G-Scale Trains in the White House

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Just before Christmas, my family had the opportunity to tour the Holiday decorations in the White House, and I was amazed at all the G-scale trains that we saw. This first picture from the Library shows what looks like four LGB cars without locomotive: a short coach, low-sided and high-sided gondolas, and a red Rio Grande caboose.
Next, in the State Dining Room there were two trees with trains along with Aristo-craft buildings and tunnel portals. The next picture has four USA Trains wood-sided reefers sandwiched between what appears to be a Union Pacific Aristo-Craft steam engine with tender and a UP long steel caboose.
The train under the other tree was again Union Pacific, a USA Trains diesel consist with steel boxcars and perhaps-Bachmann PFE reefer.
Besides these trains inside the White House, there are G-scale trains running around the National Christmas Tree in the Ellipse adjacent to the White House. These trains have been set up for many years by the National Christmas Tree Railroad, a local group who draws many members from the National Capital Trackers. There are about a dozen trains running at once, mostly powered by USA Trains SD70MACs. There is a heavy emphasis on USA Trains tank cars, flat cars and well cars, but occasionally Aristo-Craft Li’l Critters and gondolas can be seen. Here are a few pictures.

Notice the beautiful illuminated model of the Point of Rocks Station.