

# CLINKERS

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MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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## May Meet Will Be in Lakewood

The Lakewood Public Library will be the venue for our May meet. As you may remember, we were attempting to procure a location at one of the Jackson Township public schools. That effort proved fruitless, however, because of the ridiculous demands the school administration was placing on us. Would you believe they were insisting that we pay to have an armed guard of their choice at the meet? That was just the last straw!

Our great thanks go out to members Chuck Higdon and Jack Menaker who are the volunteer coordinators for this meet. Their tireless efforts in dealing with an intractable school administration and in finally securing this location are very much appreciated. In addition, thanks to their efforts, we also have a full afternoon of local model railroads to see.

When you see these guys at the meet, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

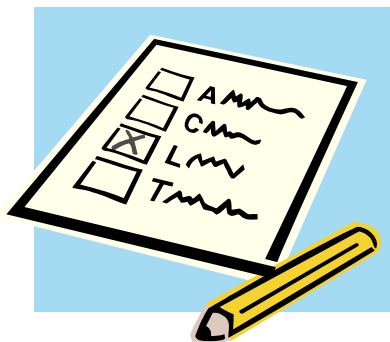
This will be both a joint meet with the Garden State Division, our northern neighbor, and a Work in Progress format meet. See the article by John Gallagher on page 6 for details.

Regardless of format, we will have all the "stuff" you expect at our meets: the contest, refreshments, door prizes, a raffle, and the usual good time. Mark the date, get up a little early if you must, but don't miss what we expect will be another terrific meet in Lakewood.



## Call for nominations

As you may recall, the New Jersey Division has amended its bylaws to change the dates for elections. The ballots, if a vote is necessary, will be sent out with the both the online and hard copy versions of the September edition of your *Clinkers* to be returned by September 7. The results will be announced at the meet on September 14.



In preparation for that event, a nomination petition can be found in the online extras section on page nine. If you need a hard copy, call Tom Lavin and he will send it out to you right away. His phone number can be found on page 2.

The terms of four board members are up for election this year. At present, current board members Bob Clegg, John Gallagher, Bob Liberman, and Mike Mosher plan to run for reelection to these four positions, but if you would want to run as well, please do. Fill out the petition and return it to the division Election Committee Chairman, Tom Lavin. All petitions must be received no later than August 1. Tom's address is included on the page with the petition.



## NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, May 4, 2013  
9:00 AM to 12:00  
Lakewood Public Library  
301 Lexington Avenue  
Lakewood NJ 08701

Contest:

Detailed Maintenance-Of-Way Cars

Clinics:

Work in Progress format.  
See article on page 6 for details.

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 NMRA members. Letters, articles, photos and other items may be emailed to BobcatCS@comcast.net or mailed to the editor at the above address. Include return postage if you would like materials returned. Deadline for next issue is August 7, 2013.

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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 hardcopy newsletter \$7.00

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# SCHEDULES

## NJ Division September Meet

Saturday, September 14, 2013  
Fire House  
Kings Hwy  
Swedesboro, NJ

### Contest:

Detailed Main Street Structure

### Clinics:

Tour of the SMS Railroad

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2013

Host: Bob Clegg

BobcatCS@comcast.net

856 696 0463

All members are invited.

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

## East Coast Santa Fe Modelers Meet

May 10, 11, & 12, 2013

Student Center of Delaware Valley College

700 Butler Avenue

Doylestown, PA 18901

More information on the web site

<http://www.ecsfm.org>

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

# NJ DIVISION AREA HOBBY SHOPS

## Sattler's Hobby Shop\*

14 Haddon Ave.  
Westmont, NJ 08108  
(856) 854-7136

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2275 West County Line Rd.  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
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[www.jacksonhobby.com](http://www.jacksonhobby.com)

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715 Arnold Ave.  
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[www.thetrainroomNJ.com](http://www.thetrainroomNJ.com)

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## All Aboard Trains

118 N. Main St.  
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[www.allaboardtrains1.com](http://www.allaboardtrains1.com)  
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\*Offers 10% discount to NMRA members

# VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

## Retrospective

As the May meet will be our last before the summer break, I will take this opportunity to do a quick recap and review of some of our activities in the past year.

We have tried a few new venues for our meets and returned to some regular haunts as well. Overall I think the year was successful. There were no major snafus and the meets were well attended, although not as well as last year by a small differential.

What we did find is that we need to coordinate our meets with other railroad groups, model and prototype, in the area. The November meet was smaller than in the past, we think because a PRRT&HS meet was held the same day.

We may have to rethink the May meet date altogether. There are conflicts with every Saturday in the month. The Philly division meet is the same day as our meet, the second Saturday is just before Mother's Day, the third weekend was another PRRT&HS meeting, and the fourth is Memorial Day weekend.

What would you think about moving the fifth meet of the year into early June? We'd have to keep it early, the first or second Saturday, before school is out for the summer and folks are into graduations and off on vacation. Drop me an email if you have an opinion, for or against, about moving into June.

We would also like to hear from you about any other aspects of the Division activities this

year. Please let us know if there was anything you particularly liked or disliked. Don't be shy!

## Division Freight Cars

After a bit of modification requested of Bowser by us, the PRR H-30 covered hoppers have been ordered. We actually had them use a different version to make them more historically correct. You can see the small photo here, or go to page 10 in the Online Color Extras for a larger view. If you're viewing this online, this is a pdf file so you can enlarge the page to see all the detail and lettering in the photo.



The cars should be ready for the September meet. Watch for more in the in September issue of *Clinkers*. If you would like to reserve one or more, send an email to BobcatCS@comcast.net with "H30" as part of the subject.

## Kudos

In closing this last "View" for the year, my thanks go to all of you who have come out and made our meets so very successful, to all who have volunteered as clinicians, open house hosts, and meet coordinators. Thanks also to the board and to Mike Rossi, Mike Underwood, and Bill Grosse, Jr. for their particular help. We can't do it without all of you!



## Correction!

In the March *Clinkers*, the wrong photo was printed for Bruce Barrett's winning contest entry. The correct photo is shown above. We regret the error. ~Ed.

## Cool Tools



Here's another Cool Tool from long time member John Swift:

Use a slotted U-channel shelf bracket support to straighten HO scale flex track. It just fits between the rails and keeps them nice and straight while you secure it to your roadbed. It comes in lengths from one to six feet.

This is a Cool Tool!

If you have a "Cool Tool" send it to the editor at BobcatCS@comcast.net

## MODULAR MODELING IN THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION

Mike McNamara

Hello model railroaders! Well Spring seems to finally be happening. I have been able to open up the windows in the basement layout area and do some track painting without turning the layout room into a walk in freezer! This time I have some information about an interesting product suitable for all model railroaders, on a module or a home layout, as well as news of an event coming up in the Fall.

Do you have a Tortoise switch machine that you would like to control via your DCC throttle, but also provide pushbuttons for activation as well? This would allow an operator to control the turnout from anywhere with his throttle while still allowing the traditional local pushbutton activation.

I just received two sample circuit boards from Electronscript, sold through BNM Hobbies. Made in the USA in Massachusetts, the SDD-001 is a small board, about 1-1/2" by 1-3/4" in size that does this task. It has 2 inputs for track power and two outputs to the Tortoise. It also provides 2 sets of inputs for 2 separate pushbuttons. These pushbuttons will toggle the switch machine, not provide thrown and closed routings from each button.

So why 2 pushbutton inputs then if you only need one button to throw the machine back and forth? Well the Free-mo standard requires that a turnout can be thrown regardless of which side of the module the operator is standing. As you may recall in Free-mo there is no front or back side, so in any given set up you may be on either side of the module operating your train. Obviously a ground throw

works because you reach right in and throw it. And a switch that can be thrown from the throttle will work too. But button control means having one button on each side of the module.

Even if you do not have a Free-mo module, you might find this board useful. Say you have a turnout on your peninsula. If you place the button control on one side, that means an operator might need to walk around the peninsula to throw the switch. With 2 buttons, you can have two control points available to the operator.

I'll have the two mainline switches on my module controlled with these driver boards so you can see them first hand. I'll also give you some feedback on how the install went and how they are working out.

For more information, check them out on the BNM web site at <http://bit.ly/13XISRf>. They also offer a board that is controlled just by 2 separate pushbuttons without the DCC control.

The event I mentioned is the Northeastern Region Fall convention in Laconia, New Hampshire, October 17-20, 2013. Besides being a great time to be in New England for the Fall foliage, this event will feature a large area dedicated to a Free-mo layout and will draw module builders from many states. The convention will also feature the usual clinics, prototype tours and layout visits. Check out the NER web site for more information. If you are not going to the MER convention, or can get away for 2 events in October, this convention (about 7 hours north of our area) looks to be a good one .



## MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Bill Grosse, Jr.

I have recently assumed the duties of Contest Chairman to assist Assistant Superintendent, Chris Widmaier, while he is very busy with other responsibilities.

On March 9 we had our meet in Hamilton Township with a very good showing of members. This meet was also the first try for Friday night layout tours in Hamilton. A big thank you goes out to the members who opened for this Friday night tryout, and also to those open Saturday.

Mitch Dakelman gave us another fine showing of his amazing never ending collection of slides and movies. Even the animated Casey Jones film he presented was appreciated by all of us big kids.

On to the CONTEST!

I had the pleasure of presenting the certificate to the winner of the Railroad Structures Contest of January 12th. Bruce Barrett's entry was chosen as the best, and besides the certificate he received a voucher worth \$10.00 towards his next year's NJ Division activity fee.

This meet's contest was "Detailed and Weathered Hopper Cars with Loads." There were 2 entries for the contest. First place went to Frank Neufeld for his Funaro & Camerlengo Resin Car Kit hopper painted and detailed for Southern Railway. Second was Mike Prokop who helped make the contest table look full, with his small train of 7 nicely detailed hoppers on track, lettered for Reading, CNJ, and New Jersey & Western. See photos on page 6.

*See Contest on page 7*

# ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM NEWS

## PJ MATTSON, MMR & DICK GENTHNER, MMR

I hope you all had an opportunity to read the March-April issue of "The LOCAL" publication of the Mid-Eastern Region. In particular I hope you saw the article on page 15 by Charlie Flichman who is the MER Achievement Program Manager. This article included a listing of ALL the certificates that have been awarded by the NMRA to members of the New Jersey Division over the last two months and there were a LOT of awards, including:

Chris Conaway (Chief Dispatcher)  
Herb Gishlick (Chief Dispatcher)  
Arnold Kimmons (Scenery)  
Steve Lang (Golden Spike)  
Bob Price (Golden Spike)  
Bob Price (Scenery)  
Jerry Tomaszewski (Scenery)  
Fred Willis (Author)


In addition to this extensive list of awards, there was also recognition given to Herb Gishlick for achieving the status of Master Model Railroader (#505). Herb has been working toward this for a long time and the Chief Dispatcher Award noted above was the last step that Herb needed to complete to become the New Jersey Division's newest MMR.

Congratulations again to all you guys on your progress in the Achievement Program of the NMRA. I doubt that we will ever have this many awards given over a two month period, but you see that it is possible.

Now for a couple other items of note. If you have motive power, rolling stock, or structure models that are ready to be judged please

send me an email or talk to me at the next meet and we'll arrange for the necessary judges. Hopefully we can judge a large number of models at one time if we hear from more than one of you. Copies of previous submittals are available to assist you in preparing the paperwork if you need help.

On a personal note, construction is proceeding slowly on the new Arpee and Western Railroad. I've been slowed down by some hand surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome, but things are now underway again.

That's all the AP news for this month. Call if you have questions or problems. 

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**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
is on page 15 in *Online Color Extras*.

Dick Genthner, Assistant Division AP coordinator (left) and PJ Mattson, Division AP coordinator (right) congratulate Herb Gishlick and Chris Conaway for earning their Chief Dispatcher AP Awards, and Fred Willis for earning his Author AP Award. Presentations were made at the New Jersey Division March meet at Switlik Park in Hamilton Township.

# WORK IN PROGRESS CLINICS AT THE MAY MEET

John V. Gallagher, Director, Clinics

The clinic program for the May meet will follow the Work in Progress format. For those not familiar with the format, here is how the meet will be organized:

Rather than a program of one or two presentations for all in attendance, we will follow a format of multiple, simultaneous clinics covering a diversity of topics. You get to choose the clinics which are of the greatest interest to you.

At this meet, there will be eight tables, one for each presenter, with several chairs arranged at each. Clinicians will present their topics, demonstrating or describing their process.

We have scheduled four 30 minute sessions during the three hour meet with short breaks

between them. For each session, select one of the nine clinics and move promptly to the table where your choice is being presented.

You will experience instruction up close and personal with informal conversation during the presentation.

Even though you may freely join or leave a clinic at any time, at the end of a 30 minute period, a signal will sound indicating a break. You may chose to stay or to move to another presentation after the break. The process repeats for each of the four sessions.

Please study the chart below and select up to four clinic topics you would like to see. It would also be a good idea to select some alternates in case one or more of your selections

becomes overcrowded with too many wanting to see it at that time. Remember, with one exception, each clinic is presented four times .

The exception is that Frank Neufeld will split his time between two presentations. By popular request he will repeat his excellent clinic, "Building Brass Signals" for the first two sessions. Frank will then show us how to bring those signals to life during the third and fourth sessions.

Our special thanks go to Garden State Division members Jim Homoki, George Duve and Chuck Diljak, for volunteering to present the clinics noted in the table below.

We welcome them and all of the Garden State Division members making this truly a joint meet.

Table	Clinic Presenter	Clinic Topic	period
1	Steve Lang	Scratch Building Structures	1 - 4
2	Bob Judge	Styrofoam Scenery Techniques	1 - 4
3	Mike Prokop	Cobblestone Streets	1 - 4
4	Jim Homoki (GSD)	Adding Strip Wood Floors to Gondolas	1 - 4
5	Frank Neufeld	Building Brass Signals (Encore)	1 & 2
5	Frank Neufeld	Make Your Signals Work	3 & 4
6	Glyn Thomas	Resin Casting Techniques	1 - 4
7	Chuck Diljak (GSD)	Tricks with Bricks – Acrylic Painting with Makeup Sponges	1 - 4
8	George Duve (GSD)	Tortoise Switch Machine Installation	1 - 4



Top: Frank Neufeld's March model contest winner.  
Above: Mike Prokop's very close second.

# NOW WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE

Member Editorial by Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

Operation is the culmination of all that hard work performed in planning, designing, building and scenicing our model railroad together with the selection and detailing of our motive power and rolling stock. The efforts expended to this point created the purpose of our transportation system.

Our locomotives will be transporting cars of products to places where they are needed and people to destinations they wish to reach. These predetermined ends of the trip can be on-line or off-line. As we discussed previously, a good number of your trains will be performing an interchange with another pike. All of these movements are carried out expeditiously as practical. Such trains are often moving in opposite directions, even over a single-track railroad. Accordingly we need some sort of system to prevent collisions or undue delays. As a result, railroads have published rule books and timetables which outline the priorities and schedules of every train traversing their rails.

It all boils down to moving freight and passengers over the system to their intended destinations, or to a connecting railroad, as quickly and as safely as possible in accordance with a well-defined set of rules and following a comprehensive schedule.

When a model railroad attempts to emulate such practices, we describe this as operation.

Operation thus goes hand-in-hand with purpose on a model railroad.

My personal desire to operate came from articles on the subject by many hobby luminaries,

most recently Tony Koester. I must admit that I was scared to death when I was first asked to operate on a friend's model railroad. But with the urging of my friends, P.J. Mattson and Jake Evaul, I agreed and was handed a throttle. Jake walked around with me on his pike (now dismantled) and graciously tutored me. My trepidations were unfounded. It was really easy and the experience was a great deal of fun. I was welcomed into the "South Jersey Operators" group and traveled from railroad to railroad nearly every Friday evening for a couple of years until I faced mobility issues as a result of a serious war injury. The years have taken their toll.

In the previous Clinkers we pondered the question of whether or not our railroad was really going anywhere. In other words, does it have a purpose? Is it logical? If that railroad is logically designed with a definite purpose in mind, you'll have the greatest amount of fun operating it.

There are many other areas to talk about concerning operating a model railroad. These include the actual operating session, car cards, way bills and other items. Maybe another time. One tip to offer is that too tight a schedule or too many trains running at one time results in tension for the operators and the dispatcher and not the pleasures of the hobby that we turn to in an effort to reduce our stress levels of the day.

I recently joined the Operations Special Interest Group (OPSIG). I should have done this a long time ago but better late than never. The

group publishes a quarterly newsletter, the Dispatcher's Office. The membership fee of \$20 includes four issues of the newsletter per year, or you can get the electronic magazine via PDF file download for the bargain rate of \$7 per year.

Their web site is [www.opsig.org](http://www.opsig.org)



## Contest Continued from page 4

It was a very close contest, only 2 votes apart, with many nice comments about both entries, but in the end it was Frank taking first place. I believe this is his fourth win out of his many well done submissions.

The next contest will be "Detailed and Weathered Maintenance of Way Cars." Pick out your favorite M-O-W car and bring it to the contest table on Saturday, May 4th at the Lakewood Public Library. Maybe it will be your turn to take home the winner's certificate and \$10.00 activity fee voucher.



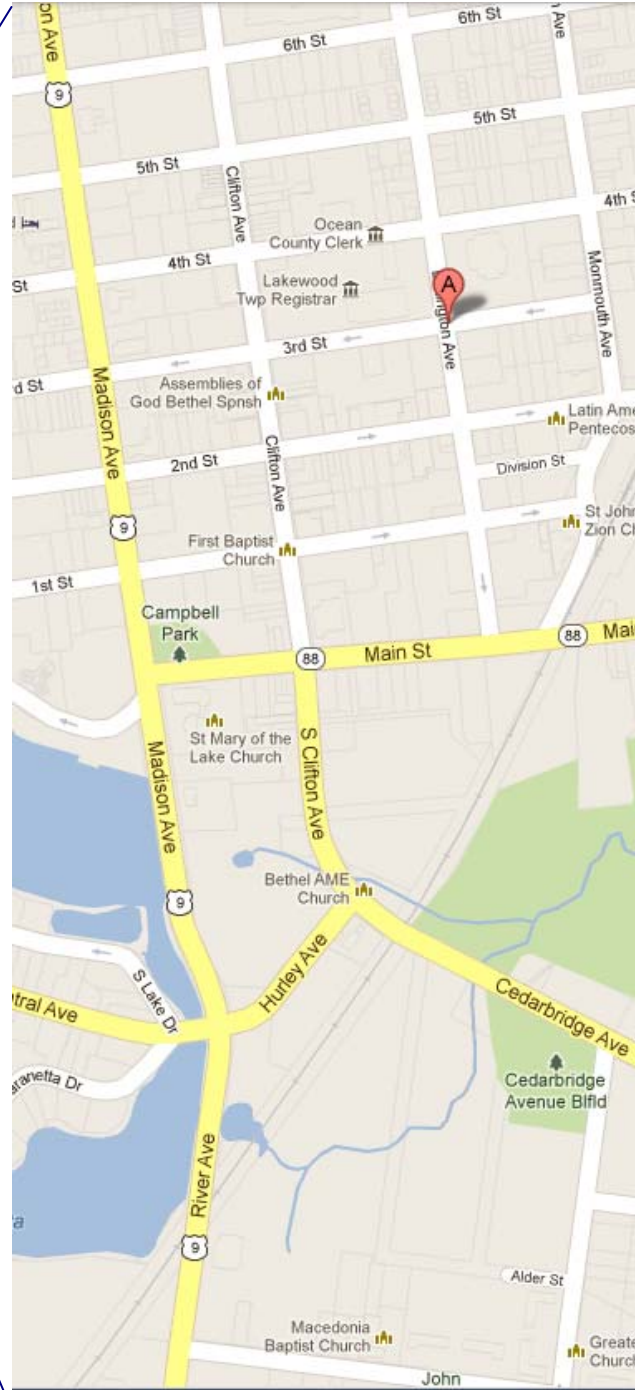
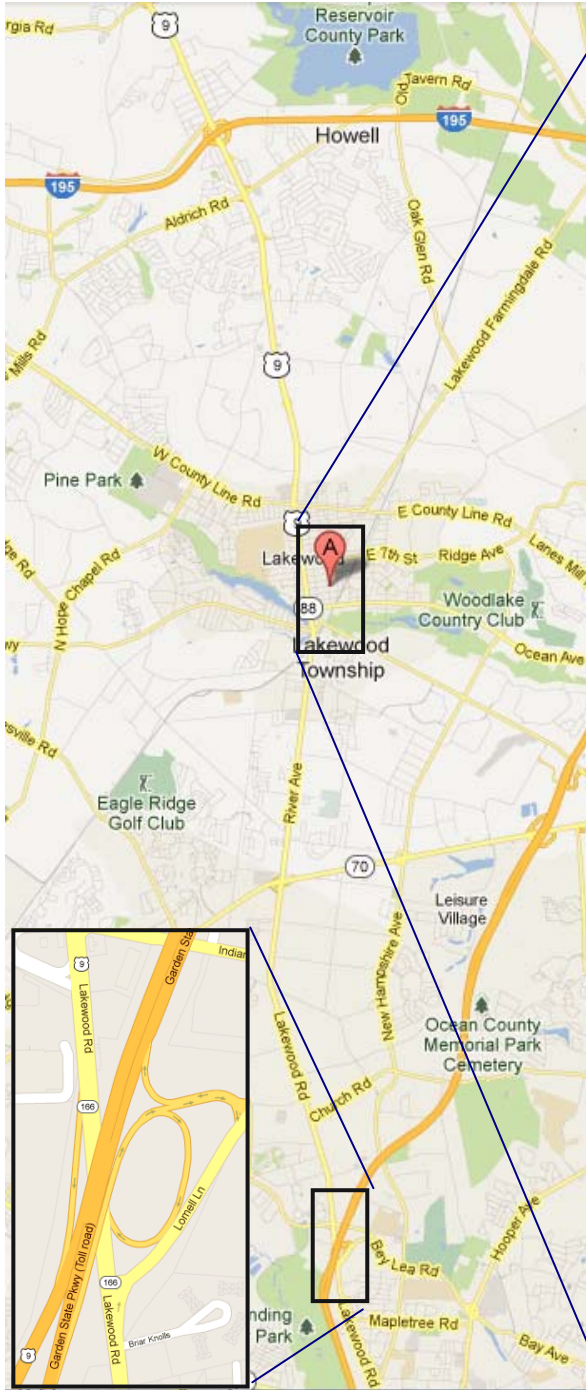
## C & P Junction MER Convention

Rockville Crowne Plaza

Columbus Day Weekend  
October 10-13, 2013

Go to [CandP2013@comcast.net](mailto:CandP2013@comcast.net) for details.

# MAPS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE MAY MEET



## From northern area:

Find your way to I 195:  
Take Exit 60 B from I 295 **or**  
Take Exit 98 from the G S Parkway onto NJ 34 North to I 195 West  
Take Exit 28A to US 9 South  
Continue on US 9 for 5 miles.  
Turn left on 4th St.  
Go 2 blocks and turn right on Lexington.  
Library is on the left at 3rd St.

## From southern area via I 295 North:

Take Exit 60B onto I 195 East and follow directions for the northern area

## From southern area via G S Parkway:

Take exit 83 for U.S. 9  
Keep right at the fork and merge onto U.S. 9 North, Lakewood Rd, for about 7.6 miles. See detail insert.  
Turn right onto 2nd St  
Take the 2nd left onto Lexington Ave  
The Library will be on the right at 3rd St.



# Petition for Nomination as a Director of the New Jersey Division for the term October 2013 through September 2015

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 October 2013 through September 2015. 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:

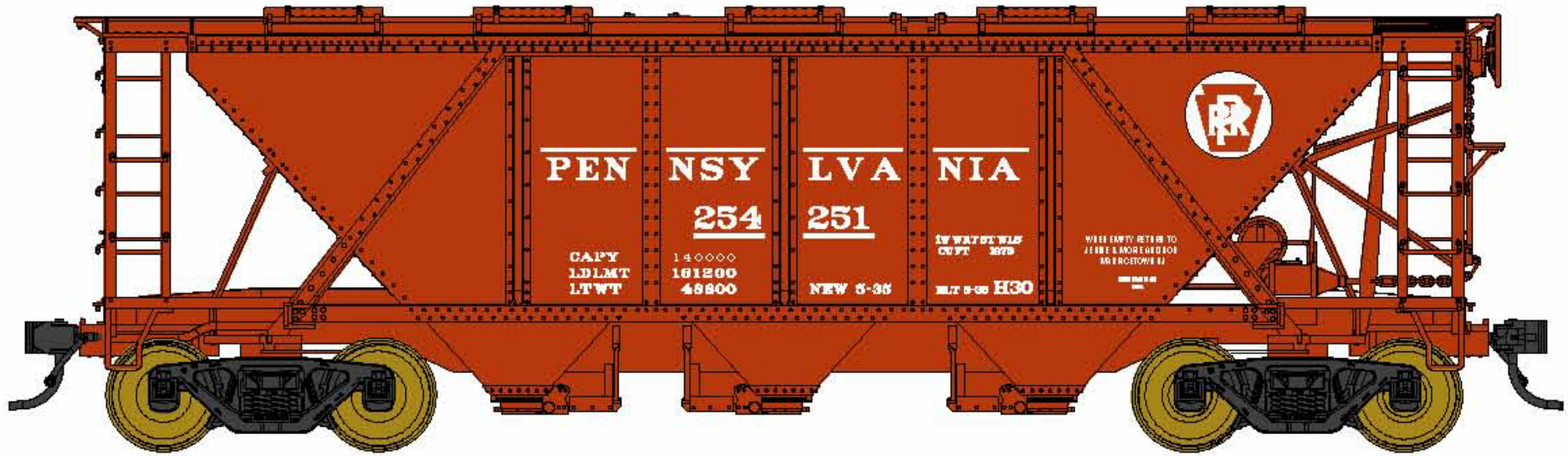
Mr. Tom Lavin  
Attn: NJ Division Election Committee  
52 Shipp's Way  
Delanco, NJ 08075

All petitions must be received by August 1, 2013 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 with the September Clinkers in the third week of August and ballots must be received by September 7, 2013. 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, Tom Lavin at 609-230-4734 or email [westvall@aol.com](mailto:westvall@aol.com).



## EXCLUSIVE NEW JERSEY DIVISION CAR

Don't be left out!

Your New Jersey Division has teamed with Bowser Manufacturing to bring you this

### **PRR H-30 covered hopper**

These freight cars are similar to the standard Bowser offering, but have subtle “return to...” lettering that makes them uniquely South Jersey even though they were found throughout the Pennsylvania Railroad system and its connections.

The build date is 5-35 so they are appropriate for all eras from steam through the early 70s.

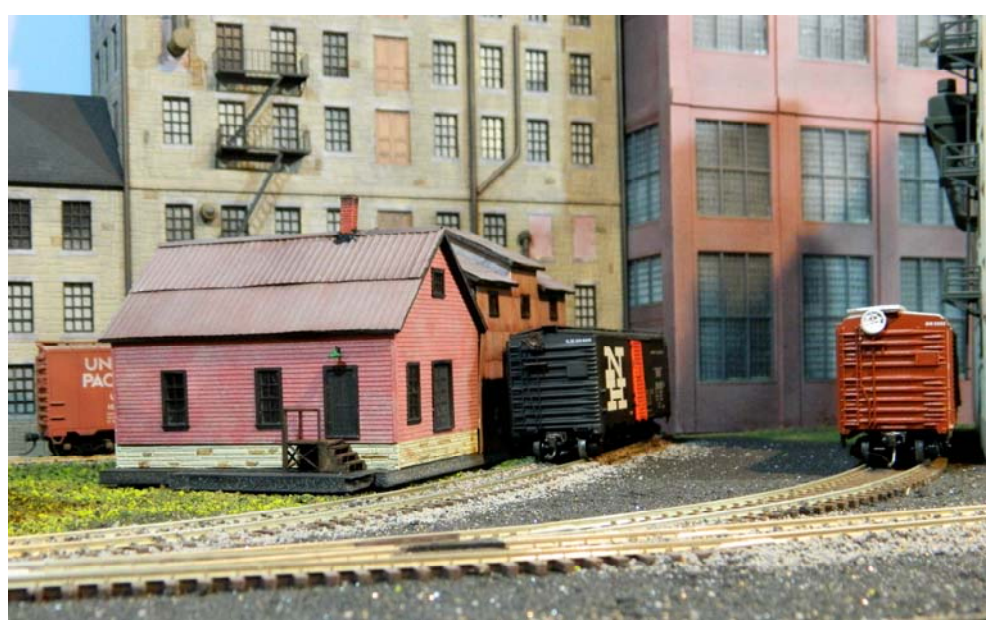
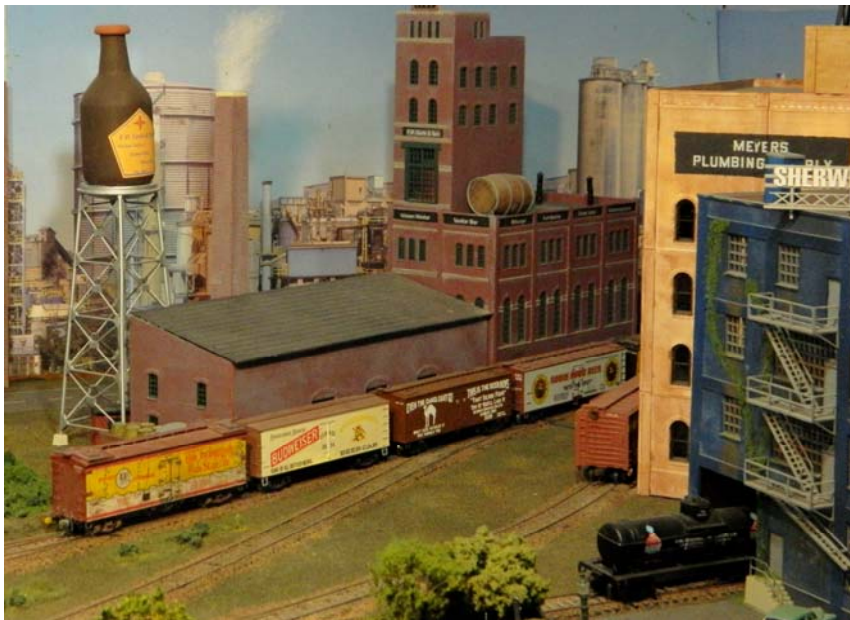
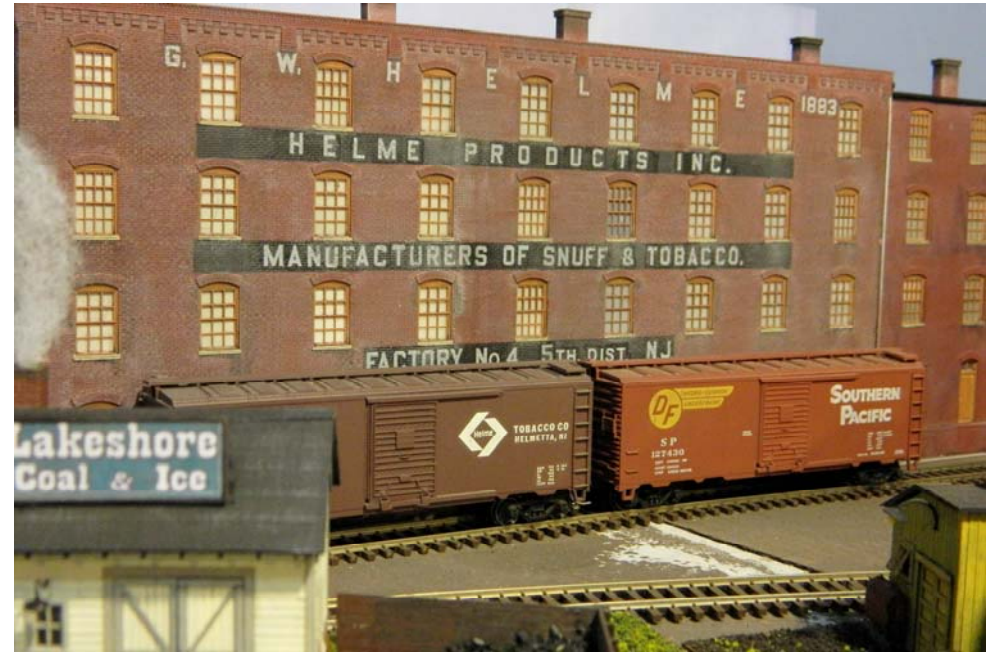
Scheduled to arrive in September, these ready to run cars are being offered at \$25 each, or a set of four different numbers for \$90.

If you have questions, or to reserve yours now, email [BobcatCS@comcast.net](mailto:BobcatCS@comcast.net) with “H30” in the subject line or call 856 696 0463

# MAY MEET TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



Joe Rugarber above. Right and below from Jack Menaker.



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# MAY MEET TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



Above, Joe Garsick's railroad and below Ken Stockton's



# MAY MEET TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



Don't miss the Lakewood Club HO and O 3rail 2 blocks from the meet!

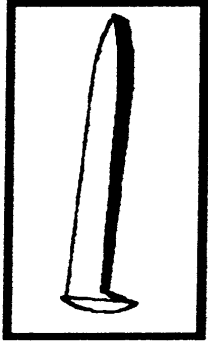


# MAY MEET TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



Above left and right, John Vogler . Below left, Chuck Higdon work in progress! Below right, Mike Scotto





# 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.

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Regional AP Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_



## Special Excursions!

### National Train Day

### May 11

### Mother's Day

### May 12

Come spend the national celebration of railroads at the *Cape May Seashore Lines* or treat mom to a hour-long trip through the New Jersey Pines. Trains leave from the historic Tuckahoe train station at:

## 10, 12, and 2 o'clock

#### Prices

Coach Child.....	\$12	<small>(Refreshments available for purchase)</small>
Coach Adult.....	\$18	<small>(Refreshments available for purchase)</small>
Tavern Lounge Car.....	\$28	<small>(Includes drink and snack en route)</small>
Deluxe Parlor Car.....	\$33	<small>(Includes unlimited snacks and drinks)</small>

We accept



*The Tuckahoe train station grounds will feature food, souvenirs, informational booths, historic railroad equipment and entertainment!*

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# C & P Junction MER Convention

## Rockville Crowne Plaza

Columbus Day Weekend  
October 10-13, 2013

Go to [CandP2013@comcast.net](mailto:CandP2013@comcast.net) for details.

Tony Koester. Marty McGuirk. Monroe Stewart. Howard Zane. Tally 'em up and put 'em down for the Rockville Convention on Columbus Day weekend, 2013. Tony Koester, chronicler of *Trains of Thought*, his extraordinary sagas of modeling, will present a clinic and serve as Banquet speaker. Marty McGuirk, developing his new Central Vermont -Winooski Division, will conduct a clinic and illustrate his progress in fine scale modeling. Monroe Stewart, builder of Hootch Junction, will open his layout for N and HO enthusiasts. And Howard Zane, legendary builder of the Piermont Division, will host a layout open house in nearby Columbia. With those talents alone, modelers are signing for Rockville now. Watch our webpage for further developments! C & P Junction, Rockville Crowne Plaza Hotel ([www.cprockville.com](http://www.cprockville.com)) with a free shuttle to the Metro. Visit our website: google C & P Junction or go to <http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/>.

For questions, email [CandP2013@comcast.net](mailto:CandP2013@comcast.net).





*Announcing our 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring*

## East Coast Santa Fe Modelers Meet

**May 10, 11, & 12, 2013 in Doylestown, PA**

*Student Center of Delaware Valley College*

*700 Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901*

<http://www.delval.edu>

You can find registration, hotel reservation information, and much more by visiting us on the web at:

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

Our 2013 spring event continues to expand on our tradition of excellence. First, we have one of the most well known Santa Fe researchers, modelers and authors as our guest speaker. We also have an expert in Digitrax systems as well as other well known and experienced modelers and manufacturers to provide quality presentations. One of our special presentations will be the announcement of a brand new, revolutionary sound decoder from a new manufacturer.

**Andy Sperandio** returns to the East Coast Santa Fe Modelers to share his knowledge and experience on general railroading areas as well as specific Santa Fe topics.

**Norm Stenzel from Tony's Train Exchange** will be sharing his knowledge and experience with Digitrax systems and the newest technologies of the QSI Titan sound decoders.

**Jeff Adam from Motrak Models** will be visiting with us this year to introduce his new Kit of the Santa Fe Systems Standards Multi room bunkhouse. Jeff will also make his carloads and structure kits available to anyone who is interested.

**John Forsythe from TCS Decoders** will be joining us this year and will be introducing his new SOUND DECODERS. We heard this for the first time at the Amherst Train show the end of January and we were literally 'blown' away with the quality of the sounds. This is something that you will not want to miss!

**Jim Elster from Scenic Express** will be joining us this year to introduce his line of scenic materials to our attendees including some new scenic southwest products.

This year we are adding a Sunday event: an operating session on Don Borden's Cajon Pass Layout.