

# ***Briggs Models***

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***Newsletter #1, October 1, 2018***

**This** is the inaugural newsletter from Briggs Models. I intend these to be monthly, and I will email them to everyone that orders product from Briggs Models, or you can sign up on [www.briggsmodels.ca](http://www.briggsmodels.ca). They will also be posted on the Briggs Models website. I would like this newsletter to grow, and hopefully start to include some tips from customers for finishing model kits. 3d printed, laser cut, and etched models have become commonplace for unusual prototypes, and I know many people would benefit from this resource. This will be my main channel for sharing product releases, manufacturing announcements, and product support. I encourage modellers to send me a note if you think you have something to contribute, and links to others that are interested in products I produce.

**I started** Kaslo Shops in 1995 to capitalize on the enjoyment I get from developing and producing model kits. Kaslo Shops became well known for high detail levels, consistent availability, and accuracy, in both HO and N scale, especially to Canadian modellers. The level of detail that was included in the kits I designed still stands up to current production. In 2004 I started Briggs Models, so I could have control over my designs and direction. Some of the first products Briggs Models made were Dofasco

Conversion truck kits, which are still made, in improved form. Other models which have been popular are the RS18 conversion parts, and M420 and 8-40-CM body shell kits. Briggs Models recently acquired high resolution 3d printers, which are taking designs to the next level. Currently, Briggs Models has 2 resin 3d printers, which are used to manufacture cosmetic parts, and 1 FDM printer which is used to make mechanical parts. Briggs Models products are produced with the highest quality possible, with the most appropriate manufacturing medium I can find. In Briggs Models kits, you will find 3d printed, etched and water cut metal, and laser cut parts as appropriate to provide the highest level of detail and accuracy possible. To ensure that my models are compatible with the current high quality of operation, I do not supply mechanism parts, but leave that to the purchaser to provide. A major benefit of this method is Briggs Models is not tied to a specific tooling type for mechanical parts, and enables changes during production, or even replacement updated parts. This also enables me to have a high availability rate, as all Briggs Models products are produced on demand to order. I am not tied to using a service bureau for my 3d printing, either, there is no waiting for them to produce reasonable parts, and I can ensure everything that goes out the door is what I want to give to my customers. If there is a problem with any product, I can immediately deal with the issue, and not have to wait for a replacement to be mailed to me.= I have excellent suppliers for extremely high quality etched and water cut metal parts, to ensure I can ship models as quickly as you would like to get them.

**Featured** from Briggs Models in October is the N scale SDL39. The prototype of this model was built specifically for the Milwaukee Road, for use on light branch lines. The model kit has many details not seen in ready to run models. To build, you need only a few small details to suit, and an

Atlas C628 or C630 for donor mechanical parts. The model gearboxes are used without any gearing modification, as the truck wheelbase is extremely close to the SDL39 wheelbase. Correct side frames are included, as is a frame made to accept the Atlas components, and a heavy weight. See <http://www.briggsmodels.ca/instruction-files.php> for the complete instruction article on building this sweet little model.



**Also** available now are N scale **M630W** body kits. These come with the Dofasco truck conversion kit, and fit the Atlas C630 for the mechanism. I only made 17 kits of this rare prototype. **M630** body shell kits are also available again.

**Briggs** Models produces many conversion and body shell kits, such as the **RS23**. This kit is also available in BCR and CN S13 variants.



**Briggs** Models manufactures a good number of detail parts and conversion kits as well. All are available in the online, secure store. Many more models are planned for the near future, or are in development now.

### **Coming Soon-**

**HO scale-** PGE wood cabooses, with etched detail parts, Pacific Great Eastern/BCR RS18 long hoods.

**N scale-** GP40-2L wide cab locomotive shells, to fit Atlas GP40-2 chassis, truck side frames to convert the Atlas S2 to an early model S4, S5 and S6 body shell kits, and C415 locomotive kits.

<http://www.briggsmodels.ca/order.php> to order.

**Model** building contest! If you have built or used a Briggs Models product in a scene you have photographed, email in a photo that I can use to show off, and win a \$50 gift certificate from Briggs Models. I am giving out one each month, starting in November.

**Come** and see us at the Train Expo, November 9-10, 2018. Briggs

Models will have a table and product if you would like to receive it in person. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Briggs** Models is currently in need of a part time, comission, direct to customer N scale national sales representative. If you are passionate about N scale models, easily make social connections in the hobby, and like showing off cool models, this may be an opportunity for you. A good deal of this work could be done on line, and does not involve anything other than securing orders and aiding in completing purchasing. Some experience building and painting model kits is necessary, so you can talk the lingo. This might be ideal for someone who would like to earn some extra income while socializing in their hobby. Please contact me directly if you are interested, with your resume and brief history of your model building experience, at: [sales@briggsmanufacturingassociates.com](mailto:sales@briggsmanufacturingassociates.com).

**Thank** you to all my customers for your past patronage, and I hope you can find future products in the Briggs Models catalog you will get enjoyment from.

**Jeff Briggs, Owner**

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