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To promote Model Railroading and help educate modelers in the skills
of Model Railroading

This is your invitation to participate in the General Membership Event
of the NMRA Nutmeg Division

On the Second Saturday of the month, December 8, 2018, at the
following station

Wethersfield Police Department
Community Room
250 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, Connecticut

This facility is wheel chair accessible
Non-members, family and friends are welcome to attend

Nutmeg Division Hats and patches will be available at the event.

Waybill:

Ticket Booth Opens: 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM: will be to socialize, have refreshments and review the white elephant table and member's latest modeling efforts and memorabilia.

Passengers wishing to sell excess equipment, structures, etc. are invited to bring these items to the meeting for the white elephant table. A donation to the division of 10% of the selling price will be greatly appreciated.

Passengers are also invited to bring in their latest modeling efforts and memorabilia for everyone to see and appreciate.

9:45 AM to 10:00 AM will be for General Announcements.

We are still looking for any volunteer who would be interested in becoming the next Clinic Chairperson (you do not have to be a director for this position) please make your intentions

known and send your name to Ronald Pelletier ASAP at nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net

Clinic Chairperson Position: Job Description

Arrange for 2 clinics per meeting, aiming for 45 minutes to 1 hour duration. Topics can include (but are not limited to) railfanning, prototype structures, prototype rolling stock, scenery, modeling techniques, photography, tools, operations.

Clinicians do not have to be NMRA Members.

Communicate with the Board of Directors and the Communication Manager in regards to the name of the clinician(s) and topic. The Superintendent will print and sign a Certificate of Appreciation for presentation to the clinician(s).

Now for the rest of the event notice:

At this time unfortunately we only have one clinic to be presented.

If you would like to provide a clinic for this event please contact Andrew Porter ASAP @ ihtsbih_2014@yahoo.com

Clinic #1: 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM: Introduction to Neopixels presented by Jim Kline

A NEOPIXEL consists of three discreet LED's (Red, Green, Blue) plus an integrated controller assembled as a very small package that can be controlled by a micro controller. Any combination of the three LED's can be activated at various brightness levels, making many different colors possible. Their small size and ease of programming make them an excellent choice for illuminating the interior of model structures and for animated displays.

Jim Kline is a member of the Farmington Valley Railway Society & Canton Historical Museum and has recently retired as the technical training supervisor for Honeywell Fire Systems. He has automated the Canton Historical Museums RR diorama of the Collins Axe company and is currently working on illuminating the FVRS layout. Jim will discuss first steps needed to begin using NEOPIXELS on your layout.

Clinic #2: 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM:

Departure Time 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM Break for lunch

There will be a BOD meeting (during the lunch break) at the Wethersfield Police Dept. All NMRA members are invited to attend.

December, 2018 NMRA Nutmeg Layout Tours Bob Cochran and John Grosner

The two December tour layouts are exceptional. John Grosner's was featured in Model Railroader in 2009. Bob Cochran's has been photographed by Lou Sassi for an upcoming Model Railroader feature article. Both layouts are complete, fully scened and fully operational. You will not want to miss seeing these fantastic layouts.

Stops: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

John Grosner's New Haven Layout, Milford, CT

The finished layout measures 20' x 15'. It depicts the Shelton / Derby as seen in the steam to diesel transition. Other notables: hand-laid track, resin cast buildings, NCE control, sound equipped locomotives.

This layout was featured in Model Railroader magazine in 2009.

Bob Cochran's Vermont Railway Layout, Seymour, CT

Bob's finished layout measures 26' x 23'. It depicts the Vermont Railway in the late summer to early fall. Other notables: NCE control, sound equipped locomotives, scratch-built and kit-bashed resin cast buildings. There is 96' of mainline, point to point and 106' loop.

This layout was photograph by Louis Sassi for a future issue of Model Railroader magazine.

This layout is handicapped accessible through the garage. Also has a downstairs bathroom.

Event dates for 2019

The following dates have been verified for the Nutmeg Division's Events for 2019.

February 9, 2019

April 10, 2019

June 8, 2019

August 10, 2019

October 12, 2019

December 14, 2019

The following pictures are from Bob Cochran's layout.





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Sincerely and respectfully submitted for your pleasure,

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If you need to talk with me, please call 860-977-5573 any evening between 7:30 PM and 10:00 PM. This is the time period that I am usually near my computer. If you are unable to call during this time period please send me an e-mail so that we can arrange some other form of communication.

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