

Woodboro WI as a Prototype module for AP Prototype

Building modules that reflect prototype locations in Northern WI is a goal of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club. This is an effort to preserve railroad history which is rapidly disappearing from the area after the CN purchase of the Wisconsin Central (WC). Locations selected by the club have lost their rail service and have had their sidings removed. East of Rhinelander the line has been red flagged and has no service. West of Rhinelander the line is kept open to connect at Bradley Junction.

Woodboro is located where the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad Fourth Subdivision (SOO/WC/CN) crosses Oneida County N. The history of the town goes back to the establishment of the Woods Lumber Company. The 1898 plat book of county maps (Maps of Oneida, Vilas and Range 4 of Iron Counties)Town #36 Range #7E shows the Soo Line tracks along with a logging spur which goes south west from near the junction to Wolf Lake.

The SOO line at MP 208.8, Woodboro, is the center of interest for a Prototype module. This area includes a general store and a warehouse with its own siding. The Official Railway Guide, July- August Bicentennial Edition, indicates Woodboro, on page 389, as a station (Freight Service Only) on page 730 at a location between Heafford Jct. (MILW, SOO Freight Service Only) and Rhinelander WI. (CNW, SOO Freight Service Only). Due to the many lakes in the area the ground along the SOO Line main tends to rise and fall. The module will demonstrate how the cuts and fills work to keep the railroad level.

Business at Woodboro is indicated to be deliveries of fertilizer consigned to the D&J Warehouse which continued thru 5-15-86 in the List of Industries the SOO Line Railroad Company published. The siding between the warehouse and county N was also used for loading logs for shipment to paper mills along the SOO line. January 1987 maps of the lines indicate the transfer of these locations to the Lake States Division as part of the Fourth Eastern Division.

Photos of the location from 1930s to the present show each of these building have suffered from age over the last few decades. The general store has had many renovations to try to make the location marketable however these efforts have failed and the building is in disrepair and may be demolished for public safety. The siding and turnout has been removed.

Four different types of models must be represented in a total of six to qualify for AP Prototype:

- Rolling stock (Boxcar and/ or logging Gondola with or without logs)
- Railroad structure (Warehouse, Grade crossing, Crossbucks, line poles, and Switch stand)
- Caboose or passenger car (SOO Line Caboose out of Rhinelander slides for documentation)
- Motive power (GP30 out of Rhinelander pool, slides for documentation)

Any two of the six models must be [scratch built](#) the remainder must be [super detailed](#). The General Store and the Warehouse will be scratch built as shown below. Internal and external lighting will be built into the models.

Plans or photographs are provided to verify the final prototypical appearance of each model and of the total scene. I have not included a few photographs but I have many covering years from 1932 to date.

Years of documentation (photos and measurements) of the location include images from the Rhinelander Railroad Association (RRA), the Rhinelander Public Library, the Woodboro Historical Society and personal photo collections. The image of the General Store in the 1930s before it was a bar is from the book Woodboro, The First 100 Years which provides images of the store and other buildings as well as descriptions of the area. Additional documentation includes the last shipments to the siding at Woodboro from SOO Line, photos and documentation of the equipment used by the SOO Line in the Rhinelander area and measurements made of the area and structures.

In building this module, with scratch built General Store and Warehouse, it will include a GP30 servicing the siding with a box car, log gondola and a caboose to allow entry as a Prototype module. These items are documented with photos from the RRA collection. The grade crossing, cross bucks and turnout with switch stand will be scratch built and or super detailed.

Please let me know if the building of this module would be acceptable. I would present it for evaluation by the Du Page Division MMR and delegated evaluators along with local north woods member's evaluation of the prototype location and prototype buildings and documentation as assigned by the MWR AP chair.

Thanks,

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Additional information about the project is in the December news letter of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club found at www.tlsrc.org a direct link to the newsletter is:

<http://www.tlsrc.org/newsletters/TLMRCDec12-1.pdf>

The rest of this attachment shows a sample of the ideas for a module and detailed drawings of the buildings at Woodboro.

The general store has had many modifications. The drawing below shows the building as it was before a deck was added but after the entrance was rebuilt to not have an inset front door. The Gas pumps have been removed by the time the B&W photo was taken. While the photo of the store shows the siding these photos of the warehouse were taken after the siding was removed. This was during our measurement of the structures. I have full scale drawings of each building set to the time frame of the module.

All possible efforts will be taken to create scenery in a prototypical manner, and then have it evaluated to see how well you create a specific prototype scene.







