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MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Changes Coming to the New Jersey Division

Actually, most of the changes occurred a number of years ago, but since they have not been updated since April of 1999, we need to update our bylaws to reflect the way in which we now do business.

On page 7 you will find a description of the specific proposed changes to our bylaws. If you get your newsletter online it will probably be easier to read if you print the page!

If you would like to read the current bylaws in their entirety, you can find them on the website at

NJDivNMRA.org.


There are four areas included in the proposed changes at this time. There will be others in the future as we redefine the purpose and scope of your New Jersey Division and bring it more in line with current realities.

See **Bylaws** on page 2

Call for nominations

The New Jersey Division invites anyone interested in running for the position of Director to submit a Petition of Nomination. To be eligible, you must be current with your NMRA dues and live in one of the ten counties within the boundaries of the New Jersey Division as defined by the NMRA.

The form and detailed instructions can be found on page 9 in the Online Color Extras section of this issue of Clinkers.


If you do not have online access, contact Nomination Committee Chairman, Michael Mosher and a copy will be mailed to you. Mike's email is mjmx@comcast.net and his phone number is 856 293 9874. 

Share the fun! Bring a friend to the next meet!

Mitch Dakelman Returns to the NJ Division Meet

The March meet in Hamilton Twp. Will see the return of Mitch Dakelman and his endless collection of slides and films. Mitch tells us that this time the presentation topic will be "the Reading and B&O in New Jersey." He will also bring along a selected short film for our entertainment. Plan to be there for yet another terrific show!

The meet will include all the usual components as well. Don't forget to bring an entry or two for the contest, Detailed Steam Engines. If you need space to sell your "stuff", that will be available, and of course we'll have the coffee and camaraderie that is part and parcel of our meets! We will have the afternoon layout tour as well. We currently have eight layouts scheduled.

Unfortunately, we don't have room for photos in the hardcopy version of this issue, but you can see the photo preview in the Online Color Extras part of the newsletter. 

NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:00 AM to 12:00

Switlik Park
5 Fisher Place
Hamilton Twp. NJ 08620

Contest:

Detailed Steam Engines

Clinics:

Mitch Dakelman
Slide/film presentation

Layout Tour: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Swap tables:

Contact Bob Clegg
856 696 0463
BobcatCS@comcast.net

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2012

Host: Michael Mosher
mjmx@comcast.net
856 293 9874

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

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

Changes

A couple of years ago I quoted lyrics from one of my favorite songs by the Beatles, "...though some have changed, some forever, none for better." Change is inevitable, and we have to deal with it or not embrace them.

This month we have more change to deal with. The first is really something that we have already been living with, but now should be made official. I refer to the changes in the New Jersey Division bylaws that we will discuss and hopefully approve at the May meet in Forked River. Please read the article on page 1 and the details of the updates on page four.

The second involves one of our members and his most excellent railroad. Dick Genthner, our assistant AP chairman will be moving in the near future to a much smaller home and therefore his railroad, the Arpee & Western, will go the way of many prototype railroads in the northeast.

Bylaws *continued from page 1*

First of all, we need to officially change the titles of our board members from "Trustee" to "Director." This is really just a cosmetic change and doesn't affect the operation of the division.

Second, since the bylaws were last updated, Hunterdon County has been reassigned to the Garden State Division, NER and Monmouth County has been added to the New Jersey Di-

I had the pleasant opportunity to be part of the operating session that he hosted as part of Joe Calderone's clinic last October. The good news is that Dick has agreed to host the division one last time as part of the layout tour at the meet on March 10, so along with you, I will get another chance to see it in operation.

Dick tells me that some of the unfinished hidden portions of the railroad will already have been disassembled, but the railroad will be completely operational. He also says that some of the layout and equipment will be available for purchase during his open house.

Events

This is the time of the year when model railroad events seem to come thick and fast. Here is some of what is coming in the next few months:

First, our next meet on March 10. There's much more info elsewhere in this issue!

vision. These changes need to be incorporated into the document.

Third, the nomination and election process needs to be updated. Since our election process requires a call for nominations, and if necessary, for ballots to be mailed out and returned, moving that process from the spring to over the summer will make it a bit easier to get the required steps done in a timely manner.

Lastly, the business meeting would be moved to the September meet. This helps in a couple

Later this month the Philadelphia Division will hold its biannual Railroad Prototype Modelers meet in Valley Forge. If you've never been to one of these, you should consider going. It's something between a division meet and a regional convention. There are model displays, but no contest; a full schedule of clinics dealing with both modeling and prototype topics, operating sessions and a dinner, but without the endless awards and speaker. Contact Jim Dalberg for registration and more information.

For those who enjoy the hunt, the Great Scale Model Train Show returns to the Maryland State Fair Grounds in Timonium on April 14 and 15.

Coming in the not too distant future is the division's annual business meeting. It will be part of the May 12 meet in Forked River. Additional info will be in the May issue of Clinkers.

Come out and enjoy these event. I'll see you there!



of ways.

September is traditionally our "kick off" meet after returning from the summer and renewing model railroading activities. Also, we usually send the September newsletter to everyone in the NMRA defined division whether they have completed an information form or not. If an election were necessary, we could include a ballot with that mailing and not incur any additional cost to the division for postage.

See **Bylaws** on page 4)

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM NEWS

PJ MATTSON, MMR & DICK GENTHNER, MMR

I am sorry that I missed the January meet because from all reports the clinics at the Work in Progress sessions were a tremendous success.

Hopefully I'll be at our next meet in March, but there are a number of changes taking place. My wife and I will be moving sometime later this year into a continuing care retirement community called "Applewood" located close to our present home.

Unfortunately there will not be space in this new location for a model railroad of any size, certainly not like the present Arpee and Western Railroad as it now exists. So over the next

few months my operating sessions will have to cease and the teardown of the A&W will begin. You will see parts of the A&W for sale at the next few meets, so stop by and see if I have things you may need.

This does not mean that I will be giving up on model railroading and helping with the Achievement Program. I'm sure that as Pat and I go through this moving process there will be delays in replying to your inquiries and questions. But just bear with me and we'll get answers for you. If you are interested please stop by and take a last look at the A&W for old time sake.



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**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**
is on page 14 in Color Version Extras.



Arpee & Western Pieces and Parts to be Sold

I am tearing down my large model railroad and will have much salvaged bench work lumber available. Lumber sizes include 1X3, 1X4, wooden girders, 2X2 legs, painted 12" Masonite fascia sections and 1/2" plywood track boards with Homobed roadbed, both straight and 30" curves. If interested send an email to me, Tear-down starts after the March 10 meet. Great prices for tear-down helpers.



Dick Genthner
732-462-0216
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NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Chris Widmaier

Another New Year has arrived and boy did we kick the Year off right with a great Division meet at the Haddon Township High School. I have heard several great comments about how everyone really enjoyed the Work in Progress Clinics. As you may know the Work in Progress Clinics format was coordinated by our very own Clinics Coordinator, Director, John Gallagher, and I thank John for a job well done. I also thank all the clinicians for taking the time to prepare and present some very interesting and informative clinics.

We had great weather to drive around and look at some fantastic layouts on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. I thank all of the folks that opened their homes to allow us to see their

layouts. All in all, it was a perfect day and I for one had a lot of fun with all of my friends from the New Jersey and Philadelphia divisions. What a great bunch... Thank you...

Now let's talk about the model contest. Frank Neufeld was the winner of the Detailed and Weathered Gondolas contest. Frank entered an outstanding model that was beautifully detailed and weathered. Frank is a super modeler and has won our Division's contest twice before. Thank you, Frank, for your entry. You have done a fine job once again.

Ok guys, come on, I know just about everyone of you has a few gondolas sitting at home collecting dust. So why couldn't you bring one with you and enter it in the model contest? We couldn't make it any easier to enter our contests. It is simple! Blow the dust off of one of your models bring it with you to the meet and set it on the contest table. You just might win. There isn't any judging or points it's by popular vote. You don't even need to write anything about the model if you don't want to.

Okay, your homework assignment due March 10, for the next meet in Hamilton Township at Switlik Park (5 Fisher Place) is to bring at least one nicely detailed steam engine for the contest. After all the next \$10 voucher and model certificate could be yours.

At the January meet I was honored to present a certificate and a \$10 voucher for next year's New Jersey Division activity fee to Dave Skinner, MMR for his entry of a picture of "D" Tower in Grafton, West Virginia.

I also presented Steve Lang a certificate for his Bulletin Car Sides entry. Steve will also receive a one year NMRA membership that will include the NMRA Magazine, of which the bulletin was the predecessor.

Both entries were for entries at the September meet in Delanco. Congratulations to both of you.



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If an election is not necessary, the Secretary's "motion to elect by acclamation" would be done at the business meeting.

The terms of office for the directors would necessarily be changed to run from October 1 to September 30. The length of the terms would be unaffected after this transition year when they would be a four months longer, ending in September rather than May.

Please take the time to review the changes and make your opinion known. If you can't attend the business meeting at the May meet, please let us know via email to your superintendent, or by letter to the division address. Both can be found on page 6.



Frank Neufeld's contest winning Gondola

MODULAR MODELING IN THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION

Mike McNamara

I hope everyone is enjoying the (so far) mild winter. As a skier, I prefer snow, but as the one who has to shovel the driveway, well....

On the modular railroading front, there have been a number of opportunities to kick off the year that demonstrated the benefits of this approach to model railroading. I was up at the annual train show in Springfield, MA and there were a number of modular railroads on display in many scales. If you noticed, there was also a Free-mo layout there in the Mallery building. The New England Free-mo group had a U shaped layout up and running with some neat scenes and nice structures. Also of interest was how they used multiple sections on some modules to expand them with more track and scenery while still keeping the end plates compliant with the spec.

The following weekend, I was down in Timonium, MD for the winter event of this regular train show. Capitol Free-mo was on hand and I set up with their layout, anchoring one end with my Woodstown Junction module. We were in a different section of the building than previous shows and I think that helped get more folks passing by and checking out the layout.

I did have the opportunity to do a short video using a new device called the iCar. This allowed me to use my phone to shoot video straight down the track like you are riding the front of a locomotive. Check it out on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MiGJj5wmMA

The car was pretty popular at the show and we also used it on the Four County Scale Model Engineers modular layout. You can check out

their video at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3IRbT_SHxI

It is a neat device and I look forward to using it on the home layout as well. If you are interested in a car for yourself, you can find out more about it at minutemanscalemodels.com

With the upcoming March Meet, we hope to have some new Free-mo modules to make their debut. This will give everyone a chance to see some in progress modules and how they were constructed.

One thing I have seen with the various Free-mo groups is that there are a number of different construction methods for the legs, frame and surface of a module, and all of them are correct. That is one of the great things about Free-mo.



No one is dictating how you build your legs, or how you attach them, or what material to use for the top of your module. All that matters in the bench work phase is that your ends meet the 6" x 24" standard. Other than that, use whatever materials and construction method you want. One of the Capital Free-mo guys actually uses PVC pipe in a tripod configuration to support his ends. Some modules have plywood tops, but most use foam. Some legs slip into pockets and some bolt or clamp on. Do what works, and move on to the fun part, the actual model railroading that takes place on top of the module!

See you at the Meet.



Above: The NE Free-mo 180° turn modules at the February GSMTS in Timonium

Left: Mike's iCar coupled to CN power

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Contributing to Clinkers

Clinkers welcomes contributions from the New Jersey Division membership. Letters, articles, photos and other items may be mailed or emailed to the editor at the above address. Please include return postage if you would like materials returned.

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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! Online newsletter always available at NJ Division website. Mailed hard-copy newsletter \$5.00

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SCHEDULES

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Division

March 23-25, 2012

Desmond Great Valley Hotel

1 Liberty Blvd.

Malvern, PA 19355

NJ Division May Meet

Saturday , May 12, 2012

Knights of Columbus Hall

15 East Lacey Rd.

Forked River, NJ 08731

Annual business meeting

Clinics:

Dick Genthner: Building and judging a contest
model entry

Second clinic to be announced

Train show

Evesham Fire House

26 East Main Street

Marlton, NJ 08053

Sunday March 18, 2012

10:00 to 3:00

Snacks available

Door Prizes

Test track

Admission \$3.00, Families \$5.00

Kids Under 12 free

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Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the New Jersey Division

The bylaws of the New Jersey Division, NMRA are to be amended as follows. Throughout the entire document: The words "trustee" and "trustees" will be replaced with "director" and "directors" respectively.

In addition, the following specific changes will be made. Sections which have no changes other than as noted above are not listed. Deleted text is noted by a ~~strikethrough~~, inserted or added text is in **bold face** type.

10.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES DIRECTORS

10.2 The terms and qualifications of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be as follows:

- (b) Each ~~trustee~~ **director** shall be a member in good standing of ~~the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA as well as the National Model Railroad Association.~~
- (c) Each ~~trustee~~ **director** shall reside within the State of New Jersey in one of the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, ~~Hunterdon~~, Mercer, **Monmouth**, Ocean, or Salem.

11.0 MEMBERS

11.1 QUALIFICATIONS This entire section is deleted

11.2 SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL This entire section is deleted.

11.3 MEMBERSHIP (NOTE: With paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2 deleted, this will become paragraph 11.1)

- (a) ~~Subject to the application procedure and fees set from time to time by the board, membership is open to any person who is a current member of the National Model Railroad Association, Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA, actively engaged in, or desirous of becoming engaged in the purposes and activities of the corporation. Any person who is a member in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association and currently resides in the State of New Jersey in the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, or Salem is a member of the New Jersey Division.~~
 - (b) ~~Such person agrees to abide by the bylaws of the corporation~~ **Membership in the National Model Railroad Association and residence as described in paragraph 11.1(a) above are the only requirements for membership in the New Jersey Division.**
- ## 12.0 NOMINATIONS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- (b) A member may submit to the board of ~~trustees~~ **directors** notice of his/her intention to seek the office of ~~trustee~~ **director**. The notice must be presented to the Secretary of the corporation in petition form signed by at least five (5) current ~~regular~~ members of the New Jersey Division at least thirty (~~30~~) ~~days prior to the annual meeting by August 1st.~~ Any member whose petition is in proper form and is received by the Secretary of the corporation ~~at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting by August 1st~~ shall have the member's name placed on the ballot for the office of ~~trustee~~ **director**.

12.1 BALLOTING AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES DIRECTORS.

- (a) The Secretary of the Corporation shall mail ballots to ~~any regular~~ **all** members of the Corporation by ~~April 20th~~, **August 15th** in any year that there is a contested election, together with postage paid addressed envelopes for the return of the ballots by a date set by the board.
- (b) In the event there is not a contested election, that is if the nominations are equal to or less than the vacancies to be filled on the board, formal written ballots will not be sent to the ~~Regular~~ members by mail, but in lieu thereof the Secretary of the Corporation may cast an unanimous ballot for the election of the nominated ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** at the annual ~~election~~ **business meeting**.

MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO THE MARCH MEET

From Delaware, Philadelphia and western South Jersey

Find your way to **I 295 North**. Take **exit 60** onto **I 195 East**. Proceed about a mile and exit onto **Broad Street**. Take the third **right** onto **Kim Valley Rd.** just after the Rite Aid and then **left** onto **Fisher place**. You'll see the building behind the ball field.

From eastern South Jersey

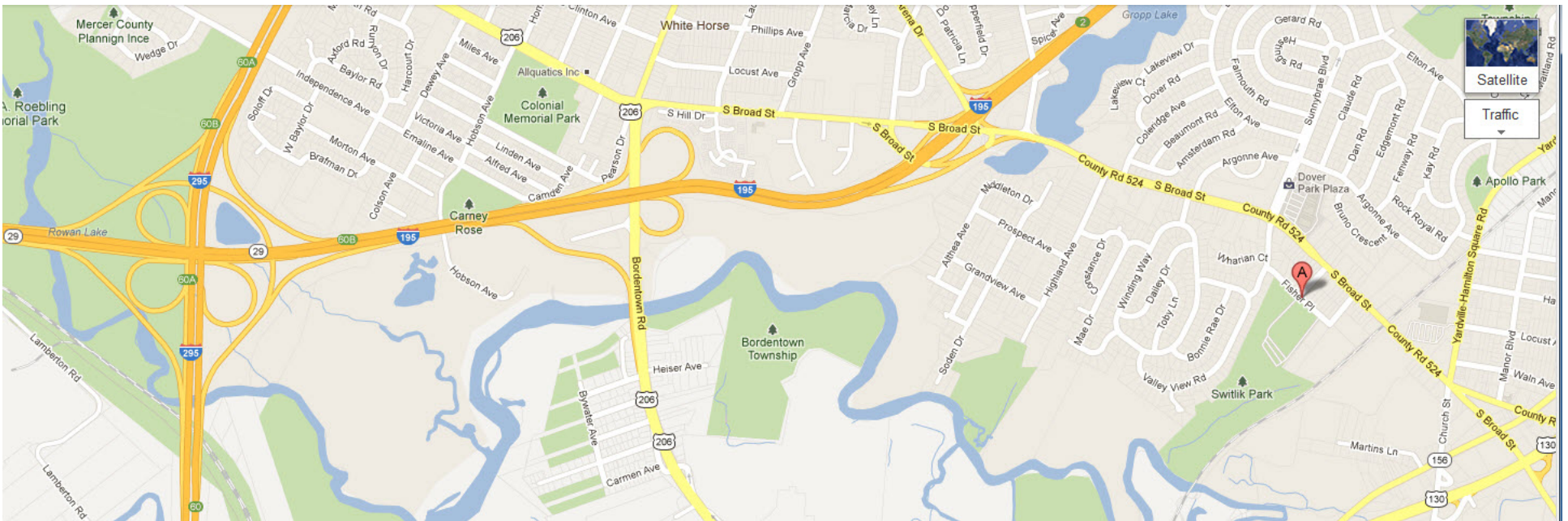
Follow the directions above, or take **US 30 to US 206 in Hammonton**. Proceed **north** on **US 206 to Bordentown** and merge **right** onto **US 130 North**. Follow **US 130** to Broad Street. Take the Broad Street exit, turn right onto broad Street, proceed about 0.3 miles and turn left onto Kirby Ave. Go straight across Fisher Place into the driveway for Switlik Park.

From North Jersey shore points

Take I 195 West to Exit 2. This exit only goes north, so at the bottom of the ramp (Broad St. northbound), turn left at the light onto Hempstead and follow around to Broad Street southbound. Take the third right onto Kim Valley Rd. just after the Rite Aid and then left onto Fisher place. You'll see the building behind the ball field.

From western North Jersey

Find your way to **I 295 South**. Take **exit 60A** onto **I 195 East**. Proceed about a mile and exit onto **Broad Street**. Take the third **right** onto **Kim Valley Rd.** just after the Rite Aid and then **left** onto **Fisher place**. You'll see the building behind the ball field.



Petition for Nomination as a Director of the New Jersey Division for the term June 2012 through May 2014

Candidate's Name (Please print legibly): _____

Candidate's NMRA member number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Petitioners Signatures	NMRA member number:	Expiration Date:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

As a candidate for the position of Director of the New Jersey Division, NMRA I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of the New Jersey Division, NMRA and that to the best of my knowledge, all signers of this petition are members in good standing of the New Jersey Division, NMRA.

Candidate's signature Date

The New Jersey Division, Mid Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, will be holding an election of Directors for the term June 2012 through May 2014. All regular NMRA members living within the boundaries of the New Jersey Division are eligible to be candidates for the annual election.

In order to have your name appear on the ballot, as specified in the bylaws of the NJ Division, you must submit a signed petition indicating your desire to be a candidate, and have it signed by 5 other regular NMRA members who also reside within the boundaries of the NJ Division. Their NMRA membership numbers and expiration dates also need to be included. This petition should then be mailed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee:

Mr. Michael Mosher
Attn: NJ Division Election
25 Sunset Drive
Millville, NJ 08332

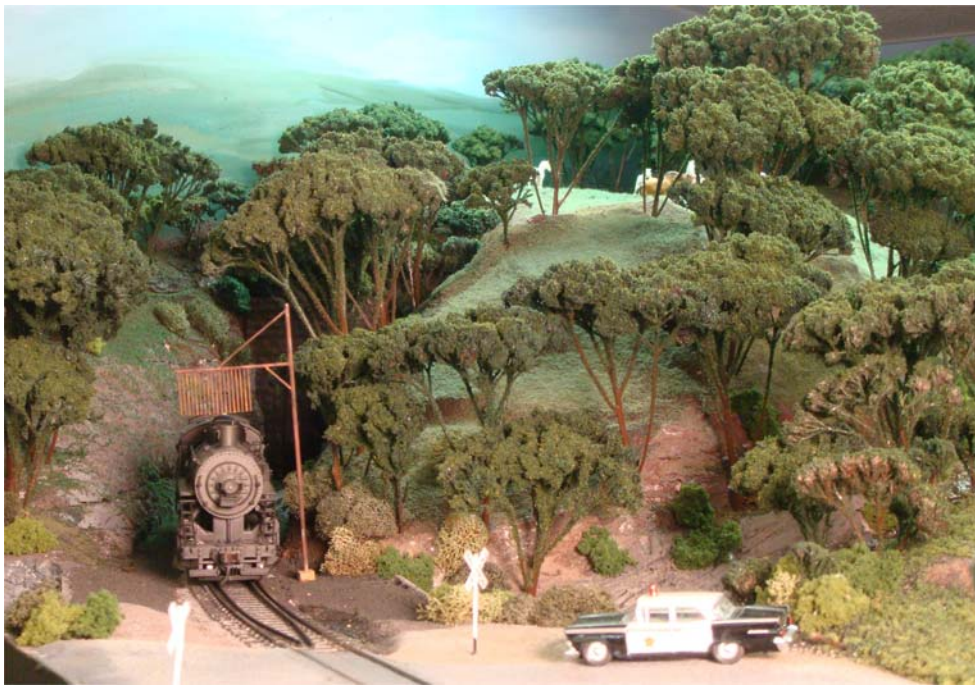
All petitions must be received by April 12, 2012 in order to be included on the ballot. All petitions will be verified by the Nominating Committee.

The petition form is enclosed. If you are reading this online, please print this page and fill out the form. If you are reading this in hardcopy, simply copy and complete this page or use this original. When completed, please mail it to the address shown.

Along with your nominating petition, please include a short letter of introduction to let the members know why you should be elected to the Board of Directors. This information will be sent with the ballot for members to use when considering how to cast their votes.

If an election is necessary, ballots will be mailed no later than April 20, 2012 and ballots must be received by May 10, 2012. Results will be announced during the NJ Division meet in Forked River on May 12. Any further questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Michael Mosher at 856 293 9874 or email mjmx@comcast.net.

MARCH MEET LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW



Above: Will the cop try to give the engineer a speeding ticket? To find out, visit Mike Prokop's railroad on the tour after the meet on March 10.

Upper right: The yard is quiet since all the equipment is out earning its keep on Joe Calderone's railroad

Right: Bob Jans' PRR is just one of the eight railroads that will be part of the afternoon tour at the March 10 meet in Hamilton Twp.



*Been to a New Jersey Division meet lately?
Here's your chance!*

MARCH MEET LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW



This is N scale?!?! These two scenes are just a small part of the terrific scenery and operation on Rick Spano's Burlington Northern themed free-lance railroad.

Share the fun!

Bring a friend to the meet on March 10!

Switlik Park

5 Fisher Place,

Hamilton Twp., NJ



MARCH MEET LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW

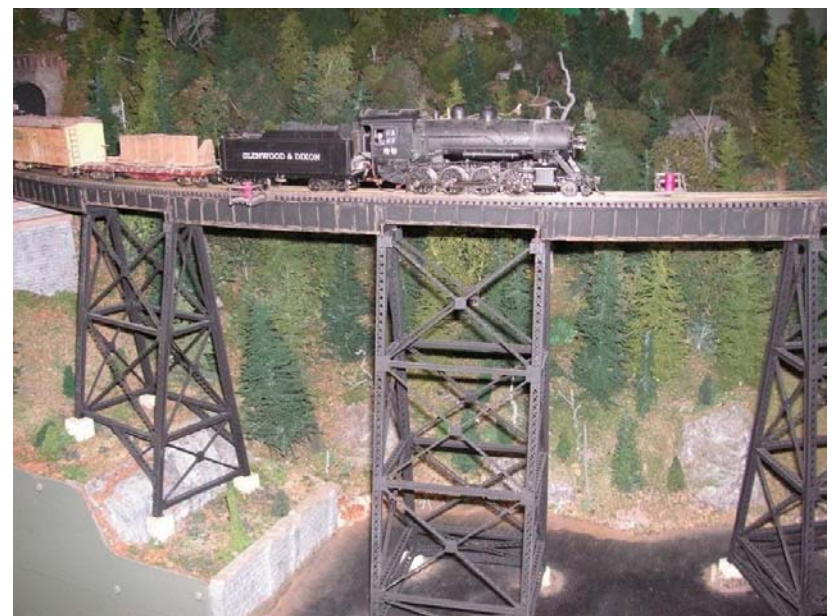


Above: A Pennsy SW1500 spots a B&O box car in front of a very nicely weathered building on Bob Jans' railroad.

Top right: Nestled in the valley beyond the rails is Malvern Mills. Just one of the great structures you'll see on Joe Calderone's railroad.

Right: Another last look at Dick Genthner's Arpee & Western

We need photographs of your layout for publication in *Clinkers*! Take a few shots with your digital camera and email them to BobcatCS@comcast.net!



MARCH MEET LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW



Railroad Prototype Modelers Valley Forge

Sponsored by Philadelphia Division, MER, NMRA

March 23-25, 2012

at the

Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center
Malvern, PA

**Clinics
Model Displays
Vendors' Room
Sunday Home Layout Tour
Operating Sessions**



INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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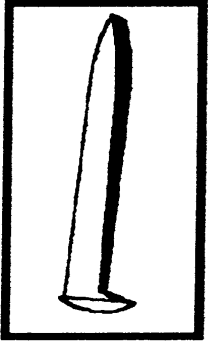
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Upper left: The car float is a busy part of the action On Bill Howard's railroad

Left: Cars need to be iced if that meat is to arrive at it's destination in good condition!
Also on Bill's railroad.



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: _____