

Train Orders

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Our November Meet Will Be In Millville, NJ By Bill Grosse

We will have our meet at the Cumberland County Community Church in Millville, NJ.

The usual activities of two clinics, contest, door prizes, sales tables, and layout tours will be the agenda.

See Assistant Super John Gallagher's column on page 5 this newsletter for more information on the two clinics.

Mike Prokop and Paul More Receive Achievement Certificates

Mike Prokop received an AP Certificates for Association Volunteer and Model Railroad Author. Paul More received an AP Certificates for Master Builder-Structures and Master Builder-Scenery, along with his Golden Spike Award.

Bill Grosse and Bob Price Receive Distinguished Service Awards

MER President Kurt Thompson presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service to Bill Grosse for five years volunteer service as the Mid East Region (MER) Registrar. President Thompson also had a Certificate and Plaque for Distinguished Service for Bob Price for his service as the MER Business Manager, MER Director, and as MER Archivist.

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Mike Prokop receiving his Certificate from P.J. Mattson Master Model Railroader



Paul More with his Certificates



Bill Grosse and Bob Price with their Certificates

Next Division Meet

Saturday November 9, 2019
9 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Cumberland County
Community Church
1800 East Broad Street
Millville, NJ 08332
Contest: Railroad Structures

Clinics:

John Gallagher
Operating Freight Trains Using Dead
Rail/Power on Board

Ron Baile

Prototype Railroad Operation vs Model Railroad Operation

Layout Tours:

Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Swap Tables:

Bill Grosse 609 532-3431

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Schedules

NJ Division November Meet

Saturday November 9, 2019
Cumberland County Community Church
1800 East Broad Street
Millville, NJ 08332
Contest is Railroad Structures

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday December 10, 2019, 6 p.m.

Host-Joe Zebrowski

Please let us know if you plan to attend
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NJ Division January Meet

Saturday January 11,2020 Grace Episcopal Church 7 East Maple Avenue Merchantville, NJ 08109

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Model Railroad Open Houses for November http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com.for.schedule

Garden State Division Winter Event

Saturday February 29, 2020 (*Tentative*)
Park Ridge, NJ (*Details TBD*)

Linwood, NJ Model Train Show

Saturday November 16, 2019
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Activity Center
701 Wabash Avenue, Linwood, NJ
www.linwoodtrainshow.com

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD APPLICATION FORM is on the last page of the Train Orders

NJ Division Area Hobby Shops

* AAA Hobbies & Crafts

706 N. Whitehorse Pike, Magnolia, NJ 08049 (856) 435-7645 www.AAAHobbiesandCrafts.com

* Sattler's Hobby Shop

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

* The Train Room

715 Arnold Ave. Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742 (732) 892-5145 www.thetrainroomNJ.com

* Trainpops Attic

400 Mill Street, Bristol, PA 19007 (215) 788-2014 https://trainpopsattic.com

* Yankee Dabbler - Track 33

101 W. Kings Hwy, Bellmawr, NJ 08031 yankeedabbler@aol.com

* Offers discount to NMRA members.

Must show Current Membership Card

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!
National Model Railroad Association
P.O. Box 1328 Soddy Daisy TN 37384-1328
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View From The Cab By Bill Grosse, Superintendent

New Jersey Division Elections

For those who didn't make it to the September meet in Brick, NJ, the election results were announced as follows;

- ◆ Directors John Gallagher, Jack Menaker, Tom Neukirchen, and Mike Prokop.
 - Director Clerk/Secretary, unexpired term, Joe Zebrowski.
- ◆ The following Officers were elected from the Board of Director's; Superintendent - Bill Grosse Assistant Superintendent-John V. Gallagher Paymaster/Treasurer - Mike Prokop Clerk/Secretary (above) - Joe Zebrowski
- ♦ The Board of Director's have elected Fritz Plenefisch to the position of Director-Editor, following the NJD By-Laws.

The Liberty Bell Special, Mid East Region 2019 Convention

The Philadelphia Division hosted the convention very well. I heard many good compliments about it.

Mike Prokop and I set up their Free-mo Modules in one of the convention rooms, with Ops available to run 11 times throughout the convention.

Our NJ Division was well represented by our members who presented clinics and others that volunteered time assisting with other tasks.

Thank you to everyone that helped.

Future Convention Locations/Divisions Announced

Look South in 2020 October 15 to 18, 2020; Crowne Plaza Charlotte

Chesapeake Convention 2021 October 21 to 24, 2021- Delta by Marriott Hunt Valley Inn James River Convention 2022 - Location TBD

Susquehanna Division Convention 2023 -

Ambassador's to New Members

Our new program idea of "Ambassador's to New Members" has been receiving positive input from many members since it was presented in September.

Three members have volunteered to be the first three Ambassadors; Thom Radice, Herb Gishlick, and Mike Sabia. These members will be welcoming members at their first meet(s), then helping them understand all the activities that are available to participate in, introduce them to others, guide them through the open layout tour visit process, and more.

If you haven't been to a New Jersey Division meet, please think about attending, come and connect with an Ambassador to have a great day of model railroading fun.

On a Sad Note: New Jersey Division is Losing a Favorite Model Railroad From Our Layout Tours and Ops.

John Rahenkamp has had to make a decision to move out of his home, which also means the end of his Clairmont, Lewiston,

and Western. The CL&W, Jersey Central, and Lehigh Valley Trains have stopped running.

John with help from Bruce Barrett and others will be dismantling of railroad.

John will be having an open layout visit and sale on November 3rd. All of the equipment, buildings and even large sections of the railroad will be sold. John's family of operators are able to come in and buy items at 10;00 a.m. All others will come in at 11;00 a.m.

John's items will also be for sale at division meets and by special arrangements if needed and requested. Contact Bill Grosse by information in this newsletter if you need to contact John or Bruce, I will set up your direct contact with them as needed.

Bill Grosse and Mike Prokop at Bordentown Holiday Train Show

Once again, Mike Prokop and I will be displaying and operating their Free-mo Modules at the 10th Annual Bordentown Holiday Train Show. The show begins Friday, November 29 and runs Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays through January 5.

Feel free to come hang out with us and watch the crowd while running trains. Ops Switchlists will be available to use after the first (busiest) weekend, to test your skills.

Contact Mike or I (See Page 2) for more information or to plan your visit to run trains.

Model Contest News By Jack Menaker, Model Contest Chairman

Welcome back to all the members who help make the modeling contest work. We had a great meet in September when the contest was for the best prototype picture and best modeling picture that you would present. There were two winners.

The next meet will be held in the Cumberland County Community Church in Millville NJ.

(Just a quick note; Millville in the home to the New Jersey Motorsports track [a really great automobile racetrack])

The contest to be held in Millville is your

representation of a railroad structure. (this is something owned by the railroad). It can be a coaling dock, a water tower, a yard building or even a roundhouse.

The schedule for the upcoming meets is as follows;

January 2020 - Detailed Baggage / Mail Cars March 2020 - THE BOXCAR CHALLENGE (details below)

May 2020 – Detailed Industrial Structures (assembled, Kitbashed kits are OK)

What is the Boxcar Challenge you may ask? The rules are; Size Matters! If you model O scale, the diorama must be 20" x 12" If you model HO scale, the diorama must be 10" x 6" If you model N scale, the diorama must be 5" x 3"

The boxcar must be recognizable!

It can be all beat up.

It must be identifiable as a former boxcar
You cannot make furniture using
the boxcar boards and pieces.

Other than the above rules, the sky is the limit. Use your imagination, and good luck.

Jack Menaker, Contest Chairman



The Prototypical picture winner was Mile Prokop our Division Treasurer .

Mike presented a picture of Sunnyside Yard in New York with some complicated Trackwork and overhead catenary along with several ex PRR GG1 and Amtrak E60 Motors.



The Model picture winner was Frank Neufeld Frank presented a picture of a Trans-Load Dock with an old chain Drive Mack truck being loaded.

Clinics for the November Meet By John V. Gallagher, Director of Clinics

Our program of clinics includes a modeling clinic where an operations problem needed solving. The modeling clinic took some time to arrive at a decision after considering a number of options and alternative designs. After the decision, modeling commenced.

The other clinic addresses bringing the operations of the prototype into your layout room where you can adapt the real world to the model operations world. The presenter operates the prototype and is a modeler too.

The Clinics

Model railroaders face many challenges in providing effective power to operating model equipment. When different power systems must work on the same layout, the power sources can result in difficult complex wiring systems plus complex selecting of the proper power source on control panels by train engineers. It becomes Murphy's Law on steroids.

Traction modelers operate their trolleys using prototype practices. Both rails provide the ground or negative [-] of the power system. The overhead wire provides the positive [+]. This traction power circuit exists in both analog [DC] operations and DCC. How can a traction modeler interchange freight cars with another railroad powered by non-traction locomotives that operate two rail? One solution involves the "two rail" locomotives carrying their own power supplies on board

and operate independently of track power. In this clinic, **Operating Freight Trains Using Dead Rail/Power on Board,** John Gallagher will discuss and demonstrate a system of battery power [power on board] plus a DCC compatible control system.

The other clinic discusses how the prototype operates vs. what one observes at model railroad operations sessions. Prototype crew members frequently note that many model railroaders, especially at layout ops sessions, do not understand how the prototype operates, the rules that must be followed, and the procedures for the safe, economic, efficient operations of trains. Ron Baile, MRR, and I discussed some observations that brought us to this clinic topic. Ron operates the prototype as an engineer on the Cape May Seashore RR. I operate prototype trolleys as a motorman on the Electric City Trolley Museum's trolley ride on the Delaware-Lackawanna RR in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Ron is working on the specifics of this clinic at press time so details are not available. You will leave this clinic with some specific ideas on how you can make your operations imitate the prototype while taking into consideration the constraints of model railroading.

Clinics for Future Meets

Thank you goes out to all who signed up on the clipboard in September. I still need volunteers for the meets in January and May, 2020 and for the fall, 2020. In addition, I seek more volunteers for the Works in Progress [WIP] program multiple simultaneous clinics at Switlik Park in March, 2020. Thank you to those who already signed up. I generally need 10 clinicians so please think about volunteering to give a WIP clinic. What have you learned in the recent past that involves modeling techniques? Can you demonstrate it in 25 minutes with 5 minutes for questions? The format is up close and personal with 5 to 10 fellow modelers sitting around a table while you do your show and tell. Think about it as a few friends gathering around your workbench while you do your demonstration. In addition, please make up a handout for your WIP clinic. It doesn't have to be complex – a list of materials and tools, a list of web sites and/or articles on how to do your modeling topic, or other helpful hints, etc. Your clinic will earn you credit for the Author Achievement Certificate for your 30 minute clinic PLUS three credits toward the Volunteer Achievement Certificate. You can't lose... and we all gain.

As always, I am available to assist you and want to hear your ideas. Do you know someone who could give a clinic, including from outside the NMRA? Please give me the details and contact information. Thanks for your continuing support.

Liberty Bell Convention MER Free-mo Layouts By Mike Prokop

The New Jersey Free-mo group was represented at the Mid East Region Fall Convention in Philadelphia during October 10th-13th with Mike Prokop's and Bill Grosse's beautiful modules. Operating Sessions were available for Convention Attendee's.









Left photo: Yardville, NJ. Bill Grosse's Free-mo module is being operated by Glyn Thomas, from the Philadelphia division. It's hard for Glyn to concentrate on operations on Bill's module since many upgrades and additional scenery has been recently completed Glyn is enamored and distracted by the fantastic work on the "Crosswicks Creek" module section seen in the lower left of the photo.

Right photo: Nice view down along Bill's "Yardville" Free-mo module. Besides recently added great scenery and details, Bill had hand laid all of the track on his module including some very nice "special trackwork!" Excellent ballast job too! Great work Bill!

The Reading Railroad owned and operated the Linden Street Freight Station on the Camden Waterfront for over 70 years, but conventioneers got to admire it and operate it at the Liberty Bell MER Fall convention after it's been closed over 60 years! Wow, lot's of years but lot's of fun was had by all!

Formal operations were in order here as convention attendees work the "Car Float" job on Mike's "Linden Street Freight Station" module. Looks like a successful unloading of the float, but can Carol Bingham get the empties on board without mishap! Turns out she did...just another day on the Camden Waterfront!

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Bob Liberman Award

Liberman Car Inspector's Award was presented at the MER Convention, Liberty Bell Special, which was hosted by the Philadelphia Division. The winner was James Murphy with his very well detailed, inside and out of a Pennsylvania Caboose/Cabin. He received the Bob Liberman Award plaque and will receive a \$100.00 gift card to his favorite hobby shop. James won the award by receiving the most votes by the New Jersey Division Members attending the Convention.





Bill Grosse presenting the prestigious "Bob Liberman award plaque to James Murphy."



NEW JERSEY FREE-MO





Will be Appearing at...

THE

BORDENTOWN HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND THROUGH NEW YEARS

NOV 29,30 DEC 1ST- 12NOON-8PM ALL OTHER WEEKENDS FRI-SAT-SUN 4PM-8PM 13 CROSSWICKS ST. BORDENTOWN, NJ

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: CONTACT MIKE PROKOP AT njwrr@aol.com OR BILL GROSSE AT njdiv.super@gmail.com

Directions to the November Meet

Meet Location: Cumberland County Community Church 1800 E Broad St, Millville, NJ 08332

From the north east section of the Division.

Take the Garden State Pkwy to exit 44 County Rd 575/Pomona Rd.

Turn right onto County Rd 575 South/Pomona Rd

- 3.1 mi, Turn right onto West Jimmie Leeds Rd
- 0.7 mi, Turn right onto US-30 West , pass by Wawa (on the left in 1.8 mi)
- 2.0 mi, Turn left onto South Cologne Ave
- 5.0 mi, Turn right onto US-40 West
- 2.7 mi, Slight right onto Main St
- 0.4 mi. Turn left onto US-40 West
- 1.9 mi. Turn left onto Avenue of the Pines
- 299 ft, Avenue of the Pines turns right and becomes

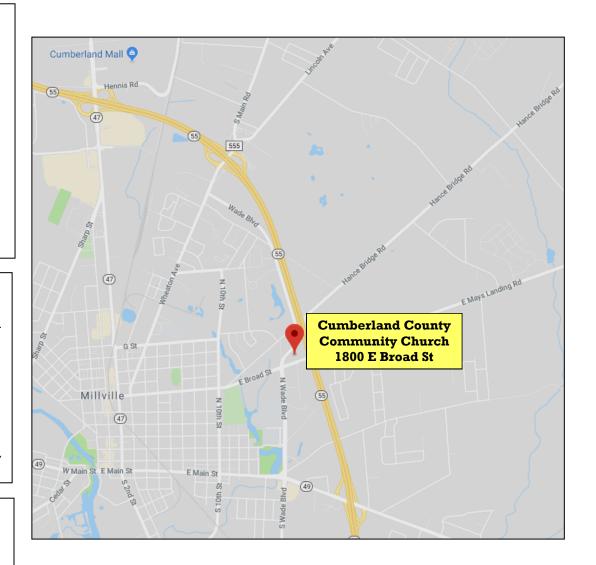
From the north west section of the Division.

Take I-295 South, at Mt Ephraim use the right 2 lanes to take the I-295/NJ-42 exit toward Delaware Memorial Bridge/Atlantic City

- 1.1 mi, Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Route 42 South/Atlantic City/North-South Fway South and merge onto NJ-42 S/North-South Fwy
- 1.4 mi, Take exit 13 for NJ-55 S toward Glassboro/Vineland
- 0.3 mi, Continue onto NJ-55 South
- 35.4 mi, Use the right lane to take exit 24 for NJ-49
- 0.1 mi, Keep right at the fork and merge onto NJ-49 W/

From the south east section of the Division.

Take 47 N or 49 E toward Millville. 47 becomes NJ-347 N, then NJ-55 N
Take exit 24 for NJ-49 E ast 456 ft, Turn left onto Manor Ave



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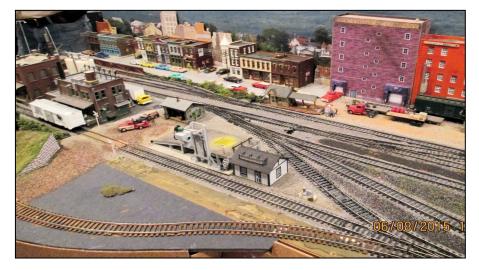
Layouts open for viewing for the November Meet

For the November meet we have seven layouts to visit. Maps listing them along with directions and the time they will be open are available at the meet.

Please contact a Board member if you would like to host an open house for your railroad when we are close to your area. Besides the January (Merchantville) and March (Yardville) meets being in the same locations we try to get around the whole division on a two year cycle. But if we are missing your area completely, please let us know so we can visit your layout.

Another reminder that I will be relocating and resigning from this position. So the Division will need someone to coordinate the layout tours and get the photos for the Train Orders. Please talk with me about this position if you might like to offer your services with it.

Chuck Higdon





Above are 2 photos of Bill Wallace's Leigh Northern. Photos by Chuck Higdon

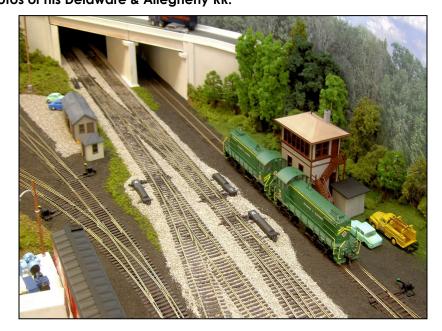




Above Gus Foster provided these photos of his Pennsylvania Railroad.

Below Joe Zebrowski provided these 2 photos of his Delaware & Allegheny RR.









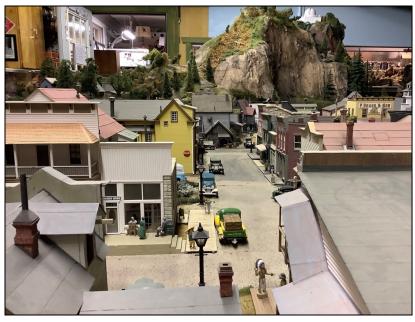
Mike Mosher's Santa Fe inspired layout above. Photos by Chuck Higdon.

Pete Suhmann's layout below New Jersey lines, photos by Pete.









Above are 2 photo that Bob Dyer provide of his layout

Below Scott Pagliughi's Pennsy inspired railroad, with some great detailed areas. Photos by Chuck Higdon.





50th Anniversary Gondola Cars by Mike Prokop

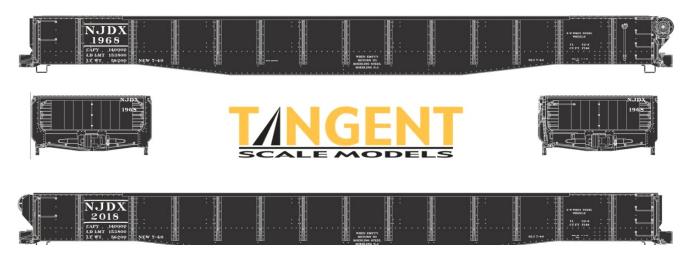
So, just a quick review about the cars. They are \$35 each, or a set of two for \$65. Car numbers are 1968 and 2018, which are the years that the New Jersey Division was founded and the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The gondola is from Tangent Models and is a superb model of a 70 Ton 52'6" Riveted Drop End Gondola. The placement of the brake wheel on the side is an identifying feature of a drop end Gondola.

They're ready to run out of the box and come with Kadee couplers.

We acquired 216 units with equal amounts of the two car numbers. Between pre-orders and sales , almost half are sold out so don't wait too long to get yours. See me at the division bookstore during the meet to buy some cars. Cash or your check will consummate the deal and you'll be hauling stuff around your layout in no time!

These are not only excellent looking and beautifully running cars, but, for a car obviously not decorated for a prototypical railroad, they do have the look of an authentic gondola that you might see in any train consist from the 1930's to the 1980's.

To order by mail see the Order Sheet on page 14. USPS Priority Mail postage is: \$9 for one car and \$10.75 for two cars.





The Reporting Marks "NJDX" for this car Identify the owner as the New Jersey Division and the "X" designates a Private or Non-railroad owner.

This Stencil indicates the Gondola is in Assigned Service to Roebling Steel. It must be returned to Roebling after its load has been delivered.



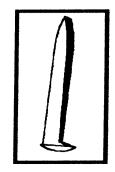
New Jersey Division 50th Anniversary Car Tangent Scale Models Bethlehem 70 Ton Riveted Drop-End Gondola in HO Scale All cars will be ready to run We are producing the car in two numbers to Commemorate our 50th anniversary 1968 & 2018

The car will be NJDX black with white lettering and data for the 1950s
It will cost \$35.00 each

Or

A set of both numbers for \$65.00
We are accepting reservations now. All reservations must be accompanied by a check made payable to NJ Division.

Name		
City, State and Zip	:ode	
Telephone	Email	-
See Tangent websi	e for more info support@tangentscalemo	dels.com
Return this form to	NI Division PO Box 8694 Trenton, NI 0	8650



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 scratchbuilding and superdetailing. 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.	awarded to any NMRA mereessary signatures and we and divisional AP Chairs. To qualify for the anature of the divisional AP The divisional Chair will Golden Spike Award certifica	Spike Award will be awarded to any NMRA member who has completed the status. It is checklist, obtained the necessary signatures and who does not hold MMR status. It is is the regional and divisional AP Chairs. AP regulations and definitions to the by the regional and divisional AP Chairs. AP regulations and definitions to have superdetailing. To qualify for the award the member must complete checklist, obtain the signature of the divisional AP Chair or another NMRA member by the divisional Chair. The divisional Chair will submit the signed form to the chair who will issue the Golden Spike Award certificate.
QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:	T:	
1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):	ırs):	
Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or super-detailed commercial kits.	ner scratchbuilt, craftsman kits	s or super-detailed commercial kits.
2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)	s & Scenery)	
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3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)		
 Three types of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used. All installed trackage 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. 	es of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All n and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used ed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operate le track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command ne additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, sign highted buildings, etc.	c, etc.). All must be properly may be used. In the operated simultaneously or command control. In urnouts, signaling, turnout
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