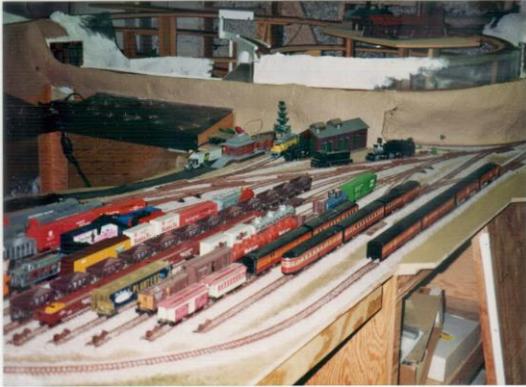


The J&L railroad began in 1985. After attending my first Model Railroad show I was hooked for good. The first layout was constructed in one half of a two car garage and featured a drop-leaf table to support the main yard. My landscaping skills were amateurish at best.



In late 1998 we moved to a new house in Las Vegas NV. and had a bonus room that was 16' x 27'. The J&L had a lot more room to spread out. A walk-in closet provided additional space for a helix that allowed the trains access to the upper level of the layout. The helix and the upper part of the door were to be covered by a mountain as part of the landscape.



'Vegas is also where I developed the "Egg crate" design for my bench work. A complete set of instructions with plans, are available.



That brings us to our present home in Northern Nevada. The 'Vegas layout was chopped up into 8' sections and transported to storage while the new room for the R.R. was being built. I had a separate 20' x 50' building constructed for the J&L. (now that's a train room). The problem now is that I have a club size railroad without the club.



A good portion of the J&L was already built. However, with a larger capacity space, some extensions and "filler" tables had to be built, in order to fill in the gaps. (Expanding from a 16'x27' room to a 20'x50' room). A lot has happened in the last 10 years. Great progress has been made on the J&L.

This year I got the wind knocked out of my sales. I lost my best friend and fellow model builder (He was into airplanes) to cancer. I turned 70 this year and did I mention, I'm running out of money. I would like to preserve and maybe even finish the railroad but some big obstacles are in my way. Any suggestions????