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COVER: A freight train drifts down the grade on Bob Treat's Snow Creek Railroad in California. Bob describes what makes a great garden railway, starting on page 66. Photo: Bob Treat

RIGHT: Joe Crea's painted figure brings life to the scene as the brakeman is about to grasp the cut lever. Commercial figures can be modified and their positions changed to suit specific situations. See the stary on page 54. Photo: Marc Horovitz