



Cumberland and Lake Erie Railroad

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- Style: Proto Freelance
- Era: 1957
- Scale: HO
- Size: 36' X 34' around the walls plus one large peninsula
- % Completed: 100%
- % Scenery: 50%
- Control: NCE DCC Sound, wireless throttles
- Access: Ten steps down to basement from garage



The C&LE is a bridge route with close ties to the Western Maryland. It's a 2-level 270' walk around railroad with a single track mainline. Operation uses telephones, car card and way bills, timetable, and train orders. There are two helper districts, 2 yards and 4 staging yards. Twelve operators run about 28 trains in 4 hrs. Track is a combination of hand laid and Micro Engineering code 83, 70 and 55 rail. The two yards are Johnstown and Somerset. Johnstown handles mostly merchandise with interchange with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Conemaugh and Black Lick (Bethlehem Steel), and the Johnstown and Stoney Creek (United States Steel). Johnstown also makes up and receives local and through freights. Somerset yard handles mostly coal traffic making up five local coal trains that work the five modeled coal mines and one coke plant, plus coal trains to the mines that are represented on the Coleman and Boswell staging branches. As needed Somerset makes up loaded east and westbound coal trains. With a full complement of crews, we have one dispatcher, one operator, one assistant operator, four-yard crews, and five road crews; a minimum of 8 operators is needed for a good op session.