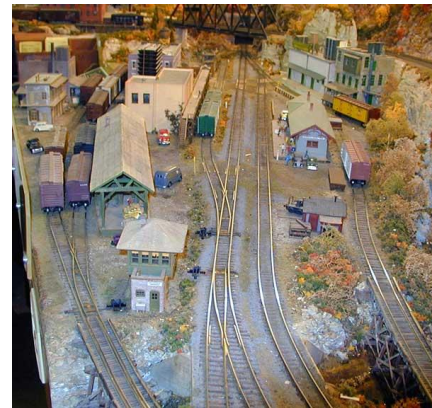




Piedmont and Western RR

Jack Parker

- Style: Freelance
- Era: Early 1950s
- Scale: HO
- Size: Two buildings 20'x20' and 12'x40'
- % Benchwork & Track: 100%
- % Scenery: 100%
- Control: Digitrax DCC
- Access: Several short stairways, many narrow aisles



The Bridge Route through the Blue Ridge. Jack Parker started building the P&W in 1955 and it was intended to be an operating layout. The P&W moves a mixture of merchandise and coal between Huntington, WV and Charlotte, NC. There are two major coal mines on the layout and many smaller mines and tipples. The layout also includes many other industries and operates a mix of through freights, locals, and passenger trains with a mixture of steam and diesel power.

Car forwarding is controlled with car cards and there is a telephone system for communication. A dispatcher controls the layout through verbal commands, keeping track of the trains on computer monitors. It take 10-14 people to staff the layout. The P&W was featured in the May 2018 *Model Railroader* magazine.