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## Next NJ Division Meet in Forked River

The next New Jersey Division meet will be held in Forked River on November 15. We have two really interesting clinics lined up.

Having been invented in 1844 by Samuel Morse, the Erie Railroad was the first to use the telegraph for communications between stations in 1851.

If you model an era between the 1850s and the 1970s, your railroad should have a telegraph system linking the stations on your railroad.

Even after telephone and radio communication and the advent of CTC took over, the telegraph systems were still used, some by the railroads, some leased to other companies including Western Union.

Dave Albertson will share with us the methods and materials he uses to model this interesting detail.

Fred Willis is our second clinician. Fred will be giving an encore presentation of the clinic he did at the regional convention in Hagerstown. He will show how, by using even a single photograph, a model structure can be created that closely resembles the prototype.

Fred's approach is mostly manual, breaking a photo into several parts and evaluating each. It is a very interesting approach.

Join us in Forked River for these clinics and all the other stuff that makes the New Jersey Division meets interesting and a lot of fun.

### NEXT DIVISION MEET

Saturday, **November 15, 2014**

9:00 AM to 12:00

Knights of Columbus

15 East Lacey Rd.

Forked River, NJ **08731**

#### Clinics:

Dave Albertson

Modelling Telegraph Lines

Fred Willis

Models from prototype photos

#### Contest:

Detailed/Weathered Tank Cars

#### Layout Tour:

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm


#### Swap tables:

Contact Bob Clegg

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See you there. 

Left: Photo of prototype. Notice the 45 lines on the telegraph poles.

Center: Similar lines modeled on Dave's railroad.

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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!

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# SCHEDULES

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Host: Bill Grosse

24 Bethel Avenue

Hamilton, NJ 08620

609 585 6125

All members are invited.

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

## PHILADELPHIA DIVISION MEET

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Brandywine Towne Center

Wilmington, DE

## NJ DIVISION JANUARY MEET

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Haddon Twp. High School

406 Memorial Ave.

Westmont, NJ 08108

### Contest

Detailed/Weathered Refrigerated Cars

### Clinics:

Several Work in Progress style

## NJ DIVISION MARCH MEET

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Switlik Park

5 Fisher Place

Hamilton Twp. NJ 08620

Contest: Dual Contest – Prototype Photos  
and Model Photos

Clinics: To be determined

# NJ DIVISION AREA HOBBY SHOPS

## Sattler's Hobby Shop\*

14 Haddon Ave.  
Westmont, NJ 08108  
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## Jackson Hobby Shop\*

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Jackson, NJ 08527  
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67 S. Broadway  
Pitman, NJ 08071  
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\*Offers 10% discount to NMRA members

Know a hobby shop that  
we should list? Send all  
information to the editor so  
it can be included here.

# VIEW FROM THE CAB

Bob Clegg

## Applause!

First, thanks to Geert Marien for volunteering to be the division newsletter editor. By taking over that responsibility, he has reduced my workload as superintendent by an appreciable amount and I appreciate it!

No introduction is necessary for Bill Grosse, Jr. who has been coming out to the board meetings and taken on the responsibility of contest chairman. Now, as of the latest election, he is officially a board member.

Thanks and congratulations, or is that condolences, to Bill.



Some of the New Jersey Division members at the MER convention in Hagerstown in October. Several others were unavailable for the photo.

Last, but not least, Jim Dalberg a frequent visitor from the Philadelphia Division has been awarded Master Model Railroader 545. Keep up the good work, Jim.

## Convention Past

We have just returned from the MER Fall Convention in Hagerstown, MD. I say we because everywhere you turned, there were NJ Division members. Of the approximately 200 attendees, 28 were from our division, including PJ Mattson who is now MER President, Bob Price, Bill Grosse and Bruce Barrett manned the registration table for the duration.

The convention itself was good for the most part. There were some hiccups, like the truck full of recyclable that hit a bridge and burned to the ground on I 81 which really screwed up the directions for a large number of open houses and operating sessions on Friday evening, and there were a couple of no shows for the clinics. The clinics that were presented were very nicely done and quite interesting.

## Convention Future

The plans for the convention that we are sponsoring are coming along nicely. The convention will be called "Delaware

Valley Turn" and will be held at the Hotel ML on NJ 73 in Mount Laurel October 22-25.



We have our guest speaker on board. He is Richard "Pat" McKnight. Pat is the historian/archivist for Steamtown. He will also be presenting a clinic for us, a pictorial history of NJ railroad stations.

There's a lot more, but for the sake of space, suffice it to say that all of the information about the convention is available after November 1 on the convention website:

**[DelawareValleyTurn.org](http://DelawareValleyTurn.org)**.

You can also sign up for current news on the YaHoo group **MER2015**.

We still need a lot of volunteers for clinics, open houses, and just plain keeping things on track, so let us know how you can help!

## Other Stuff

Don't forget we have a couple of events coming up: The Philly Division meet on November 1 at the Brandywine Town Center in north Wilmington and, of course, our meet November 15 in Forked River.

I hope to see you at one or both!



# NEW JERSEY DIVISION MODEL CONTEST NEWS

Bill Grosse, Jr. Contest Chairman

At our September meet in Millville, I presented a certificate and dues voucher to Frank Neufeld. Frank was chosen as the winner of the Detailed Diesel Locomotives Contest in Middletown Twp.

The contest for this meet was Detailed Steam Locomotives. We had 5 members bring in entries in HO and N scale, with a total of 6 very well done locomotives.

The winner of the contest was John Swift with his CNJ M3AS Heavy 2-8-2 Baldwin Locomotive #919. John will receive a certificate and dues voucher at our November meet.

other entries were:


Dave Albertson CNJ B-2 Camelback 0-6-0 #93  
Frank Neufeld Hidden valley 2-8-0 #279  
Tom Griffiths Former CPR 4-6-0, Converted to Fire Train Service  
Rick Spano British Columbia Logging Locomotive 0-6-6-0  
Rick Spano British Columbia Logging Locomotive 0-6-6-2

Thank you to everyone who entered their models in the contest. Remember to vote for your favorite entry as a way to thank those who enter.

If you have a model category you would like to see as a contest, please let me know at the contest table and I will try to add it to the next fiscal year schedule.

The contest schedule for fiscal year 2014 – 2015 has been set as follows;

November 2014	Detailed/Weathered Tank Cars
January 2015	Detailed/Weathered Refrigerated Cars
March 2015	Dual Contest – Prototype Photos and Model Photos
May 2015	Any Scratch Built Rolling Stock

Thank you for electing me to serve on the Board of Directors. I will be continuing the work I have been doing over the past 3 years, as Contest Chairman and Member Contact Chairman for the 4 northern counties (Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, & Burlington). If I can be of service to you please feel free to contact me. 



Left: John Swift's contest winning entry, an HO scale CNJ class M3AS heavy Mikado by Baldwin. Photos of other entries can be found in the Online Color Extra section.

## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM NEWS

PJ MATTSON, MMR



At the September meet, Dick Perry (L) is shown receiving his Model Railroad Engineer: Electrical from PJ Mattson, Division

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**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM  
GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD  
APPLICATION FORM**

*is on page 9 in Online Color Extras.*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Geert Marien

For some time now, I have been looking for a way to get more involved in supporting my division. Besides attending every meet that I possibly can, I wanted to go the extra mile to support my fellow modelers. Since I have desktop publishing in my background, this seemed like a perfect fit. Thank you, especially to Bob Clegg, for allowing me the chance to "give back" in a meaningful way.

I would like to encourage all of you to also consider helping in some way. Many of you already do - and I know that we all appreciate the clinics, tips, and opening of your homes on the layout tours. For me, my award winning layout is still just a glimmer in my mind. I have gained so much just from the activities of our division.

And while I am at it, let me praise our board for being a role model for other divisions. People really look up to us! It has been so gratifying to see the other divisions improve by following the example of the New Jersey Division.

I look forward to more people sending in photos, tips, ideas and articles. Even if every item doesn't make the first 8 pages, there is always room in the on-line extras section. I look forward to you all helping me make this newsletter better and better with every issue.



## November Layout Tours

Each November, during Model Railroad Month, many layout owners in MD, PA, DE and NJ open their layouts for the general public. You can look up the information online by going to the Model Railroad Open House Web Site at:

# WANT TO LEARN ABOUT OPERATION?

Have you ever wondered what exactly operating a model railroad means? Or, have you heard the common complaints of 'too much paperwork', 'stressful' or 'clock watching'? On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 you can see for yourself! Division member Bill Wallace will host an Introduction to Operation on his HO scale, point-to-point, multi-deck, Rail Command equipped Lehigh Northern.

The Lehigh Northern is a 1960s based railroad serving the waning anthracite mining region and the bustling industrial cities of Philadelphia and Bethlehem. Passenger service is declining but the railroad still provides accommodations to the few travelers who choose the 'rail-way'. Bridge traffic sustains the line while several locals drill the online industries providing excellent service and connections to far flung points.

The model Lehigh Northern uses Rail Command carrier control for train control – it is similar to DCC. Freight traffic is managed with the Shenware/Old Line Graphics/McFall 4-sided waybill in a pocket system. Trains utilize a relaxed timetable and train order system with a 1:1 clock ratio like The Model Railroad Club utilizes for their operating sessions. Communication is verbal without the use of a radio. All switches are hand thrown. After the Rail Command system, Kadee couplers are the most technologically advanced item on the Lehigh Northern!

The most important skills to bring on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December are the ability to comprehend written instructions and a willingness to learn. There will be four to five experienced, current Lehigh Northern staff on hand to answer questions and assist you during the three hour session. A lunch break (with lunch!!) is provided at roughly the half way point of the session. A maximum of ten guests can be accommodated so first come, first served. If demand is heavy, a second session may be added in the spring – before fishing season! Arrival time and address will be communicated at a later time, carpooling is recommended.

Please send the form below to: Bill Wallace PO Box 490, Cape May Court House, NJ, 08210 or email [BWallace10@Comcast.Net](mailto:BWallace10@Comcast.Net). Please indicate below if you have any dietary restrictions as lunch will be provided.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email and/or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience:

- None
- I've read an article or two
- I've tried a few things
- Attended a session or two

Familiarity:

- DCC/Carrier Control
- Timetables
- Written instructions
- Car cards
- Basic rules
- Train superiority
- Problem solving
- Fiddle yard/staging
- Yardmaster
- Engineer

Dietary restrictions (i.e. vegan, vegetarian, low sodium, diabetic, kosher) \_\_\_\_\_

# NOVEMBER MEET LAYOUT TOUR PREVIEW



Upper left: Joe Weisbrod's Jersey Beach Line features a very nice Tropicana facility next to the Greenville yard car floats

Upper right: Globe Petroleum in Red bank NJ on Dave Albertson's railroad on the Jersey Coast themed layout of David Albertson. There are quite a few more great scenes and structures to be savored.

Lower left: Chuck Higdon's FEC layout is always a hit!

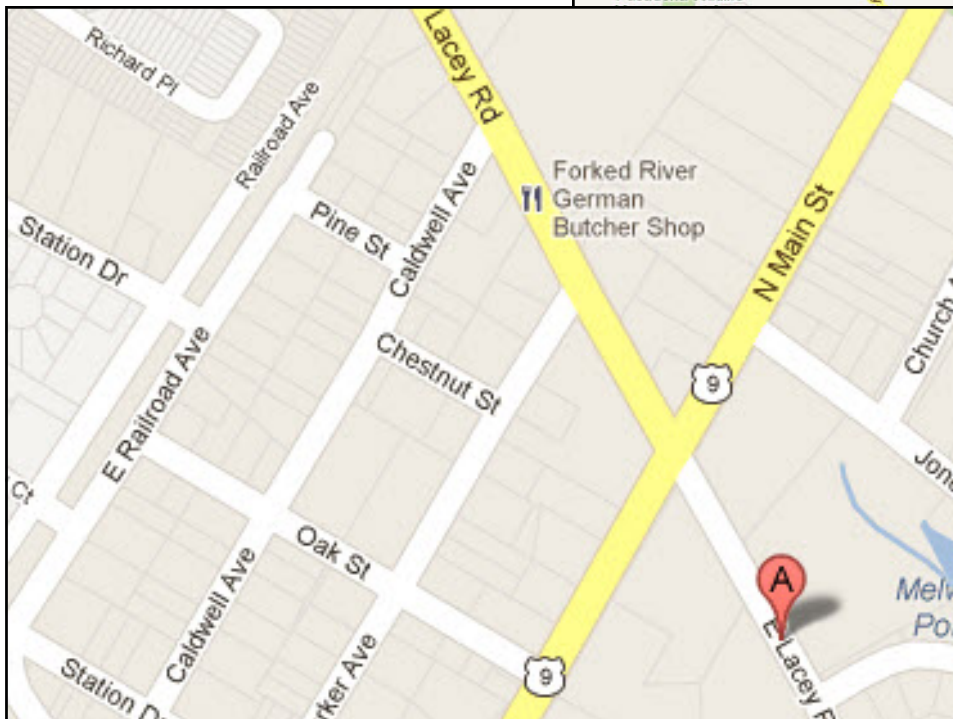
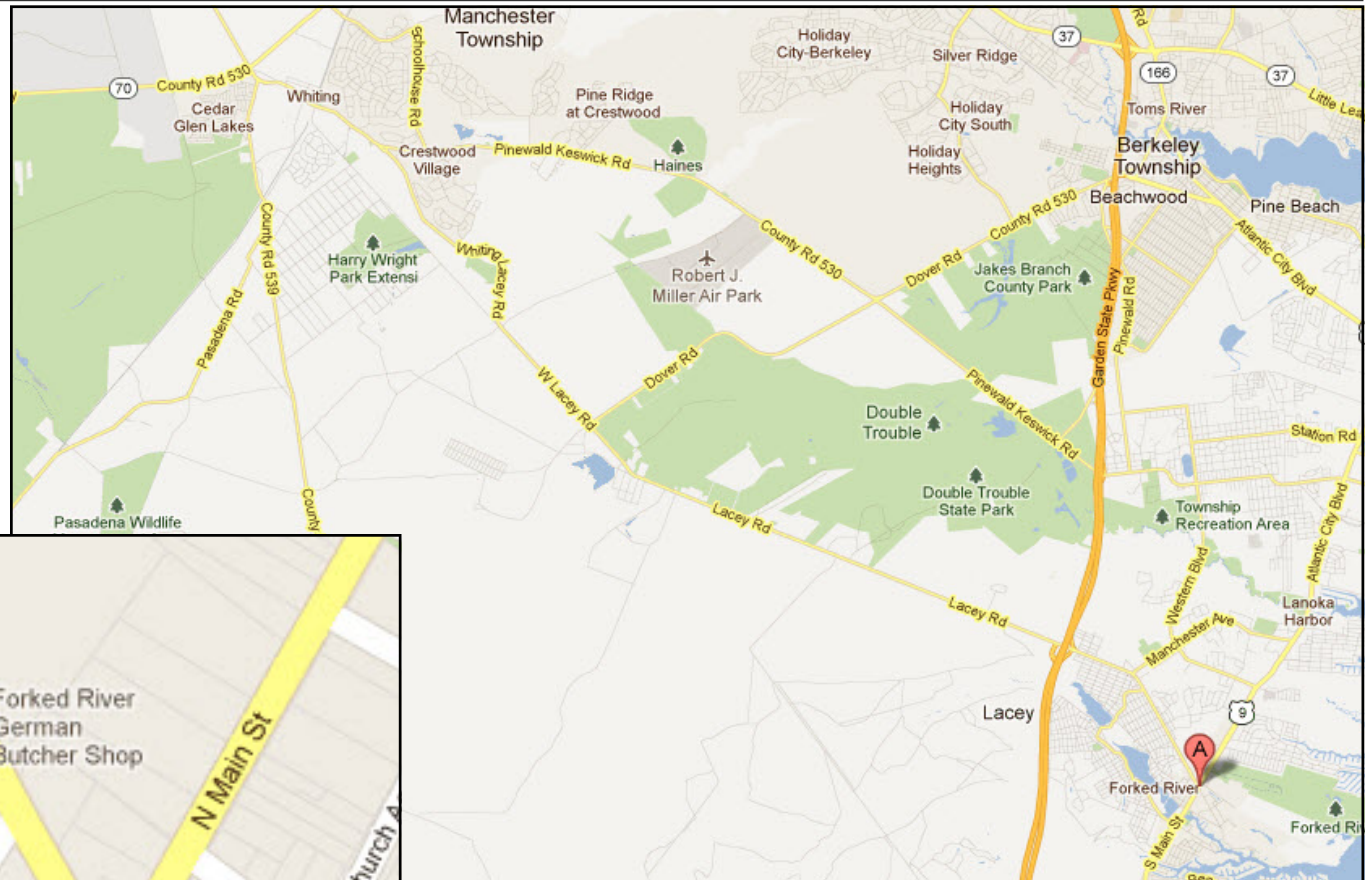
# MAPS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER MEET

## From Trenton area:

**I 195 east to the Garden State Parkway South, Exit at 74 and turn right on Lacey Road. Follow to the meet location on the right after crossing Rt 9.**

**From Philadelphia, Wilmington, and western South Jersey:**

**Take I 295 north to I 195 east and follow directions above.**



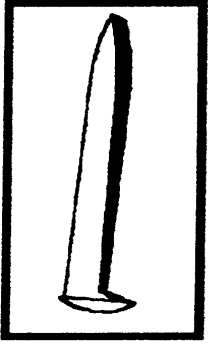
## From southern New Jersey:

**Garden State Parkway North, Exit at 74 and turn right on Lacey Road. Follow to the meet location on the right after crossing Rt. 9.**

## Alternate route from southern New Jersey:

**Take NJ70 east to County 539 Turn right, then at first traffic light keep left onto County 530. County 530 becomes Lacey Road. At the fourth traffic light, stay right at the fork in the road to stay on Lacey Road! Follow to the meet location on the right after crossing Rt. 9.**





# 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.

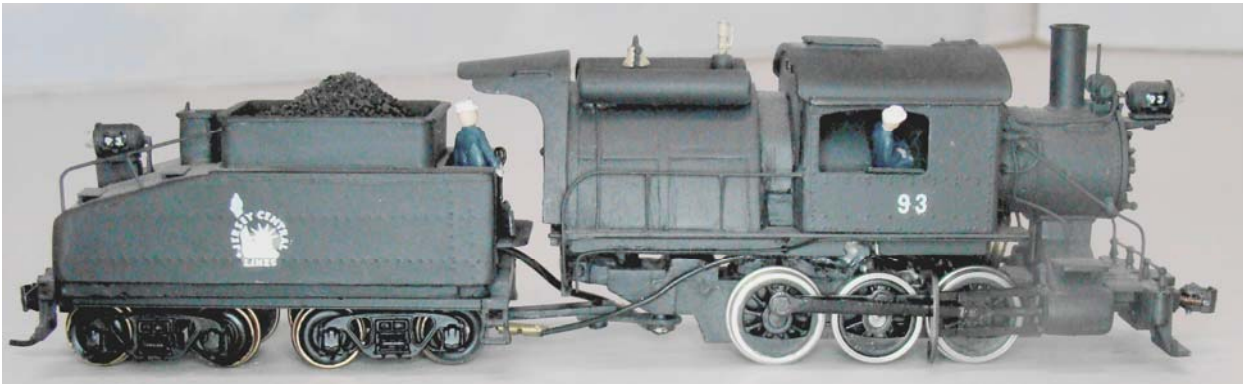
### 3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

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.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# SEPTEMBER MODEL CONTEST ENTRIES



Top: Dave Albertson's CNJ B-2  
Camelback 0-6-0 #93

Center: Former Canadian Pacific 4-6-0  
from Thom Griffiths

Bottom: Frank Neufeld Hidden Valley  
2-8-0 #279



Bring one of your weathered tank cars for the contest at the meet in Forked River on November 15. You could be the winner and take home a framed certificate and a voucher good for entry to all five meets next year.



# SEPTEMBER MODEL CONTEST ENTRIES



Two articulated locomotives from Rick Spano's Scenic and Undecided freelanced railroad



## SEPTEMBER HOME TOUR PREVIEW

Right: Makin manufacturing on Dave Albertson's railroad. Notice the telegraph wires in the foreground. Be sure to see Dave's clinic on the topic at the November 15 meet in Forked River.



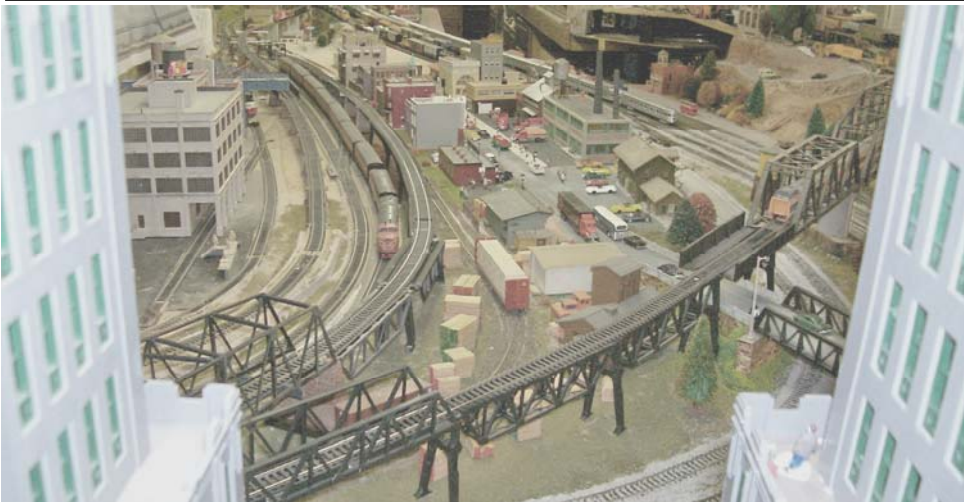
# SEPTEMBER HOME TOUR PREVIEW



Above and left below: Examples of Ken Sharkey's very large railroad

Above right: A nostalgic scene on Dave Albertson's railroad. Remember watching the submarine races in your 56 Chevy?

Below right: Makin manufacturing from the store side. The prototype was on Washington St. in Pt Pleasant until 1965 on Dave Albertson's railroad



# SEPTEMBER HOME TOUR PREVIEW



Above: A new station is going up on Chuck Higdon's Florida East Coast Railroad.

Below: Chestnut St. in Red bank on Dave Albertson's railroad

Upper Right: Sebolt services concrete plant red bank yard on Dave's railroad. The prototype was there from 1956 to 1962.

Lower Right: Bradley beach / Neptune freight station with B&O rider caboose also on Dave Albertson's railroad

