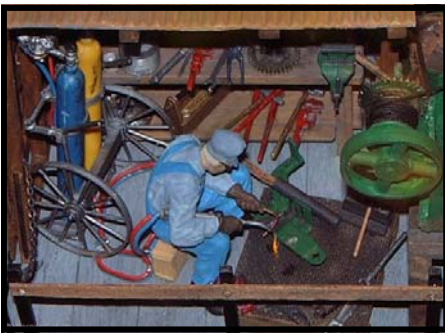


The Birth of A Mobile Work Shop



A small railroad has not the financial resources for purchasing new equipment. Used equipment needs more frequent repairs. Most of the time these repairs are required away from the main shop. To provide as little downtime as possible, Werner Scholz, general manager decided to have a mobile shopcar built.



The existing flatcar purchased from Bachmann Industries was used as the base. The old deck was replaced with new popsicle planking. A platform and brakeman's hut were taken from an already owned flatcar which was obtained from Lower Grey & Bruce railway equipment sales.

The small crane was purchased new from Ozark Metal Foundries Ltd.. The mechanic who assembled the crane was hired from L.G.B. and kept on contract for a year to operate it.

Pola Implement GmbH supplied the blacksmith shop including the forge, most of the tools, workbench and the anvil. The blacksmith was hired on a permanent basis. He was previously employed by Preiser & Co.

The work bench and shelter for the mechanic/welding shop was built in the FAN Railroad's own carpenter shop. The welding equipment was part of the items purchased for the blacksmith shop. The welder is on loan from Preiser & Co. Management is quite pleased with his performance and might offer him a permanent position.

Some of the tools and other sundries were already in the main shop and others were obtained from Bachmann, Ozark and Pola.

Unfortunately there was no construction time recorded. The work was performed when the workers could spare some time from their regular shop duty.

Management is quite pleased with the finished product and is certain it will do the intended

