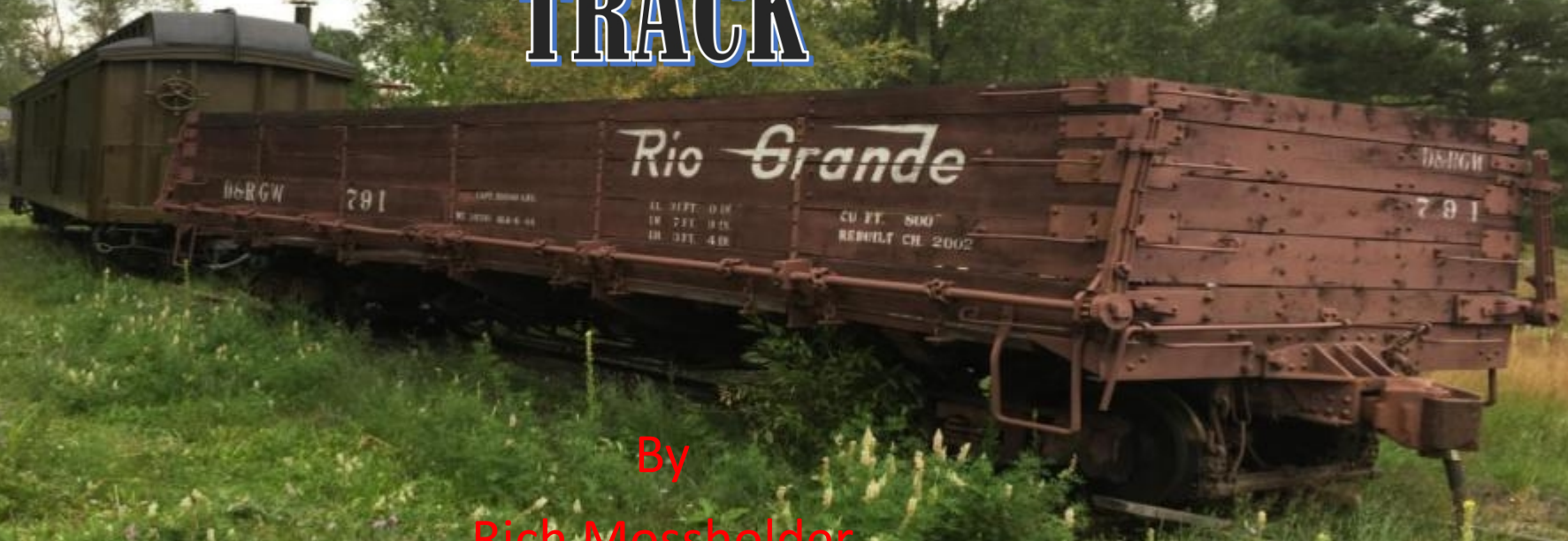


BACKWOODS & ABANDONED TRACK



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Tools



Gathering Materials



Making the Ties



Flatten and Cut



Here's why I like these ties.



Preparing the Roadbed



Laying the Ties



Sanding the Ties



Staining the Ties



All Stained and Pretty



Making Spikes



Bending and Cutting Spikes







Laying the Rail



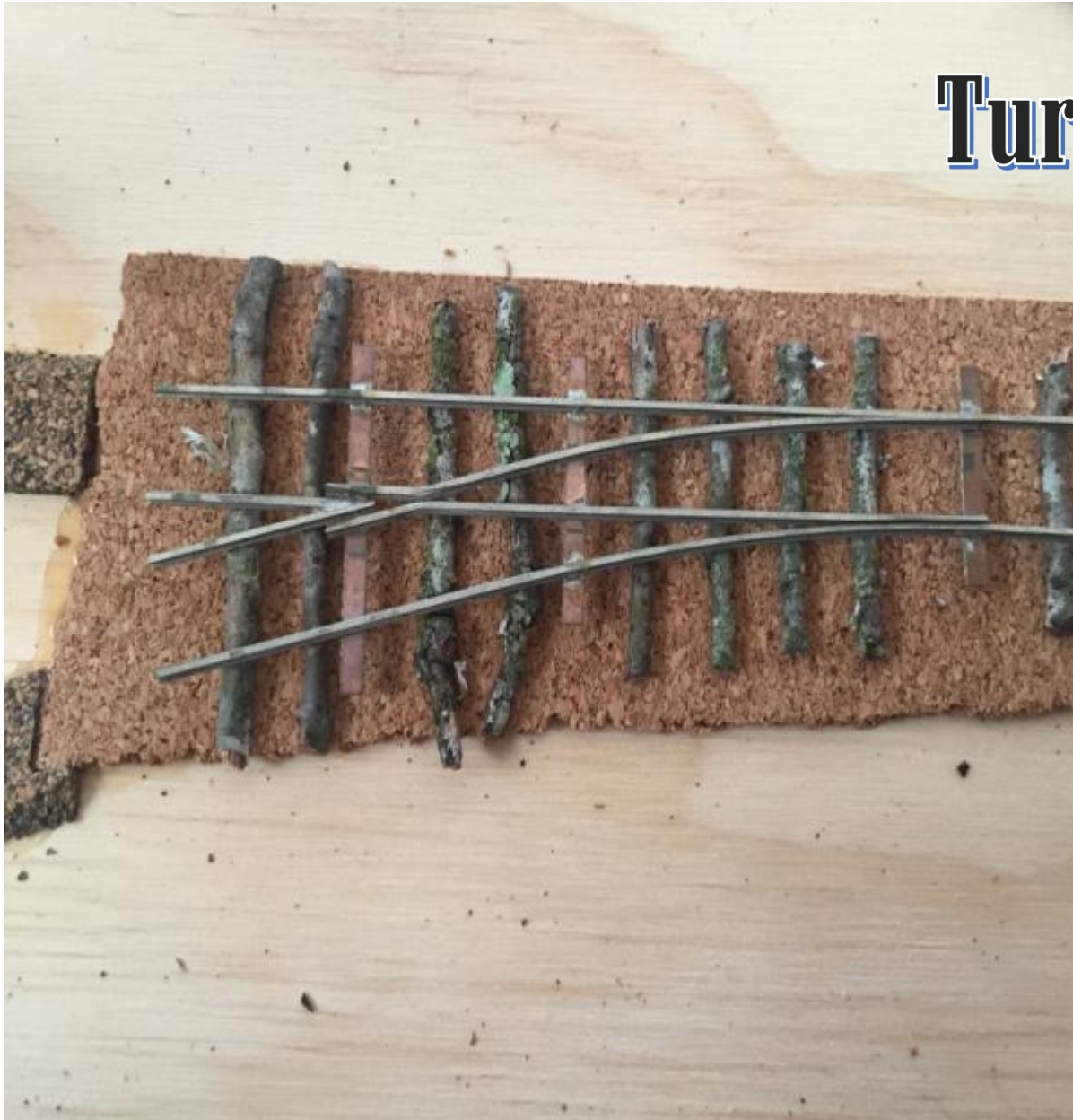
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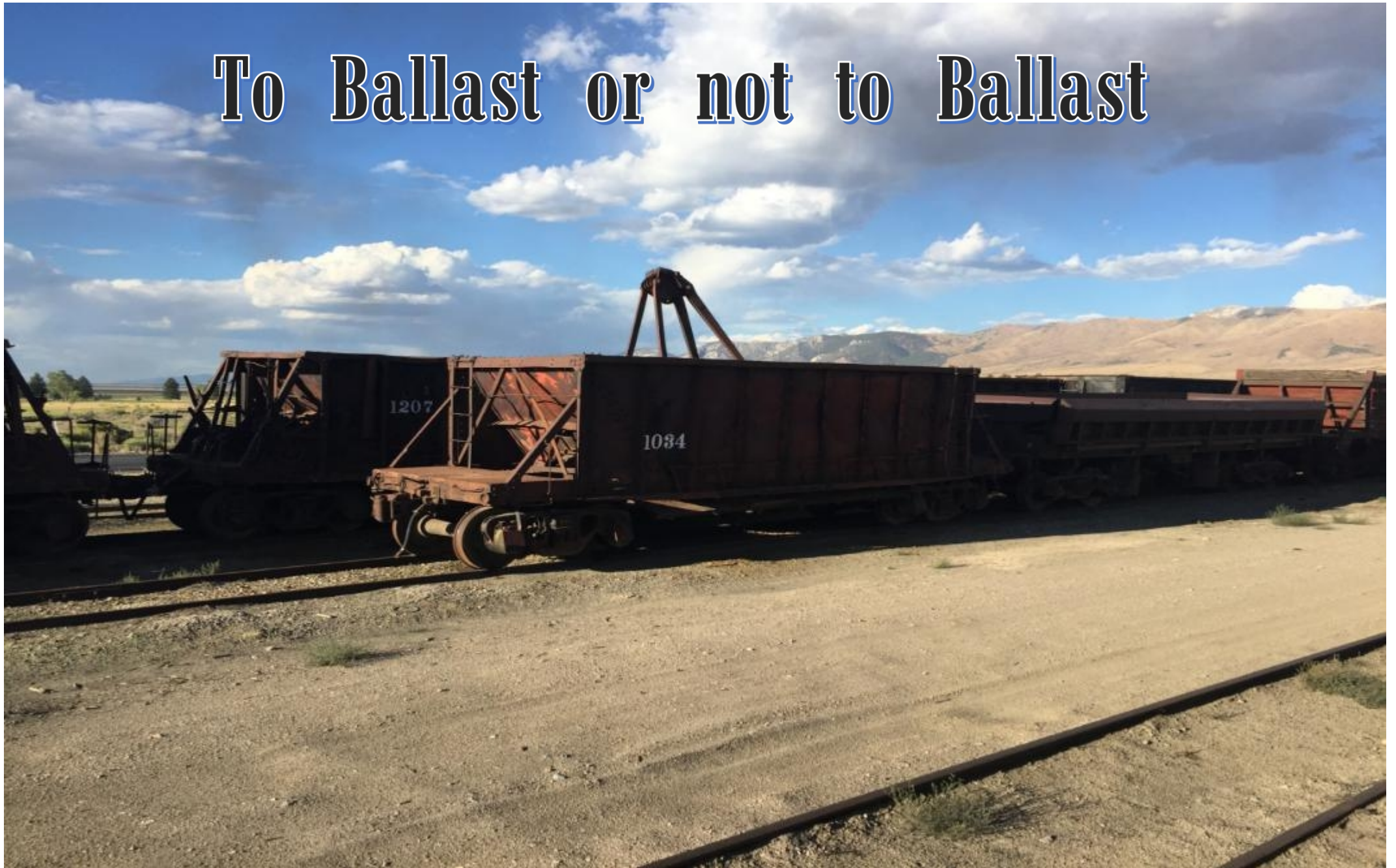
Spiking the Rail



Turnouts



To Ballast or not to Ballast







Weathering the Track



Weeds and Such







Abandoned Spur



Questions and Comments



Happy Trails!



Tool List

- Pruning Shears
- Side-cut Pliers
- Belt Sander
- 12" Sanding Block w/ 120 grit paper
- Needle Nose Pliers with side cutter
- Xuron Rail Nippers (**DO NOT USE ON SPIKES**)
- Xuron Spiking Pliers
- Track Gauges
- Soldering Iron
- Paint Brushes
- Tweezers

Materials List

- Twigs from a hardwood tree, I like scrub oak.
- .015" piano wire for spikes
- Micro Engineering code 55 rail
- Atlas code 55 rail joiners
- 1/8" cork for roadbed
- Gorilla brand wood glue
- Rustolium Camoflauge spray paint (Earth Brown)
- Aim Products weathering powders
- Alcohol based ink
- Isopropol Alcohol
- White glue / Matte medium

