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January 10th Joint Meet at Haddon Township High School

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Superintendent

NOTE the date change to Saturday, January 10th

In January, we return to Haddon Township High School. The program of clinics in the Works in Progress [WIP] format will feature multiple simultaneous 30 minute presentations. Topics range from building a car float bridge to photo etching to LED layout lights to track work in pavement ... and other topics. Some involve active demonstrations and others describe approaches to modeling.

Our neighboring Philadelphia Division will join us in sponsorship of this meet and plans to participate in WIP clinic presentations. For those not familiar with the WIP format, the program provides members with choices to select clinic presentations that meet their individual model railroading interests and needs. The format is similar to “round table presentations” found at many professional conferences and conventions in the business and academic world. Our venue, the large cafeteria provides rows of tables with chairs.

Clinic presenters will set up their equipment and materials around the room. Members can choose from the various topics, go to the clinic location, and sit or stand nearby to see, hear, observe and learn about the particular clinic topic. The clinic presenter uses a more informal format of presentation and demonstration with appropriate interaction with his/her audience, much like one would do showing, describing and demonstrating at one’s workbench. Each clinic session lasts 30 minutes. A signal will alert all when the time period ends so members can move to another clinic location. The process repeats for a total of four sessions. A break occurs between sessions two and three.

This format differs from the standard two clinic meet providing members with choices in clinic topics. It allows the member to personalize the clinic program. The downside, mentioned frequently, is that there are more clinics of interest than there is time to attend. Well, we can’t please everyone but members do like this format.

Come ready to choose your clinic topics and enjoy the program. If too many members want to

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NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, January 10, 2015

9:00 AM to 12:00

Haddon Twp. High School
406 Memorial Ave.
Westmont, NJ 08108

Contest:
Detailed/Weathered
Refrigerated (Reefer) Cars
Clinics:
Works in Progress [WIP]
Layout Tour:
Saturday: 1 pm to 5 pm

Swap tables:
Contact Bob Clegg
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Membership Information

Any person who is a member of the NMRA and lives within the boundaries of the NJ Division as defined by the NMRA is also a member of the division. Non member guests are welcome to attend two of our meets, after which they will be asked to join the NMRA.

NJ Division annual activity fee: \$10.00 (includes 5 meets) or individual meets \$5 at the door. First time guests, no charge!

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SCHEDULES

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Sunday, February 24, 2015
Host: John Gallagher
gallagherjv39@verizon.net
856 228 2238

All members are invited.
Please let us know if you plan to attend.

NJ DIVISION MARCH MEET

Saturday, March 14, 2015
5 Fischer Place
Hamilton Twp NJ 08620

Contest:

Prototype Photos and Model Photos

Clinics:

To be determined



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CONVENTION

August 23 - August 30, 2015
Portland OR

<http://www.nmra2015portland.org/>

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

This month the View is taking a bit of a side track. I've taken on a 12 inches to the foot structure building, or more correctly, rebuilding project and it is consuming all of my time.

In November we purchased a nearly 100 year old home in Vineland with the intention of rehabbing it and renting it at a reasonable cost to our young friends. Well, as you can all surmise, the project is a lot bigger than we first thought.

When we finish with this, besides the AP Structures certificate, I figure I'll be able to complete the AP Civil Engineer and AP Electrical certificates with no problem. Is there a plumbing AP certificate? That would be a shoe in as well.

Okay, so I guess a progress report is in order: There was absolutely no insulation in the house. So far, the master bedroom and the bathroom have been completely gutted and insulation has been put in the exterior walls and ceilings. Sheet Rock now covers those areas and we will paint the bedroom and paint and tile the bath in the next day or so. A new bath tub and vanity will be installed by the time you read this as well as the repositioned toilet. Two rooms down, five to go!!

You get the idea here...not a lot of time for

the hobby right now or for the next couple of months, but here are some thoughts about the future:

January meet

The January meet to be held on the 10th at Haddon Township High School promises to be a really great experience.

This joint meet with the Philadelphia Division folks will see a return of the Work in Progress format with eight to ten clinics being given simultaneously. You can stop in at any of them and stay if it's of interest to you, or move on if it's not so much. I'm sure you remember these from the previous WiP presentations over the past three years.

Delaware Valley Turn Contacts

Some of you have been asking for a list of contacts for the MER Fall Convention that we will host from October 22 to 25 this year, so here it is:

Any general suggestions, problems, information, you can always contact me at BobcatCS@comcast.net.

Fred Willis is handling the clinics along with the Division Clinics Chair, John Gallagher. You can contact Fred at 856-795-7189 or fwillis73@yahoo.com. Contact John at

gallagherjv39@verizon.net or 856 261 2668.

Home layout tours and Operating sessions in the hands of Chuck Higdon and Division Layout Chair, Michael Mosher. Chuck can be reached at 732-914-1161 or email vze5crrw1@verizon.net. Michael's phone is 856 293 9874 and his email is mjmx@comcast.net.

Please volunteer to help in any way you can. Give a clinic; host an open house. When the event gets a little closer we'll be looking for folks to help out in the contest and silent auction rooms, too.

Model railroad projects in the works

I do currently have a couple of projects in the works for the railroad, although as previously noted, on hold for now: I plan to have the railroad completely controlled by signals of the ABS, Automated Block Signaling type. To that end, I have the pieces and parts, mostly from Oregon Rail Supply to build searchlight type signals using LEDs that are red or green depending on polarity, and yellow on AC. I also have built some circuit boards to control the signals from a design that I found on the internet. I'll bring one of each of them to the meet so you can see

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NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Bill Grosse, Jr. Contest Chairman

At our November meet in Forked River, I presented a certificate and dues voucher to John Swift. John was chosen as the winner of the Detailed Diesel Locomotives Contest in Millville.

The contest for this meet was Detailed / Weathered Tank Cars. We had 5 members bring in very nicely done entries, all in HO scale

The winner of the contest was John Swift with his JLSX #1025, 1926 Standard Tank Car Co. 20,000 Coal Tar tank car. John will receive a certificate and dues voucher at our January meet.

The other entries were:

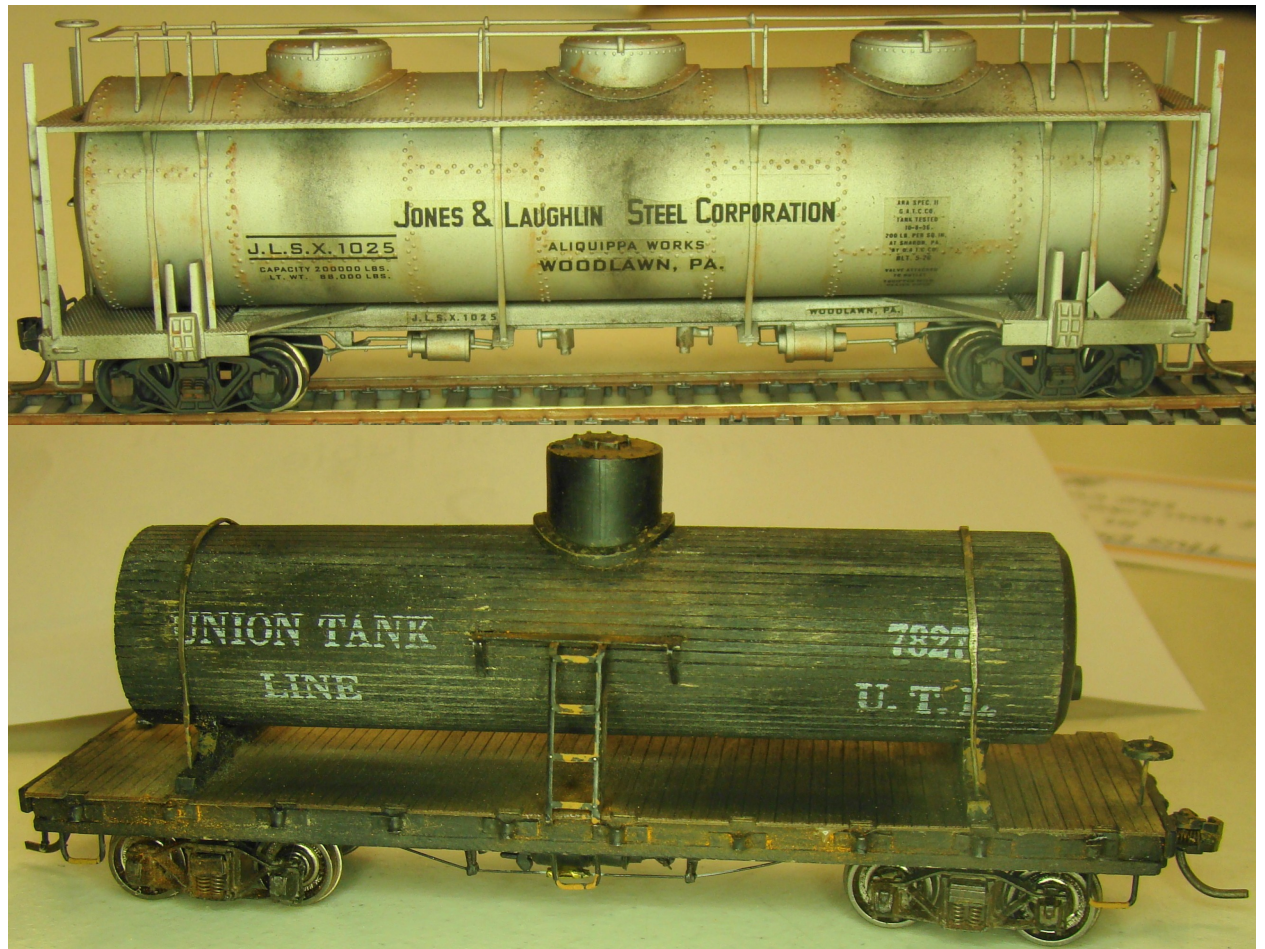
Frank Neufeld - Union Tank Line #7827 wood tank car

Jules Heiliczer - Bethlehem Steel #56 scratch built hot metal car

Glyn Thomas - TILX 111433 hydrochloric acid car, a Roundhouse kit w/ith added detail

Rick Spano - Delaware & Allegheny #8005 Diesel Fuel Service Car

See **Contest** on page 5



TOP: The winning entry from John Swift: JLSX #1025, 1926 Standard Tank Car Co. 20,000 Coal Tar tank car.

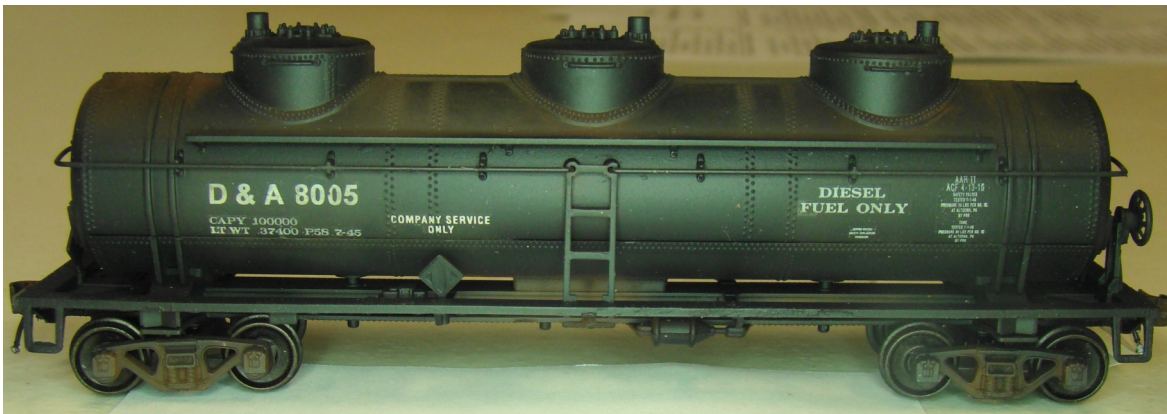
ABOVE: Union Tank Line #7827 wood tank car by Frank Neufeld

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TOP: Bethlehem Steel #56—a scratch built hot metal car by Jules Heiliczer
ABOVE: Glyn Thomas' TILX #111433 hydrochloric acid car, Roundhouse kit with added detail

BELOW: Delaware & Allegheny #8005 Diesel Fuel Service Car from Rick Spano



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Thank you to everyone who entered their models in the contest. Remember to vote for your favorite entry at the next meet as a way to thank those who enter.

If you have a model category you would like to see as a contest, please let me know at the contest table and I will try to add it to the next fiscal year schedule.

The contest schedule for fiscal year 2014 – 2015 has been set as follows:

January 2015

Detailed/Weathered Refrigerated (Reefer) Cars

March 2015

Dual Contest
 Prototype Photos and Model Photos

May 2015

Any Scratch Built Rolling Stock



**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
 GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD
 APPLICATION FORM**
is on page 9 in Online Color Extras.

JANUARY LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW



ABOVE: Bob Hubbard's heavily industrial railroad.

BELOW: Richard Kitz' HO railroad.



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them if your interested. I won't be actually building them as an official part of the WiP program, but I'll have them for display and discussion.

The other project is creating my version of the Micro Mark card order system. Mine will work exactly the same way, but I use 3X5 cards and library pockets rather than their design with its challengingly small print and limited information. I've mentioned these at previous meets, but if you'd like to take a look and talk about them, I'll have them with me at the meet, too.

That's about it for now. Time to get back to what has become my full time job in the 12 inches to the foot world!



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attend a particular clinic, we suggest that some go to another choice and return to the first choice during session two, three or four. Be flexible and have fun. Our meet will also include the traditional events. The popular judged model contest – Detailed/Weathered Refrigerator Cars - allows members to display their work and members can study the work of others and vote on their choice of the best displayed. The choices can be very difficult, a good thing. Bring a reefer to display!

The cafeteria provides much space for you to sell or shop for model railroad related items. If you need space, contact Bob Clegg. See the box on page one.

We will also have the raffle and door prize drawings, coffee, donuts, awards in the Achievement Program and time for visiting with friends. The afternoon layout visits are described later in the newsletter. Happy New Year! See you there as we kick off 2015. Bring a friend.



DIRECTIONS TO THE MEET

From Philadelphia Via Ben Franklin Bridge

Follow **US 30 East** to Oaklyn. Turn **left** onto **Cuthbert Blvd.** and follow Local Directions below.

From Delaware Memorial Bridge or Commodore Barry Bridge Via I 295

Cross the Bridge and take **I 295 North** to **US 30 West (exit 29B)**. **US 30** (White Horse Pike) west to Oaklyn. Turn **right** onto **Cuthbert Blvd.** and follow Local Directions below.

From Points North Via I 295

Follow **I 295 South** to **US 30 West (exit 29)**. **US 30** (White Horse Pike) west to Oaklyn. Turn **right** onto **Cuthbert Blvd.** and follow Local Directions below.

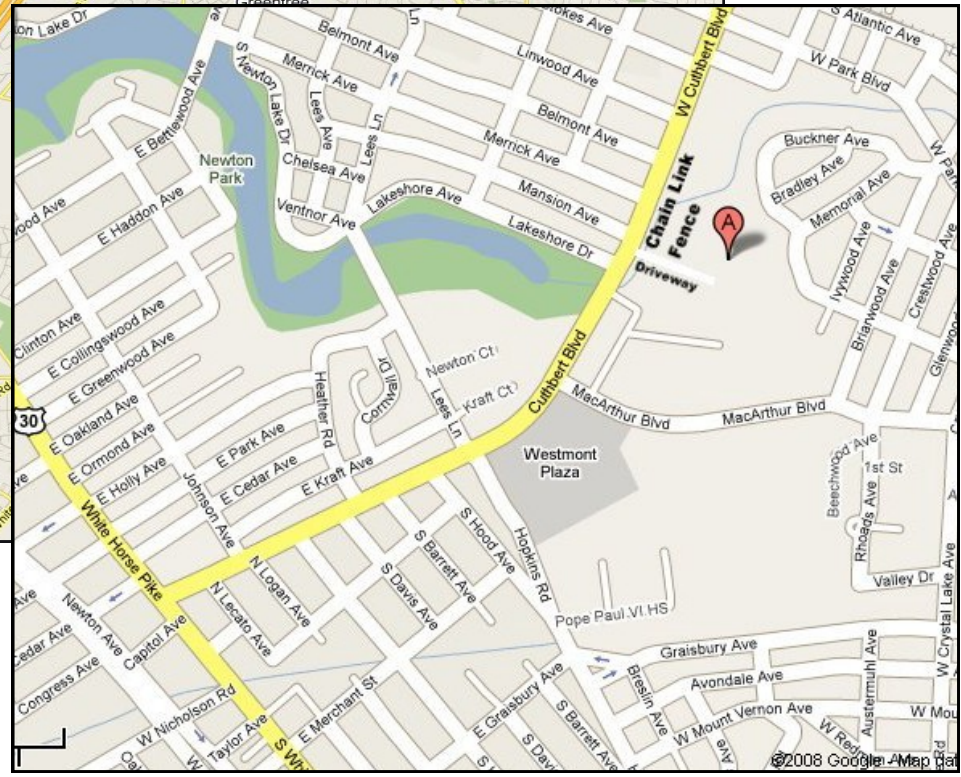
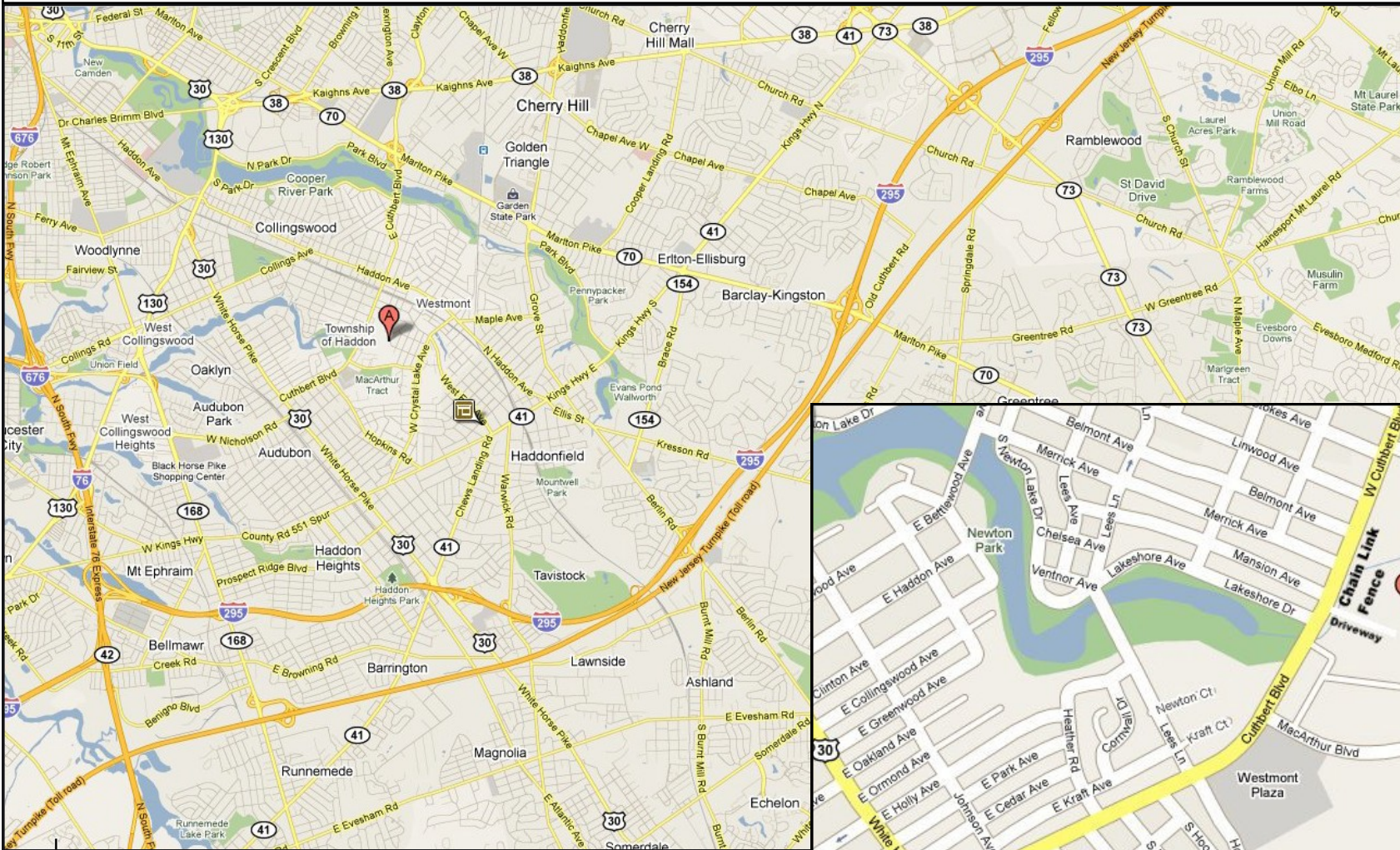
Points Southeast in New Jersey

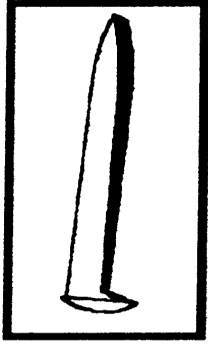
Use the **Atlantic City Expressway** or **US 322** (Black Horse Pike) and continue onto **NJ42 Freeway North**. Exit onto **US 130 North** (Crescent Blvd.) Just before the second traffic light, turn **right** onto **Wilson Ave.** then bear **left** and follow around to **Nicholson Road**. Continue to the end at **US 30** and turn **left**. Follow local directions below.

Local Directions

From **US 30** turn onto **Cuthbert Blvd.** and proceed about a mile. You'll see a driveway next to a chain link fence on the right. Turn into the driveway and follow it to the cafeteria entrance for Haddon Twp. High School. If you miss the driveway, continue on **Cuthbert Blvd.** and turn **right** onto **Park Blvd.** Turn **right** on **Briarwood Ave.**, stay **right** on Buckner Ave. and then left onto Memorial Ave. Follow Memorial Ave. to Haddon Twp. High School. The cafeteria and parking are in the rear of the school. The full address for GPS users is 406 Memorial Ave., Haddon Twp., NJ 08108.

MAPS TO THE JANUARY MEET





ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM AND SEND TO YOUR REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL AP CHAIR

Member's Name: _____ NMRA#: _____ EXP: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State/Prov: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____
Date Submitted: _____ Region: _____

The Golden Spike Award will be awarded to any NMRA member who has completed the Qualifications Checklist, obtained the necessary signatures and who does not hold MMR status. It will be administered by the regional and divisional AP Chairs. AP regulations and definitions apply for scratch building and super detailing. To qualify for the award the member must complete the following checklist, obtain the signature of the divisional AP Chair or another NMRA member designated by the divisional Chair. The divisional Chair will submit the signed form to the regional AP Chair who will issue the Golden Spike Award certificate.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

Display six units of rolling stock either scratch built, craftsman kits or super-detailed commercial kits.

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.
Construct five structures either scratch built, craftsman kits or super detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

Three types of track required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial track may be used.
All installed track must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control).
Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Witness: _____ Print Name: _____ NMRA #: _____

Regional AP Chair: _____ Region: _____