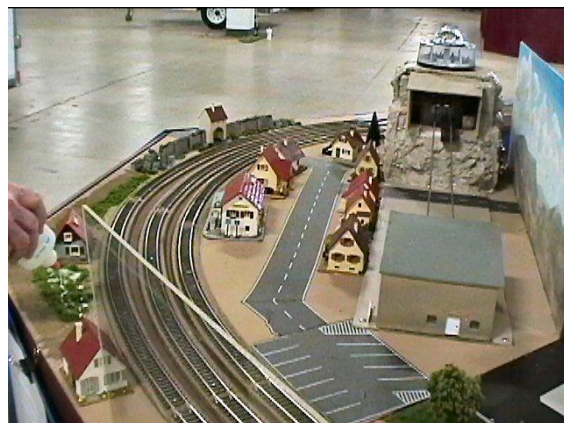
**Spreading sifted dirt**



**The completed road**



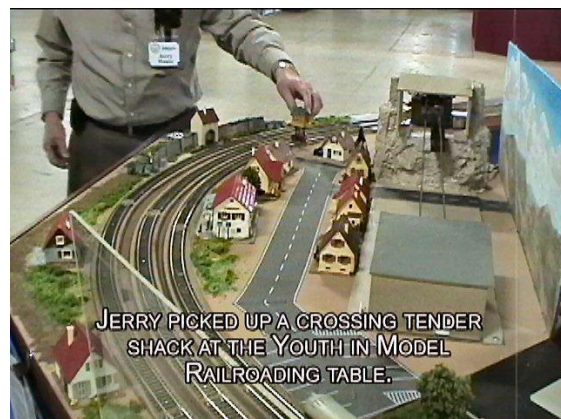
**Adding grass**



**Wetting grass with scenery cement**



**A couple of scouts did try their hand**

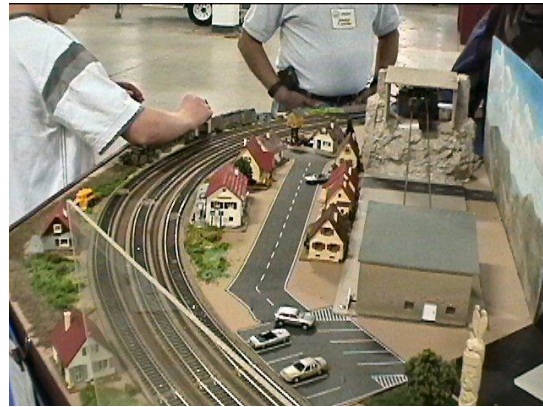


**Adding a structure**

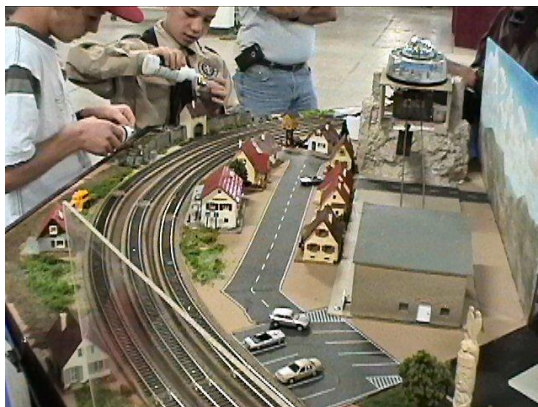
**Finally a couple of scouts get involved! Alec and Iann Toney spent most of the day working on the module. Their work gave us the boost we needed!**



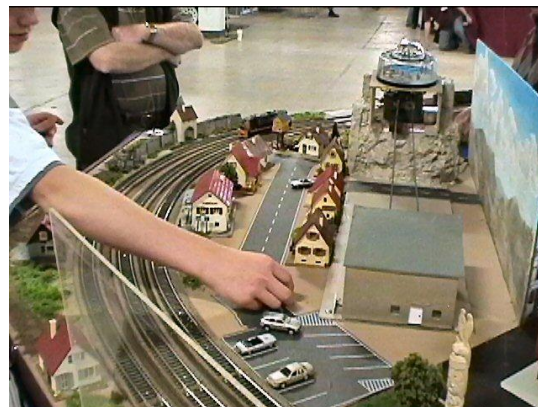
**Iann planting grass**



**Alec adding stuff to the gate**



**They continue to work!**

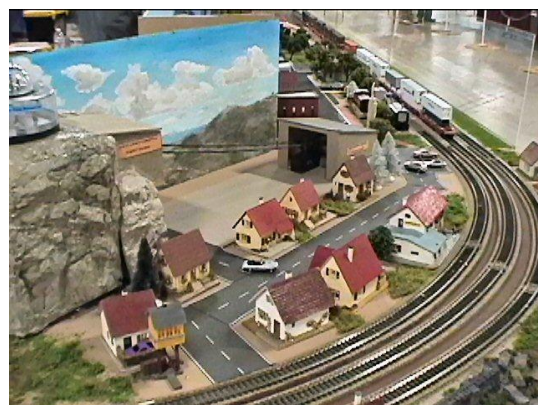


**They had installed automobiles**

**After Alec and Iann left, we continued with scenery. Spectators seemed to like what we had done.**

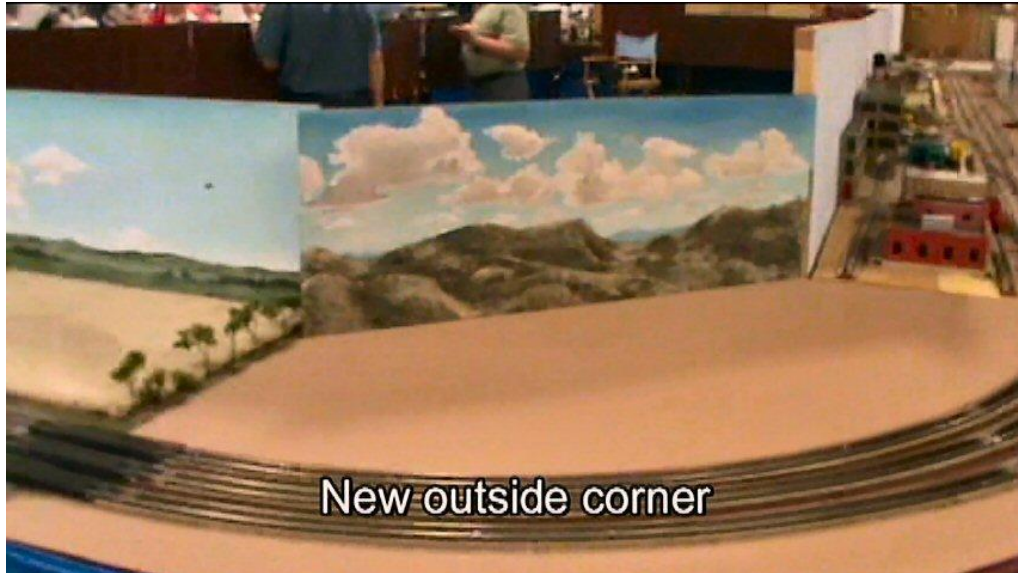


**Some scouts stopped by later**

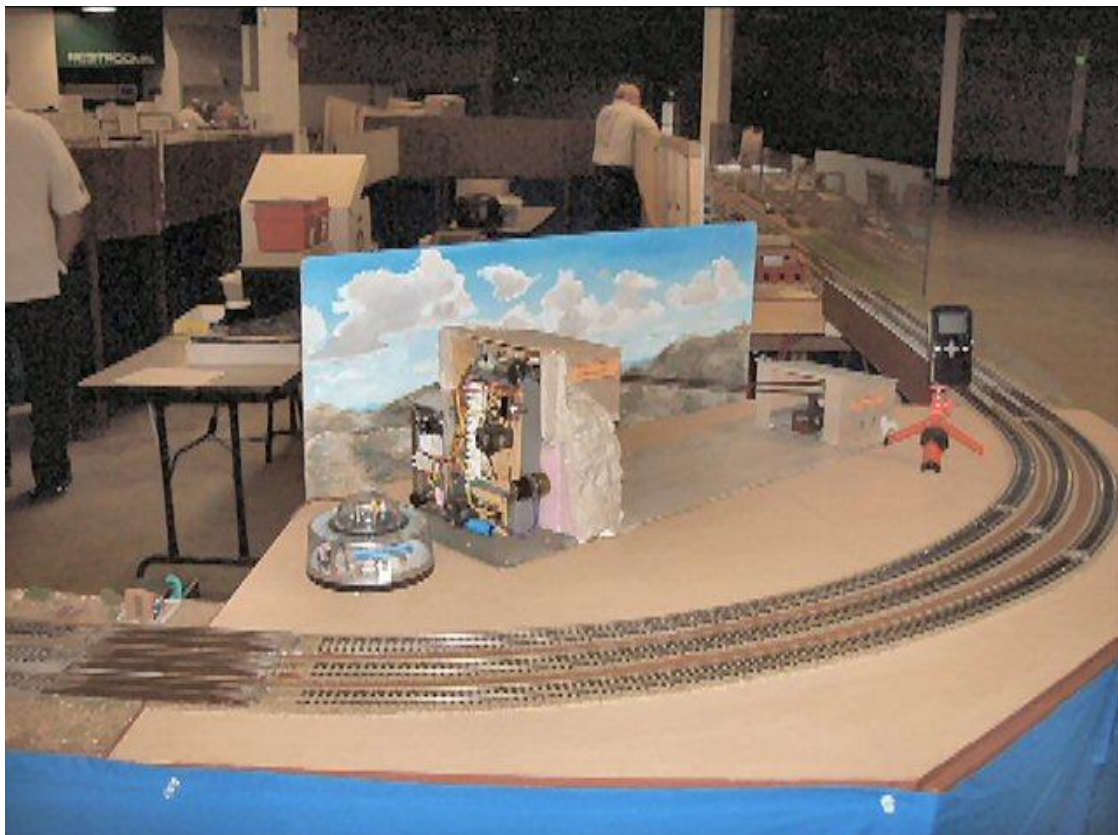


**Johnsville is looking better!**

**We started with a new module, built by John Emmot. It was bare!**



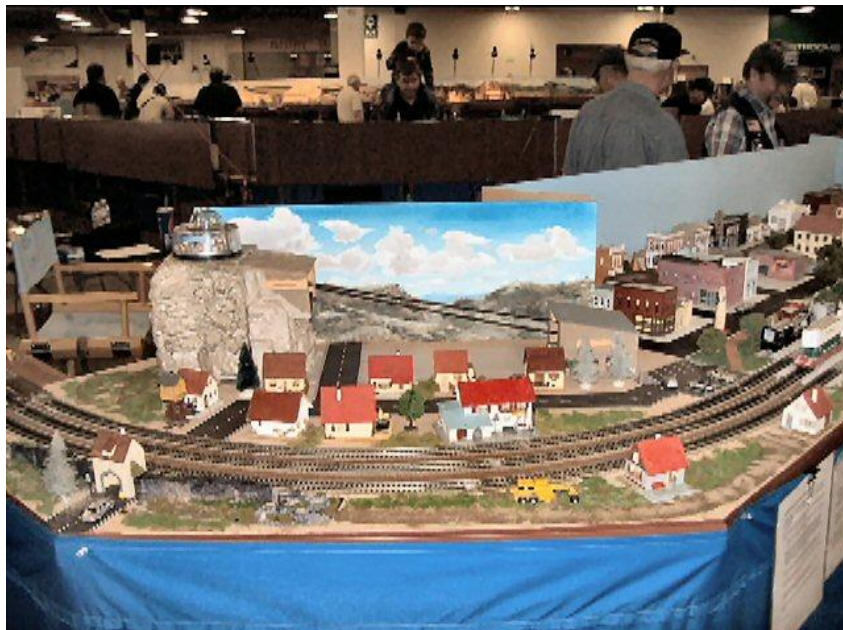
**The new module**

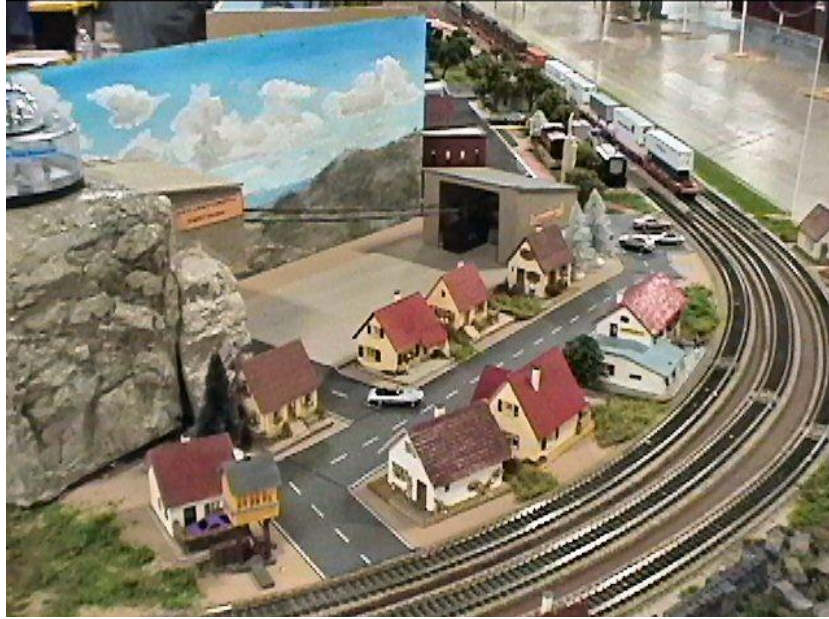


**Jerry built the Mount Emmot Cableway**



**After installing roadways, buildings and most of the scenery, Johnsville looked like this:**





**There is still work to be done. We didn't try to install ground cover on the 26<sup>th</sup>, so things could dry out before teardown. John Emmot planned to put in some trees on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We also had some telephone poles that could be "planted".**

**All in all, doing the scenery during the TECO show was an interesting exercise. Watching some scouts do their thing was a blast! The Mount Emmot corner module is no longer bare!**