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## We Plan on Meeting In-Person at Forked River John V. Gallagher Superintendent, New Jersey Division

Welcome back! Barring significant pandemic events that change the rules, we will meet at Lacy United Methodist Church in Forked River, New Jersey. We survived the isolation of conducting our affairs in safety and did well with the remote meetings via the program Zoom. It had its advantages and limitations but I believe it kept us together. We may continue using Zoom as an additional way for members to remain connected and learn from the in-person meets due to their personal circumstances.

### Program for September 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

Our meet will include two clinics plus the other activities of a normal meet. We will conduct the annual business meeting that includes a report from the Superintendent, a Treasurer's Report, a reading of the minutes by the Secretary, and an election of Directors up for a new term. Any other business will be conducted followed by adjournment.

The program will continue with two clinics, raffles and door prizes, time for mingling, a contest, and sales of model railroad items. Members who completed requirements for Achievement Awards will receive their certificates along with awards of appreciation for members who conducted clinics remotely during the pandemic.

After the meet, we will adjourn to lunch on your own and an afternoon of home visits to see layouts in the area. Joe Weisbrod assisted the board in locating a meet facility and recruited the layout owners who will open their homes for visits. Thank you, Joe.



### Winner of the June Virtual Contest Bruce Barrett's Hoboken Railroad Yard.



### Next Division Meet

Saturday September 25, 2021  
9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Contest:

New Jersey Division 50th Anniversary  
Gondola with Loads.

#### Clinics:

George Speidel - Live Steam  
Highlights will discuss of large  
scale live steam railroading.

John Gallagher - How to host a  
Home Layout tour - safety, visitor  
log book, signs, the cross buck,  
parking, etc.

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Groups at <https://groups.io/g/NJDivNMRA>

## Schedules

### NJ Division September Meet

Saturday September 25, 2021, 9 a.m. to Noon

Lacy United Methodist Church

230 W. Lacy Road

Forked River, NJ 08731

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday October 19, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Host – Jack Menaker

Please let us know if you plan to attend

[njdiv.super@gmail.com](mailto:njdiv.super@gmail.com)

### Next Division Meet

Saturday November 13, 2021

Switlik Park Recreation Building

5 Fisher Place, Hamilton, NJ 08620

Clinic is “Works in Progress”

See LOCAL EVENTS on Page 5

for Details for items listed below

### 25<sup>th</sup> National Model Trolley Meet

October 8 - 10, 2021- Allentown Fairgrounds,

Agri-Plex Charles Hall, 17th & Chew Streets,

Allentown, PA 18104

Information: <http://www.eastpenn.org>

### Pacific Southern Railroad

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition,

October 23 & 24, 2021,

26 Washington St, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

website [www.PacificSouthern.org](http://www.PacificSouthern.org),

### Sam Natal Estate- HO Collection Sale

1913 Owl Ct, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Saturday October 2, 2021 Noon to 4 p.m.

## NJ Division Area Hobby Shops

### \* AAA Hobbies & Crafts

706 N. Whitehorse Pike,

Magnolia, NJ 08049

(856) 435-7645

[www.AAAHobbiesandCrafts.com](http://www.AAAHobbiesandCrafts.com)

### \* Sattler's Hobby Shop

14 Haddon Ave.

Westmont, NJ 08108

(856) 854-7136

### \* The Train Room Online Store

[www.thetrainroomNJ.com](http://www.thetrainroomNJ.com)

e-mail [thetrainroomnj@msn.com](mailto:thetrainroomnj@msn.com)

### \* Yankee Dabbler - Track 33

101 W. Kings Hwy, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

[yankeedabbler@aol.com](mailto: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 **John Gallagher, Superintendent**

## Conducting a Meet in Safety

We must recognize that the pandemic of COVID 19 and the Delta variant challenges us to remain safe. I wrote to you in my letter in July that we must follow safe guidelines. Please read the following and cooperate in following these rules. Our goal is to meet in person and protect ourselves and others through safe practices.

1. All attendees must have been fully inoculated with the appropriate COVID vaccine. You are honor bound to comply with this requirement. If you are not inoculated fully, please stay home and attend on Zoom. Do not visit home layouts open for the meet.
2. If you feel sick, have a runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, or the symptoms of a cold, please stay home and attend on Zoom.
3. All persons at the meet must wear a mask that fits closely to the face from the over the nose to under the chin. **Bring your own mask.** Wear the mask during the entire meet. We are indoors where unmasked persons can contract the virus and also transmit the deadly virus to others. We may do social distancing. **No Exceptions.** Please cooperate.
4. Meet members **must wear masks** at visits to open home layouts. This includes the hosts. You are entering a member's home and we must take all precautions to protect

the family of the host that could include unvaccinated children and adults, and the elderly. **No Exceptions.** Please comply.

5. It may be necessary to limit the number of layout visitors in a home at a time so there is adequate distancing of visitors. The layout owner will manage the number of visitors. If there are many waiting for entry, please efficiently conduct your in-house visit and photography in a timely manner so others can also visit.
6. The pandemic restricts our behavior. We must take all precautions for our own safety, the safety of our families and friends, and for the residents in the open house layouts. Our goal is to have members attend an in-person meet and visit layouts in as safe as possible way. Please cooperate in a positive manner so we may safely return to our homes and not bring the virus to our loved ones. Our goal is that no one contracts the virus at our meet.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Changes in the Board

With the move by our former Superintendent Bill Grosse, Jr. to West Virginia, the Board reorganized the responsibilities of its members. Listed below are the Director members for the present.

Superintendent – John V. Gallagher  
 Paymaster/Treasurer – Michael Prokop  
 Clerk/Secretary – Joseph Zebrowski

Contest Chair – Jack Menaker  
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 Editor – Fritz Plenefisch  
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 At Large – Rick Stoneking  
 The Division's Achievement Program (AP)  
 Chair – PJ Mattson, MMR

## A Theme for Our Division

*No one can do everything but everyone can do something*

The success of our Division depends upon the hard work of its Directors and other volunteers who step forward as clinic presenters, our operators of our "canteen" of coffee, baked goods, and other foods for our meets, and others. How about you?

Please sign up. Make suggestions for our Division. Contact me or any of the Directors to offer your services. We will put together an organizing committee to begin the planning and preparations for hosting the MidEastern Region Convention by our Division in the fall of 2025. Many tasks you can do for the Division may earn you credits (TU's) towards the Volunteer Achievement Award, a part of the Master Model Railroader program. Let's hear from you.

Thank you for your membership, friendship, and participation in the New Jersey Division. We can do better with your help.



**If You Haven't Submitted This Form Yet, Please Complete And Send It In, Or Bring To Next Meet**

## 2022 NJ Division Member Information Update Form

Please Complete and Return to the New Jersey Division

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 2 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Online / Email Newsletter Only

No Charge

Mailed hardcopy of newsletter (Optional)

\$15

Annual Activity Fee (Optional)

\$10

Total Amount Enclosed -

\$

NMRA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By NJ Div. 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?

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## Local Events

### **25<sup>th</sup> National Model Trolley Meet , Theme: MU Trolleys. October 8 -10, 2021**

Allentown Fairgrounds, Agri-Plex Charles Hall,  
 17th & Chew Streets, Allentown, PA 18104

East Penn Traction Club. trolley event.  
 Operating modular layouts; O, HO and other  
 scales. Contests; clinics; trolley models, kits,  
 parts , Silent Auction Table. Registration \$23;  
 \$25 after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Spouse and children  
 under 18 free with registered adult. Friday 11  
 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Sunday, October 10, self guided layout tours.

Information: <http://www.eastpenn.org> or  
 contact: Charles Long, Registrar; East Penn  
 Traction Club, Inc.; 227 Locust Rd, Fort  
 Washington PA 19034-1425;  
 215 247-1951; [treasurer@eastpenn.org](mailto:treasurer@eastpenn.org)

### **Pacific Southern Railroad**

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition, October 23 & 24, 2021,  
 26 Washington St, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

Shows are at 10:00 , 11:00 a.m.,  
 12:00 NOON, 2:00 , 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.  
 Visitors limited to 50 for each show. All ticket  
 donations go to local Community Service  
 organizations. For ticket information, access  
 website [www.PacificSouthern.org](http://www.PacificSouthern.org),  
 or call 860-633-2052.

### **Sam Natal Estate-HO Collection Sale**

1913 Owl Ct, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
 Saturday October 2, 2021, Noon to 4p.m.  
 Items for sale include Santa Fe locomotives,  
 rolling stock and a variety of other Railroads.  
 Numerous structures, tools, switch machines.  
*(Cash and Credit Cards only)*

## Golden Spike Award Judging

By Jack Menaker

### **Are you a member of the N.M.R.A.?**

Do you have a miniature railroad in your  
 home. The scale does not matter.  
 Do you enjoy working on your railroad?  
 Do you like when visitors give you  
 compliments on your railroad.  
 How would you like to get an award from  
 the N.M.R.A. for your achievements  
 accomplished while building your railroad.  
 It is easier than you might think.  
 The requirements are as follows.

### **Rolling Stock**

You must display six (6) units of rolling  
 stock (motive power and/or rolling stock).  
 They can be scratch built, craftsmen, or  
 detailed commercial kits). They do not  
 have to be on a layout, they need to be  
 displayed (table, shelf, etc.)

### **Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)**

You need to construct and show a minimum  
 of eight (8) square feet of scenic layout.  
 You need to construct and show five (5)  
 structures (scratch built, craftsmen, or  
 detailed [can be special painting,  
 weathering, adding details] commercial  
 kits).

### **Engineering (Civil & Electrical)**

You will need to show three (3) types of  
 trackage (turnout, crossing, grade elevation

etc.). All must be properly ballasted and  
 installed on appropriate roadbed.  
 Commercial trackage may be used. Note:  
 You do not have to hand lay trackage. Also  
 note that the three types DO NOT have to  
 be different. For example, just having three  
 simple turnouts will qualify.  
 All installed trackage must be properly  
 wired so that two (2) trains can be operated  
 simultaneously (Double track main, single  
 track main with sidings, block or command  
 control etc.)

Provide one (1) additional electrical feature  
 such as powered turnouts, signaling,  
 turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

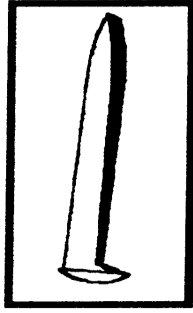
### **New Jersey Division Judges**

The New Jersey Division now has a team of  
 Judges available to evaluate your layout  
 based on the above criteria and you can  
 proudly brag that your railroad meets the  
 requirements for a Golden Spike award.

If you have any questions, please contact  
 any of the members of the Board of  
 Directors (see listed in the Train Orders  
 newsletter) and they will offer guidance on  
 who to talk to.

Jack Menaker  
 New Jersey Division  
 Board of Directors





# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Model Contest News

By Jack Menaker, Model Contest Chairman

## The Contest for May 2021 was Railroad Yards

A yard is 3 feet or 36 inches or 91.4 centimeters or 914.4 millimeters or is a place where you have a pool, B-B-Q, lawn furniture and where you have to mow grass.

**OR**

It is a big area on a Railroad where they sort



boxcars cars etc. Where they assemble and disassemble trains.

Where there is a lot of action going on. So..... we decided that since so much action happens in a Railroad Yard, that would be a good topic for a contest.

### How did we do?

Unlike our last contest “show us the water”. This contest was a dud.

We only received one picture.

So, the winner of the May 2021 contest was Bruce Barrett with his picture of his Hoboken Railroad Yard. Congratulations Bruce  
**Now, on to the next contest in September.**

Since there are two different numbered gondolas (1968 & 2018), your challenge is to include any customization of the car relating to parts added and weathering.

### AND!!!!

The car must have a load. So, if you have purchased one of the cars, load it. If you have not, Contact Rick Stoneking

to purchase a car and go from there. Limited cars available. Get yours soon.

Originally scheduled for March 2020, it is our November 2021 contest, we will be judging for The Boxcar Challenge. Boxcar Challenge rules are shown below.

### 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”

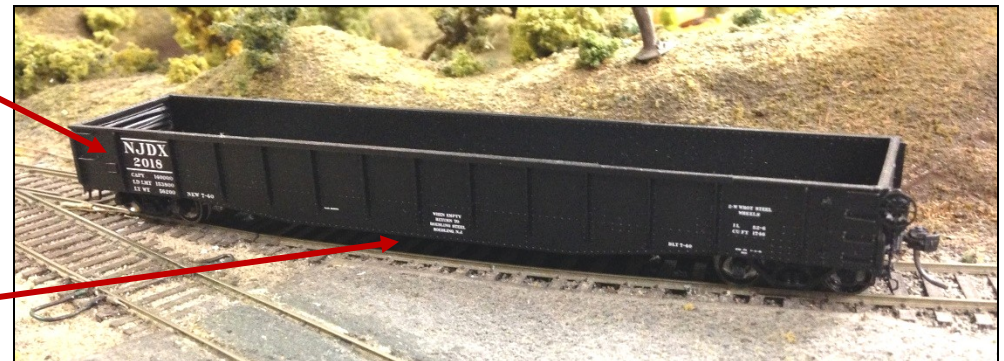
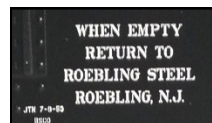
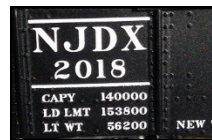
If you model N scale, the diorama must be 5” x 3”

### The boxcar must be recognizable as a former boxcar!

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.



## Clinics for the September Meet

By John V. Gallagher, Director of Clinics

For September, we will offer two clinics, presented in person to meet attendees. Members not attending can observe the clinics at home through a Zoom broadcast.

The first clinic by Division member George Speidel covers a different aspect of model railroading. **Live Steam Highlights** will address the operation of large scale live steam railroading. These operations model actual steam locomotives and rolling stock in ¾ inch to the foot, 1 inch to the foot and 1 ½ inch to the foot scales. The equipment is large enough to carry human beings on specially modified railroad cars. George was involved in a display at Steamtown in Scranton during one of their special events. I was there to observe a temporary circle of track, a version of “snap track” they set up and gave the public rides. One locomotive, a Mogul 2-6-0, that was 1 ½ inch scale, pulled a train where about ten humans passengers rode. I was amazed at the power of the engine. The ride was fun.

For the second clinic, I will present the topic **How to Host a Home Layout** for members as part of the afternoon program of a Division meet. I served as layouts director a decade ago as well as hosted members for division meets and MER conventions. Some topics include preparation of your home and layout space, safety, visitor log book, signs, the cross buck, parking, capacity considerations, neighbors, and layout operations during the visit. The NMRA insurance covers layout owners who are

active/current members only. The host also earns credits (TU's) towards the Volunteer Achievement Award for each day, a part of the MMR program.

Our meet in November, we will be long delayed **Works in Progress** format of simultaneous clinics at Switlik Park in Hamilton. Members were ready to present their clinics in March 2020 when the pandemic hit and we cancelled the meet. They will now offer those clinics up close and personal.

**An appeal.** During the pandemic, I didn't have the opportunity to pass around the clipboard soliciting volunteers for future clinics. I did ask in previous columns for volunteers to contact me with offers to present a clinic. I received NO response to my appeal. Except for a few members who will present a clinic after we return to regular meets, I have exhausted the list of volunteers. I need clinicians for meets in January, March and May, 2022. You can do something. Volunteer. Thanks.



An overview of the 2019 Switlik Park meet showing WIP Clinic presenters and the attendees.

## Less Than Carload

By Fritz Plenefisch

### OOPS!

This is an interesting picture that shows a real life railroad problem and something to consider to model on your layout.

The boxcar has been pushed off the end of track showing a very obvious slant and the truck is well buried in the dirt. It's an opportunity to make use of some work train equipment and scale workers.

Perhaps a virtual contest item.



F. Plenefisch Photos



# New Jersey Division Book Store-Door Prizes-Raffles

By Mike Prokop

It's great getting together again in person for Division meets! No, it's FANTASTIC! The NJD Bookstore will be back to help service the needs of the Division in facilitating not only the sale of books, but also so much of our Division's activities. Such as, receiving donations in the form of books and related model or prototype train items that we can use for door prizes, raffles and sales. Proceeds the Division realizes from donations helps to fund our meetings by providing venue costs and hall rentals and purchasing new merchandise for the door prizes and raffle items. So, if you have some "stuff" hanging around or under your layout that you'll never use, consider donating them to help out our organization and fellow modelers.

Something new I'd like to try out with the start-up of in-person meets again is having a table with free stuff on it for anyone to take. Yes, you read it correctly!: "FREE STUFF!!" Here's how it works. Since I've collected a bunch of things from donations and contributions that are not chosen as door prizes, or that is not an optimum article for the typical door prize winner. Those items will be on the "Free" table for the right person to acquire. Please, only one item or set per person. We can keep this going if folks taking an item can possibly "pay forward" and bring an article to the next meet for a possible door prize or a Free table item. As they say, "one modeler's unneeded items (trash?)...is another's next

project!" Or something like that. By the way, items ignored for a few meets, you'll find in the nearest dumpster! So check out the Free table and choose wisely.

There are some really nice items "in stock" waiting to be claimed as door prizes and raffle items so be sure you get your entrance ticket at the meet for the door prize drawing. Be sure to buy a few raffle tickets: these prizes are much more valuable than door prizes and there's always a good variety of things to choose from on the table. Best of luck! Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meet!



## Model-Prototype By Joe Zebrowski

I have a Walthers "Water St. Freight Terminal" on my layout. It appears to be to be identical to the former Delaware & Hudson RR building on its Vine St. branch in Scranton, PA. It is now used by a large Building Products Dealer and still has rail service which is provided by the Delaware-Lackawanna RR.

On my layout I had to modify the office part to fit the available space by removing one of the office window sections as seen in the photo of my building.



## Second Section

### Layouts open for viewing for the September Meet

For the September 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.  
But if we are missing your area completely, please let us know so we can visit your layout.



Joe Weisbrod's "JERSEY BEACH LINES" showing CNJ trains holding in Bayhead yard. This is an HO railroad that runs from his hometowns of Jersey City to Beachwood NJ. Three levels mostly scenicked.

Above

Ray Russell's layout based on the N&W Pocahontas Division. Circa the late steam era! HO Scale Multi Deck. Trackwork is about 90% done as is the electrical! Scenery is underway! Hope to see all of you!

Above Right

Walt Kohler's "A&W SHORT LINE" is a freight Railroad from Hoboken via Newark Yard to Clifton, Dover, Netcong, Oxford, Phillipsburg. HO SCALE DIGITRAX WIRELESS. Ops one day a month with a crew of 7.

Right



Also on the list are: Dennis Zinn's "Cranberry Lake Railroad and Dave Albertson's "New York & Long Branch"

# The SCHOFIELD ROLLING MILL, circa 1860

**By Thom Radice**

I have many imprints as a youth that attracted me to modeling a civil war rail line. In those early days I found most information about the Western & Atlantic RR which ran from Atlanta to Chattanooga. I speak of these in my MRR article, ... Consequently, when the opportunity presented itself to build the proverbial “dream layout” I chose the W&A and model the summer of 1863. I chose this time frame to include both military and civilian operations. There is more information about the build on my blog by googling western and atlantic rr north branch.



*Photo #1* These are the remains of the of the mill from explosions of ammunition trains that the Confederates destroyed just prior to their retreat from Atlanta GA, 1864. The mill is said to have been built about 1853 and served primarily to re-roll damaged rail as well as rolling new rail and various railroad-oriented material. The only other image is a wood cut showing the mill in full operations, made about 1859. This mill was unique also in that it was one of the rare industries that had track running alongside.

*Photo #2* This front view shows the general layout of a steam hammer off to the far left, rollers which were 3D printed by a good friend and key mentor for the interior elements, and the boilers and furnaces which were all scratch built.

*Photo #3* Given the narrow area for the foot print as it is at the edge of the benchwork, I did a 2/3rds version of the structure. The good news is that it allows for better viewing of the interior as well as access for a siding. This model is also only about 1/3 the actual length. Good ole selective compression!





*Photo #4* A side view showing key features of the side wall oval louvers, coal bin as this was a coal mill and a distinguishing feature, the chimneys. Each one is built with about 22 different parts.

*Photo #5* Iron being rolled. The iron is a Noch product of "iron ingots". It is that color and trimmed down. Figures are Musket Miniature, Rustic Rails, Prieser and Model Power. Each figure was fitted with a leather apron made from the very old toothpaste tube which then was a heavy foil. Tongs are from BTS and scratch built with brass wire.



*Photo #6* Close up of the workers showing detail of the rolling iron and iron debris on the cart. The cart was kit bashed from Prieser Hand Cart kit #17103. Rollers were connected with drive shafts made from brass tubing. The capstans are brass wire inserted through holes I drilled into the screws which adjusted the height of the rollers.

*Photo #7* Break time! This scene was made from the only painting a friend, same who made the rollers, by the artist Menzel. I constructed the modeled scene with figures replicating those in



# New Jersey Division 50th Anniversary Gondola

## 75th Anniversary Gondola

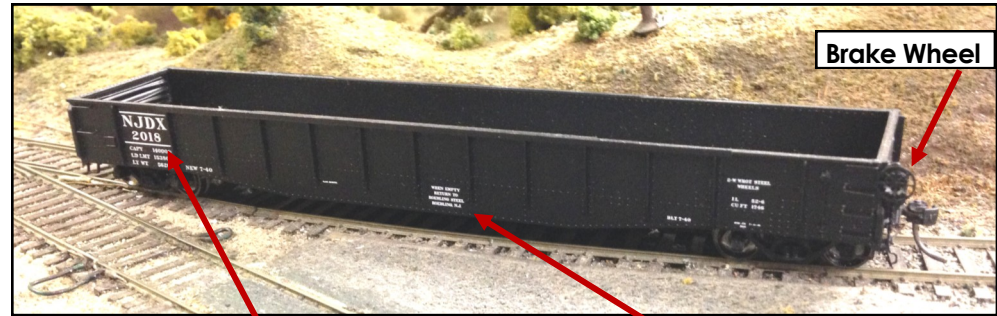
A review of the cars. They are \$35 each, or a set of two for \$65. Car numbers are 1968 and 2018, which was the year that the New Jersey Division was founded and the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The model is from Tangent Models and is a superb model of a 52'6" Riveted Drop End Gondola with 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.

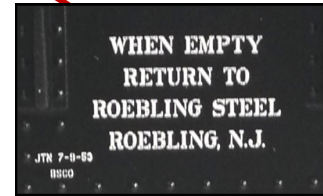
We acquired equal amounts of the two car numbers. Cash or check will consummate the deal and you'll be hauling stuff around your layout in no time!

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 by mail use the Order Sheet. 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.



**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**

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Return this form to NJ Division P O Box 8694 Trenton, NJ 08650

## NEW JERSEY DIVISION ELECTION

It's that time of year again to vote for your Board of Directors, at least some of them. Up for election are John Gallagher, Jack Menaker, Mike Prokop, Tom Neukirchen and Rick Stoneking.

There are officially five director positions up for election with only these five filed petitions for re-election. Write in ballots will be available and all votes will be collected and counted by our former New Jersey Division Superintendent, Bill Grosse and his election assistant, Bill Howard. The election will again be facilitated by Election Buddy so keep an eye out in your email for the election ballot. Follow the instructions in Election Buddy to cast your ballot. Paper ballots will be mailed out to those that previously requested them. Please return them per the instructions enclosed with the ballot. Voting will begin September 1st and conclude on September 19th.

Results will be announced at the September 25th Division meet in Forked River.

