Dingo Servo Mounts

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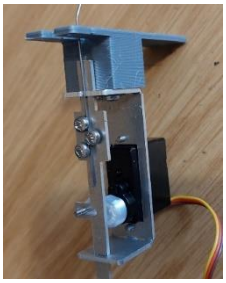
Hi, once again, fellow modellers.

Amazingly the year has almost gone and we are talking about Christmas once again. Where does the time go?
Looking back over the year is always good for me to see some of the awesome things I have experienced over this year of 2026.
We have some great holidays, noticeably the rail trip to Switzerland and being able to ride some of the trains I have always dreamed about.
And there have been some excellent exhibitions and my thanks go out to the organisers who have kindly allowed me to be a part of their exhibitions.
And I'm also grateful for the interactions I have had with many of you at the shows.
A special thank you to Adrian Colenut for the picture of me at the Uckfield show. He always manages to get these unposed candid shots.



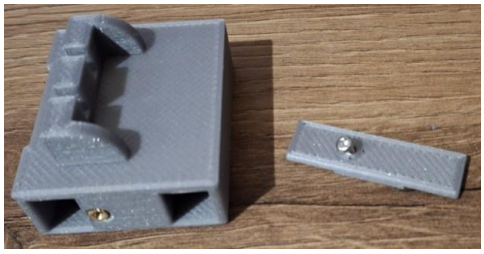
And finally, a tremendous thank you to all of you for supporting Dingo Servo Mounts over this last year, not only for your purchases, but for the wonderful feedback and recommendations you have given.

1. The end of the SlimSignal.



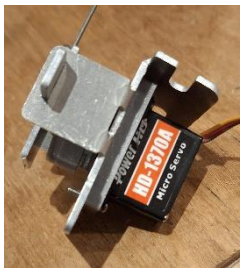
A year or so ago I was asked to make this mount smaller and we did with the SuperSlim signal mount.
However, we had quite a lot of the original mounts still in stock so we sold them side by side.
That stock is now pretty much gone and I will not be making any more of them.
The SuperSlim is now the mount of choice for this application.
I still have some of the SlimTwin's and SlimTrip's in stock but once they're gone, they're gone.
This mount proved the point that for many fitting a signal from the top of the board was useful.

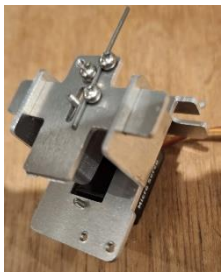
2. An Uncoupler Mod.



One of my customers has been doing some experimentation with uncoupling Kaydees in “O” gauge and found that the magnet holder normally supplied with our Uncoupler Ver B was too narrow for reliable operation.
So we have now made a much wider holder for this application and they are available to order if you require them
Just specify that you need the mount for O gauge and well send the wider holder with the mount.
Thanks to John Besley for his help in testing and proving the idea.

3. A mount for 2mm fine scale!





Some of you may have seen the sample I have been playing with in order to make a small point motor for 2mm finescale points.
These points need less that 2mm travel so it has proved a challenge to get this accurately
My present test unit is based on the miniPoint Ver2 and has a maximum throw of 3mm which should be adequate.
It is still a work in progress but hope to have a final version available early next year.

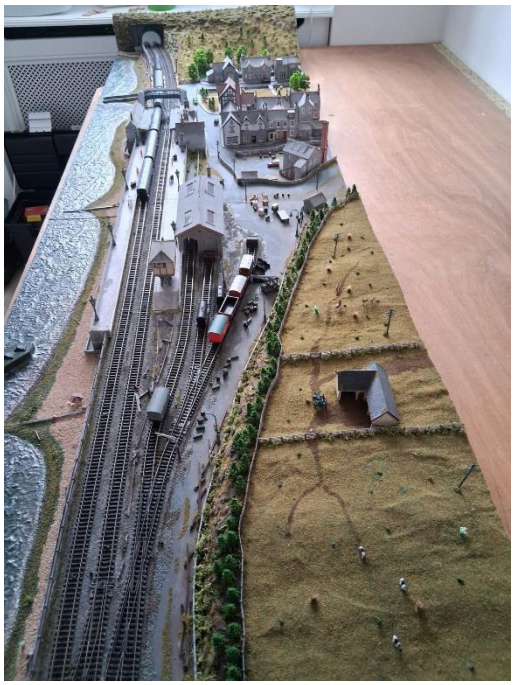
4. A Quirk with our control boards

The following issue has arisen recently. When setting up red or purple servo boards and trying to eek out just a bit more travel, the servo suddenly goes back to the middle or starts moving in the opposite direction.
This is not a fault!
The firmware has certain protections built in so that if the board tries to set a servo too far, it decides an error has occurred and sets the board back to the central position.
It has probably saved a few servos over the years by not allowing them to be overdriven.
This can be a bit frustrating especially when setting crossing gates that need a fairly large throw.
The best practice is to set the servo to mid position with a servo tester and then position the gate to the midway point of travel.
You can then move the gate with the setting box / pots to one side and then complete with the other side
This should give the whole 120deg movement by setting each side up to 60deg
I am intending to do a video of this in the near future, so watch this space.

5. Crossing Gate update.

I am presently working on an update for the crossing gate
This mod will have a better magnetic clutch as the present one is a bit iffy.
Test samples are being printed and tried – a few have failed, but we keep at it.
Hoping to have more to share in the March newsletter.

6. Layout Woes



I mentioned last time that I had to skip my layout due to the collapse of the garage roof.
Well, I purchased this wonderful layout on Ebay and was really excited until I got it home and realised that I did not have space to put it together.
Great bummer as the detail modelling was superb.
Just today it was sold again on Ebay and now I am being more sensible and designing a new layout to fit the space I have available.
More pictures once I get started.

7. And what about the holiday?

Well as you well know the main reason for being retired is to go on holiday.
With that in mind we are jetting off to the Caribbean for the first 2 weeks of January and will be out of contact whilst we are away.
Please make sure that you have all you need before Christmas to avoid any disappointments.

Also remember that Royal Mail get extremely busy in the runup to Christmas so expect longer delivery times and order early to avoid missing out.

Now may I wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a great 2027

With Kind regards

Dave



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