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It's January, So This Must Be Haddon Twp...

And, as has become the custom, we will be hosting the Philadelphia Division as a joint meet.

The program for the meet includes two clinics on topics that haven't previously been discussed at length. Barry Rosier, who runs "Model Railroad University," will talk about popular and not so well known methods of turnout control.

He will be discussing manual throw, Tortoise type stall motor, and 2 different types of servo turnout control from Tam Valley and Barrett Hill Trains. Control via DCC will be included as well as well as a cost analysis of the methods.

If you plan to go to the Amherst Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the end of the month, you can also see Barry in action at a MRRU event.

Don Borden of the Philadelphia Division will present the second clinic titled "Prototype Steam Detailing on BLI Models." Don's interests include modeling steam locomotives built to a specific prototype. He does extensive research and studying of specific prototype locomotives in order to modify commercial models to represent a particular locomotive.

Broadway Limited Imports (BLI) offers a variety of finely modeled steam locomotives and Don does consulting and modeling of preproduction models for BLI. He currently is completing modeling of ATSF 3800 Class 2-10-2 locomotives. He also works on a pre-production model of ATSF 4000 Class 2-8-2 locomotives. You can view photos and information on the upcoming 3800 Class 2-10-2 locomotives at: <http://www.broadway-limited.com/paragon2atsfmodernized2-10-2.aspx>.

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We will have a Friday night tour this year. The maps and directions are included with this Train Orders unless you are reading this online. In that case email BobcatCS@comcast.net to get them.

All the regular features will be found at the meet as well. Bring your contest entries, come meet your friends and have a cup and an donut or two, and don't forget to bring the items that you just had to have at the time, but are no longer needed on your railroad. Some one else may now just have to have them!



NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, January 7, 2017
9:00 AM to 12:00

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

Contest Weathered Covered Hoppers

Clinics:

Barry Rosier:

Turnout control methods

Don Borden:

Prototype Steam Detailing on BLI Models

Layout Tour:

Friday 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Swap tables:

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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 three of our meets, after which they will be asked to join the NMRA.

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

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SCHEDULES

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Host: John Gallagher
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All members are invited.
Please let us know if you plan to attend.

NJ DIVISION MARCH MEET

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Switlik Park
5 Fisher Place
Hamilton Twp. NJ 08620
Contest: Favorite Train

NJ DIVISION MARCH MEET

The May meet will be a joint meet hosted by the Garden State Division. Details should be available in your March edition of *Train Orders*.

THE SUSQUEHANNOCK

2017 MER Convention

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel
Harrisburg, PA

Sponsored by
The Susquehanna Division
October 12-15, 2017
www.mer2017.org

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Let us know if
there's a
clinic you would like
to see... or see
again!

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

The start of a new year is usually a time for reflection on the year past and the year ahead. Here are a few of my thoughts on the topic.

This was generally a good year for the New Jersey Division. We seen some really good clinics at our meets and visited some really terrific model railroads. We also did something new with the special single clinic meet in July. Kurt Thompson travelled up from his home in Maryland to offer us a clinic introducing the Arduino micro processor. This was particularly useful to those who are unfamiliar with such electronic devices or not familiar with the art of programming.

We've also tried a few other things such as having our meets in some different places. The meet at the Info Age Museum in Wall Twp. in June is a good example.

We also had a few meets where attendance was not as good as we're accustomed. If there is a reason that you have not attended a meet, other than personal scheduling conflicts, let us know. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broken! Also, if you have suggestions let us know. You can always email or call me or any of the other board members or even come out to a board meeting to present your

ideas. You can also complete a suggestion form and drop it in the box at a meet.

On the other hand, if there is something you particularly like, let us know about that as well so we can do more of it!

Looking to the future, we'll have some things that we know you like, and we'll continue to experiment a bit as well.


Here's a thought: Back when dirt was new I attended New Jersey Division meets where the home tour was held in the morning and the meet was in the afternoon. The tour was from 9:00 am noon and the meets started around 1:00 pm.

There are a few difficulties and some advantages to this "upside down meet." The main difficulty is in getting maps and directions to you. As you know, they are presently distributed at the meets. We would have to figure an efficient but secure way to do that for a morning schedule. We would also probably have to modify that schedule since the tour was only three hours and we now schedule four, so the meet portion would have to run from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

On the plus side, we could have railroads all over the division open rather than in a restricted area. You could visit the

railroads on your way to the meet, and you wouldn't necessarily have to get up at dark to be on time for the program. On the other hand, the end time would be 5:00 pm.

Another thought is about having "extra fare" type clinics where for a nominal fee you can build and take with you a model of some type. How about doing this as we did with the Arduino clinic having it as a special meet perhaps with a special guest speaker. The Arduino clinic was \$10 but truth be known, that only covered about half the Division's expense since we did have to pay for the hall. Would \$20 or \$25 be too much to ask if the clinic and clinician were of a very high caliber?

As Charlie Getz says, "These are my ideas . Let me know what you think." 

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**

Can be downloaded from our web-
site NJDivNMRA.org

NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Chuck Higdon Contest Chairman

At our November meet in Sicklerville, I presented a Contest Winner's Certificate and a NJ Division Dues Voucher to Joe Zebrowski. He was the winner of the Detailed/Weathered Baggage and/or Mail Cars Contest at our September meet in Delanco..

The Contest at the November meet was Detailed/Weathered Livestock Cars.

The winner by popular ballot vote was by Bill Howard with his Gotham Stock Express stock car entry.

Other entries were:

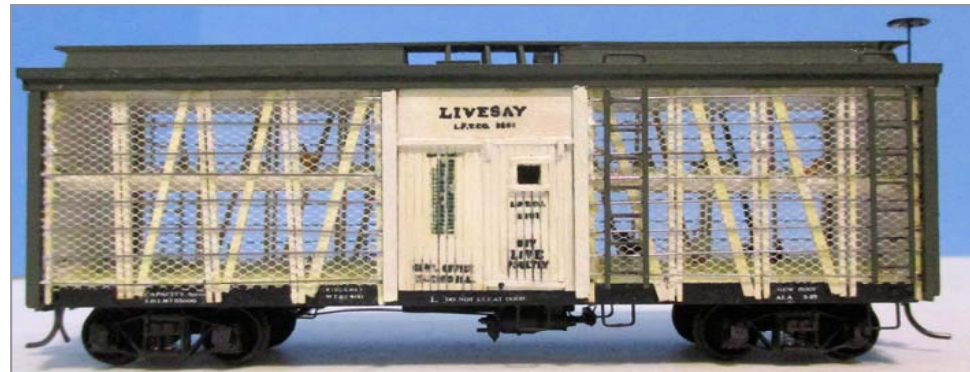
T&NO 62180 by John Swift

Livesay Poultry car by Frank Neufeld, with a few chickens still inside.

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Our next contest will be Detailed/Weathered Covered Hopper Cars at the January 7, 2017 meet.

If you would like to suggest a contest category, please feel free to let us know.



JANUARY 2017 LAYOUT TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW

(PHOTOS BY CHUCK HIGDON)

The Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club will be open for the Friday evening tour and Saturday afternoon.

The views are of their model of 30th St. Station in Philadelphia..

Photos L to R; Looking down 29th Street, First train going through the newly opened station pulled by a P5a Electric, and Overview of station area with member Chip Bennet operating the layout.

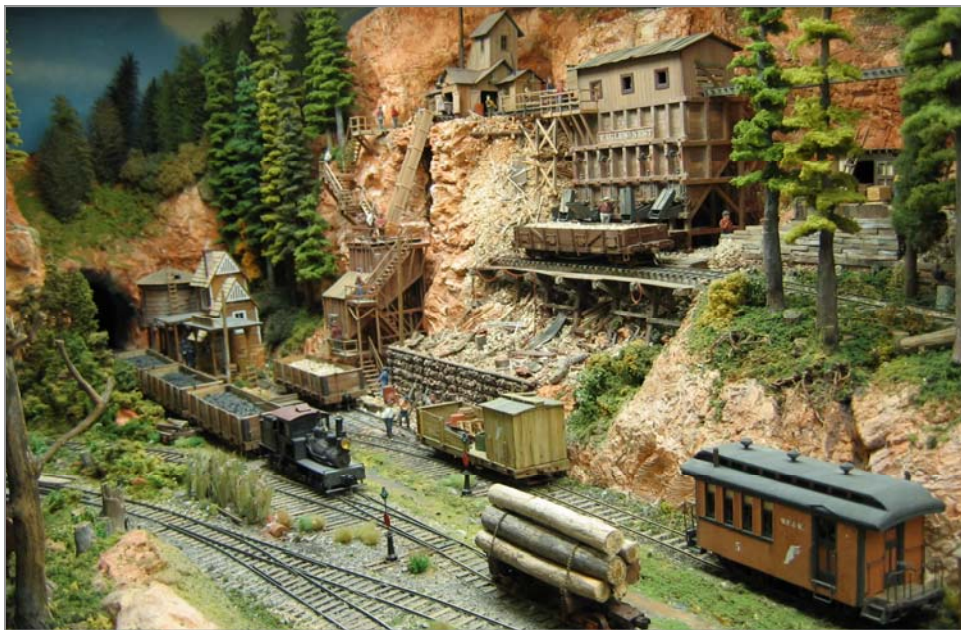




Dick Kitz's HO railroad with a western logging era theme



A view of Rich Bickmore's HO layout.



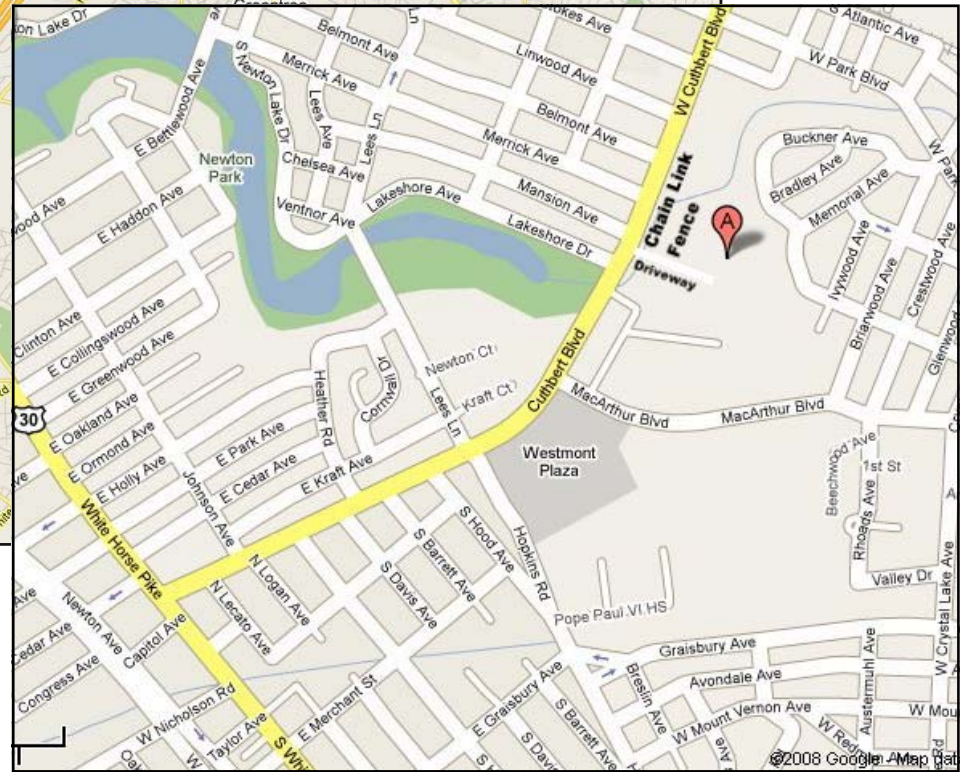
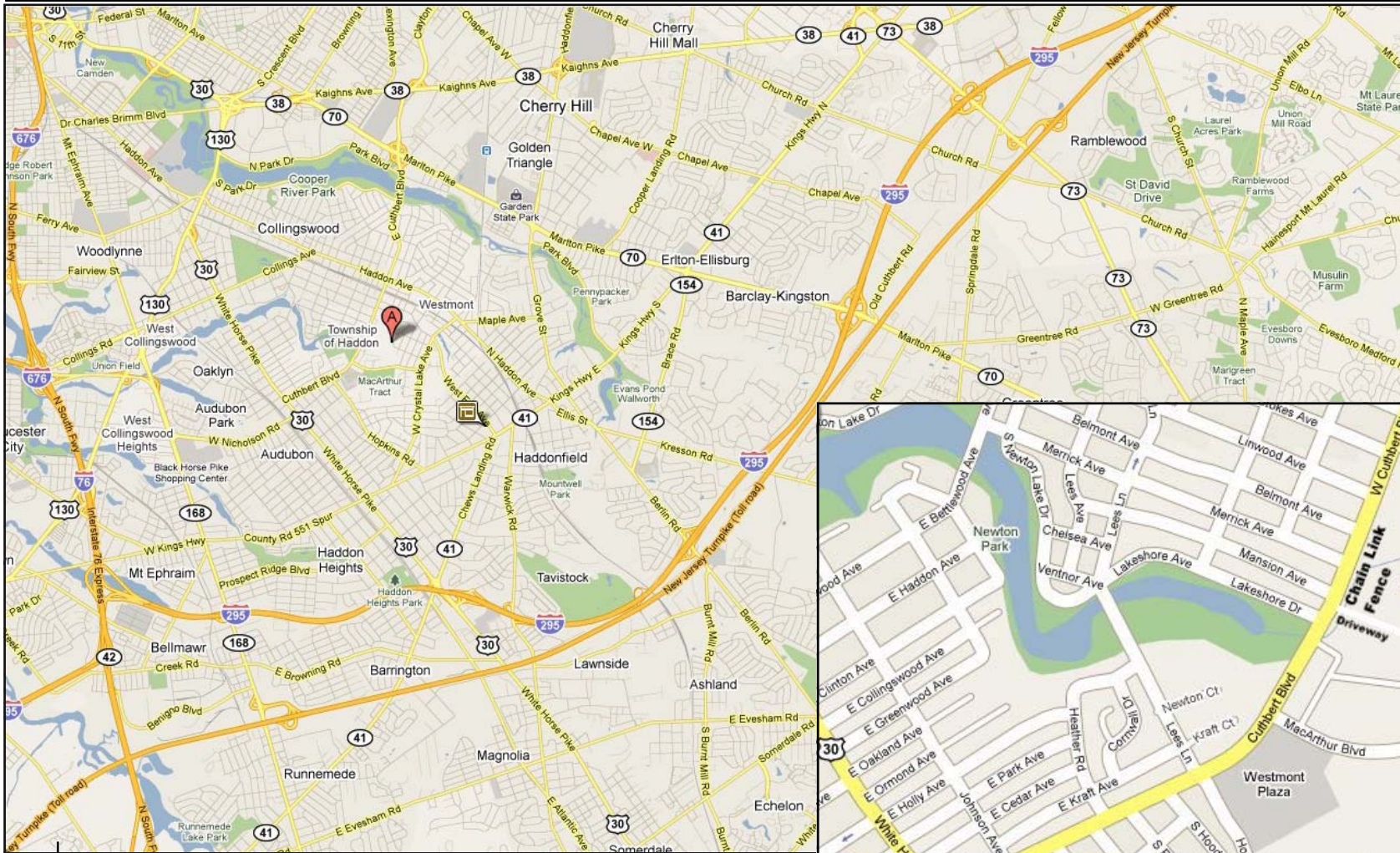
Doc Patti's On3 also with a western logging theme



A pair of B&O Geeps pass classic Pennsy Power on Chris Conaway's railroad.



MAPS TO THE JANUARY MEET



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.

Help wanted

There will be at least one, and most likely two positions open on your Division's Board of Directors starting in September. If you think you can contribute to you division by running for the board of directors, get ready now. Nomination petitions will be included in the May edition of Train Orders.

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