

Tim Rumph's Southern Railway layout is an N scale layout being built in an 800 square foot room made for the layout in the basement of Tim's home in Lancaster, SC. It is inspired by the Southern's S-Line which runs from Salisbury and Spencer, NC, through Hickory and Asheville to Morristown, TN. The layout is set in 1974 and the modeled portion will be from Salisbury/Spencer to Morganton. The current state of construction includes benchwork, track, and wiring (but no scenery) between Claremont and Conover, including the city of Newton and a portion of the Carolina and Northwestern RR running south from Newton into a staging yard representing Lincoln, Gastonia, and York, SC.

The layout is being built in sections in the adjacent garage. Each section consists of a platform made of 1/2" cabinet grade plywood. Most of the roadbed is spline lattice style made with 1/8 inch splines cut from poplar boards and glued up following the layout drawn on the top of the platform. Risers to support the roadbed are also made from poplar. The control system is DCC, using the NCE system. Signals and other controls are operated by Layout Command Control (LCC) with hardware provided by RR-CirKits, owned by Dick and Karen Bronson of Waxhaw, NC. Turnouts are controlled manually from the fascia using BluePoint style switch machines.

Attached Pictures



No 165 Newton - Westbound freight train rounding the curve in Newton



End of the World - End of current layout construction