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If This is March, It Must Be Mitch!

This time, Mitch will present a Pennsy Northeast Corridor slide show that the division has never seen before. He did it recently for the PRR guys to rave reviews!

It features as you would expect, GG1's, P motors, E44's and other NH electrics. This will be up first on the agenda and will run about an hour, depending on questions and comments from the audience.

The other feature will be a movie on the Norfolk and Western railroad about, as you could guess, coal and the movement from the mines to market (tidewater). Mitch says there's a disclaimer at the beginning of the flick that no diesels, only steam, are shown during this movie which runs about 25 minutes.

Don't forget to bring your contest models. This meet's topic is "Railroad Structures" which encompasses a broad range of possibilities.


New Name for Your Newsletter

Since we announced the contest for a new newsletter name, we have collected over twenty suggestions. After looking them over, the board has narrowed the choices to three. Now it's up to you to vote on them. Email your choice, or if you don't have email, call your superintendent at 856 696 0463 with your choice. Deadline is March 10 so we can announce the result at the meet.

Choices are: Train Orders
The Manifest
Time Table

Thanks to all who submitted suggestions.

Other Changes

You may remember that our January issue was actually too large to be able to email it in one file. As a result and in keeping with the railroad theme of names, we have also renamed the "Online Color Extras" section to "Second Section." It may or may not require an actual second file, but with your help, it will. Send in those photos and captions from your railroad and we'll make every effort to have them included in the "Second Section." 

RPM Valley Forge March 18 - 20 2016

The weekend starts on Thursday night with an operating session. Friday morning starts with at least three operating sessions available

Registration starts 5:30 P.M. Friday, first clinics, vendors and Model Display rooms open at 7 pm.

Saturday clinics, vendor and model display rooms open at 9 am. After the extra cost dinner buffet from 5:30 to 7 pm, the rooms and clinics reopen until 11pm.

On Sunday, clinics. Model Display, and Vendors open at 9 A.M. to Noon.

Home layout visitations are 12:30 to 4 pm.

NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, March 12, 2016
9:00 AM to 12:00
5 Fisher Place
Hamilton Twp. NJ 08620

Clinics:

Mitch Dakelman

Slides:

Pennsy in the Northeast
Corridor

Video:

Norfolk and Western

Contest:

Railroad Structures

Layout Tour:

Saturday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Swap tables:

Contact Bob Clegg

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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.

Deadline for next issue: April 12, 2016

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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

April 26, 2016
Host: Mike Mosher
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All members are invited.
Please let us know if you plan to attend.

NJ DIVISION MAY MEET

Saturday, May 14, 2016
InfoAge Museum
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719
This is a joint meet with the
Garden State Division, NER

RAIL PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

March 18,19,20. 2016
Desmond Great Valley Hotel
1 Liberty Blvd
Malvern, PA 19355
www.RPMValleyForge.com

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

Can be found in the Second
Section, or download it from our
website NJDivNMRA.org

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CONVENTIONS

2016 - Indianapolis, IN
2017 - Orlando, FL
2018 - Kansas City, MO
2019 - Salt Lake City, UT

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

Why a new name?

Some history: At a board meeting back in 1972, the New Jersey Division board was searching for a name for the division newsletter. Pete Suhmann came up with the name *Clinkers* after stepping out of the meeting to add some coal to his stove. There was a piece of unburned material, a clinker, stuck in the grate that had to be dealt with and so the name was suggested. That was 44 years ago.

Today, not many folks actually remember what a clinker is or that it was actually a piece of worthless material that had to be removed.

Since we like to think of the newsletter as being something more, we will change the name to reflect that. Please keep the purpose of the newsletter in mind when you submit your choice for the new name

We had about three dozen suggestions, some really good, some not so much, and at least one "don't change it." We do appreciate all of them. It shows that you are interested in the operation of the division!

Up coming election

As you may remember, the New Jersey Division has moved the election for the board of directors to August. Nomination petitions will be included with the May newsletter. It's not too early to begin considering running for a position on the board. For 2016, being an

even number, there will be at least three board positions up for election. Please consider giving back to the division by serving on the board.

An interesting invitation:

Restoration of the Norfolk and Western 611

The Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers has scheduled a presentation on the restoration of the N&W J-Class No 611 Northern steam locomotive. ASME is inviting members of the local NMRA and NRHS divisions to the presentation by Scott Lindsay, President, Steam Operations Corporation; Chief Mechanical Officer, Norfolk and Western 611 Restoration Project

Title: The Railroad Steam Engine.

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Time: 6:30-8:00pm (6:30pm: dinner, 7pm: presentation)

Location: Tolentine Hall Room 215 Villanova University, Villanova, PA

A light dinner will be provided.

Cost: ASME Members \$10, Non members \$15, no charge for students

Abstract: The 4-8-4 Northern Steam locomotives are considered to be the ultimate in steam locomotive design. These high speed, heavy haul locomotives were used in both passenger and freight service, and the

Norfolk and Western Railroad J class 611 locomotive was one of the largest built.

After being retired twice, the No. 611 is again being restored to conduct main line steam excursions. Restoration work on the J Class No 611 was performed by Steam Operations Corporation. Scott Lindsay, president of Steam Operations, will present and explain the work performed to restore No. 611 to operating conditions. The event is co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Section of ASME and the Villanova Student Section of ASME.

If you are planning on attending and would like dinner, then please register by adding your name to the registration list at the link at the bottom of the page by *March 13, 2016* If you are reading this electronically, Just copy and paste it into your browser.

Road Trip!

Make plans now to attend the May 14 joint NJD/GSD meet in Wall Twp. at the InfoAge Science History Learning Center and Museum. It's also the new home of the Garden State Central Club. It's a bit of a hike but I assure you it will be worth it. Talk to your fellow members and form carpools to save expenses and have some company for the trip. If you need help arranging the carpools, drop an email to me and I'll see if I can help put you together with someone close by.

See you at the meet!



Link to register for 611: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CGbZAaWHzeTvStWiaQ02JAhGbsM_rziXIBnhFa-n9jE/edit?usp=sharing

NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Bill Grosse, Jr. Contest Chairman

Our January Contest was Detailed/ Weathered Gondolas w/ Loads.

Thank you to everyone who brought in entries for the contest.

We had 6 entries with a total of 9 well done Gondolas with a variety of loads.

The winner chosen by popular vote was Entry # 3 by Mark Hartnett, which is a set of 3 Cement Container Gondolas. Lehigh Valley 27233 and 27237, and DL&W 19943.

The next contest will be Railroad Structures, at our meet in Hamilton

Township on March 12, 2016.

Try to bring any Railroad related structure to the contest to show your work, and maybe win the popular vote. Many members appreciate the chance to see how others do modeling work by looking at contest entries.

Other Contests that are scheduled at this time are;

March 2016

Railroad Structures

May 2016

Detailed/Weathered Milk Cars

September 2016

Detailed Baggage and/or Mail Cars

Try to bring a model to a meet to show off your skills, and maybe win the contest..



Mark Hartnett's Winning Contest Entry, Set of 3 Cement Container Gondolas



The rest of the January 2016 Contest Entries

(Right) John Swift / PRR Container Car #353208



(Left) John Swift / CNJ Sand Gondola #88237

(Right) Mark Hartnett / Set of Two LV Covered Gondolas (Top) #615427 and (Bottom) #615450



(Bottom Left) Joe Zebrowski / D&A Gondola w/Scrap Load #7421

(Bottom Right) Frank Neufeld / HVRR Gondola w/Pipe Load #90



MARCH 2016 LAYOUT TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



(Upper Photos) Bill Howard's new A&E'Port Central RR



(Below Right) Mike Prokop's New Jersey and Western. His LED lighting will be on show and he is always happy to answer questions in detail.

(Below Left) Visit Herb Gishlick to see wonderful fall scenery



LAYOUT TOUR CONTINUED

(Below) The N Scale Layout of the Spano's



DIRECTIONS TO THE MEET

From Ocean County and points East

Follow **I 195 West** to **Exit 2** 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 **I 195 East**. Continue on **I 195** to **Exit 2** and follow Local Directions below.

From Cape May and Atlantic Counties

Take the Atlantic City Expressway or Black Horse Pike (**US 322**) to **NJ 42 North** and continue onto **I 295 North**. Exit onto **I 195 East**. Take **Exit 2** and follow Local Directions below.

From **US 130**

From **US 130 South**, bear **right** onto **NJ 156**. Turn **right** onto **Yardville Allentown Road**. Continuing through the intersection, the road becomes **South Broad Street**.

From **US 130 North**, take the **Church Street Exit**. Turn **right** at the bottom of the ramp. Follow **Church Street** and turn left onto **South Broad Street**.

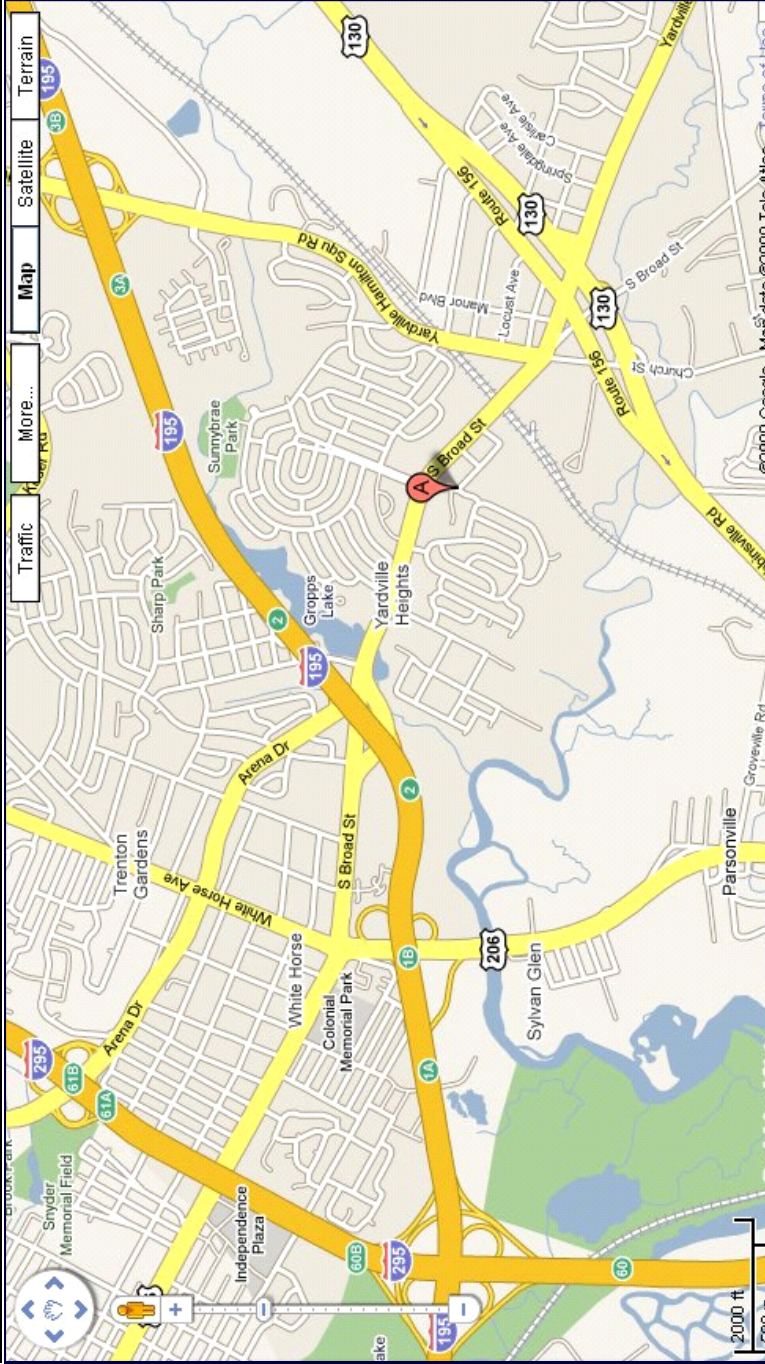
In either case, turn **left** onto **Kim Valley Road**.

Local Directions

From **I 195 East**, exit 2 is almost straight off the right lane. Follow the exit to merge onto **South Broad St**. Turn **Right** at the third intersection onto **Kim Valley Road**. Turn **left** onto **Fisher Place**. The **Switlik Park Recreation Center** will be on the right.

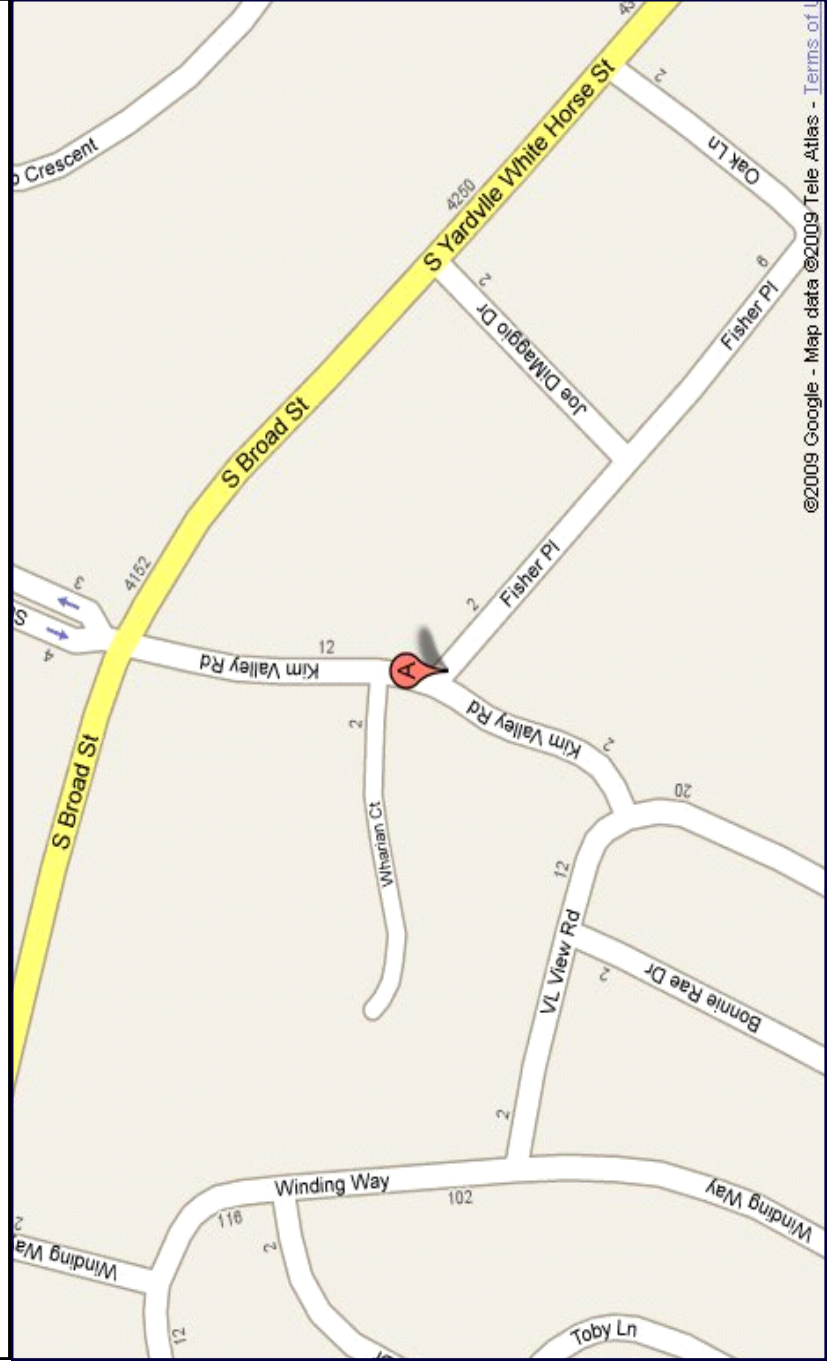
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There is no direct exit from **I 195 West** to get to Switlik Park. Take Exit 2 onto **South Broad Street**, and make a **left** at the traffic light. This will take you on a “U” turn back onto South Broad Street headed in the correct direction. Continue with the **Local Directions** on page 7.



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LAYOUT TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS

9	Herb Gishlick
10-11	William Howard
12-13	Rick and Linda Spano
14-15	Mike Prokop



More of that wonderfully blended fall scenery by Herb Gishlick

A City Block on Bill Howard's new A&E'Port Central RR



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Tank Car Heaven on Bill Howard's new A&E'Port Central RR



One of the many Spano vistas to behold



Another Inspirational Spano scene



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A Period New Jersey & Western View by Mike Prokop



Law Enforcement Railfans along the New Jersey & Western by Mike Prokop



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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.