



Here are some events and special announcements that cannot wait for the next newsletter.

The next issue of the newsletter is scheduled for publication by March 31, 2017. So if anyone has an article, story or anything else that they would like to have published in the next issue of THE FLYER please send it to Ron Pelletier at nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net as soon as possible.

Notice of Voting for New Director

At the April 8th 2017 event for the Nutmeg Division we will be voting in a new director as James Mayo's second term will be ending. If you or someone you know would be willing to put their name in for nomination and are willing to provide some guidance and knowledge to the Nutmeg Division, please contact Ronald Pelletier at nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net as soon as possible so that we can provide your name to the membership. With only a total of three voting members of the BOD we really need someone to volunteer.

The Nutmeg Division has a total of three voting members of the Board of Directors. Each director serves for a three year term. In April of each year, one of the three directors term will expire, so there will be a vote in April of each year to either select a new director for a three year term or to re-elect the outgoing director if that person has so decided to stay on for another term of three years. After that vote, a second vote will then be taken in regards to which Director will become the New Superintendent for the next year.

James Mayo was re-elected as Superintendent in April 2016.

James Mayo's (second) term as director ends in April 2017
Greg Lane's (first official) term as director ends in April 2018
John Gamm's (first) term as director ends in April 2019

Here is a pre-notification of the Nutmeg Division event for April 8, 2017

The meeting will be held at the new facility for the Amherst Railway Society located at:

Amherst Railway Society
1130 South Main Street
Palmer MA 01069

The clinics for this event are still in the planning stages.

We will have two great layouts to visit and they are listed below.



Dick Joyce is going to open his layout as seen on <http://trainmasters.tv/search/node/dick%20joyce%20layout> Ingleside & Oakdale. Fully scened, double deck, lots of detail freelanced layout. There are three videos that you can view at <http://trainmasters.tv/search/node/dick%20joyce%20layout>

Tom Laware will open his new to us 1950's Boston & Maine Conn River Line layout. This layout is double decks in parts, under construction with buildings and scenery in progress.

For those of you that are more interested in having an OPERATING SESSION, Sudro Brown suggested an operating session on his Wisconsin Central layout in Amherst, Ma. This is a remarkably well running TT/TO (time table/train order) layout. There are slots for (nine to eleven, 9 - 11 operators). The session will start at 1:30 pm and last until about 4.

Please RSVP through James Mayo at jmayo_railfan@yahoo.com, directions will be given when you sign up.

VERY SAD NEWS TO REPORT

It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you about the death of Joe Lepage of the Amherst Railway Society. Please click on the following link to review his obituary <http://obits.masslive.com/obituaries/masslive/obituary.aspx?n=Joseph-A-Lepage&pid=184160139>

For additional tributes about Joe, please click on the following link with the Amherst Railway Society <http://www.amherstrail.org/ARS/news-newsletters.php>

CNY DIVISION "OPS" TIL YOU DROP WEEKEND

The Central New York Division of The NMRA Presents:

"Ops" Til You Drop Weekend 2017

Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2, 2017

Three Sessions Totaling 10.5 Hours of Railroad Operations
On Three of Seven Top Layouts
Utica/Syracuse NY Area



The Leadville and Red Cliff
of Bill Brown

****THE NEW Canada Spokane and Pacific**
of Drew James

Ogdensburg and Norwood
of Jim Heidt

CSX Northeast
of Dave Martini

Mohawk Valley Southern
of Bernie Messenger

The Brunswick and Tuscan
of Mike Shanahan

****THE NEW D&RGW Narrow Gauge**
of Bill Brown

**** First Time Layouts**



The Schedule:

Saturday April 1st

- 12:30pm - Arrive at First Assigned Layout for Orientation
- 1pm to 4:30pm - First Operations Session
- 4:30 to 5:15 - Dinner Provided at Your First Layout
- 6pm - Arrive at Second Assigned Layout for Orientation
- 6:30 to 10pm - Second Operations Session
- 10pm - Travel to Your Hotel (Lists Provided Later)

Sunday April 2nd

- 8:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast at Common Site (Details Later)
- 10:30am - Arrive at Third Assigned Layout for Orientation
- 11am to 2:30pm - Third Operations Session

Cost - \$10 (By March 17, 2017)

Covers Your Saturday Dinner and Snacks

You Will Be Responsible for Your Hotel Cost and Sunday Breakfast

YES!

Reserve Me a Spot For

"OPS" Til You Drop

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Select 3 layouts and number 1, 2, 3 with 1 being your top choice.
Layout assignments will be made approximately 2 weeks prior to sessions. There
are no guarantees we can honor your preferences but we will try.**

- The Canada, Spokane and Pacific of Drew James (North of Syracuse)
- The Leadville and Red Cliff Modern RR of Bill Brown (Syracuse Area)
- Ogdensburg and Norwood of Jim Heidt (Between Utica and Syracuse)
- CSX Northeast of Dave Martini (Syracuse Area)
- Mohawk Valley Southern of Bernie Messenger (Utica Area)
- Tuscan and Brunswick of Mike Shanahan (South of Syracuse)
- The Colorado Narrow Gauge of Bill Brown (Syracuse Area)

BY March 17

Send \$10 Check Made Out To

CNY Division, NER, NMRA

With This Form To:

Bill Brown

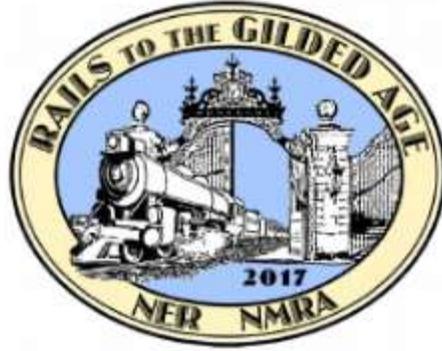
6002 Singletree Lane

Jamesville, NY 13078

HUB Division Spring TRAINing Call for Volunteers

The HUB's Spring TRAINing show is on Saturday, April 22nd in Wellesley, MA. This show is our smaller one-day show that includes clinics and is followed by the annual meeting and a banquet. We need volunteers to make the event run smoothly, so please volunteer for a shift to help the division and, while there, take in some great clinics. If you volunteer, your admission is waived. Please contact Bill Barry at editor@hubdiv.org and volunteer today.

NER DIVISION 2018 CONVENTION



Thursday, November 9 thru Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Little Rhody Division will host "*Rails to the Gilded Age*", the 2017 NMRA North Eastern Region (NER) Convention. The convention will take place at the new Atlantic Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Middletown, RI. The convention will offer modeling clinics, modeling contests, layout tours, operating sessions, prototype tours, and non-rail activities for NMRA members and their families.

Running this convention will require many volunteers, some before the convention and some during the convention. We need your help to make this convention the best that it can be.

Some of the jobs include:

- helping staff the registration table to provide information on Newport and relieve the regional registrar once in a while.
- staffing the raffle and hospitality room, bringing food to share, selling tickets, and keeping people informed about activities.
- working the clinic rooms, introducing the clinics, making sure that the AV systems are working properly, and making sure that clinics end on time.
- Helping people with layout tours, including staffing the various open houses to ensure that the entire burden is not on the person hosting the layout.
- Publicity, including posting flyers, information, and otherwise encouraging people to attend.
- Staffing booths at various train shows, both for the division outreach and the convention outreach.
- Assisting where necessary in the contest room.
- Selling drink tickets for the reception.
- Maintaining lines of communication back to the convention central location.
- Helping with tours, including organizing car pools and ensuring that everyone has tickets that they need. This is an on the ground job at the convention.
- Contacting local businesses about advertising in the program book.
- Contacting vendors for donations for the raffle.
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This list is just a start. There is much to do and we need your help. If you can help with advance planning or for just a few hours during the convention, please let me know what you are interested in doing and I will add you to the list.

Thank you,
Linda Bergemann
Membership Chair
Little Rhody Division NMRA
lbergemann@aol.com 401-322-9946

An opportunity to ride on some rare mileage tracks



All Aboard for Mass Bay RRE's exclusive 'TORRINGTON EXTRA' on the Naugatuck Railroad



(Boston) – Thomaston, CT -- Waterbury (Highland Jct.) – Torrington & Return
Saturday, April 29, 2017 ONLY!!

Join Mass. Bay RRE for a return trip – our first since 2003 -- over the entire ex- New York, New Haven & Hartford **Naugatuck Railroad** from Waterbury to Torrington, CT. Opened in 1849, then leased to the New Haven in 1889, the "Naugy" is now owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and operated by volunteers of the Railroad Museum of New England. Our "Tour of the Line" charter train will cover all of the Naugy's operable track, including the "freight-only" section north of the Army Corps' Thomaston Dam to Torrington. The line from Waterbury to Torrington was upgraded last year in a major ConDOT-funded rehab that replaced 11,000 ties, a mile of rail, and surfaced almost 10 miles of track.



Photo by Howard Pincus

Our special train will leave the preserved Thomaston depot promptly at 10 AM. We'll first head south to Highland Junction, the Naugatuck's connection to Pan Am Southern (from Hartford) in Waterbury. Then we'll return to Thomaston for a lunch break. Passengers may order a box lunch or bring their own picnic lunch to eat off the train during our stop. We'll then continue north, traveling across the face of the Thomaston dam and over the newly-restored track to the end of the line in Torrington. Several photo opportunities are planned, including locations that are accessible only by rail.

The Boston Connection Package

Sit back and leave the driving to us! Our connecting motor coach package offers a guaranteed connection with our train at Thomaston. Our rest-room equipped motorcoach will leave Boston's South Station at 7:00 AM, the Riverside MBTA station at 7:20 AM and the Millbury Park & Ride (MassPike Exit 10A) at 7:50 AM. The motorcoach connection is scheduled to arrive back in the Boston area around 7:00 PM.

Ex-New Haven EMD FL-9 2019, completely restored to its classic original McGinnis-era New Haven livery, will lead our train of three ex-Canadian National coaches and former Rutland combine 260. Extra-fare coach seating in the Rutland 260 includes exclusive access to the combine section, where the baggage doors will be open for photos.

Train capacity is limited! Passengers wishing to sit together must order tickets together as a group. Mass Bay RRE and Railroad Museum of New England members will receive discounted fares. See our web site for complete details and membership information. (Mass Bay RRE membership is not necessary to ride this trip.)

This trip operates **ONE DAY ONLY**, rain or shine. All sales are final and tickets are not refundable. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid-April. Directions to the departure location in Thomaston will be sent with your tickets. Please notify us before ordering if special accommodations (handicap seating, etc.) are required.

For more information about this or any other Mass Bay RRE event, or for membership information, visit our web site at www.massbayrre.org, call us at 978-470-2066, or send e-mail to: trips@massbayrre.org. Mass Bay RRE is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] Massachusetts educational corporation. We have operated train excursions throughout New England since 1934.

Mail your ticket order for the 'Torrington Extra' to: Mass Bay RRE, Box 4245, Andover, MA 01810.

Please include a self-addressed, stamped business-size (#10) envelope with your order!

Make checks payable to 'Mass Bay RRE'. Telephone orders accepted with all major credit/debit cards at 978-470-2066

(NAUGY) **Please send tickets for Mass Bay RRE's 'Torrington Extra' Excursion on April 29, 2017 as follows:**

Name: _____

Additional Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Check here if you are a member of Mass Bay RRE/RMNE

*Must be current Mass Bay RRE/RMNE member for disc. fare

Payment information: Check enclosed Credit card:

MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Credit card billing address if different from above: _____

Coach Seating (Train only, boarding at Thomaston, CT)

____ Member@ \$55* ____ Non-member @ \$65 .. \$ _____

____ Youth Coach Fares (Age 18 & under) @ \$35 \$ _____

Boston Connection Package**

Boarding at: South Station (7:00 AM) Riverside MBTA (7:20 AM)

Millbury, MA Park & Ride - MassPike exit 10A (7:50 AM)

____ Member@ \$95* ____ Non-member @ \$110 \$ _____

____ Youth Package Fares (Age 16 & under) @ \$75 \$ _____

Premium Seating:

____ Rutland 260 Combine/Coach Extra Fare @ +\$20 \$ _____

Rutland 260 fare includes exclusive access to combine section.

Box Lunch: ____ @ \$12 (Make selection below) \$ _____

____ Roast Beef ____ Ham & Cheese ____ Vegetarian

TOTAL \$ _____

**Note: Boston Connection Package includes coach train fare, round-trip motor coach transportation from South Station, Riverside or Millbury to Thomaston. Order Rutland 260 seat and/or box lunch separately

Where did you first learn about this trip? Please be as specific as possible: _____

RRE Use Only

FREE LAYOUT TOUR #17

Self-guided model railroad Open House

18 layouts open this year featuring 4 new Layouts and updates to many others
Please check (see below) to be sure the layout you want to see is open this year

SATURDAY April 8th 2017 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Note *layout #13 CN Plymouth Sub will be open 8 AM till 5 PM*

Look for Orange signs with layout number

1. New England and Western

Bill Robertson

63 Frontier Drive

Attleboro, MA. 02703

Tel # 1-508-222-7776

The New England and Western is a large freelance HO scale railroad, which models New England prototypes of the steam era with numerous interesting line side structures suitable for that period. The layout is operated by NCE DCC system control with sound. The layout features car card freight operation. The scenery is about 90% completed with some very interesting scenes depicting life in the early to mid-part of the 20th century. Lou Sassi has photographed Bill's layout and it is in the July 2013 **Model Railroader** article. For an on board camera video tour click on the following link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayqllcPARrk>

2. Old Colony & South Shore Railroad

Cliff Coutinho

Cliff passed away in February of this year

The number 2 will remain on layout as a memorial to Cliff

To see a video of Cliff's go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWNaJwMnSbY> and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ffOtA4QCe8>

3. Aquidneck Valley RR

Ed Silvia

232 Honeyman Ave,

Middletown, RI

Tel #401-846- 3436

The AVRR is a large HO railroad occupying two rooms, one 20x24, and the other 26x10. The minimum radius is 30 inches and all the track work is complete. The scenery is about 90% complete. The total track laid is about 1300 feet. Trains are powered by diesels, and controlled by a Digitrax DCC radio system with sound. The railroad has two large freight yards, numerous industries, including 3 coalmines, an ore mine, and gravel processing plant, many bridges, in an eastern mountainous setting. The layout was featured in the November 2004 **Model Railroader**. To see a video of the Aquidneck Valley go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXg-3zFaTgk>

4. Providence & Worcester

Donald Irace

11 Road C,

North Scituate, RI

Tel #401-647-2455

Enter from garage.

This 42'x25' double decked railroad is located in the basement. Enter from garage. It is a fictitious track plan between Worcester Mass. & Queens N.Y. It models the Providence & Worcester Railroad as a regional freight carrier with track age rights on the Amtrak's northeast corridor. Commodities include Paper goods, coal, stone, plastic resins, produce, lumber, grain, cement, chemicals, general merchandise and Scrap metals. Interchange is made with CSX Transportation; Sea View Railroad a short line railroad located in Davisville, RI, New England Central Railroad in Ct and the Guilford Rail System in Gardner Mass. The railroad is dispatcher controlled by means of computerized CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) using two dispatchers, one on site and the second which is located in Ringgold, Georgia. A few new areas were remodeled. The Inland Paper & Pulp is still under construction and valley falls yard was put back into service. In 2016 all locomotive were updated to ESU Loksound.

For more info see the P & W website at <http://www.trainweb.org/pwmrr> or visit us on Facebook.
Using Google Type in 11 Road C No Scituate, RI 02857 not North Scituate

5. Quebec & New England Railway

Jim Reddington and Associates

NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

6. Rhode Haven Railroad

Marshall Sommer

Ski Valley Condominiums

80 Fisher Road Unit #62

Cumberland, R.I. 02864

Tel #1-401-333-9647

The Rhode Haven is a freelanced HO railroad using New Haven power. It is set in the 1930's through 1940's era. Since I live in a condo I do not have a lot of room in the basement so I used two rooms with a duck under to try and incorporate as much railroading as possible. The main room consists of a large city and yard and the small room has a smaller town and country. The railroad features many craftsman kits as well as kit bashed and scratch built structures. The harbor peninsula is now complete and features a large waterfront area with many structures, boats and a branch line.

Progress has been made this year with a new addition and additional mainline, leading to the eventual elimination of the duck under. This will also make space for more of Marshall's craftsman and scratch built structures. *The new addition and elimination of the duck under is complete and new this year is a new large waterfront scene*, Marshall was lucky enough to have Lou Sassi shoot the layout which was published in February 2010 **Model Railroader**. The layout is also featured in a **Model Railroad Masters DVD by FOS**.

Directions to Fisher Rd can be found in Google maps. Once you get to Fisher Rd. you go up all the way until you get to a small post office on the right. Take the first right after the post office, go up the hill and take a left at the stone wall Continue straight and look for # 62 on the left. If you get lost call 1-401-333-9647. **NOTE: 80 is the mailing address look for UNIT # 62.**

7. Pennsy Middle Division

Jimmy Deignan

NOT OPEN. The layout has been sold.

8. Westport Central and Northern

Armand G. Lavoie

18 James Ave,

Westport, Ma.

Tel # 1-508-678-4490

Armand has a freelance HO scale layout located in a 15 X 28 foot area of his basement. It is built with two Main lines. It is controlled by a Lenz DCC system and can also be operated with conventional DC. It models small town New England mountain areas. The layout has many scratch built and craftsman kit structures with lighting and animation. Scenery is 99%.

9. Southern New England Railroad

Jason and Pam Fontaine

39 Fitzgerald Road

Charlton, Ma 01507

Tel # 1-774-230-1246

The Southern New England Railroad (SNE) is a freelance HO scale railroad of the planned CN/CV extension from Palmer, MA to Providence, RI. The sinking of the Titanic played a major part in this railroad never being completed. I am modeling the SNE as it would have been in autumn of the transition era. My backdrop is photos shot by Lou Sassi which were blended together to make an 80' virtually seamless panoramic view of New England. I have Craftsman and scratch-built structures with very detailed scenes. Since the layout was featured in the July 2010 **Model Railroader**, it has been doubled in size - now 14' by 40'. The entire section (Southbridge) 11' x 3' was cut out and moved 16' away and reconnected with the new track plan. The new trackage is now up and running and scenes are being re-worked and repaired. The scenery which was 100% completed on the original layout is now about 50% completed on the expanded version. The layout is operated by North Coast Engineering DCC. Please visit my website at: <http://www.snerr.net> for more photos and information.

10. Clinch Mountain

Dave MacPherson MMR

83 Bridge Street

East Bridgewater, Ma 02333

Tel # 1-508-378-3617

Dave's Clinch Mountain Railway is an HO scale, early 1960s, freelance layout located in two rooms in his basement, with many scratch-built and kit bashed structures, wireless throttles, hand laid track and finished scenery. It is a bridge route serving New England, interchanging with all local roads of the time period, with both point-to-point and continuous operation and featuring both steam and diesel motive power. Much has been added to the layout since the last time on the tour including a new industrial area with many more structures. The layout was featured in the September 2014 issue of **Model Railroader**.

11. Atlantic Great Eastern Railroad

Jeff Leonard

NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

12. Western Maryland Railway – Tygart Valley Division

Tony Donatelli

NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

13. CN Plymouth Sub

Wally Brady

19 Ryder's Orchard Lane

Plymouth, ma

Tel 781-801-8897

Special hours 8 AM till 5PM Enter Through the garage to view.

The CN Plymouth sub is a 15 x 54 ft. Lenz controlled DCC HO layout based on the Canadian National railroad in modern time. The layout consists of mostly scratch built and kit bashed buildings and hundreds of handmade trees. There is over 700 ft. of track and 120 turnouts. A large dock with a grain boat sits opposite a massive grain storage elevator. A double track lift bridge highlights the dock scene. Layout scenery is 100% complete with numerous industries and towns. Layout is in basement and not handicapped accessible. View this layout on Model **Railroad Hobbyist Magazine** March 2015 issue <http://model-railroadhobbyist.com> and Featured on Train Masters TV Video August 2016 Wally Brady's Canadian National Plymouth Division at 2016-08.2: [Wally Brady's Canadian National | TrainMasters TV](#) (Subscription required)

14 Gotham city & Metropolis Railroad

Jeff Turner
136 Maria Avenue
Southbridge, MA 01550
Telephone 774- 230-1860

The GC&M is a free-lanced HO-scale, Lenz-DCC controlled, railroad that operates between the 2 most famous cities in the fictitious DC Comics universe. The layout is in an 11 x 14 room in a basement (accessible by stairs only). The area modeled is the 47th Street Yard and Waterfront areas of Gotham City. It has 99% of its scenery completed, including many street and building lights for operating during the evening hours when criminal activity is at its peak in Gotham. Gotham's Dark Knight, his famous Rogues Gallery and many of his associates from the Justice League can be found through-out the city in HO-scale form. Did we mention there is actually a model railroad here that runs some actual prototypical operations? Website: <http://www.trainweb.org/gcmrr/>

15 Mashamou Valley & Western

Bob Davis
120 Freedley Rd
Pomfret Ct
Tel # 860 928 4618

The Mashamou and Western railroad is fantasy railroad set in the 50's and 60'. It is a two level layout. The main yard is called Ridge Yard. From Ridge yard interchange trains travel 220' West on the Yellow Birch division to interchange with the New Haven, 210' East on the Green River division to interchange with the B&M and 140' North on the Red River division to switch out the Applegate Industrial Park. There are 10 towns to be switched out that are off the main line. Car cards are not used instead markers are placed on cars to indicate which division they are going to, which town they are going to and where they are going to be spotted. Track power is by NCE. Engines are controlled by Soundtraxx

16. Pennsy-Altoona to Cresson PA

Chuck Mercier
294 Dow Road
Plainfield, CT 06374
Tel #860-564-8882

The railroad is 20' x 25' and is located on the second floor of the garage. It is set in the summer of 1956 and the scenery is near 100% complete. It is operated by wireless DCC and operations consist of moving trains up and down the 1.8% east slope of the Alleghany Mountains adding and dropping helper engines at Altoona and Cresson respectively. Switching operations are limited to the Altoona yard, a coal mine and a couple of other industries due to the nature of the prototype location. Steam power along with first and some second generation diesels are used as motive power. Most of the structures are commercial kits with some being kit bashed. The future effort is to replace the structures with scratch built and craftsman kits more representative of the prototype. Current activities consist of installing structure lighting and weathering equipment. You can see more information and photos of the railroad at www.pennsylvaniarailroad.org

17. The Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad

David and Emily Kiley
12 Altham Street
Swansea, Ma 02777
508-965-5695

The Providence, Warren and Bristol is a G gauge indoor interurban line set in November, 1941. The railroad abruptly ended when a tanker destroyed the Slades Ferry Bridge, a combination railroad, trolley and vehicle swing bridge in 1937. The layout represents what could have been if the railroad bridge had been replaced and is as complete as a model railroad ever can be. Centered on the Coles River the 8' by 10' layout is packed with the details from the lives of its many inhabitants. Come meet the town's people as they scurry around on a Friday night. There are only 6 easy steps down to our lower level.

18. The Providence and Worcester Railroad

Michael A DeBoise
2 Jesse Rd
Dudley Ma
Tel # 508-461-7282 Home
508-292-0730 Cell

The Providence and Worcester Railroad is a Ho layout modeling the 1970's and 1980's it had a hidden helix as well as two large staging yards. Single track mainline with long passing sidings allows up to five (5) operators to move mostly freight with some passenger action as well.

Facts :

24 ft. x 16 ft. room with a Double Decker

Car card system

Digitrax Duplex Operating System

Code 100 Peco track and Switches

Scenery about 40 percent finished

Custom Backdrops

Large classification yard (Worcester)

Many craftsman kits as well as Cornerstone buildings a model railroader's dream come through from an operating point of view.

19. Providence & Worcester

Tom Lavallee
33 Munyan Rd
Putnam, CT. 06260
860-315-4191

The layout is a modern themed H O scale with a single main line with mountains, valleys, and city scenes. There are a total of 16 bridges two of which are removable for access to the layout. There are two staging areas. The layout is DCC with NEC. The scenery is about 50% done. The layout can also be run as continuous running or can be operated with up to 5 operators in different areas. The layout room is 24' x 20'. Access into the layout is easily accessible with one step into the room.

20. Neponset Ridge Shortline

Ray Schofield
93 Sheppard Drive
Warwick, R.I 02886
401-739-2878

The HO NRSL and the HOn3 Wild River is a steam era layout and is in two rooms with dual gauge staging in another part of the basement. The main room is 12 by 25. The second room is about 12 by 11 and houses the HOn3 trackage and also acts as the crew lounge. The track work is Microscale code 70 and is complete. Scenery is well underway and about 30% complete. A photo of the layout room appeared in February 2015 Model Railroader "Trains of Thought" by Tony Koester. Photos and a blog are at <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/node/27380>

21. Penn Central (Modern Day)

Bob Hill
71 Winter Street
Bellingham, Ma.
1-251-753-2867

The 2017 Penn Central is an alternate-history modeling effort that assumes the PC merger had not been consummated until 1990, well after the 1980 Staggers Bill and represents one of only three mega-mergers that did occur to date.(2017), they are PC, BN and NS...in this world there is no BNSF, no mega-UP, and no CSX and Conrail never happened...the Staggers Act had been the closest thing to salvation the Northeast had....and the original class 1 railroads that make up the never-created BNSF, CSX , mega-UP and CR all still exist. The railroad modeled is based on a potential traffic base from the St Lawrence Seaway/Canada to DeWitt Yard in NY and then onward to the east, west and south utilizing the ex-NYC Massena mainline. It assumes a good chunk of CN and CP run through trains...and the largest industry online is

Adirondack Specialty Steel's St Lawrence Works, an integrated mill located in South Massena. It is served by its' own short line, the Norwood & South Massena Railway. Ultimately the PC will serve a complete port facility, (Port Massena) with both mineral and grain handling major facilities, various mineral providers such as limestone processors, ore processors and a calcium carbonate plant among others. A simple 2-track 25 car interchange with the Alcoa Massena plant's railroad serves this "off the layout" large plant. Metallurgical coke is provided by unit trains from off the layout via NS and Chessie as well as PC trains out of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie from the Pittsburgh area. Just over the Grasse River, lies PC's St Lawrence Yard, whose 550 car arrival/departure yard and major locomotive facilities are modeled. One peninsula will contain another traffic originator - the city of Watertown. Interchange tracks with VTR and CN are located along the main line. Currently bench work for the 61 x 27 foot railroad is about 55% erected, with the first helix to under-layout staging now completed. There is a functioning mainline all around the periphery of the fully open (no columns or walls) room meaning there is providing 176 of the planned 440 foot mainline being operable. As for track all of the track in St Lawrence Yard itself is in place, the engine facilities are about 60% done track-wise....the steel mill (to be some 58' long) has its' support yard in place and a good deal of plant trackage associated with the blast furnaces and scrap handling is in - some finishing mills trackage is in as well as some trackage for the electric furnaces and BOF...a number of custom 3D-printed items have been or are being prepared for the mill and environs.. Staging is under the layout and is in the beginning stages of built....switches are all manual presently and will be all set up as remote-manual. I have a contractor in China creating hundreds of a modified brass switch throw arrangements made exclusively for me that will work in the 2" foam subroadbed... based on the old Eschelman (sp?) link. Trains will be run but true operation will not be possible until all of the remote operable switch controls are in next year.

Bob Hill

22. Coastal Mountain

Bob Blick

Buzzards Bay, Ma.

508-269-3870

The Coastal Mountain is classified as a transfer railroad. The layout is approximately 10' x 30'. The HO layout is an eclectic freelance layout. Control is by Lenz. The operations use car cards. The layout is 90% scened. Also there is a small N scale and Marx operating layouts. On display are many automobile, trucks and tin plate trains. The HO layout consists of passenger and freight operations, it will take you from ocean to the mountains. We also feature 2 hand made transfer tables and many operating details. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of this unique railroad.

For maps go to Google maps, enter the address and map will appear.

For inquiries and photos go to our website <http://layouttour.com/>

OTHER ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

MAR 18 2017

Toronto Ontario Canada

Toronto Railway Prototype Modelers Meet
Humber College North Campus Building B rooms B201 and B202
<https://torontoprototypemodellers.wordpress.com/>

MAR 18 2017

Plant City Florida

H.B. Plant Railroad Historical Society Train Show and Swap Meet
John Trinkle Building on the Plant City Campus Hillsborough Community College
<http://www.hbplantrr.org>

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Kirkland Ohio

Railfest 2017 Model Train Show MCR Div. 5
Lakeland Community College <http://www.Railfest.org>

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Edison New Jersey

New Jersey Expo Center
Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show <http://greenbergshows.com/schedule/>

MAR 19 2017

Auburn Massachusetts

The Worcester Model Railroaders Inc

Annual Show and Sale
Auburn Elks 754 Southbridge St <http://www.wmrr.org> pjsmithross@aol.com

MAR 24 – 25 2017 **Greensburg Pennsylvania**
RPM-East at Ramada Greensburg Hotel & Conference Center
http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

MAR 25 2017 **LaGrange Illinois**
36th Annual All American Railroad Show
Lyons Township High School Fieldhouse
<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/divisions/dupage/dupageindex.htm>

MAR 25 – 26 2017 **Wilmington Massachusetts**
Shriners Auditorium
Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show <http://greenbergshows.com/>

APR 1 2017 **Louisville Kentucky**
Division 8 Mid-Central Region Train Show and Sale
Moose lodge <http://www.div8-mcr-nmra.org>

APR 1 – 2 2017 **Rochester New York**
Rochester Dome Arena
Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show <http://greenbergshows.com/schedule/>

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