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For November, It's Deptford Township

John V. Gallagher, Superintendent

It has a while since we visited Deptford Township for a division meet. Thanks to member Steve Moylan, we will meet at the **Deptford Township Community Center** at 1219 Delsea Drive [*NJ Rt 47] in Deptford, New Jersey. It is about one mile north of the Deptford Township Office Building where we met last, a few years ago. The township purchased a former Catholic Church property that includes the church and a school building. The church building now serves as a community theater and the school building now hosts athletics and large meetings in the gym and classrooms for smaller meetings and events. We will meet in the gym room, an easy walk in from the adjacent parking lot. When driving on Delsea Drive/Rt 47, the facility is on the right for northbound travelers. Southbound, it is on the left. Enter the parking lot after passing the large sign. Northbound travelers enter the large parking lot before the sign. There will be an NMRA sign at the lot entrance. The school building is about 200 ft off the road at the back of the parking lot. Doors open at 8:30AM and the meet begins at 9AM. Early arrivals can help us with the setup before 8:30 as always. Thanks.

In short, we will provide members with two clinics, one by Glyn Thomas, MMR, on photography of models and model railroads and a second by Dave

Albertson on a short history of model railroading. See my column on page 6 for more information. We will also have coffee and donuts, sales tables, the door prize, raffle, the "Free Table" the contest, and meeting friends.

The afternoon features some **excellent layouts nearby for your visits**. The close locations make it easy for members to visit most if not all, depending on your loiter time and I promise you will. Thanks to our local members for opening their homes. Bring a mask for those homes where it is requested/required.

Finally, **please wear your name badge**. We may see some Philadelphia Division friends in attendance too, a real plus. Mark your calendars!

*****Delsea" is a contraction of two words-Delaware and sea. Delsea Drive connects the Delaware River south of Camden with Wildwood on the ocean***



September Contest winner
Jack Menaker



Next Division Meet
Saturday November 19, 2022
9 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Deptford Township
Community Center
1219 Delsea Drive (NJ RT 47)
Westville NJ 08093
Contest:
Photo Contest: Industrial building you built for your layout.
Clinics:
Glyn Thomas Model Railroad
Photography for Publication
Dave Albertson History of Model
Railroading: Cars, Locomotives,
Track and Power Systems.
Table reservations information
by Nov 15th

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NJD Information Page

MEMORIALS

New Jersey Division, NMRA

We learned that the following member passed recently. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers
Robert [Bob] Hubbard, 94, joined the NMRA in 1954

November Division Meet

Saturday November 19, 2023

Deptford Township Community Center
1219 Delsea Drive (NJ RT 47)
Westville, NJ 08093

Next Board Meeting

Friday December 16, 2022, noon
Host – Mike Prokop

Please let us know if you plan to attend
njdiv.super@gmail.com

January Division Meet

Saturday January 14, 2022
Grace Episcopal Church
7 East Maple Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

NJ Division Sponsored 2025 Mid-Eastern Region Convention HELP WANTED!

Committee Chairpersons; Workers.
Contact John Gallagher
at 856 228-2239 or
njdiv.super@gmail.com

Currently NJD Directors Mike Prokop, Joe Zebrowski and Thom Radice will review possible venues for the 2025 regional meet in the Cherry Hill, NJ area.

See page 10 for additional NJD news.

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 Online Store**
www.thetrainroomNJ.com
e-mail thetrainroomnj@msn.com

* **Yankee Dabbler - Track 33**
101 W. Kings Hwy, Bellmawr, NJ
08031

* 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

View From The Cab

John V. Gallagher, Superintendent

September Meet

The meet at the Cumberland County Community Church went well. The facility was already set up with seating plus plenty of tables for displays and other purposes. The contact person made herself available all morning. We had no issues or problems.

Our clinician, Thom Radice, gave an excellent presentation about the steel plant in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1855. He described the historical context of the plant's processes and production. With the use of drawings and photographs, we learned about the special processing of rail and other steel products that served important functions, especially during the following civil war. The plant was completely destroyed during the later years of the war.

Thom did significant research on the plant and its processes to build an HO model for his Civil War layout. Using multiple sources plus the photos of the destroyed plant, he determined the locations and configuration of the internal systems of the plant. With a series of slides, Thom described the materials and procedures he used to scratch build the plant model. His tenacity, attention to detail, problem solving skills, and extensive research resulted in an exceptional model I personally observed on his layout.

I conducted the required annual business meeting including the election report. Joe Zebrowski was reelected to the office of

Clerk/Secretary. Jack Menaker and Geert Marien were also reelected to continue as Board Directors. Thom Radice was elected to the Board to replace Rick Stoneking. Rick was elected to the Secretary office of the Mid-Eastern Region and continues as the Region's Publicist. We give Rick thanks for his very important service this past year as Director with responsibilities in technology. He took charge and made our meets available to members who could not attend via Zoom broadcasts including video of selected clinics. We wish him well in his new responsibilities. Congratulations to all.

Celebrations

One of the best parts of Superintendent duties is the recognition of accomplishments of members by the NMRA. At the meet, a number of members received certificates for their work as participants in the Achievement Program [AP].

Volunteering

Can we do better? Yes. You can contribute by making suggestions. You can offer to take on a responsibility for the Division. Please contact me or the other Directors to give input in ideas, projects, programs, etc. Write an article for *Train Orders*. Fritz, our editor, always looks for new material and will assist you in your writing and organizing an article. Do you have photos for your article?

A picture is worth 1000 words. Our clinic by Glyn Thomas, MMR, this month will help you take better photos. When you do work on your layout or model, take photos better tell your story. Did you make a mistake in your modeling process? Photograph it! Then, tell us how you corrected it and include photos. Most of us have been there but your solution may be unique. Show us. We can always learn from you.

Mike Prokop mentioned in an email to all on-line members that we will seek volunteers for the 2025 MER Convention Committee. Please step forward to help.



Mike Prokop
Model Railroad Engineer-
Civil and Electrical
Master Builder-Scenery

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Dale Leisure
Golden Spike Award



Rick Stoneking
Chief Dispatcher



Chris Conaway
for Motive Power



David Albertson
Master Builder-Cars



William Howard
Master Builder-Scenery



Jack Menaker
Association Volunteer



Thom Radice
Master Builder
Structures and Scenery



Thom Radice
Clinic Presentation
Atlanta Rolling Mill 1855



Model Contest News

By Jack Menaker, Model Contest Chairman

Welcome back to all the members who help make the modeling contest work. We had great meet in June when the contest was to show your House Colors/Logo. We didn't have many participants for this contest. I do understand that quite a few of you run a prototype railroad scheme, but there are a few you who go in their own direction. The winner of the September was Me! (embarrassed).



I have a RR called the Jersey Mercantile RR that is a short line covering Central NJ. This railroad has a subsidiary called the Newark Industrial Railroad (NIR). We run two Alco S-2 decorated in black with orange stripes. The other S-2 has been modified with a short hood added to the rear. Thank you for the votes.

The next contest will be a photo contest. The requirements are,

The photo is a 8 ½" x 11" picture of an industrial building.

The building should be built by you.

The building should be a customer of your railroad.

The picture can be vertical or horizontal.

It can be framed or not (it will be easier to display if framed.)

There is a prize for the winners of the contests.

You get a certificate and a \$10.00 certificate to pay for the annual participation fee.

The Contest for the January 2023 meet– Mini Diorama

Do you have any suggestions for future contests? If so please contact me at jackmenaker@yahoo.com.

Look forward to some special events that the BOD is working on.

Current HO Scale Car Projects

N&W HC-46 ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper New! Arrived Sept. 2022



Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme. These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built by in 1966 by ACF with the Round Herald paint scheme. Subsequently some cars went through a general maintenance program and were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004. It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale as limited edition kits.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.45 for one car and \$17.10 for two to three cars. Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee. Customers outside the USA, please [contact us](#) for shipping arrangements and charges.

To order, please send your email and phone information along with a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects
 c/o Paul Maciulewicz
 9151 Congress Court
 West Chester, Ohio 45069

The November Clinics Provide Something for Everyone

John V. Gallagher Director of Clinics

My day is made when volunteers tell me that they are ready to present a clinic. Two clinicians recently came forward last month to do just that. These topics should interest most model railroaders.

Glyn Thomas sent this description:
Model Railroad Photography for Publication by Glyn Thomas, MMR

Publishing photos of your models is a good way of gaining recognition within the hobby and among your peers; it may also help to offset some modeling costs. Good photographs dramatically increase the likelihood of getting published. You don't need to be an equipment geek and computer expert to produce good photos (but it helps!). This clinic discusses ways of improving model railroad photography and is illustrated with several projects I've executed.

If you have been an NMRA member for the past two years, you observed some of his photos. His SEPTA Philadelphia street scene shows exceptional modeling, creativity, and attention to detail with the waiting commuters wearing masks and practicing social distancing during the COVID epidemic. It is found in the January page of the NMRA 2021 Calendar.

Not to rest on his laurels, Glyn returned in the NMRA 2022 Calendar with a coal mine scene for the month of April. Incidentally, the

New Jersey one did well in this year's calendar. Look at the photo for the month of July to see member Jim Albanowski's great photo of the Pacific Southern Railway layout in Rocky Hill, New Jersey. The calendar had an error for the location's state. We are not done! The September photo shows the modeling skills of Marc Pitanza of Red Bank. The Staten Island Rapid Transit was a subsidiary of the B&O railroad that used third rail rapid transit cars on a Private Right of Way. The transit cars closely followed the design and size of the BMT transit cars of the other boroughs of New York City. The B&O served freight customers on the island.

Dave Albertson will present a **Brief History of Model Railroading: Cars, Locomotives, Track and Power Systems.**

He did considerable research to assemble a PowerPoint presentation of the major persons, companies, products and accomplishments. I learned many facts and connections that never knew before reviewing his presentation,

Dave plans bringing a few historical model artifacts to the meet to display and help members relate to their historical significance. I will bring a few items from my collection. Do YOU have model railroad historical items of rolling stock, rail, or power systems that will relate to the history from the 1890's through 1980? If you want to bring a *few*, to the meet

to display during the break, contact me so I can reserve some table space. Table space will be limited so we are not looking for a complete Lionel train set including the box, etc. **FEW!** Please. I will give you some instructions on your display to include information cards. So, out of your treasure troves, bring that Ives locomotive or that Lionel 700EW NYC Hudson locomotive or... The interactions will make for a learning experience for all and lots of sharing knowledge. Remember, please contact me by **Wednesday, November 16** to reserve your space. Thanks!

Finally, I will pass the clipboard for you to volunteer to offer a future clinic at a NJD meet. I need a clinician for our joint meet with the Philadelphia Division on January 14, 2023 in Merchantville. We will do the Works in Progress meet in Switlik Park in March and I need 10 clinicians for the short 30-minute clinics. It is up close and informal and fun to do. Step up and show us some technique[s] you do in modeling. Please contact me if you need information or help. Finally, I need one clinician for the May joint meet in north Jersey with the Garden State Division. Date and location are to be determined by the GSD.



New Jersey Division 50th Anniversary Gondola

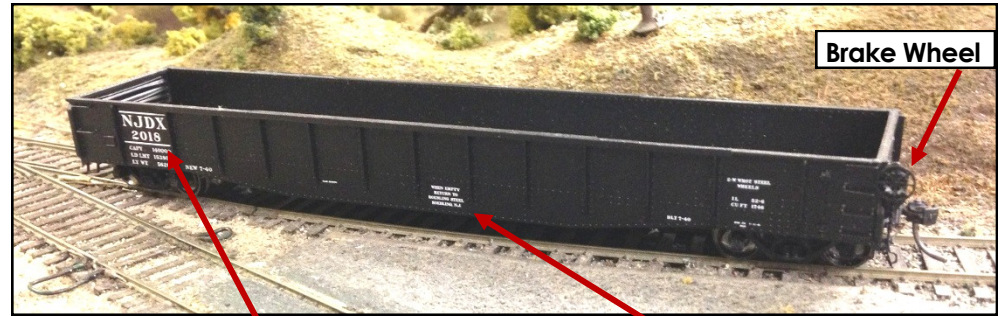
75th Anniversary Gondola

A review of the cars. They are \$35 each, or a set of two for \$65. Car numbers are 1968 and 2018, which was the year that the New Jersey Division was founded and the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The model is from Tangent Models and is a superb model of a 52'6" Riveted Drop End Gondola with 70 ton trucks. The placement of the brake wheel on the side is an identifying feature of a drop end Gondola. They're ready to run and come with Kadee couplers.

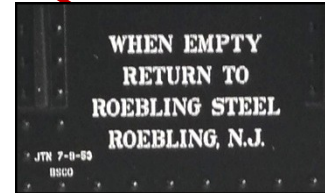
We acquired equal amounts of the two car numbers. Cash or check will consummate the deal and you'll be hauling stuff around your layout in no time!

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

To order cars Contact Mike Prokop at njwrr@aol.com or by mail use the Order Sheet. USPS Priority Mail postage is: \$9 for one car and \$10.75 for two cars.



The Reporting Marks "NJD" 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.

The car body is black with white lettering and data conforming to the 1950s

The cost is \$35.00 for one car or a set of both numbers for \$65.00

A check made payable to the NJ Division must be included with your order.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____


See Tangent website for more information
support@tangentscalemodels.com
Return this form to NJ Division NMRA;
PO Box 276, Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0276

Second Section

Layouts open for viewing for the NOVEMBER Meet

For the November meet we have five 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. 



Oak Valley Pennsylvania RR layout. Large HO layout 99% scenicked.



Where New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania meet in Port Jervis.

Another open layout

This layout provides switching for nine industrial sites and continuous running of the "HOOTERVILLE CANNONBALL "Serving the communities of Hooterville and Pixel".



Modeling the Mighty Pennsy, Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines & Reading circa 1957 in S Scale since 1987



Four trains, freight and passenger, run through Lloyd's™ village situated at the bottom of a mountain.

A Photo Mystery

By Fritz Plenefisch



K. Meyers photo

Unlike the usual where is this mystery photo this is a TRUE MYSTERY photo.

The location is Shoshoni, Wyoming and
the railroad is the

“BIGHORN DIVIDE AND WYOMING RR.

Looking at the sparse and dry vegetation you can see the need for the spark

arresters on both stacks of the SW1500

and looking close you see a
crewmember throwing a switch.

The Mystery

“What could they be working on in this desolate
location?”



New Jersey Division Meet

March 2023 and August 2023

In looking forward to NJ Division meets next year, we recently obtained the permit from the Hamilton Township Recreation Department for use of the Switlik facility. This is our traditional meeting location when our division meets in the so called “Trenton” area of our territory. On Saturday, March 11, 2023 we will have our division meet at Switlik with a program consisting of the Works in Progress format. That’s the one we’re familiar with where multiple clinics are given simultaneously on various subjects repeated four times. Your choice on which clinics interest you, and then decide which to attend and participate in. A fun time is had by all. Great layouts to visit after lunch always follows the meet.

As a bonus for 2023, we have also received a permit from Hamilton Township for use of the Switlik building on August 5th. We have it reserved for all day, 8am to 5 pm! The Board of Directors will be determining the program for that day and more information will be communicated as things develop. In anticipation of getting the facility, some ideas have already been kicked around about what to do that day. Clinics, Modeling with the Masters, special request presentations, picnic lunch, modular layouts, sales tables, raffles etc... We even discussed inviting our neighbor divisions to possibly join us for a joint meet. Nothing has been set in stone or determined at this point. In fact, and most importantly, we’d like to hear from all of you on ideas and suggestions about a program for that day. We’ll conduct a survey some time soon to collect input and ideas, and have discussions at our upcoming division meets. So think about the possibilities for this special meet day and let us (your board of directors) know what your thinking. We greatly look forward to your input.

In closing, we thank Hamilton Township for letting us use this facility for our organization in the pursuit of enjoying our hobby and continually educating our members in model railroading and trains! Keep in mind, the use of the Switlik building comes with zero cost to our division. As model railroaders, it doesn’t get any better! Thank you Hamilton!



THINK FREE

Mike Prokop

Our division meets feature many things including clinics, member contests, door and raffle prizes, sales and exchange opportunities of model railroad items and meeting with friends and enthusiastic model railroaders.

A recent exercise started at our meets is the “Free Table”. Anyone attending a New Jersey Division meet can participate. Any item on the “Free Table” is fair game and free for a person to take. Obviously the old saying of “one man’s trash (meaning various model railroad items), is another’s treasure”, applies!

Many items are exchanged at meets and what was contributed by some, became projects and additions on their layouts. Yes, some modification and transformation of items may be needed to satisfy the high standards and requirements of your layout. But, since your keen eye has spotted an item that presents an opportunity for a spot on your train layout, you will be willing to spend the investment in time and patience to your layout.

For continued success of the “FreeTable” it needs contributions. Please consider bringing unwanted items to the meets. Who knows you might see one of your contributions standing proudly on a members layout! You’ll be more than happy!



**Photo Mystery
 Answer**



Tank Cars



The Bob Liberman Memorial Award

The Bob Liberman Memorial Award was presented to Jim Murphy of Cary, NC for his outstandingly detailed HO Scale Business Executive Car "Vermont". The model had a fully detailed interior including interior lighting and illuminated marker lamps on the outside of the car. All three judges were in agreement this model represented the kind of detail that Bob would have appreciated and approved of.



**BERKSHIRE
 SHORT LINE
 RAILROAD
 EXECUTIVE CAR
 "Vermont"**

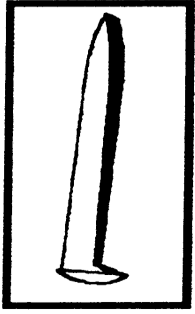


Interior view



**View of office
 area and truss
 rod on
 underframe**





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.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, 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 scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed 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 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.

Witness: _____ Name: _____ NMRA #: _____

Regional AP Chair: _____ Region: _____