



# John Sing's Worldwide Model Railroad Photo Tour



Version 2

“You Are There!”



# Changes / Updates

- Added from 2009 version 1:
  - Pliny Holt
  - Dick Rotto's Santa Fe Raton Pass
  - San Diego Tehachapi Layout "The Loop"
  - Otis McGee's SP from 2009
  - Swiss USA-theme Convention Oct 2009
- Some minor deletions



# Today's agenda

- A Virtual World Tour of Model Railroading
  - Focus: locations *you* can visit
- History. Artistry. Creativity. Different countries and cultures. Tied together by a common passion.

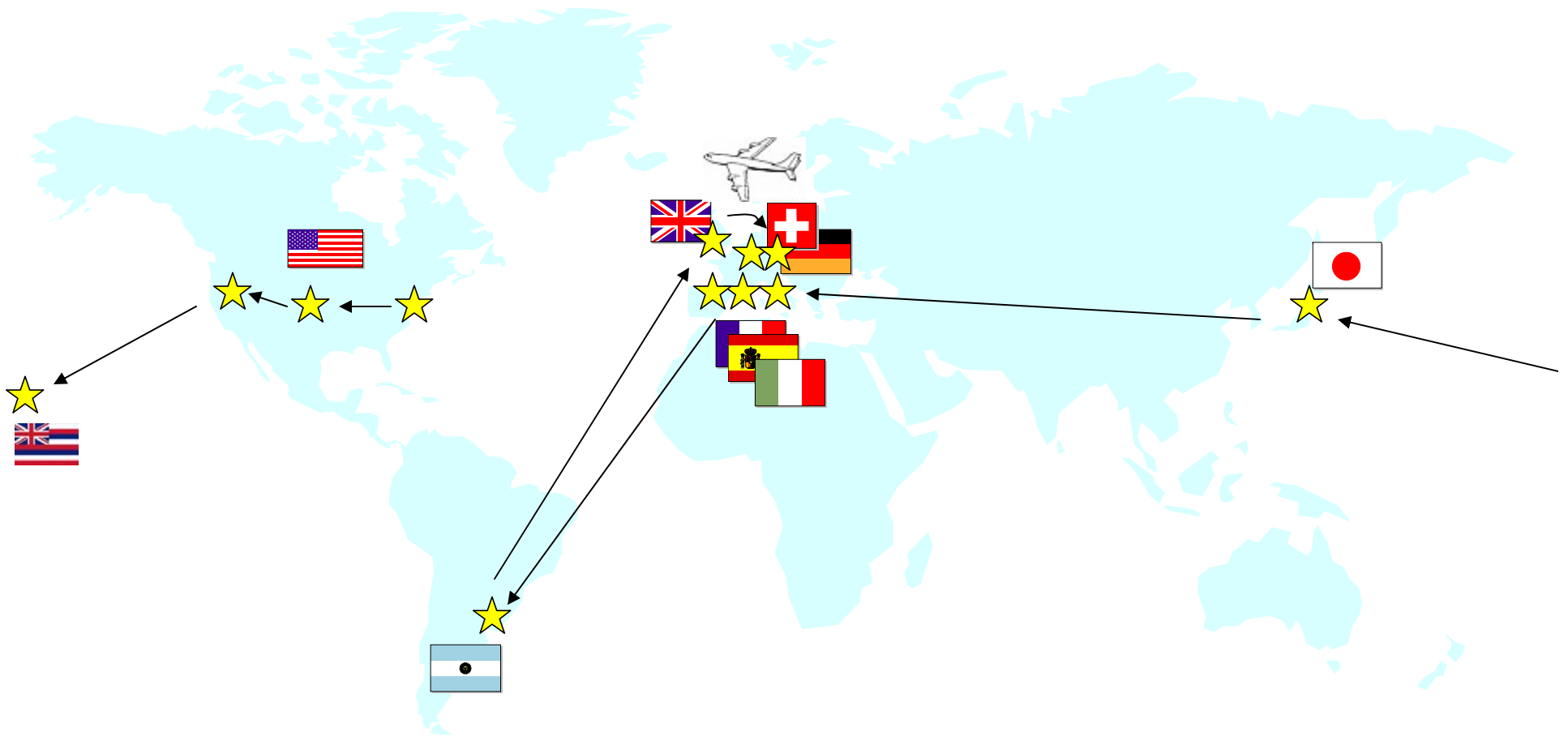
- Let's begin!



John's home page: <http://home.comcast.net/~j.sing>



# Today's railroading journey:





# We start our journey at Newark Liberty Airport, NJ:





# And go back in time....



To some roots of our hobby in the US...



# In the early days of US model railroading:



Howell Day  
In 1999

- There was a man named Howell Day
- He opened The Model Railroad Shop on January 2, 1933, in Piscataway, NJ:





# It's still there!



The ORIGINAL USA model railroad  
hobby Shop in New Jersey

[290 Vail Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854](http://www.themodelrailroadshop.com/)  
732.968.5696  
<http://www.themodelrailroadshop.com/>

- The Model RR Shop is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, continuously operated model train shop in the US
- Still well stocked and worth the visit for good treasure hunting
  - Check the *out of print* books in the back storeroom
  - Say hi to the current owner, Jack De Rosset
- 25 miles and 35 minutes drive SW from Newark Airport

Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat: 10am to 6pm  
Wed, Fri: 10 am to 9 pm  
Sun: Closed



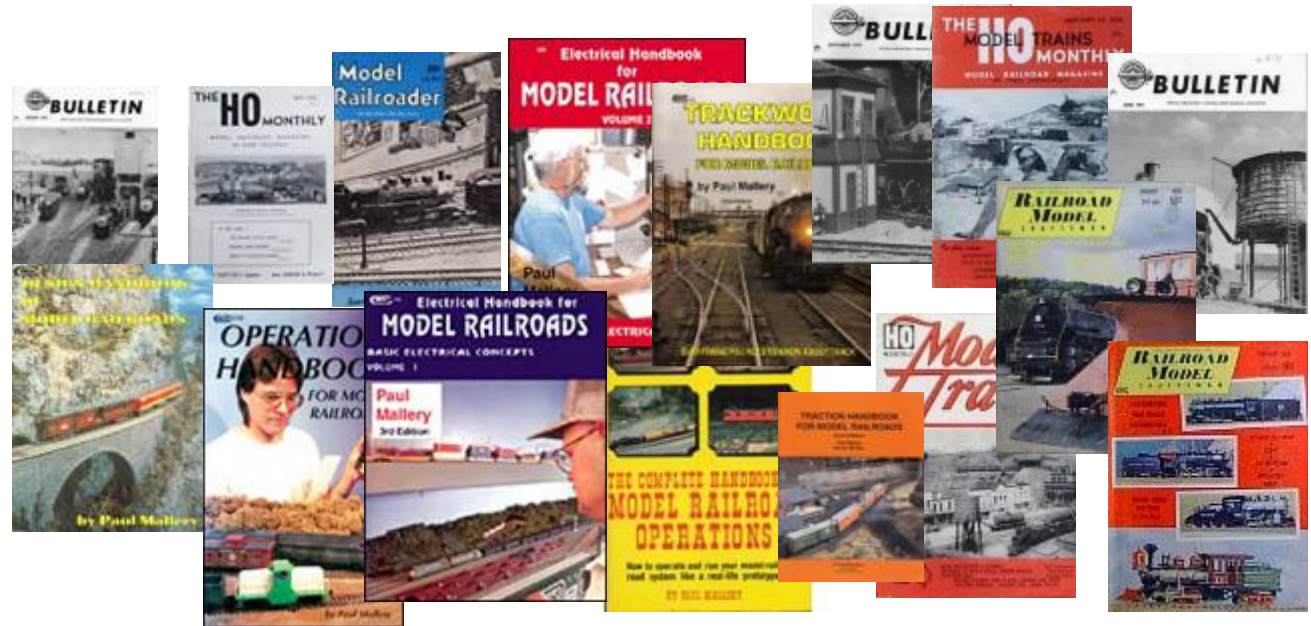


# Heading back towards Newark....

- Living close-by was another modeler named Paul Mallery, who has written a few books and articles....



Paul Mallery  
(1918-2004)



MMR #4

- He started a club in 1949
- That is today still one of the finest club layouts in the country ==>



# The Model Railroad Club, Inc.



- Union, NJ
- Open Tuesday nights and Saturday days



<http://www.tmrcki.com>



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**Phase 2 of construction under way**

Visit: Tues evenings and Sat mornings





Side note: just 4 miles from Newark is....



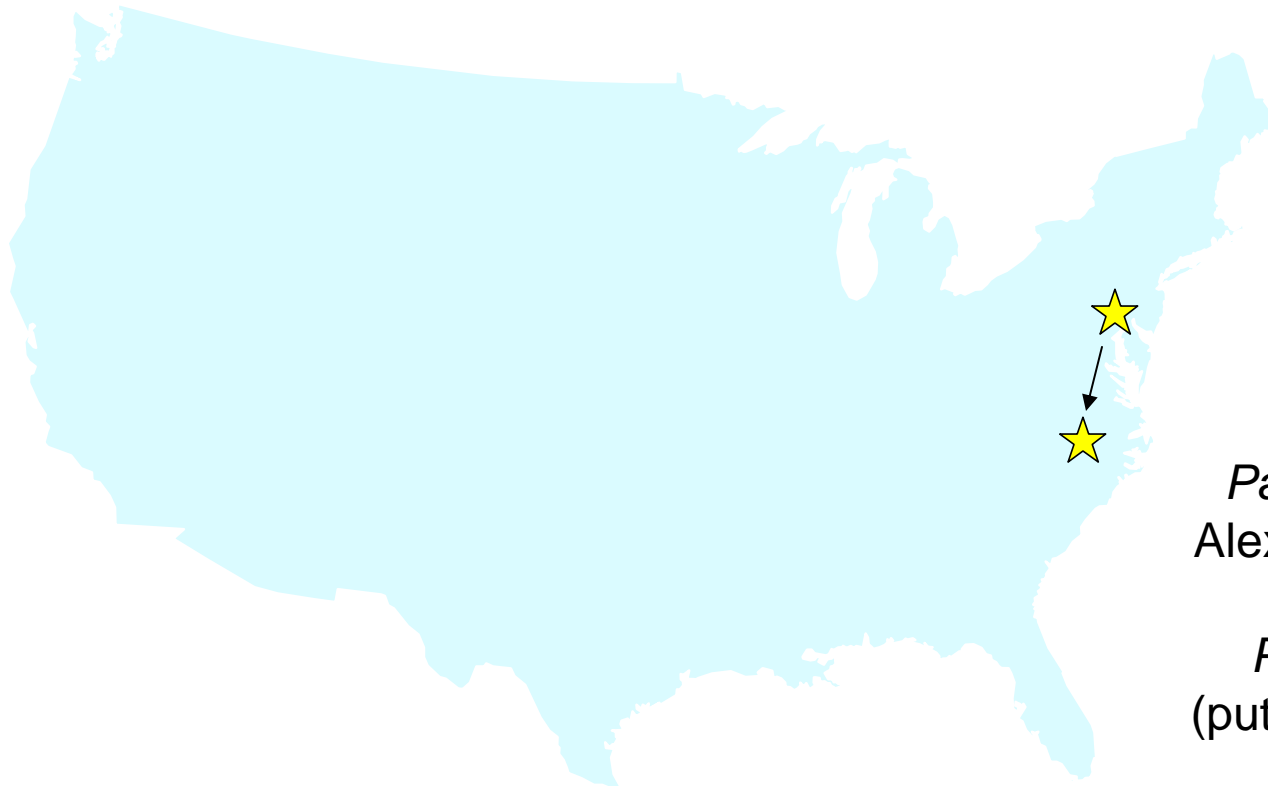
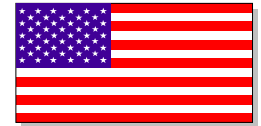
- Atlas Model RR HQ  
– Hillside, NJ





# East Coast layout Gems

that are now part of history....



*Paul Dolkos*  
Alexandria, VA

*Pliny Holt*  
(put town here)

*John Armstrong*  
Silver Springs, MD



# Layout Tour: Paul Dolkos

- Paul's beautiful Boston & Maine is now dismantled.
- But what a gem it was!





# Paul Dolkos







# Paul Dolkos



[Paul is now starting a new layout, based on the railroads around Baltimore in 1955](#)

<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/pd.htm>



# Pliny Holt, MMR

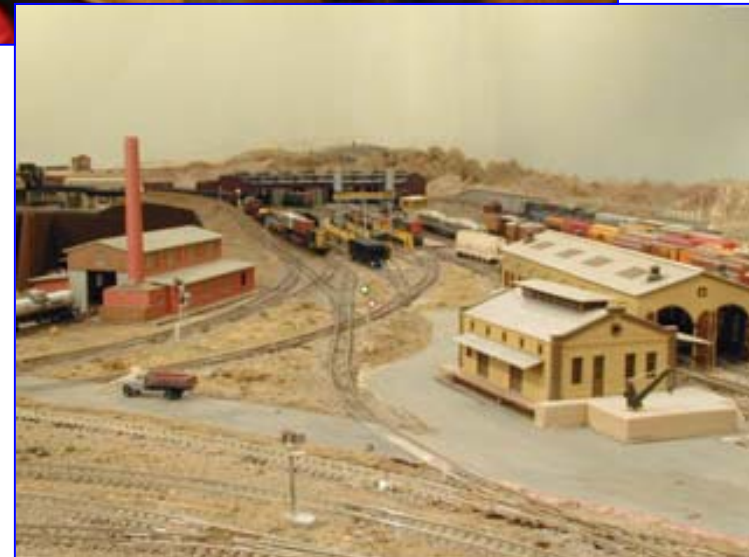


- Pliny Holt, MMR, passed away peacefully at the age of 99, at home on Monday, January 4, 2010, in Washington DC area
  - Born in the Stockton, California
- Scratch golfer in college, Naval Aviator, WWII hero, incredible engineer for the Navy
- Flew over 100 aircraft types
  - Every aircraft in US Navy
  - Most of the captured German aircraft
- Head, Advanced Project Section, Guided Missile Division, Bureau of Aeronautics, US Navy, Washington DC
  - Pioneer in the evolving technology of guided missiles
- Invented first airborne inertial navigation system
  - Manufactured the pilot model with his own hands.
- In 1958 he became the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Experimental Laboratory





# Pliny Holt, MMR





# John Armstrong

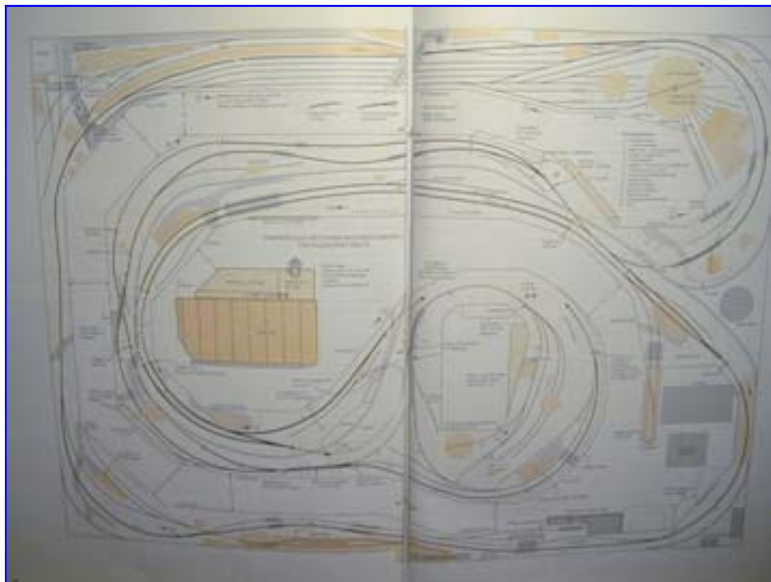
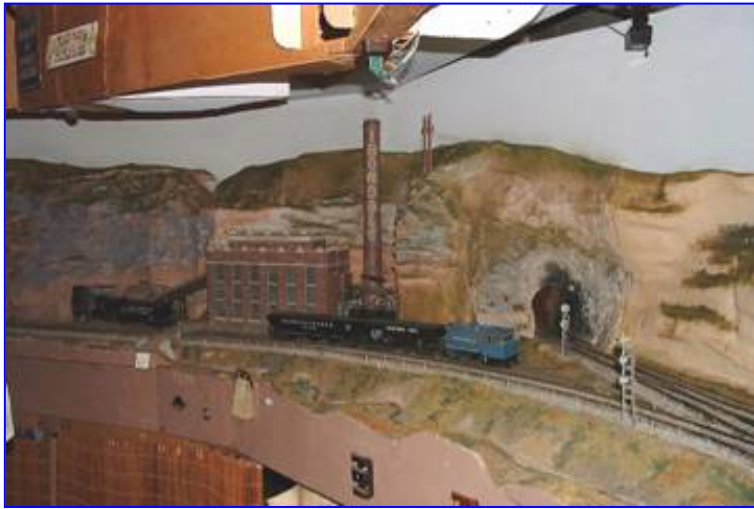


- John Armstrong's Canandaigua Southern
- October 2002





# John Armstrong





# London - Paris – Milan- Munich



Layout designed by John Armstrong in 1984

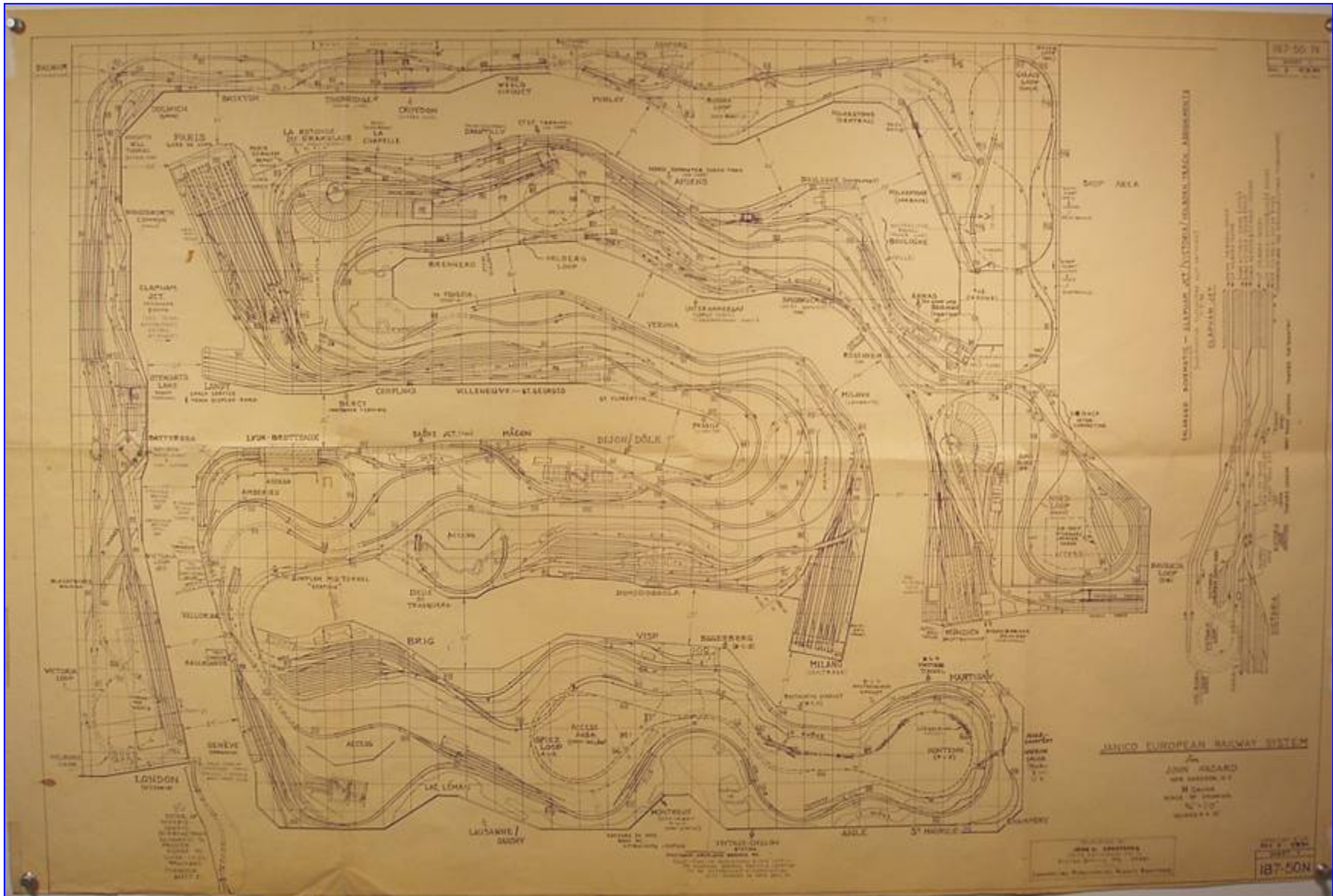




# London - Paris – Milan- Munich

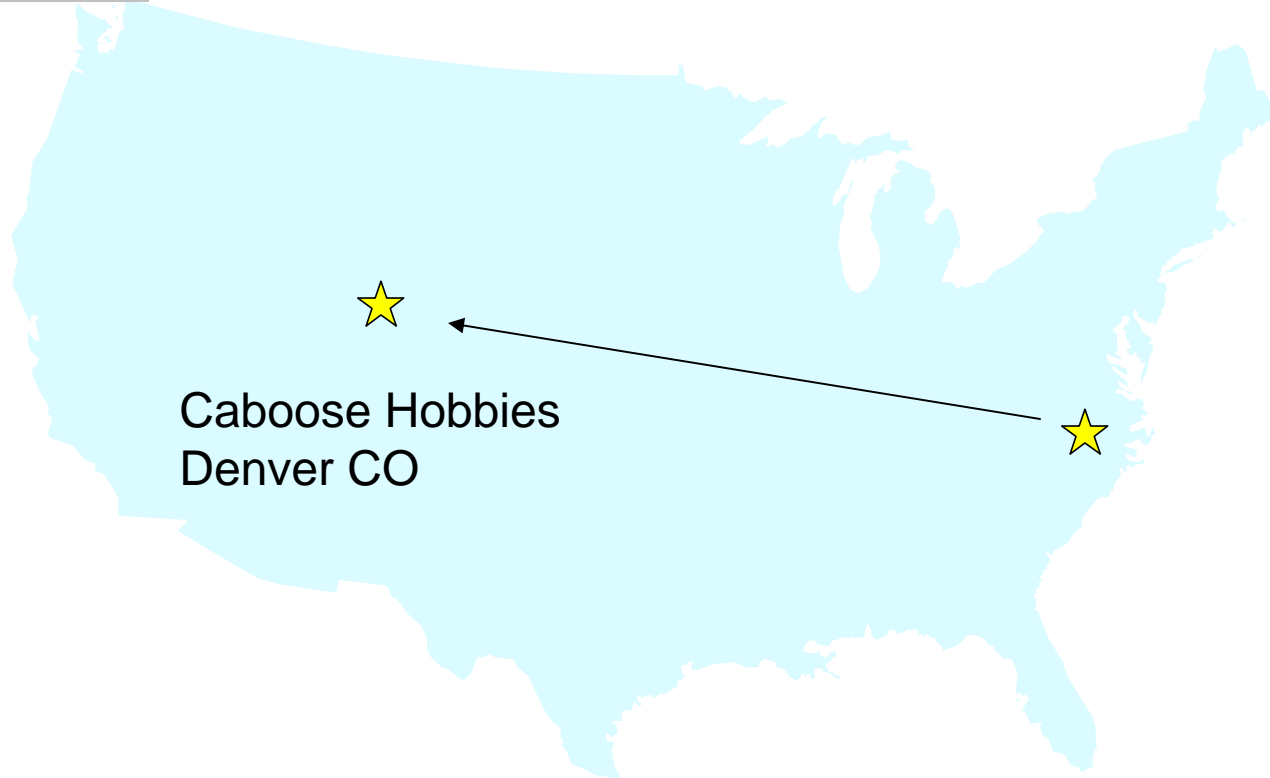
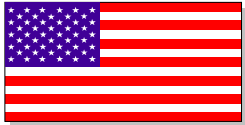


N scale layout 40' x 40', by John Armstrong in 1984





# Let's follow the sun!







# Caboose Hobbies



<http://www.cabooseshobbies.com/>

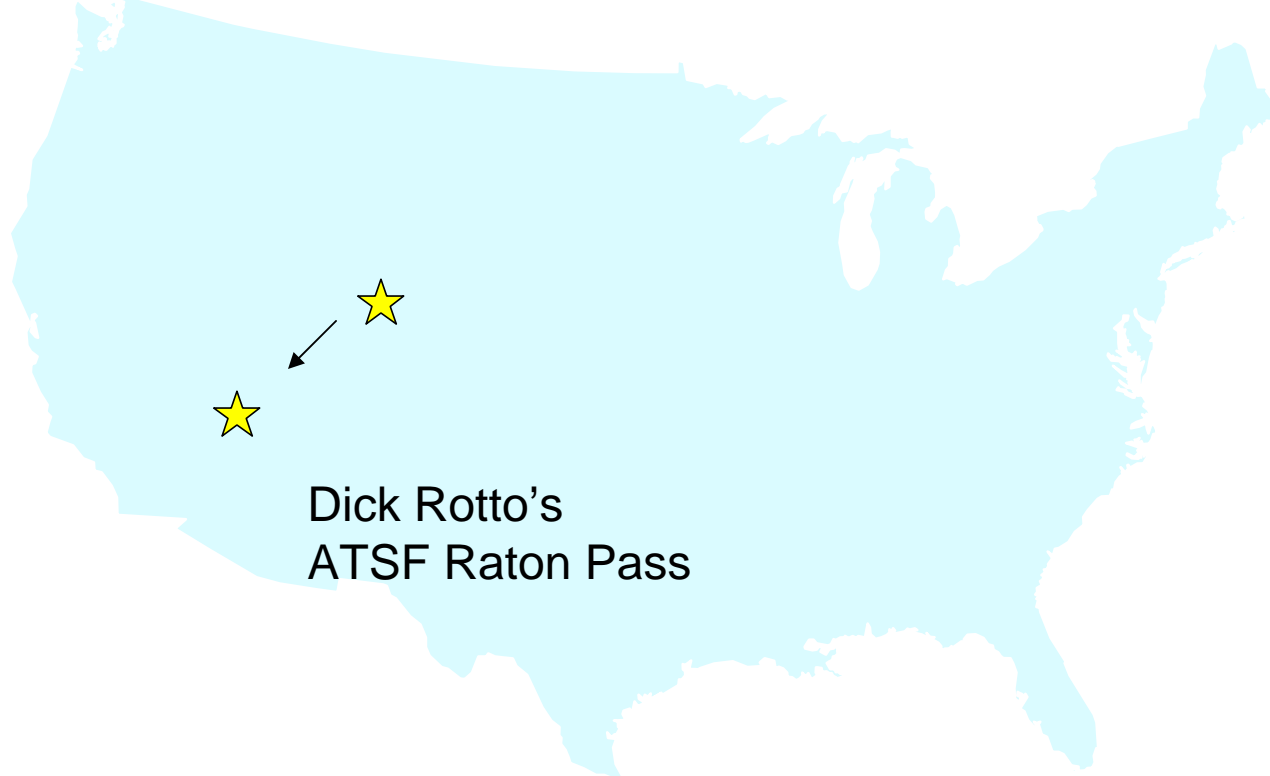
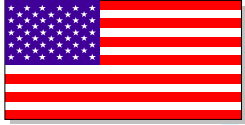


# Denver industrial trackage





# New Mexico and Raton



Dick Rotto's  
ATSF Raton Pass



# Dick Rotto's Raton Pass



So much is on the Internet!



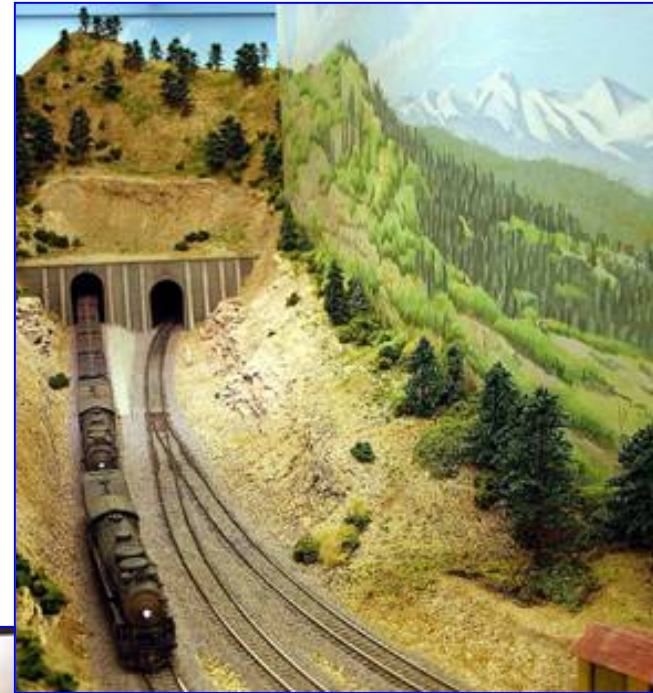
Photos by  
Brian Kreimendahl

Thx to Brian Kreimendahl for permission:

<http://www.pbase.com/intermodal>



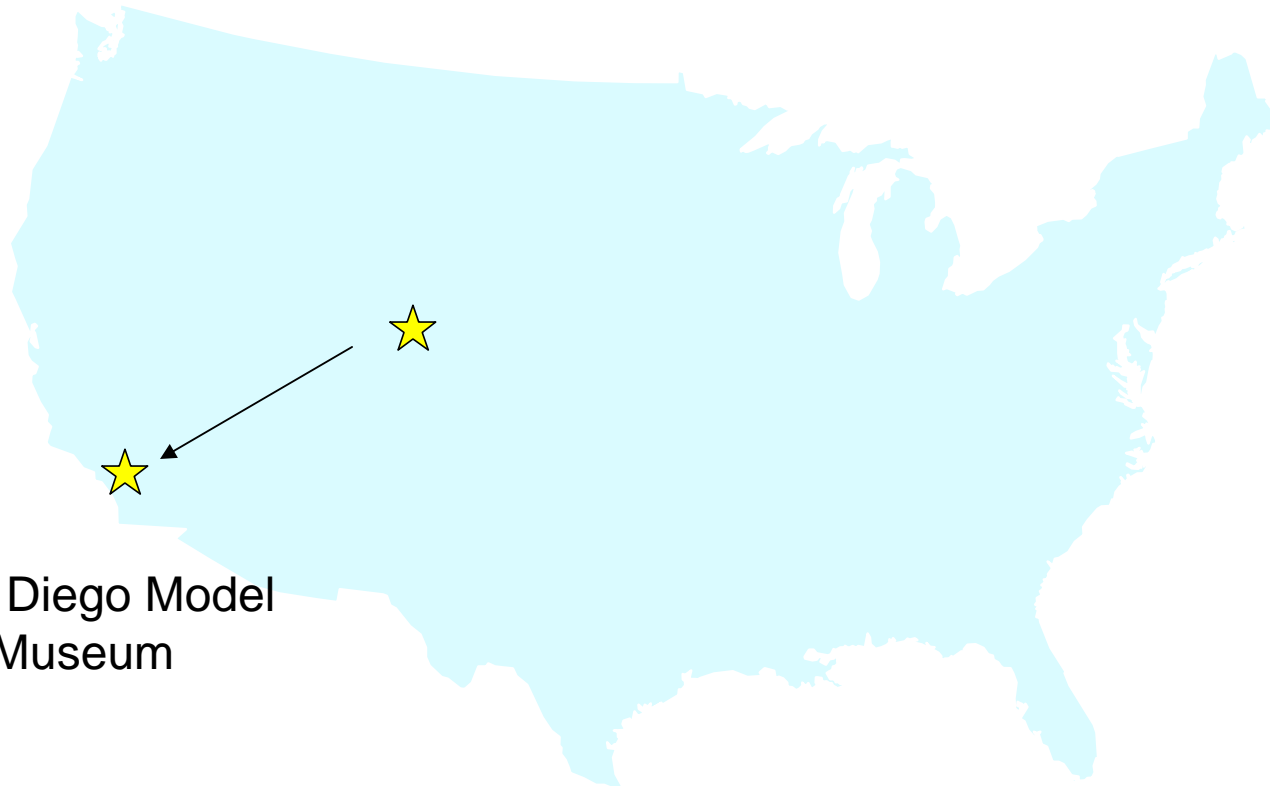
# Dick Rotto's Raton Pass



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# Go West, Young Man, to California



San Diego Model  
RR Museum



# San Diego Model RR Museum

- La Mesa Club - Tehachapi in HO – behind the scenes
- Go to the back door on **Tues night** or **Friday night** work nights





# San Diego Model RR Museum



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# The Loop from below



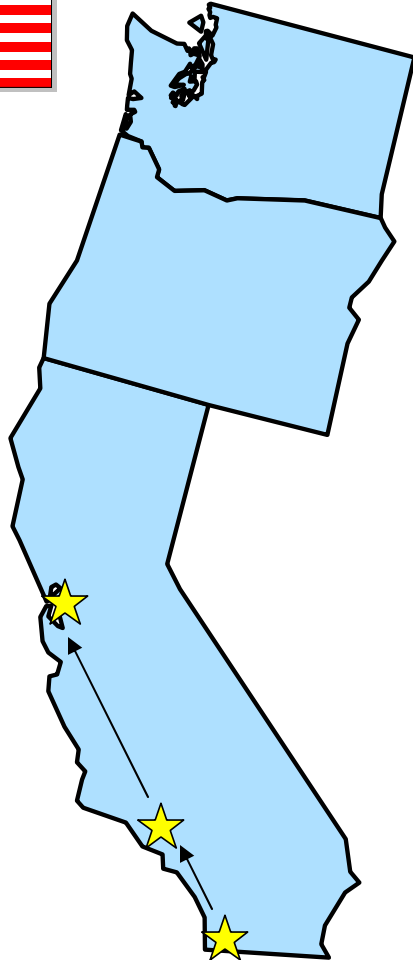
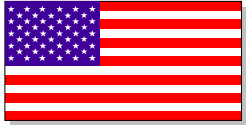


# Update 2010: The Loop





# Go North, Young Man, to Los Angeles and San Francisco



Smattering of layouts in Western US

\*Slim Gauge Guild, Pasadena

\*Los Angeles Model RR Club

\*Otis McGee's SP Shasta Division

(There are so many all over  
the western US!)



# Slim Gauge Guild

- [Pasadena, CA](#), meets **Tues** evenings
- Next Open House is:
  - Sunday, June 7, 2009 (10am-6pm)
  - Tuesday, June 9, 2009 (6pm-10pm)





# Los Angeles Model RR Society



- [Hawthorne, CA](#)
- Meets Tues evenings



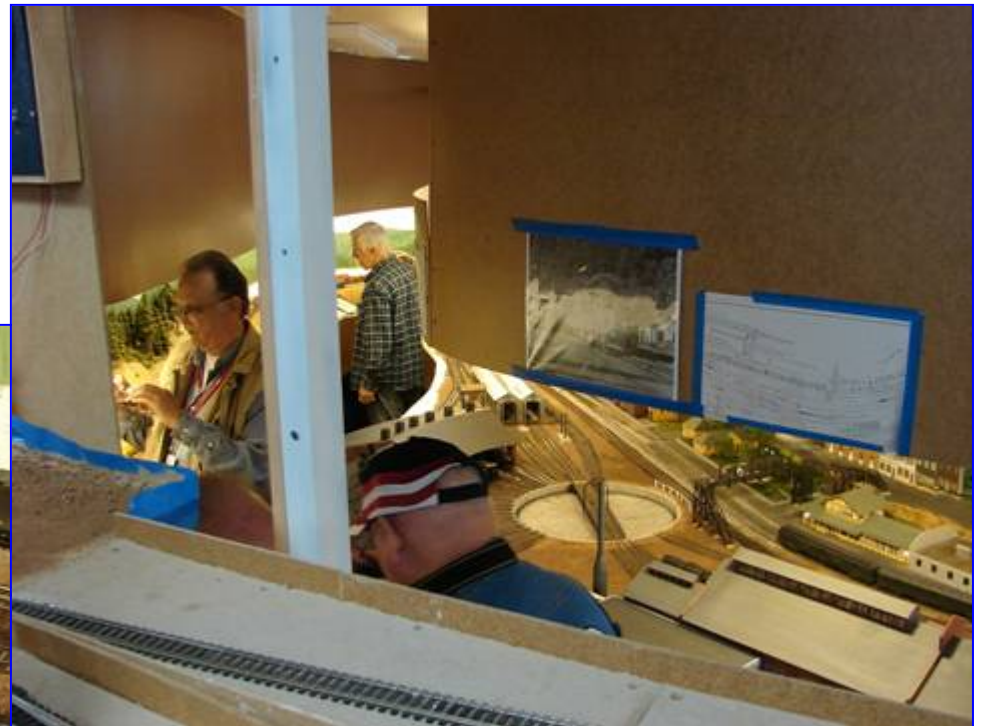


# Otis McGee's SP Shasta Division



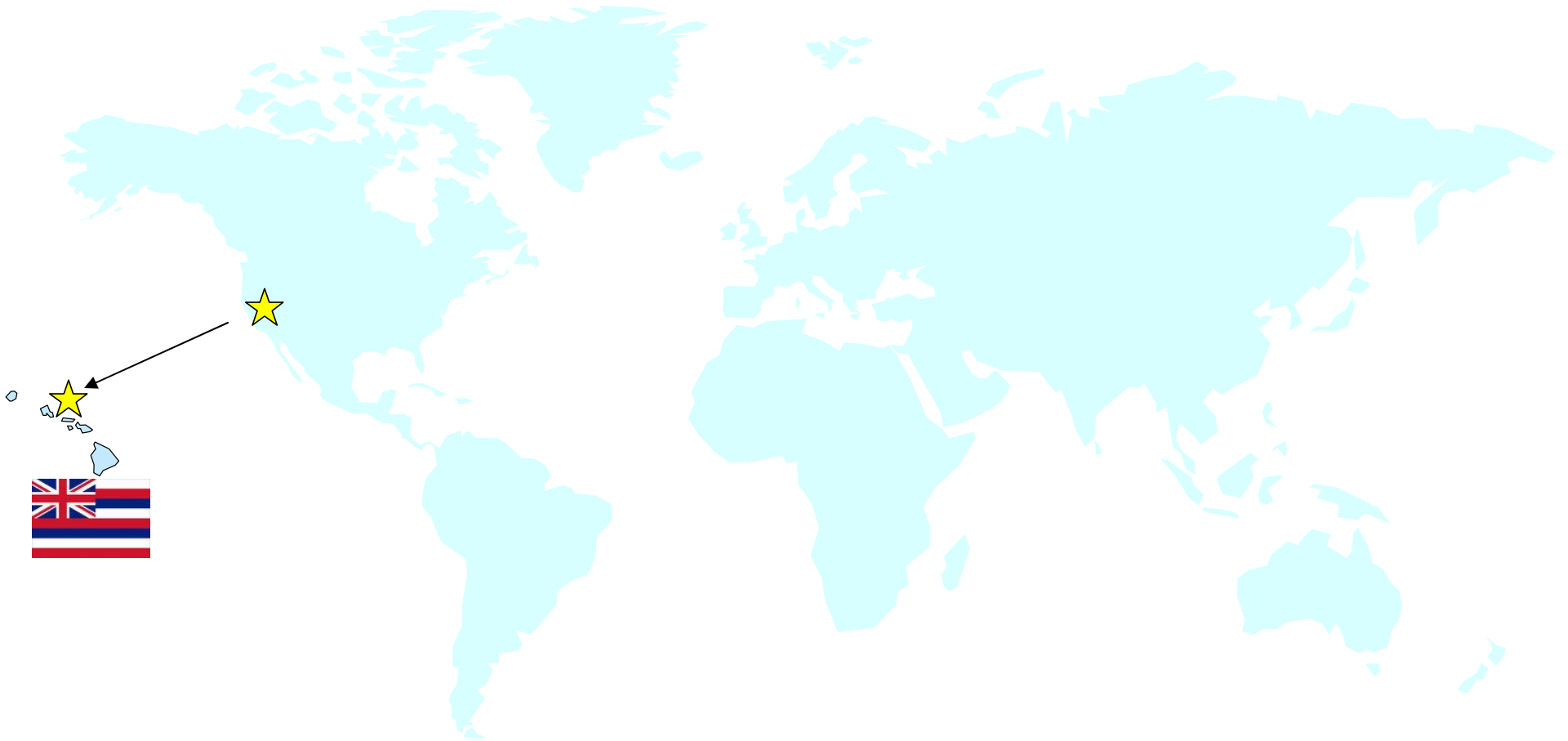


# Otis McGee's SP Shasta Division





# Model Railroading in... Hawaii?







# On the North Shore of Oahu just 300 yards from the big waves



- World class N scale layout
- Live N scale catenary



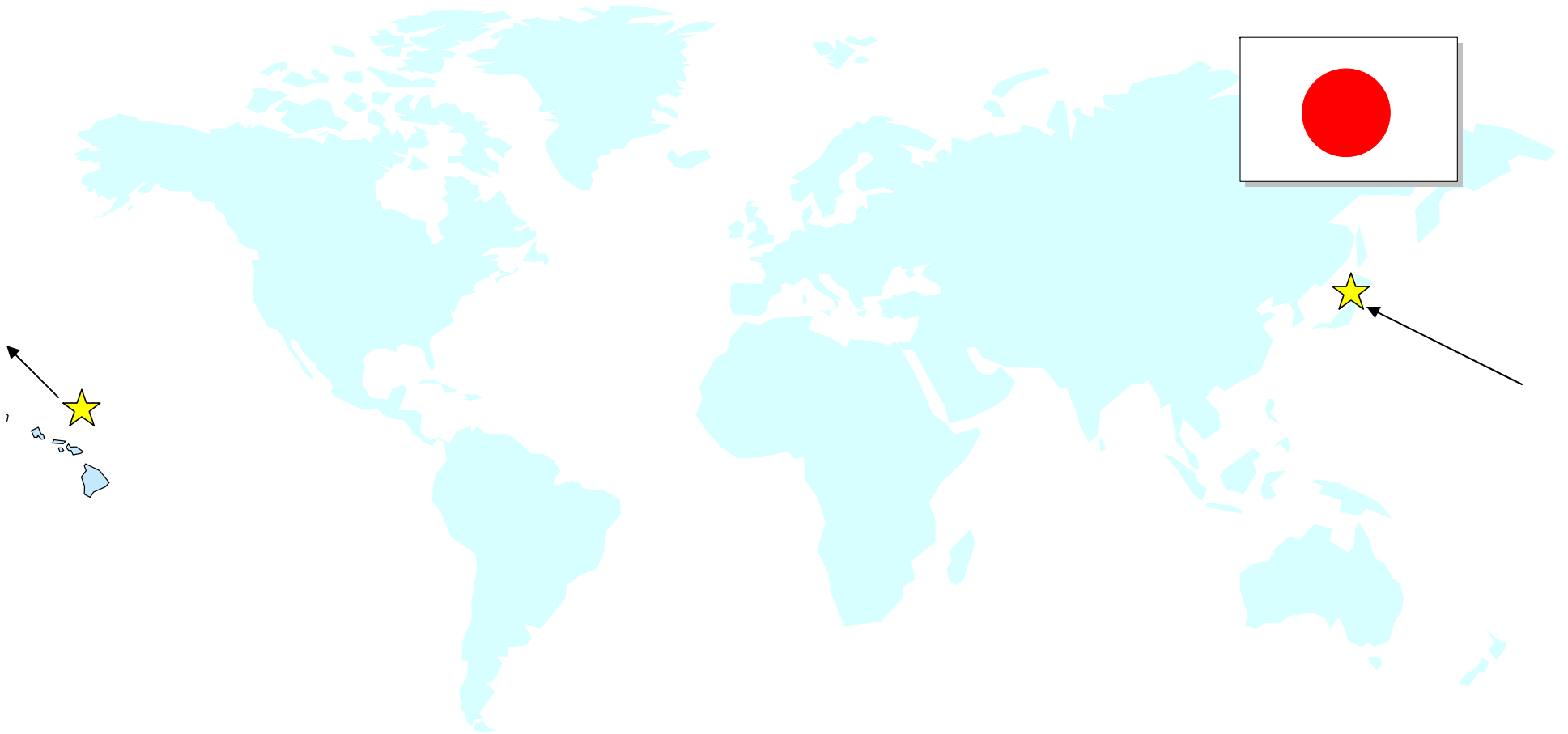


# Layout on North Shore of Oahu





# Follow the Sun to ... the Land of the Rising Sun





# Kato Tokyo Showroom



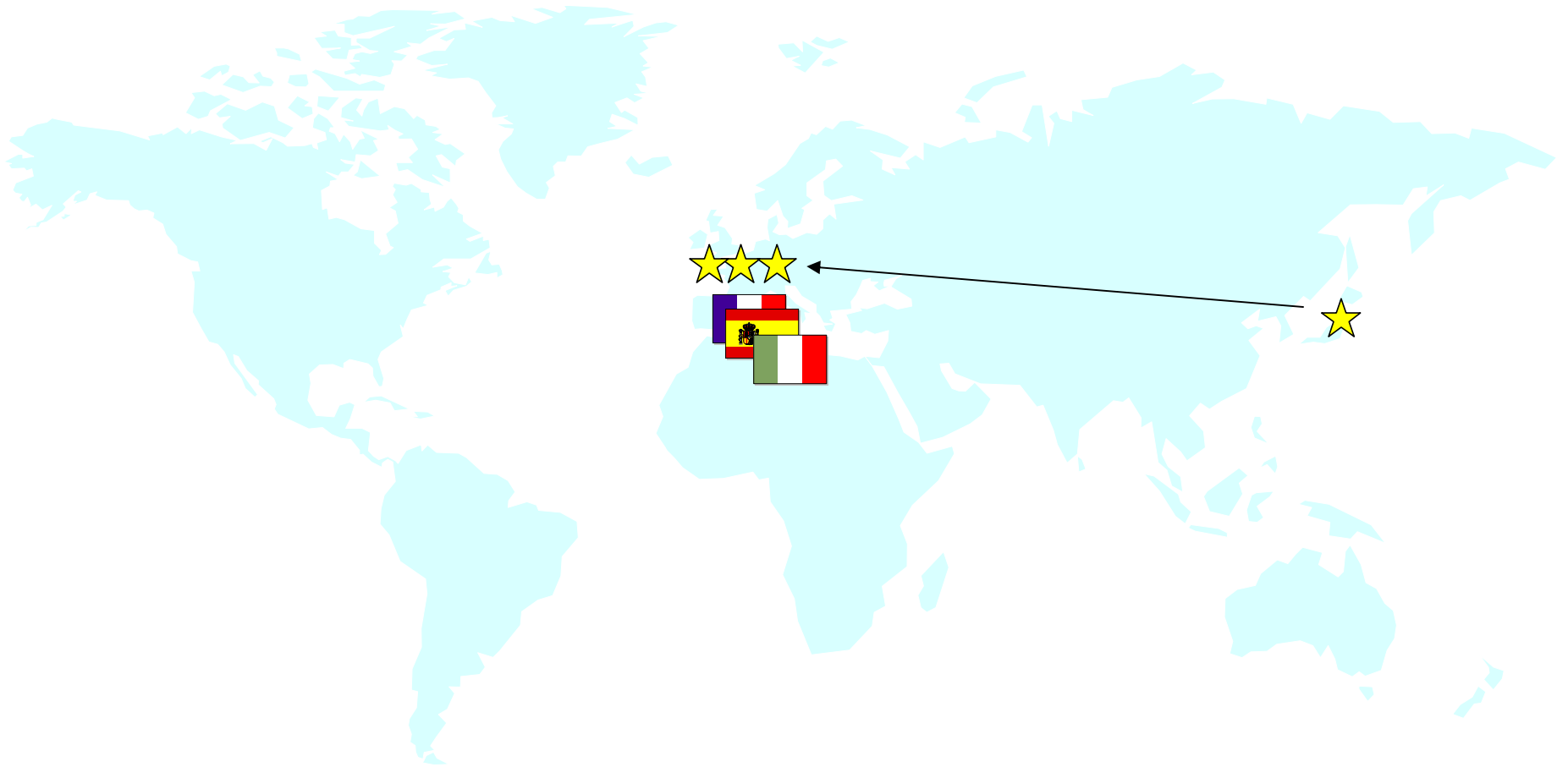


# Kato Tokyo Showroom





# Keep going west to Europe

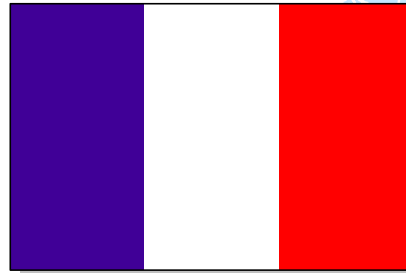




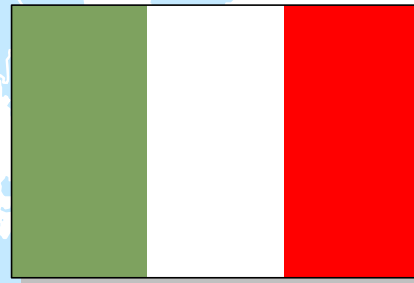
# France, Spain, Italy



- France



- Italy



- Spain



- All are very strong in model railroading



# A side trip to ... Argentina?

Because it's said.... **Argentine** people:

Are Italians who speak Spanish  
Who think they're French 😊







# South America



- Hobby shops:
  - “Jugueteria” in Spanish
- South American Model RR Manufacturer
  - [Frateschi \(Brazil\), Sao Paulo](http://www.frateschi.com.br/index_eng.php)

Buenos Aires



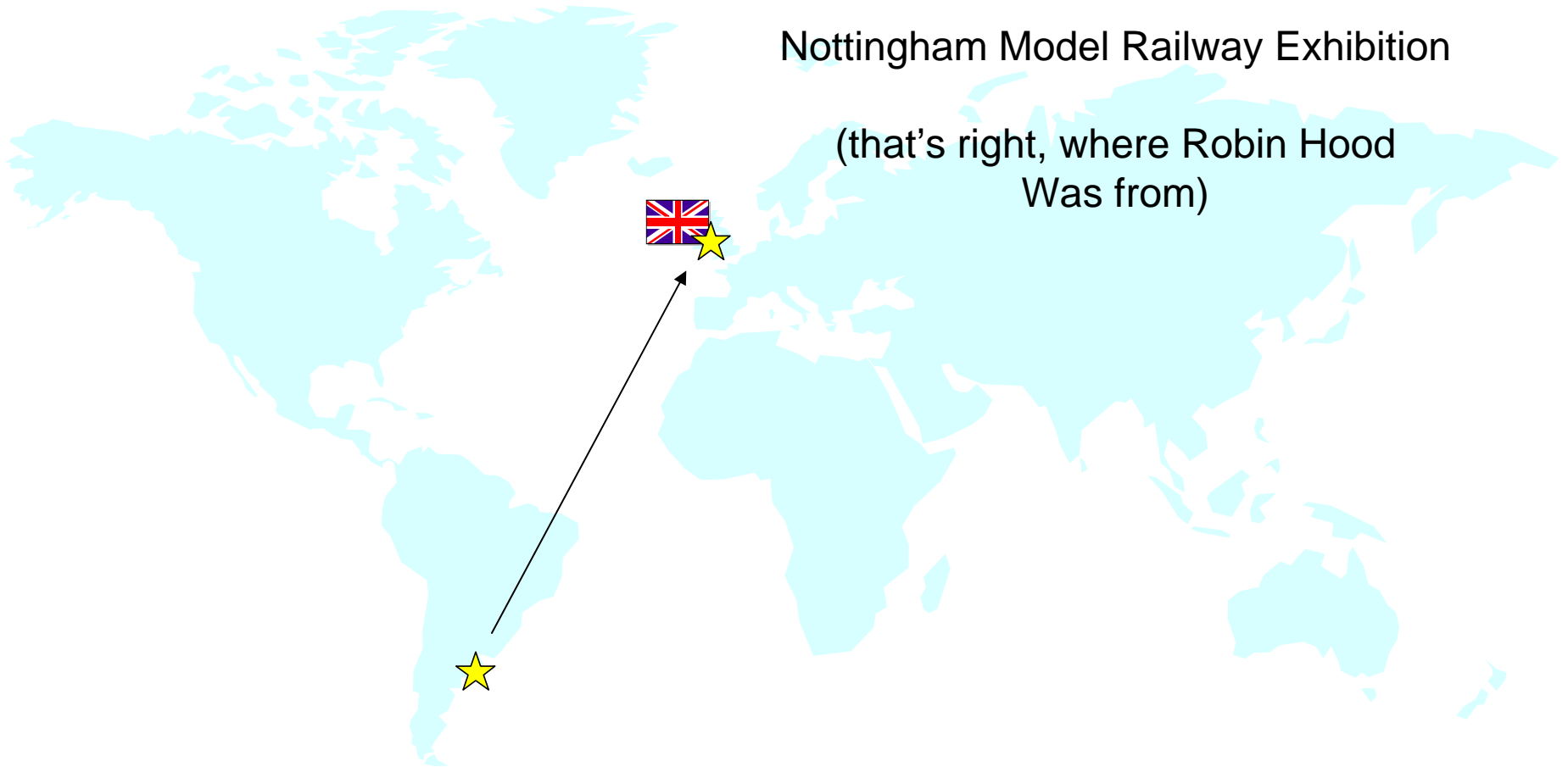


# Back to Europe and the UK

UK "Shadowbox" style train shows

Nottingham Model Railway Exhibition

(that's right, where Robin Hood Was from)





# Nottingham Model Railway Exhibition 2006

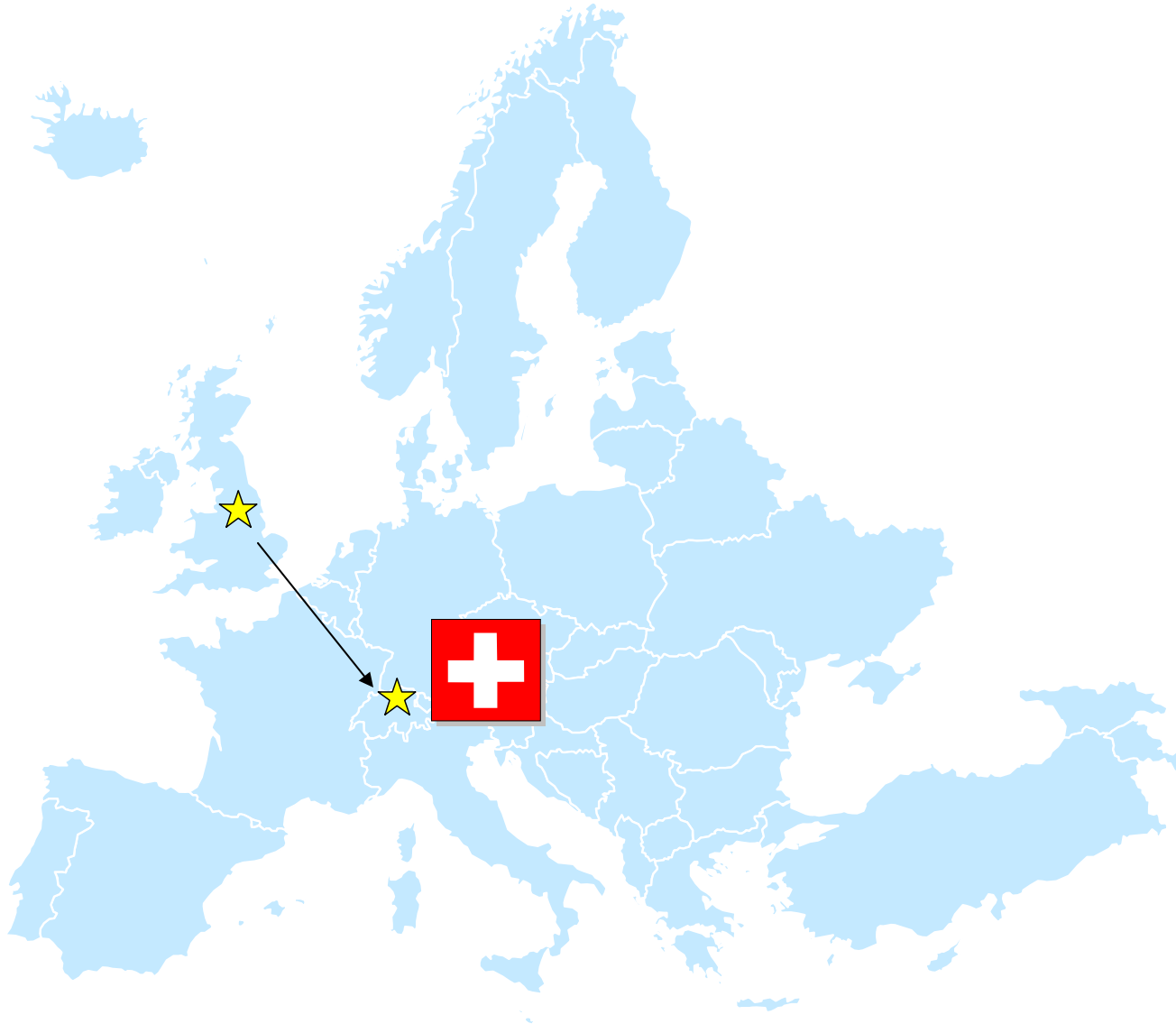


- British “innovative packaging”





# Switzerland





# Switzerland



- Gotthardbahn
  - St. Gotthard Pass
    - Over the Swiss Alps traveling between Germany and Italy
    - Five spirals and two turns, entirely in tunnel, double track
    - Incredible engineering, spiral train tunnels, helixes, scenery



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gotthardbahn>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Gotthard\\_Pass](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Gotthard_Pass)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiral\\_\(railway\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiral_(railway))



# Update from Switzerland



<http://www.soeeborg.dk/myhobby.html>



- Swiss US-theme convention

- Was held October 10-11, 2009
- Adliswil (near Zurich), Switzerland
- **Largest US-theme convention in Europe**
- 14<sup>th</sup> convention!
- 3,000 attendees
- 30,000 sq feet

- Pictures:

- [http://www.pbase.com/atsf643/trains\\_hows](http://www.pbase.com/atsf643/trains_hows)
- <http://www.trainmaster.ch/convention-e.htm>

14th Convention guide,

100 pages full color (15 MB!) is at:

<http://www.trainmaster.ch/14-Guide.pdf>

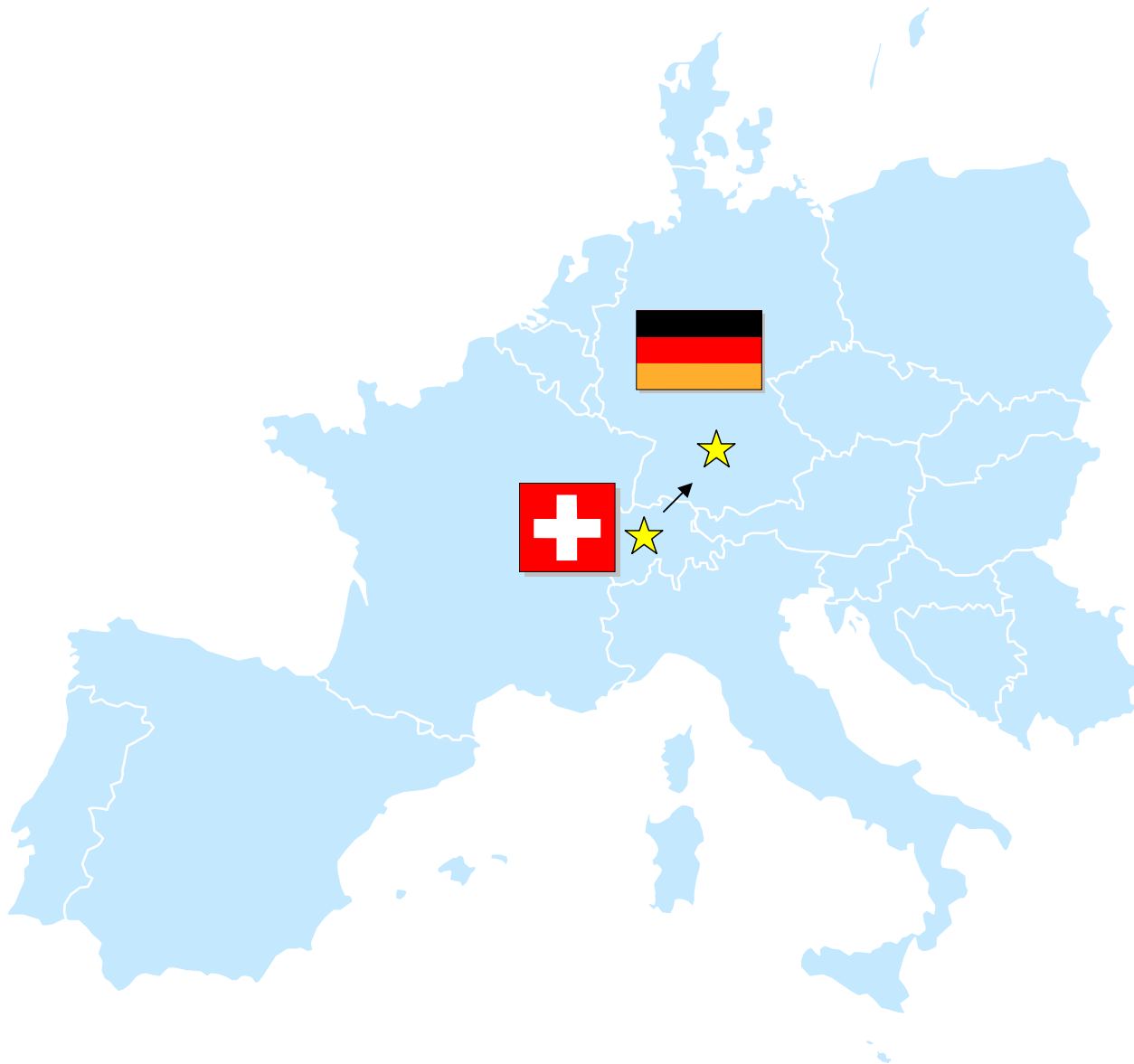
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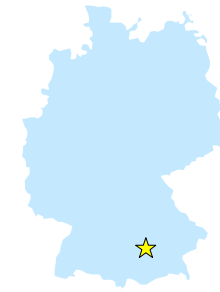


# Germany





# Germany



- You think we are crazy?
- We have nothing on the Germans
- **Deutsche Museum in Munich**





# Germany

- Dresden Narrow Gauge live steam

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95nHmjF8gqw>

<= [Click URL to play movie](#)



Trains  
Feb 1995

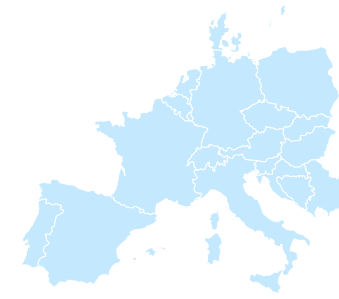


“In search of Steam on Saxony’s Narrow Gauge lines”  
By George Drury

<http://www.loessnitzgrundbahn.de/>



# Germany / Europe

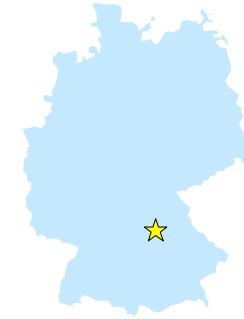


- Carsten Ramcke
  - Europe Model Railroad / Railroad Tours
  - See the 2007 Tour
  - <http://www.greateventours.com/Treff%202007.htm>





# Germany

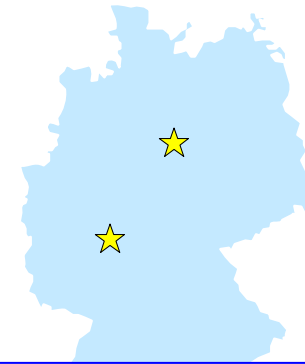


- Nuremberg – Deutsche Bahn Museum





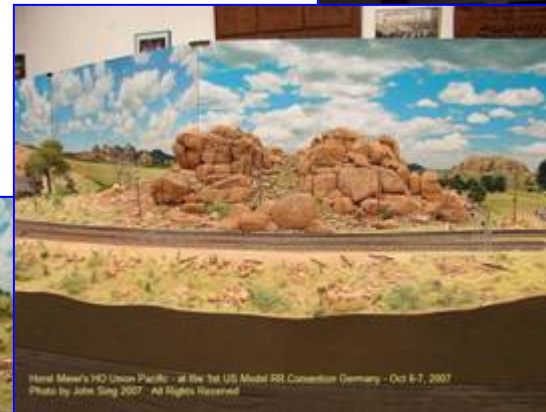
# Germany



- Braunlage –
  - Massive N scale US-theme Fremo-N modular layout meet
- US Theme Convention - Germany
  - Sept 19-20, 2009
  - Rodgau, Frankfurt, Germany



<http://www.america-n.de/Activities/Braunlage2009/Braunlage2009.htm>



<http://www.us-convention-brd.de/indexe.htm>



# Germany Hamburg



## Miniature Wonderland



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN\\_oDdGmKyA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN_oDdGmKyA)

Statistics	Nach Endeavour (2010)	Atlantia Abschnitt (2009)
Modellfläche	5.000 qm	3.500 qm
Modellfläche	Über 1.500 qm	ca. 900 qm
Bauschritte	3 Bauschritte	4 Bauschritte
Werte auf Land	15.000 Meter	9.000 Meter
# of locomotives	Züge über 1.000	700
# of rolling stock	Waggons 15.000	10.400
# of signals	Längster Zug 14,52 Meter lang	14,52 Meter lang
# of computers	Signale 1.500	600
# of lights	Wägen 3.000	1.900
# of figures	Computer 40	73
# of bridges	Lichter ca. 250.000	125.000
# of figures	Brücken 5.000	2.800
# of figures	Figuren 150.000	90.000
# of figures	Autos 5.000	3.600
# of figures	Bäume 100.000	100.000
# of figures	Baumst. > 700.000 Stunden	375.000
# of figures	Mitarbeiter nur 200-120	zur 200-120
Eintrittspreise	Eintrittspreise bis zur Fertigstellung ca. 9.000.000,- €	5.500.000,- €





# Germany – MW





# Germany – Miniature Wonderland





# Germany - Miniature Wonderland







# Germany – Miniature Wonderland





We've reached the End (for now)



Hope you enjoyed the show!



धन्यवाद

Hindi

謝謝

Traditional Chinese

תודה

Hebrew

*Tesekkurler*

Turkish

Спасибо

Russian

*Thank You*

English

Gracias

Spanish

شكراً

Arabic

ありがとうございました

Japanese

Obrigado

Brazilian Portuguese

Grazie

Italian

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I nai

Danke

German

谢谢

Simplified Chinese

Merci

French

நன்றி

Tamil

감사합니다

Korean

