

TRAIN ORDERS

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MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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May Meet at the Info Age Museum

Our May meet once again takes us to the northeast corner of the division since we will once again be hosting the Garden State Division folks this month.

Although it's a distance for most of us, it will be well worth the trip. The venue itself is a very interesting destination. The museum includes several topics of interest from the Radio Technology Museum and Electronic Warfare exhibit to the Military Technology Museum and the New Jersey Ship Wreck Museum. It is also the home of the Garden State Central Model Railroad Club.

Of course you can expect all the good stuff to be found at your NJD meets: This time you can choose from among 10 home railroads in addition to that of the host club to tour in the afternoon. Bring your stuff to sell or swap, and bring your contest entries. Don't forget the coffee and doughnuts and conversations with friends. Last, but far from least are the two clinics to be presented

Chuck Diljak had already built a crossover and a turnout, but what third track element could he build to qualify for the Civil Engineer certificate and for which he could find a place on his

Call for nominations

It's that time of year again! Time to elect three directors to serve on the board for the next two years. We have three positions to fill this year.

If you would like to be included as a candidate for election to a position on the NJ Division Board of Directors, please fill out the petition found on page 6 and return it to the election committee chairman, Mike Prokop.

Mike's address is included on page 6 along with the petition and instructions for completing the form. All petitions must be received no later than August 1.

If a vote is necessary, ballots will be included with the September edition of your *Train Orders* which will be sent to all regular NMRA members residing in the NJ Division. Note that Rail Pass members are not eligible to hold office or to vote. You should receive that issue by August 27. Ballots must be received by September 13.

Results of the election will be announced at the meet on September 17.



layout? He discovered that a scale track was just the thing he needed for his coal based railroad. Chuck's clinic will discuss how he built his scale track, the accompanying scale house, and how he incorporated it into his operations.

See **May Meet** on page 7

NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, May 14, 2016
9:00 AM to 12:00

The InfoAge Science History
Learning Center and Museum
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719

Clinics:

Chuck Diljak
Building a scale track
Tom Griffiths
Urban Modeling in Limited Space

Contest:

Milk cars

Layout Tour:

Saturday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Swap tables:

Contact Bob Clegg
856 696 0463
BobcatCS@comcast.net

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Contributing to Train Orders

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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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www.nmra.org

SCHEDULES

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Host: Bob Clegg

BobcatCS@comcast.net

856 696 0463

All members are invited.

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

NJ DIVISION SEPTEMBER MEET

Saturday, September 10, 2016

(tentative pending confirmation)

Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church

33 E. Evesham Road

Voorhees, NJ 08043-1168

This meet will feature the Work in Progress
format clinics

TRACKS TO THE TRIANGLE

2016 MER Fall Convention

October 20 - 23, 2016

Marriott at Research Triangle Park

4700 Guardian Drive

Durham, NC 27703

www.mer2016.org/

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

Can be found on page 22

of the Second Section,

or download it from our website

NJ DIVISION AREA HOBBY SHOPS

Sattler's Hobby Shop*

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Bellmawr, NJ 08031

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*Offers 10% discount to NMRA members

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

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

Train Orders

As you can see, your New Jersey Division newsletter now officially has a new name. After putting the options out for a vote, Train Orders was the most popular by a small margin. Thanks to all of you who took the time to submit your suggestions and to those who voted on this matter.

The winner of the \$100 gift certificate is Mike Prokop. Mike has chosen Yankee Dabblers as his favorite hobby shop and will receive the gift certificate from that hobby shop.

Special Full Day Clinic

Every once in a while something different and interesting comes along. We have been offered a special opportunity for those of use who are interested in using the Arduino micro computer as applied to model railroading. There have been several articles written about their use, the latest of which is an 8 page article by Geoff Bunza starting on page 73 of the May 2014 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*. This would be an opportunity to see and handle one of these up close and personal.

We are considering doing this as a full day hands on clinic sometime in July. That's the only odd numbered month during which we do not usually schedule a regular meet.

There would be a small cost for parts and supplies, about \$10.

If you are interested in attending such a special clinic, please let us know. You can drop an email to me at BobcatCS@comcast.net, or call me at 856 696 0463. You can also contact any of your other board members. Their names and phone numbers appear on page 2.

Election Time

I hope you have taken the time to read the article on page one regarding the election for directors of the New Jersey Division. Being an even numbered year, there are three positions up for election.

The three incumbents are running for reelection, but please consider throwing your hat in the ring. New ideas and new perspectives are the life blood of any organization, your Division included.

If you would like to have your name on the ballot in August, print and fill in the petition that can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Road Trip

Also on page one is the article describing the meet to be held May 14. The InfoAge museum is a place to which I have not been. Everyone I have spoken with has

said it is really a great place to visit and I am looking forward to the meet there and being able to see some of the exhibits.

From my place here in Vineland, it's about a 90 minute drive. For most of you it will be less than that, and by all accounts, well worth the time and travel expense to be there.

This is also a joint meet with the folks from the Garden State Division with one of the clinics and one of the open house tour stops being contributed by GSD.

Please come out to support your division and welcome our northern neighbors .

More Road Trips

Summer vacation time will soon be upon us. For some, it will be a time to wind down the model railroading, but for some, like me, it will actually be a time of ramping up the model railroad hobby. I am currently seriously considering heading out to Indianapolis for the NMRA national convention for the week starting on July 3.

If you are also thinking about going let's get together and if all works out perhaps we could go as a group, or at least as a carpool. Let me know.



NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Bill Grosse, Jr. Contest Chairman

At our March meet in Hamilton Twp. I presented a Contest Winner's Certificate and a NJ Div. dues voucher to Mark Hartnett. Mark was the winner of the Detailed/Weathered Gondolas w/Loads Contest at our January meet in Haddon Twp.

The Contest at the March meet was any Railroad Structure.

Thank you to the 6 entrants who showed their great modeling skills

The winner chosen by popular vote was Entry # 1 by Mike Prokop with his scratch built coal trestles.

The other entries we had were;

Erie Railroad BD Tower, scratch built

Bob Clegg

Freelance Station, scratch built

Joe Calderone

PRR Rockville Tower, scratch built

Gus Minardi

BLMA Yard Office, extra details added

Joe Zebrowski

NYC Section House, scratch built

Bob Hans

Our next contest will be Detailed / Weathered Milk Cars at the meet on May 14 in Wall, NJ.

Other Contests that are scheduled at this time are;

September 2016

Detailed Baggage and/or Mail Cars

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



Mike Prokop's Winning Contest Entry, 2 Scratch built Coal Trestles





Above: A view of both of Mike Prokop's Trestles
Below: Bob Clegg's Erie RR BD Tower



Above: Oneonta Station by Joe Calderone
Below: Joe Zebrowski's Yard Office



Dear New Jersey Division Member:

The New Jersey Division, Mid Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, will be holding an election of Directors for the term September 2016 through August 2018. 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 must be included. This petition should then be mailed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee:

Mike Prokop
Attn: NJ Division Election
5 Ray Dwier Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

All petitions must be received by August 1, 2016 in order to be included on the ballot. All petitions will be verified by the Nominating Committee.

A petition form is included below. If you are reading this online, please print this page and fill in the form. If you have received this in hardcopy, simply fill in the form. When completed, mail it to the address above.

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 issue of *Train Orders* and should arrive no later than August 19, 2016. Completed ballots must be received by the election chairman on or before September 5, 2016. Results will be announced during the NJ Division meet on September 19.

Any further questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mike Prokop, at 609 586 9818 or email njwrr@aol.com.

On behalf of the New Jersey Division, thank you.

Robert W. Clegg, Superintendent

Petition for Nomination as a Director of the New Jersey Division for the term September 2016 through August 2018

Candidate's Name (Please print legibly): _____

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

Petitioners Signatures NIMRA member number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

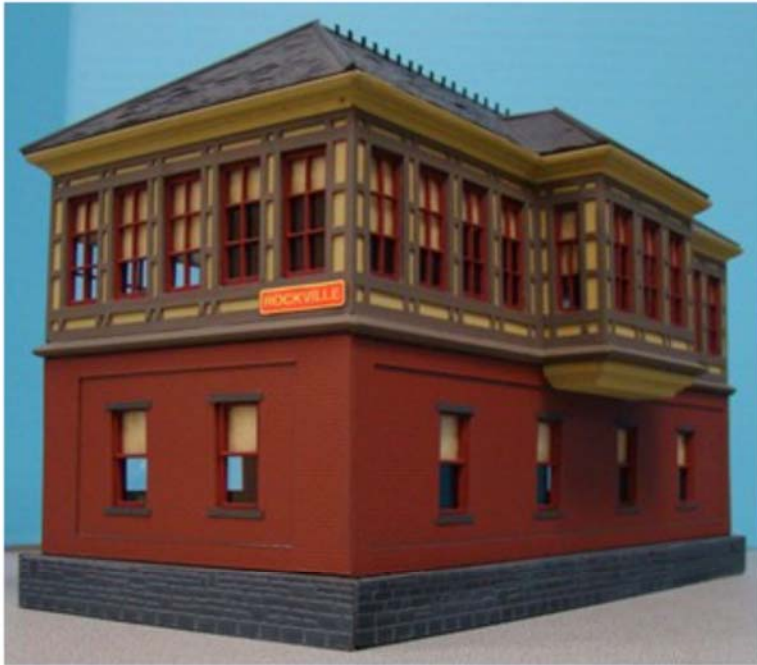
4. _____

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



Left: Gus Minardi's
PRR
Rockville Tower

Right: Bob Hans
presented this
detailed
NYC
Section House



THE MAY 2016 LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW IS IN THE SECOND SECTION

May Meet

Tom Griffiths, our newest Master Model Railroader, will present his clinic titled "Urban Modeling in a Limited Space," a clinic he presented at last fall's Delaware Valley Turn MER Convention. This is by popular request because many division members could not attend his presentation due to conflicting clinics plus the room for his clinic was packed to capacity at the convention.

In his clinic, Tom clearly shows how he approached the often experienced dilemma of how to fit an urban scene [be it city or town] into a small space while fooling the observer's eye into believing there is more in the scene than actually is there. His solutions are amazing.

Tom will cover how he successfully squeezed 32 buildings, 4 streets, and two, double track mainlines into 25 square feet.

The project was carried out on his club

layout, and was a major component in getting his Master Builder, Scenery AP Certificate. The clinic covers the project from its inception, thru to completion. He will explain how he used kit bashing, selective compression, and something he calls 'layering' to achieve the feeling of depth in a narrow section of the layout. Sadly, the project is no longer existing, having been dismantled when the club had to move to new quarters.



From Delaware, Pennsylvania, and western NJ take I-295 to I-195 East
I-195 ends at the Garden State Parkway and becomes NJ 138 E

From that point, follow the directions below:

From Eastern NJ, NY, and points east take the Garden State Parkway

From the Garden State Parkway in either direction take exit 98 toward NJ-138 E and follow directions below:

- | | |
|---|---------|
| Keep right at the fork, and merge onto NJ-138 E | 1.5 mi. |
| Slight right onto the New Jersey 18 N ramp to Eatontown | 0.3 mi |
| Keep left to continue on NJ-18 N | 1.7 mi. |
| Take exit 7 for Marconi Rd toward Shark River Hills | 0.1 mi |
| Continue straight onto Marconi Rd | |
| Destination will be on the right | 0.4 mi |

Other options:

Use NJ 18 to Exit 7 for Marconi Road. See last two directions above.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEET



MAY 2016 LAYOUT TOUR PHOTO PREVIEW



THIS MONTH...

Ray Russell 9-10

Jack Menaker 11

Jules Heiliczer 12-13

Bob Shepard 14-15

John Vogler 16

Frank Neufeld 17

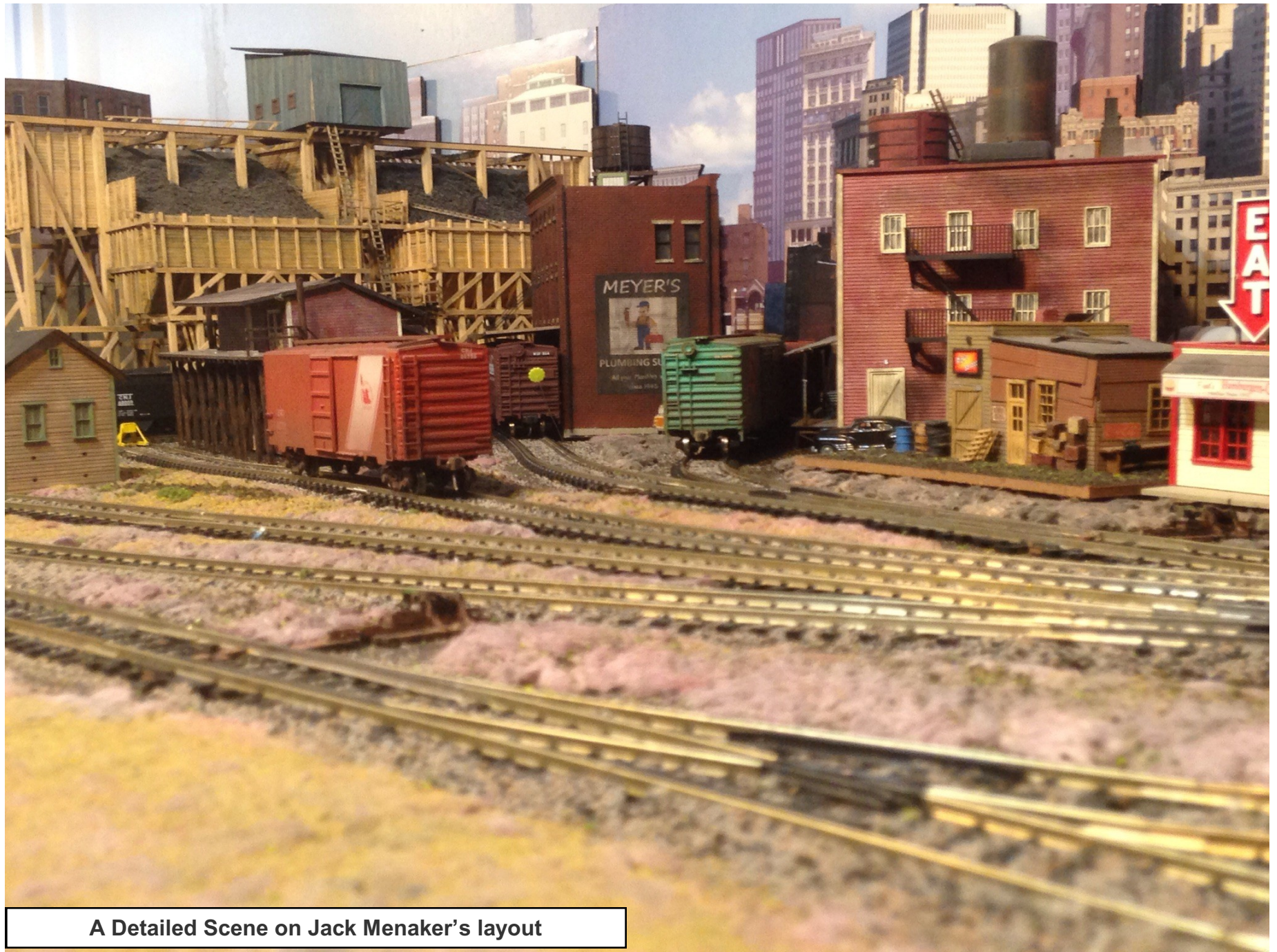
Jerry Wooley 18-19

Ken Sharkey 20-21

At Left A long View of Ray Russell's expansive HO layout.



Ray Russell is building an impressive layout based on the Pocahontas Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway. Construction progress continues unabated and a visit to see this recent addition to the NJD layout tour is sure to be rewarding.



A Detailed Scene on Jack Menaker's layout



Jules Heiliczzer invites us into a landscaped world.



An RDC Railfan Special—All Aboard!

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A beautiful semi-rural scene on Bob Shepard's creation.



A towering city scene on Bob Shepard's creation.



Two Scenes by John Vogler.





Frank Neufeld is another recent addition to the NJD layout tour and well worth a visit after the meet.





If this detailed bascule bridge catches your fancy, come visit Jerry Wooley...



Jerry Wooley's "Work in Progress"... come be inspired!



Ken Sharkey has the perfect Railfan Bridge awaiting our arrival!



I'd say Ken Sharkey likes bridges!

We will have to set up our tripod to capture a photo the next train on that fine Hell Gate inspired crossing...

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.