

Show and Tell

(February 23, 2023 Meeting/Tom Tuck)

All Members. At the last meeting, I came through with my promise to whet the Show & Tell appetite with a showing of one of my locomotives. It was an SD70MAC with the newly consigned livery commemorating the new (at that time) merger of the Burlington Northern and the Santa Fe Railroads. As shown in the below photos, the paint scheme showed the influence of the 'Bonnet' that the Santa Fe Railroad exhibited over the many years of its existence. This one new paint scheme was done in 1996 on just one single locomotive, numbered 9647. I've read the story both ways, one that some of the rail fans affectionately referred to this scheme as the 'Vomit Bonnet', with the other story being that the company engineers attached that tag to the paint scheme. Either way, this scheme lasted quite a while until 2013 when it was re-painted to the current Heritage 3 BNSF orange and black. This particular model is the KATO version, and Athearn has made one, as well.

So with that, note that Show and Tell isn't just to show items that have been constructed or altered to the final new exhibit, please feel free to show any acquisitions, in the midst of construction, or even 'store bought', as I have just presented. This hobby presents all types of interesting aspects from which to learn, from weathering techniques to historical reference. If you have something to show or relate, please just drop me an email at thomas.tuck6@gmail.com. I'd be more than happy to have a conversation with you.

Thank you, Tom



