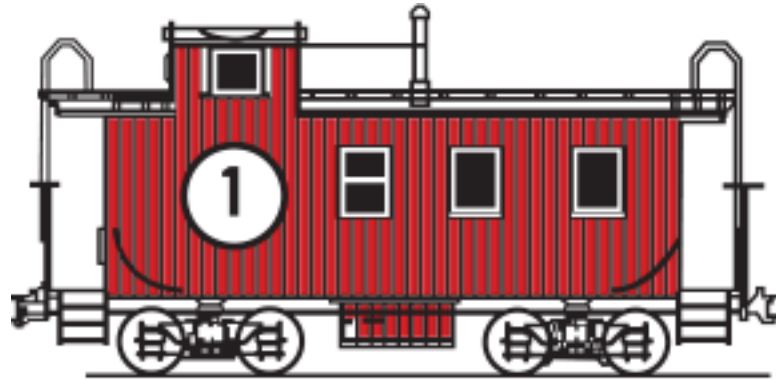


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THIRD SECTION

EXTRA PAGE FOR THE MAY 2018 EDITION NJ DIVISION'S - TRAIN ORDERS NEWSLETTER

Hello Mike,

This is an article written by our Webmaster, and Past Superintendent, Mike McNamara.

Mike has written this to inform you about NJ Division Online features, he also explains the need to change from Yahoo Groups to Groups.IO.

Please read on to make sure you stay up to date with our electronic communications that are available for you to use.

The NJ Division Online

Way back around 1996, the NJ Division established a web site to join

the growing Internet revolution. Since then, the NJ Division web site has evolved and moved to a permanent address (njdivnmra.org). The current website features the ability to display properly on different devices, from your computer to your tablet to your phone, and is optimized to load quickly with easy navigation on each device.

I hope all members take the opportunity to occasionally check in on the NJ Division web site. The web site is a good reference page to get the latest issues (and past issues too) of the newsletter, get contact information for those who help keep the Division running, and see important information about activity fees. You can also view the current year's schedule of events, as well as info and links to other model railroad events in our geographic area. A full listing of our video library is available and a listing of NJ Division members who have received an AP award including our Master Model Railroaders. (If you see yourself or anyone missing in list of AP awards, let me know and I will get the list updated).

You can also find a page with information on the NJ Division's layouts along with pictures. I know not every model railroad is captured on this page, so if you want your layout included, simply email me a brief description along with 2 photos, and I'll get your layout listed!

A recently added feature to the web site is a History page. Here you will find a growing inventory of NJ Division artifacts, including our original charter, early Division board meeting notes, and some pictures. We'd like to continue to grow this page with additional content, so if you have any old documents or photographs please scan them and send them to me via email. We know there might be a lot of interesting information in each members collection, so why not share something with the rest of the members?

In addition to the web site, an email group was established in October of 2001. This group allows members to "subscribe" and receive emails from other members within this closed group. Members can also send emails to ask questions and share information about NJ Division

events, the NMRA and MER, and general model railroading topics. Pictures, clinic presentations and other files can also be posted and shared. The email group is currently hosted on Yahoo, and a link is available on the NJ Division web site, on the left side of the Contacts page. We currently have 185 members, so hopefully just about every NJ Division member is on the list. But if you are not, please consider joining. There is not too much email activity related to the group, but it does give everyone a good way to contact each other.

However due to many issues over the past year with Yahoo, the NJ Division group will be migrating off of Yahoo and over to the groups.io platform. This site was created by the individual who originally created the Yahoo groups (anyone remember when it was called e-groups?) and works very well. All previous content will migrate automatically and those who participate in the Yahoo group will not see much of an impact, just a new address. Some of you may have seen a number of your favorite groups also migrate to groups.io as this seems to be a growing trend due to Yahoo issues. Yahoo is not really supporting the groups functionality, and we have seen delays in email delivery, the inability to load files and photos and a very much more confusing web site with embedded advertising. So this migration will be coming soon, so look for that information in your email.

Currently the NJ Division is not officially using any other online platforms. Some Divisions as well as the NMRA itself have established Facebook pages and Twitter accounts. Perhaps this is something the Division will implement in the future.

If anyone has thoughts on this, consider attending an upcoming Board meeting to discuss how you could help lead the effort in those areas.

If anyone has any questions, comments, and information, please feel free to contact me via the web site email address, njdivnmra@comcast.net, or by posting a message on our email group.



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