



Early model of MOW crane tender
(True Scale kit) 1988

- Photo by Kerry Cochran

For the next few years nothing seem to take place. I got to thinking about it, and since we just gotten a new webmaster and the website was being redesigned, I talked to him and started a set of modeling pages.

This now lead to the creation of a modeling committee headed by Bob Sims, with Ethan Doty, Kerry Cochran and David Epling as committee members. This in turn led me to start to post modeling information both in general and in HO scale on the society website.

While this endeavor is still young, I hope to do a couple of things around modeling the Western Pacific and bring more information to our members and the public. For now I will leave you with this, Part One – *In the Beginning*.

I hope to hear from our members on what they might like to see on the modeling pages and maybe a Question and Answer page can be created for everyone. Please feel free to contact me at kcochran@wplives.org.

Things Around the Museum:

Malfunction Junction - What's the Story? - Part 2 - Paul Finnegan

In the last issue of *the Train Sheet*, I asked readers that if anyone knew the story of how *Malfunction Junction* got its name, to please email it to me so I could share it with everyone. No one reached out to me, so the story remains a mystery. I did however get some second-hand

information that some old-time members thought it was named after a *Sesame Street* segment about a train junction with lots of confusion. That didn't sound right to me, but I did recall a *Schoolhouse Rock* segment that aired on ABC called "*Conjunction Junction*" that originally aired on November 17, 1973. I found it on the internet and shared it with one of our old timers, and he said, "That's it!"

The legend goes that early crews were confused in the area of our yard between Switch R and J where several tracks come together and someone coined the term based on the children's TV show.

Unless someone who really knows how *Malfunction Junction* got its name, I guess we will have to accept the *Legend of Malfunction Junction* named after the *Schoolhouse Rock* video.

