

Train Orders

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Deptford is Our September Meeting Location

Bill Grosse

We are heading to the Deptford Municipal Building on September 22, 2018 for our meeting, thanks to the assistance of Steve Moylan.

First up will be our New Jersey Division Annual Business Meeting. The results of the election will be presented along with reports on the activities of the division. We will keep this as short as possible so we have time to see the clinics.

John Gallagher has set up two clinics for us to enjoy. First up is Doug Nash with his presentation of Passenger Train Operations. Next will be Jeff Witt presenting his clinic on John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid layouts. Read more about these clinics in John's column on page 5.

At the time I am writing this we will have eight layouts open to tour in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who is allowing us to see their layouts.

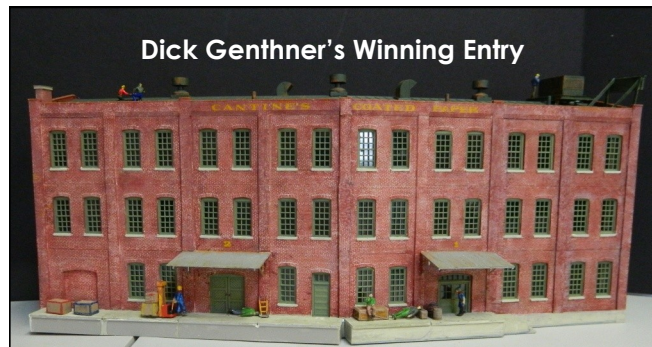
You will notice on page 2 that we have added another hobby shop to our NJ Division Area List. Make sure you try to visit; AAA Hobbies & Crafts at 706 N. Whitehorse Pike, Magnolia NJ 08049. The phone number is 856-435-7645 and their website is www.AAAHobbiesandCrafts.com. Show your current NMRA Membership Card to receive a discount on your purchases. They would like to meet our members & appreciate our business.

The Contest for this meet is Favorite Passenger Train or Favorite Passenger Car. Bring your favorite

to enter in the contest. Please make sure you vote for the one you think is best if you are not voting for your own. Show the entrants you appreciate them bringing their models out.

Remember there is also space for Show & Tell (or Bring & Brag), for you to display some of your modeling work in other categories besides the contest theme.

Chuck Higdon described his model railroad in detail and the next step will be New Operators getting a chance to operate on Chuck's Key West & Northern on Saturday, October 20, 2018, arrival time 12 noon. Chuck will start with a short briefing and tour, then give assignments to attendees that they will work on while paired with experienced operators. More information and a sign-up sheet will be at the September meet, or try to email Chuck for a spot if you will not be at the meet.



Dick Genthner's Winning Entry

Next Division Meet

Saturday Sept 22, 2018

9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Deptford Township Municipal Bldg

1011 Cooper St.

Deptford Township, NJ 08096

Contest: Favorite Passenger train or car

Clinics:

Jeff Witt

John Allen's Gore & Daphetid layouts

Douglas Nash

Passenger Train Service,
a prototype perspective

Layout Tours:

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

Swap Tables:

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Train Orders welcomes contributions from the New Jersey Division membership. Letters, articles, photos and other items may be emailed to the editor, Fritz Plenefisch, at fplen3@verizon.net. Please include return postage if you would like materials returned.

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Schedules

NJ Division September Meet

Saturday September 22, 2018
Deptford Township Municipal Bldg
1011 Cooper Street
Deptford Township, NJ 08096
Contest: Favorite Passenger Train or Car

Next board meeting

Tuesday October 23, 2018
Host-Tom Neukirchen
Please let us know if you plan to attend.
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NJ Division November Meet

Saturday November 10, 2018
Philadelphia Div. is Hosting NJ Div.
Brandywine Town Center
Wilmington, DE

NER Convention Hosted by GSD

Mahwah, NJ, Sept 13-16, 2018
Erie Limited.org

2018 MER-NMRA Convention

Crossroads of the MER
October 4-7, 2018, Rockville, MD
www.http://potomac-nmra.org/MER2018/Main/index.html

Philadelphia Division Meets

Saturday Sept 8, 2018
Perkasie Fire Co.

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

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* AAA Hobbies & Crafts

706 N. Whitehorse Pike, Magnolia, NJ 08049
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Westmont, NJ 08108
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* 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 Dabber - Track 33

101 W. Kings Hwy, Bellmawr, NJ 08031
yankeedabber@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 Sody Daisy TN 37384-1328
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View From The Cab

Bill Grosse, Superintendent

We accomplished a lot over the past year. We are enjoying our 50th Anniversary year which included the luncheon, found out more about the history of the NJ Division, had four very happy people win items in the 50th Anniversary Grand Door Prize Drawing, and ordered the NJ Division Gondola Cars that are for sale and expected late this year.

We have been working on expanding the electronic version of our Train Orders Newsletter with new article submissions by our members, so if you like to research & write, send your articles in. Over the past year you have read articles by Fred Willis, Ron Baile, and Mike McNamara. We have multiple writers and proof readers if you would like some assistance before submitting.

You should have seen one of our new columns in the May 2018 issue of the newsletter, the Operations Column. We will continue to have this once or twice a year, along with the chance to give New Operators, those who haven't done or aren't sure about doing Operations, a chance to try it out in a relaxed beginners way, not trying to keep up with the seasoned operators, but being guided by them.

If you would like everyone to know about your railroad, but not include doing operations, you can submit a detailed article and pictures to our Layout Spotlight Column that we are ready to start.

I plan to keep sending one NJ Division email update a month, especially during our non-newsletter months to keep everyone up to date on what is happening in the New Jersey Division and events beyond our borders in other divisions. If you are planning to have a special event showing your private or club layout, send me the information about it, at least one month ahead of time, so I can add it to the email updates.

The elections are being held following the By-Laws that have been updated as recommended by the Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA, to follow the Region's procedures more closely. The use of Election Buddy electronic voting has helped save on the cost of paper, envelopes, stamps, printing, and time.

Annual Member Information Update

Please make sure you fill in and return your Member Information Form - Annual Update. Return it by email, at a division meet, or by USPS.

It will be sent USPS with the newsletter, for those who have paid for the print newsletter and those we do not have a proper email address for.

Everyone with a proper email address will receive their newsletter by email, which will also include the form in a PDF file for you to fill in and return. The form will also be included as part of the Second Section if you would like to print and send it in.



MER Registrar Needed

The Mid-Eastern Region is looking for someone to take on the Registrar's position.

Bill Grosse has decided to step down from the Registrar position after the 2018 Convention.

The duties of the position include; making registration forms and reports, maintaining online forms, receiving registrations and sending confirmations, making convention packets with ID tags, tickets, and special inserts, setting up and running the registration desk during some Wednesdays, and all Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the MER Conventions, plan for needed supplies and place the orders, and more.

Contact MER Vice President Kurt Thompson (soon to be President). Contact information for Kurt is in 'The Local' newsletter.



Model Contest News

Jack Menaker, Model Contest Chairman

I am writing this column in the middle of a very hot July day. By the time you read it, the end of summer will be near. I hope that all of you enjoyed your summer.

Now, it's time to return to our beloved NMRA meets.

At the May 2018 meet, we had an exciting contest. The subject was for kit-bashed Industrial Buildings. This meet was well attended with a total of 83 NMRA members participating; 35 were from the Garden State Division and 48 were from the NJ Division. From the attending members we had approximately a 50% return of ballots.

The entries were from Dick Genthner (2), Bill Howard, John Swift, Joe Weisbrod and myself.

The winning entry was Dick Genthner's Cantine's Coated Paper warehouse. He will

be awarded another Contest Award Certificate and Contest Award Voucher. (how many does he have?)

The next meet is Saturday September 22nd in Deptford, NJ and the contest is for your favorite Passenger Train or Passenger Car.

There will NOT be a contest in November.

The next will be the first meet in (can you believe!) January 2019. This contest is for a 12" x 12" Diorama and is another NEW topic for our contests. The diorama can be of anything related to model railroading. It can be a station, coaling tower, a caboose or other rail related service facility, an abandoned or wrecked freight car on a siding, an on-line industry or even an off-line industry. YOUR CHOICE!

The March meet will be a contest for a detailed weathered Tank Car.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meet and remember you need to vote!

Jack Menaker

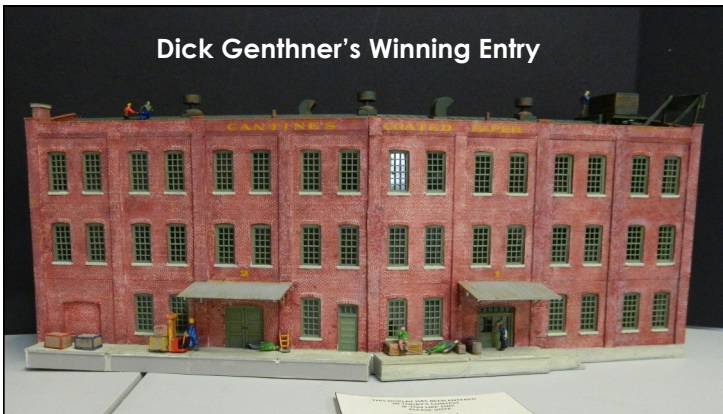
Contest Director



NOTE: I have in my possession, the Contest Award Certificates for three winners; September 2017 Herb Gishlick and March 2018 Bill Kennedy.

Please pick them up at the next meet.

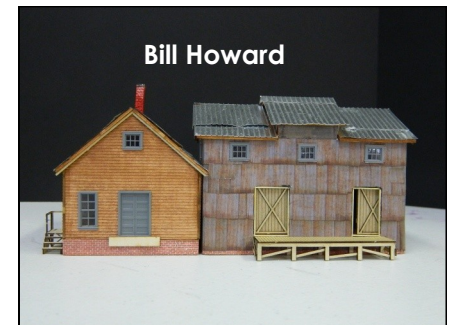
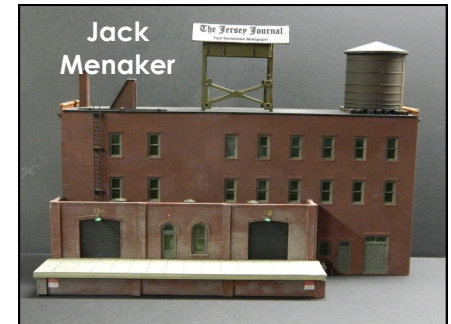
Jack



Dick Genthner's Winning Entry



Joe Weisbrod



Bill Howard

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Clinics for the September 2018 Meet

John V. Gallagher, Director of Clinics

Inspiration from Modeling Excellence and the Prototype for the September meet

Summer usually takes away time from model railroading. Now that we have returned to normal life, it is time to get back to productive work in our hobby. We have two excellent clinics scheduled for our September meet.

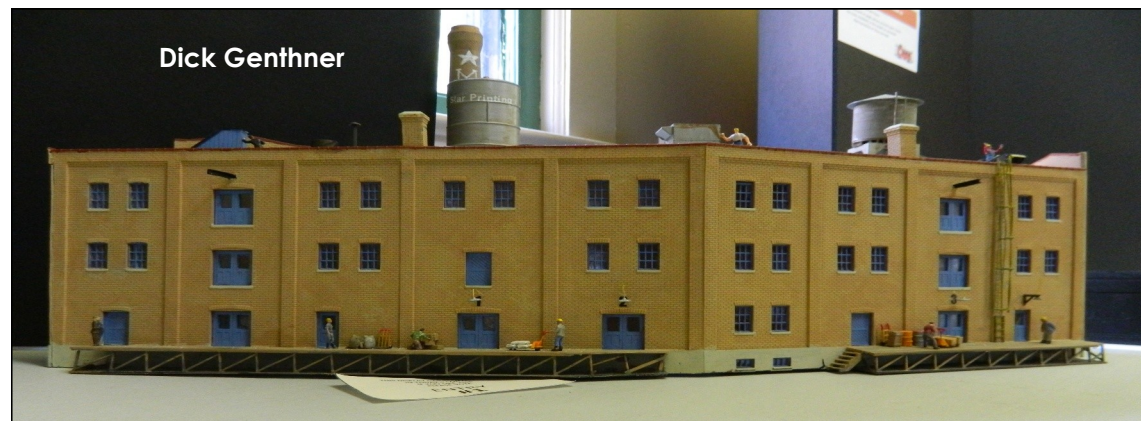
Our member, Fred Willis, recommended that we invite Jeff Witt of the Philadelphia division to present his clinic on John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid layouts. Many remember the many articles in the modeling press

during the 1940s through 1970s featuring the excellent work of John Allen, one of the great model railroaders. His groundbreaking innovations encouraged readers explore new ways of creating realistic model scenes. Jeff's clinic will include many photos never seen before in the public press.

Douglas Nash recently joined the NMRA and our division. Douglas worked for 41 years in Northeast passenger train operations for three railroads. He also participates in model railroading as a modeler and operator. " Passenger Train

Service, a Prototype Perspective," will inform us about operations we should emulate to align our model operations with the prototype.

I am always seeking the names of clinicians for meets in November January and May. In March we are planning to offer a works-in-progress format of clinics. I will be seeking clinicians for this special event. If you have some ideas you would like to present in the short 30-minute time periods, please let me know. As always, thanks for your great support.



The NJ Division Online

Mike McNamara

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.

Anyone who 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.



NJ DIVISION MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM FOR 2018/2019

Please Complete and Return to the New Jersey Division

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Online / Email Newsletter Only	No Charge
Mailed hardcopy of newsletter (Optional)	\$7
Annual Activity Fee (Optional)	\$10
Total Amount Enclosed -	\$ <input type="text"/>

Contact Information

Home / Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you have a website, the address: _____

May we share your phone number with other members? ----- Y / N

May we share your e-mail address with other members? ----- Y / N

Do you want your Train Orders e-mailed? ----- Y / N

May we eliminate your hardcopy version of Train Orders? ---- Y / N
(Yes only if you will access Train Orders online or via e-mail)

Would you like to receive e-mail notices of New Jersey Division
Special Events? *At most 1 per month!* ----- Y / N

To be included in the NJDivNMRA groups.io, please submit your request
online through the groups.io page. njdivnmra@comcast.net for more info.

Modeling Information (Optional)

Do You have a layout? ----- Y / N, In which Scale(s) do you model? _____

If yes, can you be open at meets? --- Y / N If yes, best meet location? - _____

What is the name of your railroad? _____

Prototype(s) followed, if any? _____

NMRA Member Number: _____

NMRA Expiration Date: _____

Division Expiration Date (Office Use Only)

Thank You for being part of the NMRA
and the New Jersey Division

Can you help your division in any way? ---- Y / N

If so, in what way are you willing to be involved?

Make Checks Payable to:

NJ Division, NMRA

Return to: New Jersey Division

PO Box 8694

Trenton, NJ 08650-8694

Directions to the September Meet

Meet location: 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, NJ 08096

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1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, NJ

From the North East and North West

Take I 295 South to Exit 25A for NJ-47 S toward Deptford/Glassboro
 0.3 mi, Turn right onto NJ-47 S/Delsea Dr
 2.1 mi, Turn left onto Cooper St
 Destination will be on the right
 1011 Cooper St, Deptford Township, NJ 08096

From Central East

Take NJ-70 W to I 295 South and follow above.

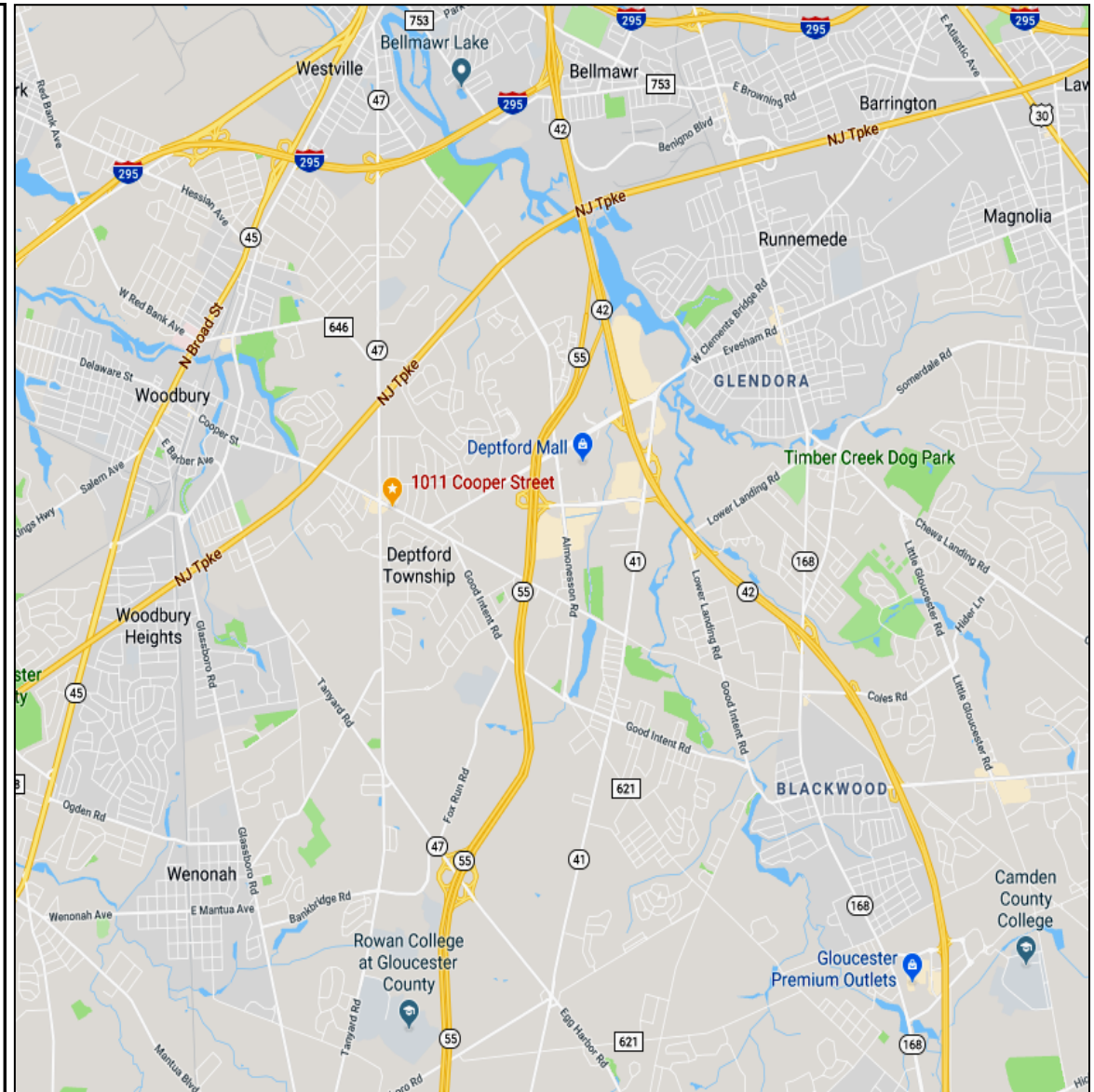
From South

Take NJ-55 N to NJ-47 N in Deptford Township.
 Take exit 56B to merge onto NJ-47 N toward Woodbury/Westville
 0.1 mi, Continue straight to stay on NJ-47 N
 2.5 mi, Turn right onto Cooper St
 Destination will be on the right
 1011 Cooper St, Deptford Township, NJ 08096

From Atlantic City

Take NJ-40 W to NJ-55 N and follow above.

Or NJ-42 W, take exit 12 for NJ-41 S
 0.3 mi, Turn left onto NJ-41 S
 0.4 mi, continue straight to stay on NJ-41 S
 Pass by Arby's (on the left in 0.4 mi)
 0.8 mi, Turn right onto Cooper St



CONGRATULATIONS 50th ANNIVERSARY DRAWING WINNERS

By Mike Prokop

Wow, our special drawing was a great accompaniment to our Division's 50th anniversary celebration. We gave away four really nice quality items to four lucky winners to enjoy and cherish as they pursue their fun in model railroading! Thanks to all of you that participated and supported our special drawing.

All the items in the drawing were generously donated to us from a special friend of the New Jersey Division of whom we thank very much. They enabled us to enhance our anniversary celebrations in such a spectacular fashion.

The drawing was held last May at our joint division meet with the Garden State Division at the Camp Evans facility in Monmouth County. So the winners were...

First Place-Tom Griffiths

MTH Erie Triplex Steam Engine

Second Place-Art Jones

MTH Milwaukee Road Bi-Polor Electric Motor

Third Place-Al Laird

ATHEARN Santa Fe FP45 Diesel Engine

Fourth Place-Matt Eisenstein

Oak Train Display Case

Thanks again to all of you for the support of our 50th Special Drawing. Going forward we still have some really nice quality items that have been donated to our division that you'll see as door prizes and raffle items in our upcoming division meets.

Accompanying these pieces we still have a ton of new and used items in multiple scales as well as tools for you lucky door prize winners to chose from.

Hope you all had a great summer and as they say, "See you in September".



Second Section

Layouts open for viewing this meet

There will be eight layouts open for viewing after our morning meeting September 22nd. If you would like to have your layout open for tours in the future, please let Chuck Higdon know and he will schedule you when a meeting is close to your location.

Below are 2 photos Bill Lane provided of his layout. These are S Scale models, so should be very nice to see.





Bob Ainsworth provided the photos above of his model railroad. He has some nice water scenes.

Below 2 photos of Steve Moylan's model railroad. Photos by Chuck Higdon.





Above 2 photos of P J Mattson's railroad. Photos by Chuck Higdon.

Joseph Zebrowski provided the 2 photos below of his layout.





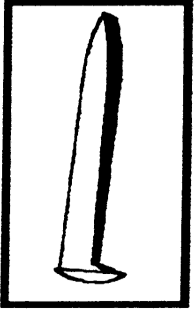
John Tomchick provided these 2 photos of his outside railroad. Lets hope we have nice weather to see it.



Jason Sawyer provided the 2 photos above of his new railroad.

Another new layout for us to visit is Paul More's and he provided the photos below.





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: _____