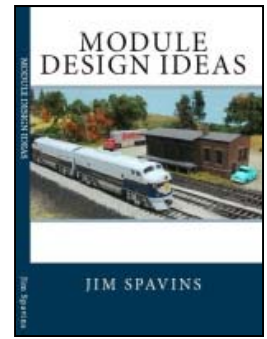




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## Design Facts and Figures

Scale: HO  
 Size: 2'x12'  
 Standards: NMRA HO  
 Type: Scenic  
 Features: Train Station  
 Era: 1980s-Present

One of my personal favorite areas is the Northeast Corridor between New York and Boston running along the shoreline. Several module designs in this book have been based on areas of this route but they all offer some different design ideas which can be applied to other module designs not located in this geographic locale.

Old Saybrook offers some interesting operations in a compact area. Four separate railroads all have activities in this one location. The most frequent operator is Amtrak which controls the mainline movements. Typically 1-2

Amtrak trains roll through an hour. During rush hour in the morning and evening, Shore Line East, a commuter train operator, uses Old Saybrook as a terminus for its runs to and from New Haven, CT. Freight operations are handled by the regional railroad Providence and Worcester. Typically, two trains a day meet around lunch time in Old Saybrook to exchange freight cars. Finally, the Valley Railroad has an interchange via a wye. It is seldom used but occasionally the special excursion will run south from Essex to the station at Old Saybrook. That's a lot activity for such a small location!

The scene lends itself well to being captured on a module. The tracks in this area are straight, a rarity for shoreline running, and the scene is compacted. The module set is designed from three 2'x4' sections with a small 1.5'x2' extension that can be used to make the wye full operational. On the right module, Route 1 passes over the mainline tracks and passing siding. It may be useful to add a crossover from the mainline to the passing siding at this location. While the actual switch for the siding is not located in this area that is a

reasonable compromise. The center module has the station, tower, and the Fortune Plastics manufacturing facility. This facility received loaded hopper cars of plastic pellets. Finally, the left module is tree covered hills and the mainline crossovers. There is extensive signaling in this area which would make a nice feature.

