

TRAIN ORDERS

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MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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May Meet Joint NJD GSD Effort

As has become custom, we are again holding a joint meet with the Garden State Division. This year it's their turn to host the festivities.

We will have two clinicians presenting. From our division, we'll have Chris Conaway showing us how he applies static grass to enhance his scenery. It will include the basics of what it is, how it works and how he applied it over his existing scenery to give his model railroad scenery more texture and a more realistic appearance. He will also do a demonstration using the materials on a small diorama that he has built for the purpose. There will be a hand out for the group that includes a Power Point presentation.


Our second clinic will be presented by the Garden State Division's Bill Frankenfield. In keeping with the scenery theme, Bill will show us how he makes lightweight and removable scenery. Bill will revisit the rapid scenery style that made Zip Texturing popular.

While traditional foam scenery is dependent upon layering solid blocks of foam and long drying periods, this system can be used to

make light weight scenery that is strong and fast to build. Large areas can be built and scenery added with little waste and can be made removable for tunnels and hidden access areas. One can build upon the scenery and add detail and finishing touches without having to strip down the existing scene.

The GSD does not have a contest at their meets, but they do have a session they call "Bring and Brag." Bring your favorite model, be it motive power, rolling stock, a structure, or whatever you would like to show off to the group.

We'll also have all the trappings of a New Jersey Division meet, so we'll see old friends, perhaps make a few new friends, and generally enjoy the day!

The afternoon tour includes two railroads, both in the New Jersey Division, that we don't often get to see since they are in the northern part of the division. Please take the opportunity to stop by to see the railroads of Dick Genther and Joe Garsick. As usual, maps and directions will be available at the meet. 

NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, May 13, 2017

9:00 AM to 12:00

Ted Blum 4-H Center

310 Milltown Road

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Contest

"Bring and Brag"

Clinics:

Chris Conaway:

Using Static Grass

Bill Frankenfield:

lightweight and removable scenery

Layout Tour:

Saturday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Swap tables:

Contact Ciro Compagno

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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

SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION SPRING EVENT

Saturday, May 20, 2017
Christiana Freight Station
10 Railroad Ave.
Christiana, PA 17509-1416

NEXT BOARD MEETING Sunday, August 13, 2017

Host: Bob Clegg
BobcatCS@comcast.net
856 696 0463
All members are invited.
Please let us know if you plan to attend.

NJ DIVISION MAY MEET

Saturday, September 16, 2017
Cumberland Co. Community Church
Broad St. & Wade Blvd.
Millville, NJ 08332
Contest: Detailed/weathered flat cars

THE SUSQUEHANNOCK 2017 MER Convention

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel
Harrisburg, PA
Sponsored by
The Susquehanna Division
October 12-15, 2017
www.mer2017.org

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Sattler's Hobby Shop*

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

VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg, Superintendent

Crew Change

I think most, if not all, of you are aware that I will be moving on from the position of New Jersey Division Superintendent beginning in September. I'm not going anywhere, rather I'll just be spending a bit more time working on my railroad and some other projects. Speaking of other projects:

Other Projects

I will be helping out the Susquehanna Division with their efforts toward the MER Fall Convention in Harrisburg in October. I'm putting together their Convention Guide and helping with the Home Tour booklet. I may also be talked into doing a clinic or two.

Along with Mike Mosher and Pete Mosiondz, I'll be heading out to the convention on the Wednesday before the convention in order to be there for the prototype tour that will occupy most of the day on Thursday.

If you'd like to ride along, here are the plans: We'll take the NJ Transit train from Hammonton to 30th Street Station to catch train 609, Keystone Service, to Harrisburg departing at 2:45 PM, Wednesday, October 11, and return on train 42, the

Pennsylvanian leaving Harrisburg on Sunday at 1:05 PM.

If you plan to attend, make your hotel reservation soon, as they are filling up fast. They've already had to add a second group to provide for the demand.



Photographs needed

If you have participated in a New Jersey Division meet as a clinician or afternoon tour host, please send a photo to me at BobcatCS@comcast.net. I'm putting together a short program in conjunction with the annual business meeting in September highlighting some of the things we've done in recent years. At that meeting I will turn over the position of superintendent to the incoming officer.

Thanks!

Although I will still be involved in the division, this is most likely my last "View from the Cab" so I will take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and

Susquehanna Division Spring Event

The Susquehanna Division will hold their Spring Meet on May 20, 2017 at the Christiana Freight Station, 10 Railroad Ave, Christiana, PA 17509-1416. The station, approximately 5 miles south of Gap PA, features a train watching deck on the Amtrak Keystone corridor.

The morning program will have two clinics. The Susquehanna Division is pleased to have a presentation by our own Susquehanna Division member Jim Hertzog, "A look at my model railroad called The Reading Railroad-Shamokin Division".

Also scheduled is a discussion of the Railroad Museum of PA – Past, Current and Future moderated by Elizabeth Myers, Coordinator of Volunteers at the museum. Afternoon activities include home layout visits.

Contact: Howard Oakes 717-632-5990

hoakes@susquehannanmra.org or visit <http://www.susquehannanmra.org>



support over the last eight years! Please continue to support your division and your incoming superintendent.



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NEW JERSEY DIVISION BOOKSTORE

Mike Prokop, NJ Division Director

Over the last few Division meets I've been touting all the Pennsylvania Railroad books available in the New Jersey Division Book Store. At a great price, I may add! I've noted in my announcements that the Pennsy was number one. Lots of you agreed and some didn't and some grunted and boo'd a little. That's ok, here's my reasons I say the PRR is #1. Even if your not a Pennsy fan, it's hard to disagree after considering the following.

Recently, while researching information about the Camden New Jersey waterfront for my Free-mo module on Reading's Linden Street freight station, I found on a website a copy of the 1906 Camden phone book. Just for a goof I figured I'd look up to see if the Reading railroad had a telephone at the Linden street station and if so, what was the number. Why not? Not that it was that helpful or significant with the building of my module but what the heck, I had a few minutes and I was curious. Well, I made a few very interesting discoveries. First of all, in 1906, don't look for the Reading railroad's name or identity in any part of southern New Jersey. After not finding Reading in the alphabetical listing and figuring that was the end of my search, it hit me that the Reading railroad was not called or known as the Reading but

actually back then it was the Atlantic City RR. Ok, so I found the Atlantic City railroad in the phone book but they didn't have a phone listing for the freight station at Linden street. As you can see in the listing, there was phone service at the Ferry facilities at Kaighn's point, and also at 521 Cooper St. The Cooper location was near

to Linden street but too many blocks away to effectively provide service there.

The next idea I had was to look up the Pennsylvania railroad in the 1906 phone book. I knew now to look for the PRR

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Camden 617D	Pennsylvania Bottling & Supply Co, Ltd, Bottlers & Wine Ldg Dlrs...14 Mkt	Camden 1	WEST JERSEY & SEASHORE R R CO Delaware Av & Federal
Camden 1	PENNSYLVANIA R R CO Front & Federal The principal Camden offices of the Amboy Division can be reached through this Private Branch Exchange. For other Camden offices see below.	Camden 315	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Transfer Agt's Office 22 Federal
Camden 174	Pennsylvania R R Co, Frght Sta.....2d & Washington	Camden 123	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Supt's Office, D H Lovell.....22 Federal
Camden 531	Pennsylvania R R Co Cooper's Pt Ferry	Camden 47	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Trnmstr's Office, G N Gregg22 Federal
Camden 902	Pennsylvania R R Co, Milk Platform.Cooper's Pt Ferry	Camden 433	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Div Frgt Agt, Wm Coffin22 Federal
Camden 885	Pennsylvania Railroad, Terml	Camden 184	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Frgt Sta..2d & Washn
Camden 886	Pennsylvania Railroad, Terml	Camden 276	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Frgt Sta.Cooper's Point
Camden 1182D	People Carpet Cleaning Wks, Edward C Walters, Prop 30 George	Camden 184	West Jersey & Seashore R R Co, Frgt Sta.7th&Ferry Av
Camden 1297A	Atkinson A W,r.750 Wright Av	Camden 150	W J & S E R Co Transfer Agt 22 Federal
Camden 1164L	Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co, Grocery...439 Kaighn's Av	Camden 308	West Jersey Express Co
Camden 204	Atlantic City R R Co, r A G McCausland...521 Cooper		
Camden 104	Atlantic City R R Co, Supt's Office....ft of Kaighn's Av		
Camden 541	Atlantic City R R Co, Ferry House.....Kaighn's Point		
Camden 371A	Atlas Cereal Mfg Co Lewis & Cleveland Av		

From the 1906 Camden telephone directory. The three railroad listings have been cut and pasted from the telephone book onto one page for easy viewing.

MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Chuck Higdon, Contest Chairman

At our March 11th meet at Switlik Park in Hamilton Twp., the contest was "Favorite train." We had four trains entered:

Our first entry from Bob Duffield, photo top right, consisted of freight cars from his friends railroads and two from the NJ Division. The two "guest" cars are from Dick Genthner on the left and Mike Prokop on the right.



Next train is Tom Todd's Reading camelback with flat car loads shown below.

Frank Neufeld's entry at the top of page 5 is pulled by a vertical boiler engine, consisting of a tank car, box car full of explosives, a flat with winch and cabooses.

The fourth, and winning, entry was from Tom Griffiths. It was his Staten Island Belt Rwy. steamer and business car also shown on page 5.

Tom will receive a certificate and voucher

for a year of meeting entrance fees.

There will not be a contest at the May 13th meet, since it will be hosted by the Garden State Division. They will have a "bring and brag" so you can bring your favorite model of any type and tell us all about it.

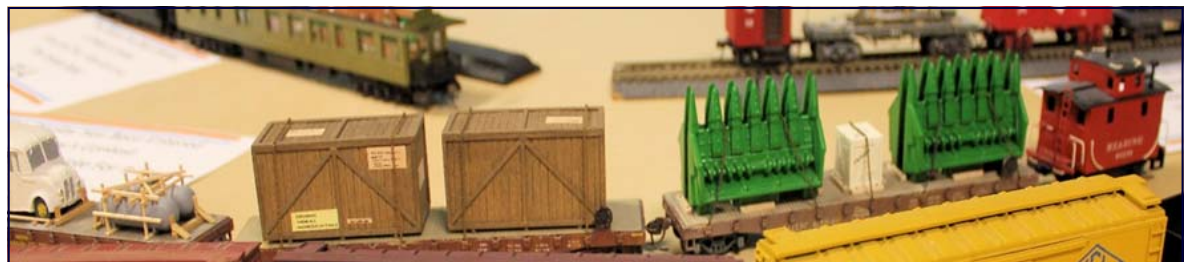
Our next contest will be in September and the subject will be "Detailed/Weathered Flat Cars with Loads."

Remember, winning contest entries earn a voucher for one year of meeting entrance

fees.

Just like a lottery, you have to be "in it to win it." So bring your model for an upcoming contest, the winner is picked by the popular vote of those attending the meeting.

If you would like to suggest a contest category, please feel free to let me know. Or if you have any other ideas about this, please let me know.





Above: Frank Neufeld's entry , consisting of a tank car, box car full of explosives, a flat with winch and caboose pulled by a vertical boiler engine.
 Below: Tom Griffiths Staten Island Belt Rwy. steamer and business car



Bookstore from page 4

under the listing that the railroad went by back then in Camden and southern NJ, as the West Jersey and Seashore. Well, sure enough, and it figures, the WJ&S (the Pennsy), had many telephones in service in 1906. Take a good look at the listing for details on which WJ&S locations had service. I also found in this 1906 phone book that the WJ&S was also listed under the Pennsylvania RR with what looks like identical listings.

Now here comes the interesting part. Notice the clout and standing and importance the Pennsy had at the time in the city of Camden. The main phone

number for the WJ&S (PRR) was Camden 1. That's amazing, who gets a phone number like that, " #1". Not the mayor of Camden or city hall or for that matter, the president of the United States; no, the Pennsylvania railroad! Oh well, after all these years the rail fans and modelers of the Pennsy that boasted that their railroad was the best, the standard of the world, the number ONE railroad on the planet, seems to simply just had it confused with the railroad's phone number! Just goes to show you how those Pennsy fans can easily get mislead! Us New York Central fans, however, would never be pretentious like those PRR guys, after all, our railroad was the "Road to the Future."



Help wanted

There will be at least one, and most likely two positions open on your Division's Board of Directors starting in September. If you think you can contribute to your division by serving on the board of directors, please begin considering it now. Your nomination petition can be found on page 7. It must be received by August 1.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
 GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD
 APPLICATION FORM**
is on page 11 in The Second Section.

Petition for Nomination as a Director of the New Jersey Division for the term October 2017 through September 2018

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 _____

Cut along line above

The New Jersey Division, Mid Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, will be holding an election of Directors for the term October 2017 through September 2018. All regular and associate 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 or associate NMRA members who also reside within the boundaries of the NJ Division. Their NMRA membership numbers and expiration dates also need to be included. **Note:** Rail Pass members are **not eligible** to be a candidate, nor to be a signer of this petition. When complete, mail your petition to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee:

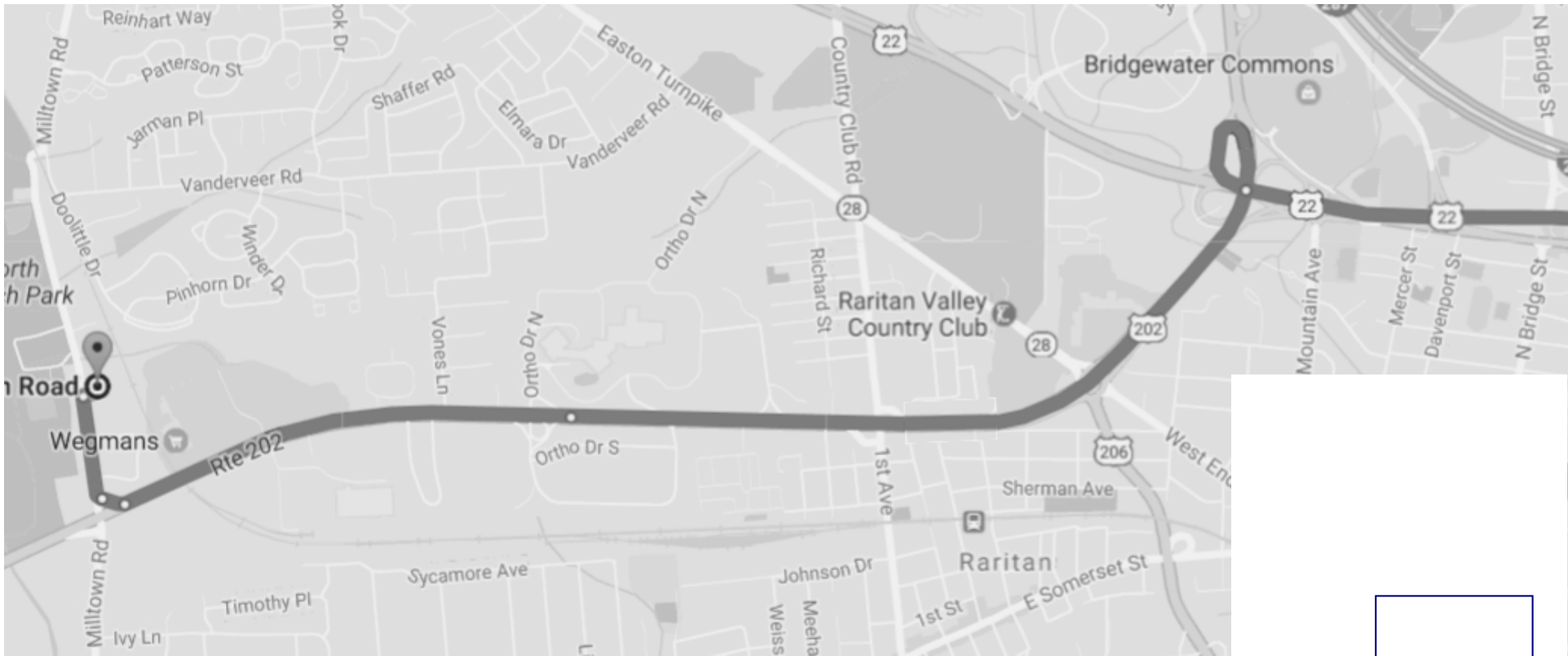
Mr. Robert Clegg
Attn: NJ Division Election Committee
956 Venezia Ave.
Vineland, NJ 08361-8600

All petitions must be received by August 1, 2017 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 photo and 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 for whom 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 5, 2017. Results will be announced during the NJ Division meet on September 9. Any further questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bob Clegg at 856 696 0463 or email BobcatCS@comcast.net



From I-95 North

Take exit 10 for NJ-440 E toward Perth Amboy/Metuchen	0.8 mi
Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Interstate 287 N/County Road 514 E	0.2 mi
Keep left, follow signs for I-287 N and merge onto I-287 N	2.7 mi
Keep left to stay on I-287 N	12.0 mi
Use the left 2 lanes to take exit 14B to merge onto US-22 W toward US-202/US-206/Clinton	0.6 mi
Merge onto US-22 W	0.2 mi
Keep left to stay on US-22 W	2.1 mi
Use the right lane to merge onto US-202 S/US-206 S via the ramp to Flemington/Princeton	1.4 mi
Continue straight to stay on US-202 S	1.9 mi
Slight right toward Milltown Rd	315 ft
Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Milltown Rd	0.3 mi
Turn right	
Destination will be on the right	233 ft

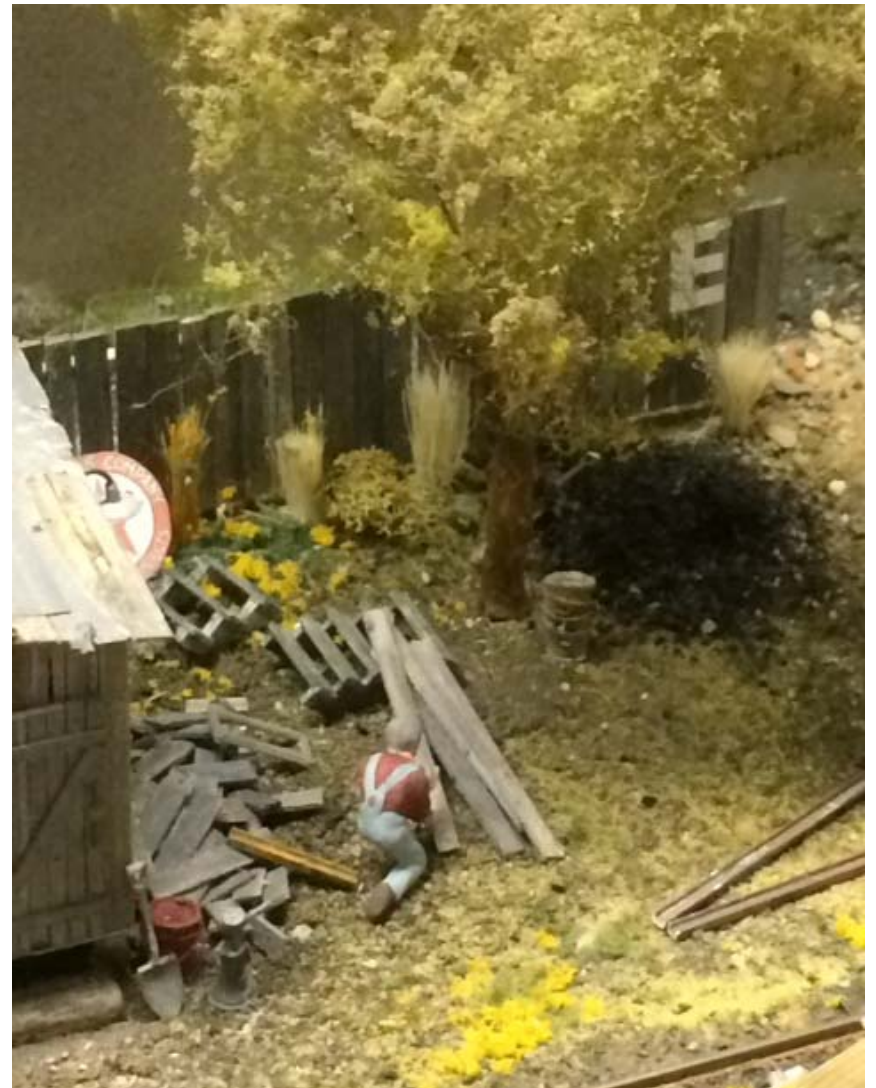
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SECOND SECTION

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On page 9 and this page are a few close up shots of the intricate detail on Joe Garsick's railroad to be seen on the afternoon tour at the May 13 meet. Don't miss it!



Above: At the May meet, Chris Conaway will present methods and materials used to create static grass on his layout.



Left: Photos of two of the industries on Dick Genthner's new switching rail road, the Arpee & Western, now in it's seventh iteration built after moving to a smaller home a few years ago. See the railroad up close on the afternoon tour at the May 13 meet.

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GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**
Can be found on page 12 of the
Second Section, or download it
from our website NJDivNMRA.org

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.