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Volume 15, issue 2 of THE FLYER will be scheduled for publication sometime during the last week of May 2014.

If anyone has an article, story anything that they would like to have included in the next issue of THE FLYER please send it to Ron Pelletier at nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net as soon as possible. The deadline will be whenever I get it as it usually ends up being last minute anyway due to end of month work schedules.

Please visit our website at <http://www.nutmegdivision.com>

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From the Desk of the Superintendent, James Mayo: jmayo_railfan@yahoo.com

March 2014

After several letters asking for volunteers, here comes the Thank You. Mr. Bob Van Cleef has set up what should be an interesting meeting at the Danbury Museum scheduled for our next meeting. The museum is at 120 White Street, if need be, let's share rides.

Mr.'s Bill Barry and Bill Venman (among others) have volunteered to host open houses during the regional convention in September. Mr.'s Sudro Brown, John Sacerdote, Charlie Bettinger, Brian Whiton and Andy Blatchley (among a host of others) have agreed to host operating sessions. THANK YOU ALL!

And speaking of volunteering and the regional convention that we are co-hosting, if you know of, or have, a layout in the area, your assistance is requested. Or if you would prefer to attend the Convention, the materials will be out in the April issue of the Coupler. The website for the convention is www.nediamonds2014.org, more information and content will be added as it becomes available.

At the December regular membership meeting, proposals for new logos were discussed. Start bringing your sketches, drawings or digital files to share and discuss with the membership. The Board will decide on a winning entry (at the June meeting) and the author will receive a \$50.00 gift card.

Mr. Carl Liba has agreed to join the Board, welcome. And speaking of the Board, elections are due this April meeting. My term as a voting member of the Board is expiring and I will be up for re-election. So vote for me, or if you think my performance has been less than stellar, put your hat in the ring and give it a try.

James Mayo
Superintendent
Nutmeg Division
Northeastern Division
National Model Railroad Association

From the Treasurer:

Balance as of 26 March 2014: \$1326.14

From Ex-Director Peter Tierinni: vergo55@sbcglobal.net

Here is a message from Peter Tierinni.

Hi Ron; I will remain a member of the NMRA. I will renew whenever it is time. To the club members, all I can say is that it was fun, interesting, and I would hope I made a friend or two. Maybe I should have hung in there a little longer, but, well, we've been over that. My eBay name is 2nd_chance_hobbies. I may drop eBay, as they are really getting strict and making it almost impossible to sell. The web site I am looking to set up, is not ready to go as of yet. When it is, I will let you know. Any club member can email me at vergo55@sbcglobal.net. I have a few boxes of things to sell and if someone is interested, they can email me direct.

Also, if anyone would just like to say hi, that would be fine with me. I will drop you a line from time to time, to say how do! With warmest regards to you and the club, Peter

The BOD would like to thank Peter for his time on the board and his wonderful suggestions!

From Communication Manager, Ronald Pelletier
nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net

I hate to start with sad news, but it has come to my very recent attention that one of the Nutmeg Division's members Brian O'Brien Jr. has passed away back in September 2013. Here is the link to his obituary.

<http://smithandwalkerfh.com/online-obituary/2013-09-brian-o-brien-jr/10071756>

On Monday evening April 1, 2014 I received the following information from Manny Escobar, President, HUB Division, Inc.

It is with sadness to advise you that Shack's dad, Larry Haralambou, passed away Sunday March 30, 2014. Shack's father and mother have continued to live in Long Island, NY where Shack originally lived.

Services will be held on Wednesday April 2, 2014 2-4 and 7-9pm from the Moloney Funeral Home. Information is available at the funeral home website, <https://www.moloneyfh.com/obituaries/2014/larry-haralambou>

For details please visit the funeral home website.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Shack and his family.

If you are not a member of the NMRAAP@yahoogroups.com (achievement program) here is some information about Rick Shoup that you may not be aware of.

The following message is from Jim Kellow Jim K jimkellow@netsignia.net

I just got off the phone with Rick Shoup, who I found out is in the hospital. Rick, who is in his mid-80s, says he does not believe he will be able to return home from the hospital. I cannot express how sad I was to hear Rick say this. He was Mr. AP when I got my MMR. If not for him I doubt I would have ever completed the program. I cannot tell you how many modelers he helped in the AP when he was National Chairman back in the late 80s and early 90s.

Rick belongs to all the NMRA regions except the new European region and gets monthly newsletters from all those that still put out a paper version.

If any of you who remember Rick would like to pass a message to him, please email me and I will be glad to pass it on.

Here are some other letters:

Say Hello to Rick from Jim Whale, MMR 127. It's been a while since I have seen Rick, but do think about him. It was Rick and I who came up with the Kit Bashing Class for the contest in 1994.

Jim Whaley, MMR 127

Please give Rick a hello for me! Rick has been a great inspiration to most of us who have been at this for a while. He is always eager to answer questions and does not shy away from problems. I earned my AP first in 1989 and got my MMR last year. Rick was following along the whole way. The AP has improved a lot with his help. I hope that he will be back to full speed. What do the doctors know anyway?

Joe Nichols, Jr., M.D.
MMR #511
Receiver, Alpine Central Railroad
Atlanta, GA

Joe, I do not know many details as Rick could not talk long and I did not go into detail with his wife either. I originally heard he was in a nursing home but then heard he was transferred into a nursing home. Both he and his wife hold me they did not believe he would get out of nursing home. I know he had a bad fall and hurt his right knee to a point he cannot walk. Also gained a lot of weight up to 380 pounds. Did not hear phone in his room when I called and had to get someone from the nursing station to get him on phone. I will tell him of your email when I call again on Monday. Thanks.

Jim Kellow

I remember Rick never sweet talking a question. I suspect he can still help us improve our skills. His love of the East Broad Top Narrow Gauge was infectious. I wish him comfort and peace and will welcome a bit of his spirit here in the Left Coast. Lindsay Smith

Jim

Forwarded from John Saxon in Australia by Gerry Hopkins MMR

Hi Jim,

I'm sorry to hear about Rick's situation. He was very positive and absolutely essential in our regions early days in getting the AP up and running and I am very honored that his signature appears on all my Aps, but the first by Wil Ehler MMR in 1987.

As a new region we had to earn Rick's confidence. Sometime after he took over from Wil and had been on the receiving end of the increasing stream of our AP submissions he suggested that to save the delays and expense at both ends associated with overseas mail in those days by the need for him to examine every submission that he appoint me as his deputy for AR. However with his interest in scenery he asked that we continue to send him copies of the photographs accompanying submissions and this we did for many years.

This has worked very well since and has certainly streamlined the operation. On the rare occasions where there might be a query in my own mind about a particular submission our AP chair is only a phone call away and with AR AP Chair Gerry Hopkins MMR living only 15 minutes away and us seeing each other usually weekly, we quickly sort out the few queries that require discussion.

I've known Rick now many, many years. I know that his health has been troubling him for some time but unfortunately age is unforgiving for us all.

Jim, please pass on my best wishes to Rick and let him know that if he still has access to his email address I will be very pleased to keep in touch with him.

Sincerely,
John Saxon
MMR HLM FNMRA

Gerry Hopkins MMR #177
Great Northern Downunder
<http://www.nmra.org.au/gndu/index.html>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/Gerrymmr?feature=BF>
NMRA Australasian Region
Contest & AP Chairman
Division Seven Div. Super
<http://www.nmra.org.au/>

In 1976, I was looking for a ride to the Chicago NMRA convention. Rick volunteered. Before going, people's general reaction was: "You're going to spend three or four days in a car with Rick Shoup?" I didn't know him that well, but I didn't see a problem.

Anyway, he had this huge battleship of a station wagon. So, it was Rick, me and Ed Sylvia rail fanning our way to Chicago. I still have great memories of that trip. Rick had this uncanny ability to find good rail photo spots. Further, we never missed a meal. He could find the greatest out of the way diners with great food. We also had some great conversations. (One of the side things I still get a good laugh out of is listening to his buddy, Ed

Sylvia crack open a Budweiser in the motel room at 5:30 in the morning). Of all the NMRA conventions, I remember that one the best.

Hope he gets better and is able to communicate with us again.

Frank Pearsall
Brevard, N.C.

Gerry, please tell John I will pass his message to Rick next time I call. He is no longer on a computer which is why I got involved to pass messages to him. Also tell John I will never forget his and his wife's hospitality when I was in Aust many years ago. If it was not for his wife bringing a camera to the NMRA national where he and I got our MMR presented I would not even have a photo of the event.

I have mailed all the comments I have received to Francis and also read them to Rick. He really appreciated all your comments.

Jim Kellow

As you may be well aware of, many of our members may not have any method of transportation to attend any of our meetings. If you would be willing to offer to bring someone to the meeting please let me know so that I could determine if there is someone in your area that needs a ride. nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net

Also: if you happen to be one of our members that would need assistance to attend any of the meetings of Nutmeg Division please contact me nmranutmegmembership@comcast.net so I could also put your name in the data base to determine if we could find a match for you.

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.

In April 2013 we did have an election and here are the results:

Douglas Henley was re-elected for a second term which will end in 2016

James Mayo was re-elected as Superintendent

James Mayo's (first) term as director ends in April 2014

Greg Lang (first) term as director ends in April 2015 (fulfilling the remainder of Peter Tierinni's term)

Douglas Henley's (first) term as director ended in April 2013

Articles / Stories /Letters

If you would like to see some extraordinary scenery, click on the following link.

<http://www.visitelginpark.com/>

The following links were provided by Fred Wintsch

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfvoAQKohdA&list=PLAsazFMIDyADhQhinwgY-uUvbL5el8Sff&index=4>

Amazing how well lousy trackwork still functions!

Bike with a Train's Horn

Guarantee to scare the soul out of anybody standing in from of it. Nathan K3ha train horns were used on this homemade motorized bike

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnr6uGIV8no>

The following links were provided by Dan and Roberta Fretz (HUB Division)

Rod Stewart visits Peabody model train collector George Sellios

<http://www.whdh.com/story/24458325/rod-stewart-visits-peabody-model-train-collector>

A man who built a train car in his basement!

This guy is the head of Rapido Trains.

http://msnvideo.msn.com/?channelindex=7&from=en-us_msnhp#/video/ad5f5d50-bd8f-4f60-be69-4b6cb6337cf5

The additional information in regards to the above link was provided Dave Shamlian

Also, the You Tube video of the same VIA rail car adds some more info.
And the way it was produced, is a Fun video to watch!

Here is the link for all: <http://youtu.be/YjMnWdIWjWs>

The following link was provided by Peter Watson (HUB Division)

A colleague at work sent this out and I had to share – pretty awesome

Subject: Snow Plow Train

Freakin wow

[Click here: Spectacular footage Train plowing through deep snow Arthurs Pass - Safeshare.TV](#)

The following link was provided by the Amherst Clerk of the Amherst Railway society.

Penn Station's rise, fall (about 52 minutes long)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/penn/player/>

The following link was provided by Richard Murray (HUB Division)

Note this bridge is now an arched stone construction. Bussey Bridge Disaster Roslindale MA 1887

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5XVJ3v5bF0>

NEW ENGLAND PROTOTYPE MEET

The NE Proto Meet is May 30-31 in Collinsville, Conn. We're always interested in talking to people interested in presenting a clinic and slide program, or opening their layout to meet attendees on Sunday June 1. Anyone interested can contact Dave Owens at 860-233-0303 or daowens@gmail.com.

FREE LAYOUT TOUR #14

Southern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and a little Connecticut Tour

Saturday April 5th 2014, self-guided model railroad Open House - 12 layouts open this year featuring 1 new layout and updates to many others. Please check below to see the layouts that are open this year. Look for **ORANGE** signs.

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

<http://layouttour.com/2014.pdf>

CNY Division Plans “Ops ‘til You Drop” Event

Any NER member that enjoys operating model trains like the real railroads is invited to participate in the CNY Division’s first annual operations weekend titled “Ops ‘til You Drop. The event will take place on six railroads in the Utica and Syracuse NY area on Saturday and Sunday April 5th and 6th 2014. Participants will be assigned to three different sessions beginning at 12:30 pm Saturday and Ending at 2:30pm Sunday. The \$10 registration fee includes all three sessions including snacks, plus their Saturday night dinner. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own overnight lodging and suggested hotels will be supplied upon registration. In addition participants will gather for a common breakfast Sunday morning.

The CNY Division is known for some outstanding layouts that have well-oiled operations plans. Participants will choose three of the six available railroads that include The NY and Pa Central of Roger Beiswenger, The Leadville and Red Cliff of Bill Brown, The Ogdensburg and Norwood of Jim Heidt, The Canada Spokane and Pacific of Drew James, The CSX Northeast of Dave Martini, and The Mohawk Valley Southern of Bernie Messenger. Several of the railroads above have recently been featured in national rail magazines. For more information and/or a registration form, email coordinator Bill Brown at LARCProducts@yahoo.com

The Schedule

Saturday April 5th

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 6th

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

New Members:

Ron Aldridge
David Nesbitt

William Bond
Kaylee Zheng

Stephen D’ Addio

Norm Ducharme

Kenneth Koval

Re-Rail Members:

Joel Mandell

Achievement Program: Certificates Awarded

GOLDEN SPIKE	Stanley Ames Jr.	HUB Division
	Richard Chase	HUB Division
	Steve Erickson	HUB Division
	Daniel Fretz	HUB Division
	Russell Norris	HUB Division
Master Builder – Structures	David Dekonski	Little Rhody Division
Master Builder – Scenery	Justin Maguire	Little Rhody Division
Model Railroad Author	Robert Seckler	Hudson Valley Div.
Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical	Stanley Ames Jr.	HUB Division
Master Model Railroader MMR 523	Michael Tylick	HUB Division

Birthdays Announcements

March

Richard Adams	Bruce Anderson	David Bartman	Richard Beck	Andrew Borst
Arthur Brauer	David Burgess	John Cariello	Robert Cronin	
Geoffrey Emerick	Deborah Evans	William Gibson	Alan Grabsch	
Douglas Henley	James Kasidas	Kirk Kaynor	Seeley Kellogg	Tom Kmetz
Bill McMurray	Robert Nangle	Ronald Pelletier	Donald Sanger	John Wiarda

April

Mark Adams	John Ahrens	William Barry	John Bassano	Louis Beres
Charlie Bettinger	Brian Brook	William Carter	Mark Doyon	James Duval
David Gaudio	John Jones	Joe Kelly	James Kennedy	David McHugh
Garrett Menard	Bob Newcomb	Dennis Nogiec	Thomas Patch	Mark Pilletere
Bill Ridgway	Donald Sierakowski	Brian Smith	Joe St Clair	Blaise Vece
Robin Weaver				

May

Francine Ahrens	Paul Buckley	Paul Carver	Van Fehr	
Michael Gardner	Mark Granville	David Harris	Gary Hath	Richard Joyce
Howard Kaiser	Charles Maheu	Stephen Metzger	Thomas O’Loskey	Carl Roberts
Shirley Sabia	Glenn Siter	C William Stamm	Alan Williams	

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS FOR THE NUTMEG DIVISION AND THE BORDERING DIVISIONS

Please check <http://www.nutmegdivision.com> for the latest information.

The following organizations have so many activities and special events during the course of the year, that to list them all here would essentially be impossible. These activities and events are subject to change (and they do often). I strongly suggest that you click on any of the following links to get a wealth of possible activities for you to enjoy.

I would check on the individual links at least once a month to be kept up to date with their activities.

For information about the **Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum** in Willimantic CT

<http://www.cteastrrmuseum.org/index.htm>. For special events click on the following link
<http://www.cteastrrmuseum.org/events.htm>

May 3 Opening Day and MetalFest
June 15 Train Tag Sale
Aug 30 Railroad Day
Oct 26 Closing Day
Dec 7 Train Show

For information about the **Danbury Railway Museum** in Danbury CT

<http://www.danbury.org/drm/index.htm> . For special events click on the following link
<http://www.danbury.org/drm/events.htm>

For information about **The Naugatuck Railroad operated by the Railroad Museum of Connecticut** in Thomaston CT <http://rmne.org/>

For information about the **Connecticut Trolley Museum** in East Windsor CT

<http://ct-trolley.org/visit/admission.php>. For special events click on the following link <http://www.ct-trolley.org/events/overview.php>

It's a party!

A painting party will be held on Friday, April 25 starting at 9:30am. (rain date is May 2) Mike Brenner will be leading a crew to spruce up the museum for the upcoming season.

Please call the office and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in helping.

Thanks
Larry Lunden
Volunteer Coordinator

For information about **The Shore Line Trolley Museum** in East Haven CT

<http://www.shorelinetrolley.org>
<http://shorelinetrolley.org/events/>

For information about the **Essex Steam Train & Riverboat** in Essex CT

<http://www.essexsteamtrain.com/>

For information about the **Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum** in Shelburne Falls MA
<http://www.sftm.org/>

For information about the **Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts**
Whether your interest in railroading centers, on rail travel, photography, history, models or just a love of trains,
Mass Bay RRE may be for you! <http://www.massbayrre.org/> for train excursions
<http://www.massbayrre.org/events.htm#excur>

For information about the **Amherst Railway Society** in Amherst MA
<http://www.amherstrail.org> and for their September Newsletter click on the following link
http://www.amherstrail.org/ARS_Mar_2014.pdf

New ON-LINE STORE INFORMATION, click on the following link.

<http://www.amherstrail-store.org/>

APR 5, 2014 **Southern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and a little Connecticut Tour**
Free Layout Tour #14 10:00 AM -4:00 PM
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And updates to many others. Please check below to see the layouts that are open this
Year
<http://layouttour.com/2014.pdf>

APR 6 2014 **6th Annual Model Train Show**
Mark T. Sheehan High School
142 Hope Hill Road
Wallingford CT
Phyllis Drescher 203-265-0223 or jpdrescher@comcast.net for more information

APR 6 2014 **49th Annual RAILFAIR '14 Model Railroad Show and Open House**
Presented by the Nashua Valley Railroad Association
Ayer/Shirley Middle School
1 Hospital Road
Shirley Massachusetts
<http://nvrta.com/railfair-14/>

APR 12 – 13 2014 **Valley N-Trak**
Sedgwick Middle School
West Hartford Connecticut
<http://ctvntrak.com/>

APR 26 2014 **Hyannis Massachusetts**
The Cape Cod Train Show
Barnstable High School Field House
744 West Main Street.
<http://www.ccmrrcam.com>

MAY 3 2014 **Valley N-Trak**
Naugatuck Historical Society
195 Water Street
Naugatuck Connecticut
<http://ctvntrak.com/>

MAY 30 – 31 2014 **New England / Northeast Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet**
Canton Community Center
40 Dyer Avenue
Collinsville Connecticut
<http://www.neprototypemeet.com/Welcome.html>

JUN 10 – 14 2014 **Pepperell Massachusetts**
Train Wreck
Lawrence Library
<http://psmrc.org/index.html>

AUG 2 2014 **The *South Shore Model Railway Club's* annual Summer Show**
South Shore Model Railway Club
19 Fort Hill Street
Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/FallFlyer.pdf>

SEP 11 – 14 2014 **The 2014 NMRA NER Convention**
New England Diamonds
The Town of Seven Railroads
Convention Location Palmer Massachusetts
<http://www.nediamonds2014.org/>



SEP 21 2014 **2014 Providence & Worcester Railfan Club & Museum Inc. Train Show**
Overlook Hotel & Reception Room
88 Masonic Home Road
Charlton Massachusetts
<http://pwrfc.net/>

OCT 12 2014 **NH Derby Model RR Club**
Orange Connecticut
<http://ctvntrak.com/>

OCT 19 2014 **Little Rhody Train Show**
Pawtucket Armory
Looking for volunteers
warren.riccitelli@cox.net

OCT 25 - 26 2014 **The *South Shore Model Railway Club's* annual Fall Model Railroad Show & Open House, Hingham.**
South Shore Model Railway Club
19 Fort Hill Street
Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/Springflyer.pdf>

- DEC 6 – 7 2014** **New England Model Train Expo**
 Hosted by the HUB Division
 Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center
 181 Boston Post Road West (US-20)
 Marlborough MA
<http://www.hubdiv.org>
- JAN 9 2015** **South Shore Model Railway Club – Scout Night**
 South Shore Model Railway Club
 19 Fort Hill Street
 Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/Springflyer.pdf>
- JAN 24 – 25 2015** **Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show**
 Eastern States Exposition
 1305 Memorial Avenue
 West Springfield, MA
<http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com>
- MAR 14 - 15 2015** **The *South Shore Model Railway Club's* annual Spring Model Railroad Show & Open House, Hingham.**
 South Shore Model Railway Club
 19 Fort Hill Street
 Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/Springflyer.pdf>
- AUG 1 2015** **The *South Shore Model Railway Club's* annual Summer Show**
 South Shore Model Railway Club
 19 Fort Hill Street
 Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/FallFlyer.pdf>
- OCT 24 - 25 2015** **The *South Shore Model Railway Club's* annual Fall Model Railroad Show & Open House, Hingham.**
 South Shore Model Railway Club
 19 Fort Hill Street
 Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/Springflyer.pdf>
- JAN 8 2016** **South Shore Model Railway Club – Family Open House and Scout Night**
 South Shore Model Railway Club
 19 Fort Hill Street
 Hingham MA
<http://www.ssmrc.org/Springflyer.pdf>

NATIONAL / REGIONAL CONVENTIONS / EVENTS

May or may not be NMRA sponsored

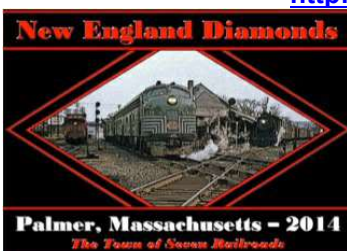
- APR 5 2014** **Martinsville Indiana**
 Central Indiana of the NMRA Train Show
 1900 Hospital Drive
<http://cid.railfan.net/>
- APR 5 2014** **Massapequa Park L. I. New York**
 The Sunrise Trail Division NER Spring Meet and Train Show
 St. David's Lutheran Church
 20 Clark Blvd
<http://www.sunrisetraildiv.com>

- APR 5 2014** **Pine Bluff Arkansas**
Annual Railroadiana Show
Arkansas Railroad Museum,
1700 Port Road.
<http://www.arkansasrailroadmuseum.org>
- APR 5 – 6 2014** **Utica and Syracuse New York area**
CNY Division Plans “Ops ‘til You Drop” Event
See more information in the **Articles / Stories /Letters** section of this newsletter.
For more information and/or a registration form, email coordinator Bill Brown at
LARCProducts@yahoo.com
- APR 11 – 12 2014** **Fort Madison Iowa**
**Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society with the
North Lee County Historical Society**
3rd SFRH&MS Mini-meet
Santa Fe/CB&Q Depot Museum Complex
<http://www.fortmadisonhistory.org/>
- APR 12 2014** **Rockhill Furnace Pennsylvania**
Easter Bunny Trolley at Rockhill Trolley Museum
430 Meadow Street
<http://www.rockhilltrolley.org>
- APR 12 2014** **Sacred Heart Minnesota**
Minnesota River Valley Division/NMRA Spring Meet
101E. Maple Street
U.S. Hwy 212
brigayle@rswb.coop
- APR 12 – 13 2014** **San Bernardino California**
'20s & '30s Modular Model Railroad to Display at San Bernardino Railroad Days
San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum (Amtrak) Depot
1170 West 3rd Street
<http://www.sbdepotmuseum.com/>
- APR 12 – 13 2014** **Calgary Alberta Canada**
SUPERTRAIN 2014 Canada’s Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show
<http://www.supertrain.ca/>
- APR 12 – 13 2014** **North Platte Nebraska**
20th Annual Train Show
Sponsored by the Nebraska West-Central Division NRMA
Dan Event Center
501 East Walker Road
http://www.railservice.com/events/train_shows.html
- APR 24 – 26 2014** **Marion Ohio**
Central Ohio RPM Meet
Marion Union Station
532 West Center St
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/438383252883060>
or contact Denis Blake dBlake7@columbus.rr.com
- APR 25 – 27 2014** **Long Island**
IslandOps 2014
Sponsored by the Sunrise Trail Division, NMRA, and the West Island Model Railroad Club
<http://www.islandops.org/>

- APR 25 – 27 2014** **Cleveland Ohio**
 2014 NYCSHS Annual Meeting
 Take an “Age of Steam Roundhouse” Tour
 Cleveland South Holiday Inn
<http://www.NYCSHS.org>
- APR 25 – 27 2014** **Toledo Ohio**
 Maumee Express 2014
 North Central Region Division 1
 Ramada Hotel and Convention Center
 3536 Secor Road
http://www.divisiononencr.com/Convention/Toledo_2014.html
- APR 26 2014** **Noblesville Indiana**
 7th Annual Hoosier On30 Meet
 Noblesville Township Community Center
 372 S. Eighth St.
- APR 26 2014** **Pittsburgh Pennsylvania (Moon Township)**
 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree
 Sponsored by Division 2 MCR, NMRA
 Robert Morris University
<http://www.keystonedivision.org>
- APR 30 – MAY 4 2014** **San Luis Obispo California**
 Coast Rails 2014 PCR & SLORRM Convention
 Sands Inn & Suites
 1930 Monterey Street
<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2014>
- MAY 2 – 4 2014** **Niagara-on-the-Lake Ontario Canada**
 The Niagara Frontier Regional 2014 Convention – The Grapevine Express
 Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus
 137 Taylor Road
<http://www.grapevineexpress.ca> or grapevineexpress2014@gmail.com
- MAY 2 – 4 2014???** **Sioux City Iowa**
 2014 Thousand Lakes Region Convention
 Exploring the Rails
<http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/pages/conventions.html>
- MAY 2 – 5 2014** **Doylestown Pennsylvania**
 East Coast Santa Fe Modelers Meet
 Delval College
 700 E. Butler Avenue
<http://www.ecsfm.org>
- MAY 5 – 10 2014** **Tampa Florida**
 National Garden Railway (NGRS)
<http://ctgscalers.com/newsletters/2014NewsletterVol22Issue1.pdf>
- MAY 15 – 18 2014** **Schaumburg Illinois**
 The Midwest Region NMRA Spring Convention
 Railfun 2014 presented by the Fox Valley Division
 The Best Western Plus
 1725 E. Algonquin Road
<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/convention/conventions.html>

- MAY 17 – 18 2014** **Hilliard Ohio**
6th Ohio N-scale Weekend
All N-scale Train show for N-Scalers by N-Scalers
Franklin County Fairgrounds
4100 Columbia Street
<http://www.centralohiontrak.org>
- MAY 17 – 18 2014** **Jefferson Texas**
ALL ABOA-A-A-RD for Third Annual Jefferson Train Days
Sponsored by the Jefferson Cypress Bayou Model Train Club and
Jefferson Historical Society and Museum
223 W. Austin
<http://www.jeffersonmuseum.com>
- MAY 29 – JUN 1 2014** **Spencer North Carolina**
Streamliners at Spencer
Featuring locomotives of the 1930s through the 1950s 19 locomotives to date, more being added
North Carolina Transportation Museum with opportunities for daytime portraits around the
37-stall, Robert Julian Roundhouse turntable.
[http://www.nctrans.org/Events/Streamliners-at-Spencer-\(1\).aspx](http://www.nctrans.org/Events/Streamliners-at-Spencer-(1).aspx)
- MAY 31 2014** **Colorado Springs Colorado**
PPD NMRA Train Show and Swap Meet
Trinity United Methodist Church
701 N 20th Street
<http://www.ppdnmra.com>
- JUN 4 – 8 2014** **Round Rock Texas (Austin)**
The 2014 NMRA Lone Star Region Convention
The Bluebonnet Limited
Wingate Hotel and Convention Center
1209 N IH 35
<http://bluebonnetlimited.com/>
- JUN 6 – 8 2014** **Orlando Florida**
2nd Annual Sunshine Region Hands On Clinic Joint Meet
Hilton Garden Inn in Lake Buena Vista
11400 Marbella Palm Ct
<http://sunshineregion.org/>
- JUN 13 – 15 2014** **Memphis Tennessee**
2014 Memphis Convention “Rails Across the River”
The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA
Are proud to host the
2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern and Mid Continent Regions of the NMRA
Harding Academy
1100 Cherry Road
<http://www.ser-nmra.org/convention/2014-memphis-convention-rails-across-river>
- JUN 18 – 21 2014** **Tacoma Washington**
PSX2014 NMRA Pacific Northwest Regional Convention
La Quinta Inn & Suites
1425 E 27th Street
<http://www.wnrr.net/PSX2014/index.html>
- JUN 19 – 22 2014** **Salt Lake City Utah**
Golden Spike Limited 2014 hosted by the new Northern Utah Division
Rocky Mountain Regional Convention
<http://www.GSL2014.org>

- JUN 22 – 27 2014** **Hershey Pennsylvania**
 Big Train Operator Club Convention
 The Comfort Suites
 Hummelstown – Hershey
<http://www.bigtrainoperator.com/2014Hershey/index.shtml>
- JUN 25 – 29 2014** **Roanoke Virginia**
22nd National N-Scale Convention
Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center
2801 Hershberger Road
<http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com>
- JUL 13 – 20 2014** **Cleveland Ohio**
 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show
 Hosted by the Mid-Central Region
 The **HUB Modular Railroad** will be traveling to the convention and operating in a combined Display with MCR Division 4. <http://www.2014cleveland.org/>
- AUG 7 – 10 2014** **Chantilly Virginia**
 Capitol Limited N-Scale East Convention
<http://ctvntrak.com/>
- AUG 8 – 9 2014** **Collinsville Illinois**
 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet
 Co-sponsored by the Gateway Division, Mid-Continent Region
 Gateway Convention Center
<http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>
- AUG 23 2014** **Orange Park Florida**
 Northern Division – Northeast Florida Meet
 Fellowship Hall Island View Baptist Church
 900 Park Avenue
<http://sunshineregion.org/Home/tabid/41/ModuleID/515/ItemID/29/mct/EventDetails/Default.aspx>
- SEP 3 – 6 2014** **Kansas City Missouri**
 34th National Narrow Gauge Convention
<http://www.kansascity2014.com/>
- SEP 3 – 7 2014** **San Diego California**
 'Uniting Railroad Modelers' 2014 PSR Convention
<http://www.psrnmra.org/>
- SEP 6 2014** **Houston Texas**
BIG TEXAS TRAIN SHOW
 Benefitting the new Gulf Coast Chapter NRHS
 Texas Railroading Heritage Museum
 George R Brown Convention Center
<http://www.bigtexasrainshow.com>
- SEP 11 – 14 2014** **The 2014 NMRA NER Convention**
New England Diamonds
The Town of Seven Railroads
Convention Location Palmer Massachusetts
<http://www.nediamonds2014.org/>



- SEP 19 – 2014** **York Pennsylvania**
The East Coast Train Show
York Expo Center
334 Carlisle Avenue
<http://www.eclsts.com/>
- SEP 19 – 20 2014** **Kennesaw Georgia**
Atlanta Railroads Prototype Modelers Meet
Sponsored by the Southern Railway Historical Association
Atlantic Coast Line & Seaboard Airline Railroads Historical Society
Central of Georgia Railway Historical Society, and Nashville Chattanooga
St Louis Preservation Society
Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History
2829 Cherokee St.
<http://www.srha.net> or contact Frank Greene at frgreene290@comcast.net
- SEP 20 – 21 2014** **Arundel Australia**
Gold Coast NMRA Convention 2014
Arundel State School
<http://www.nmra.org.au/Convention14/convention2014.html>
- OCT 11 – 12 2014** **West Chester Ohio**
Cincinnati Model Railroad Show
Division 7 MCR 46th Annual Model Railroad Show
Lakota West High School
8940 Union Centre Blvd
<http://www.cincy-div7.org>
- OCT 16 – 19 2014** **Hagerstown Maryland**
Mid-East Region Convention
<http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>
- OCT 16 – 19 2014** **Melbourne Florida**
The Spacecoast Express Sunshine Region 2014 Convention
Melbourne Rialto Place Hilton Hotel at the Melbourne Airport
<http://sunshineregion.org/Home/tabid/41/ModuleID/515/ItemID/37/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx>
- OCT 17 – 19 2014** **Bournemouth Dorset United Kingdom**
NMRA British Region Annual Convention 2014
The Seashore Extra
Hosted by the South Eastern Division
The Carrington House Hotel
Knyveton Road
<http://www.nmrabr.org.uk/annual-convention>
- NOV 1 – 2 2014** **Syracuse New York**
40th Annual Great New York State Model Train Fair
State Fairgrounds
Sponsored by CNY Chapter National Railway Historical Society
<http://www.modeltrainfair.com>
- MAY 14 – 17 2015** **Lexington Kentucky**
Thoroughbred Limited 2015 Mid-Central Region Convention Division 10
Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly The Campbell House)
<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>
- MAY 15 – 17 2015** **Philadelphia Pennsylvania**
22nd National Trolley Meet
Presented by the East Penn Traction Club
Pennsylvania Convention Center
http://eastpenn.org/2015_meet_announcement.htm

AUG 23 – 30 2015	Portland Oregon NMRA National Convention and National Train Show Portland Daylight Express http://www.nmra2015portland.org/
SEP 2 – 5 2015	Houston Texas 35 th National Narrow Gauge Convention http://nngc-2015.com/
JUL 3 – 10 2016	Indianapolis Indiana NMRA National Convention and National Train Show http://www.nmra2016.org
SEP 7 – 10 2016	Augusta Maine 36 th National Narrow Gauge Convention http://nngc2016.org/
SEP 15 – 18 2016	Albany New York "The Pacemaker" (current name) Hudson Berkshire Division will be hosting the 2016 NER Convention At the Desmond
JUL 2017	Orlando Florida NMRA National Convention and National Train Show

GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE NUTMEG DIVISION AND THE OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE NORTHEASTERN REGION

Newsletter for the Northeast Region "The Coupler"

<http://nernmra.org/newsletter.html>

Nutmeg Division

Our meetings will generally be on the second Saturday of the month.
These Saturday meetings will usually also include a layout visit or other some other activity.

The meetings will normally be held at the following location but always check the website to verify the location and time. <http://www.nutmegdivision.com>

After the membership meeting and before the layout tour there will be a BOD meeting and everyone is invited to attend. The location of the BOD meeting will be determined at the membership meeting.

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

**This facility is wheel chair accessible
Non-members are welcome to attend.**

The schedule for future General Membership meetings is as follows:

April 12th 2014 also voting for new board of director's member at the Danbury Railway Museum.
June 14, 2014: Clinic "3D Printing An Introduction and Overview" presented by David Yale
August 9 2014
October 11, 2014
December 13 2014

NMRA Nutmeg Division Brass Hats:

Superintendent,
Director,
Director,
Achievement Program Mgr.
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Communications Mgr.
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HUB Division

<http://www.hubdiv.org>

All meetings are on the third Friday of the month at 8:00 PM, at the Cambridge School of Weston, Weston MA unless otherwise noted

The newsletter for the Hub Division is **HUB HEADLIGHT** and is available at <http://www.hubdiv.org/headlight.htm>

Information about the following items can be found on the **HUB HEADLIGHT**

- APR 11 2014** HUB Railfun Meeting
“Hands-on Clinic: Scratchbuilding an HO Shed” presented by Don Howd, MMR
- MAY 16 2014** HUB Railfun Meeting
“Presentation: Signaling Basics” presented by Pete Watson
- JUN 14 2014** HUB Board of Directors Meeting
at By Request Communications
398 Cedar Hill Road
Marlborough Massachusetts
- JUN 20 2014** HUB Railfun Meeting
“Presentation: Airbrushing Basics” presented by James VanBokkelen
- JUN 22 2014** Annual Hub Division Cookout at Waushakum Live Steamers Holliston MA
- JUL 13 – 20 2014** Cleveland Ohio
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DEC 6 – 7 2014

New England Model Train Expo
Hosted by the HUB Division
Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center
181 Boston Post Road West (US-20)
Marlborough MA

Hudson-Berkshire Division
<http://www.hudson-berkshire.org/>

The newsletter for the Hudson-Berkshire Division is **FORM 19** and is available at
http://www.hudson-berkshire.org/?Form_19%26nbsp%3BE_Version&normal

APR 18 2014 Division Meeting – RPI Club Layout
MAY 17 2014 Open House at Henry Propst
JUN 21 2014 Bus Trip to Steamtown NHS

Hudson Valley Division
<http://www.hudsonvalleydivision.org/>

MAY 3 2014 Divisional Meeting – Newburgh Model Railroad Club, visit to an outdoor G-Scale Layout

Little Rhody Division
<http://www.littlerhodydiv.org/>

All meetings are on the second Wednesday evening of the month at the
German American Cultural Society
78 Carter Ave.
Pawtucket, RI
Doors open at 7:00 pm meetings begin at 7:30 pm
Social time with coffee and refreshments beforehand
All are welcome.

MEETING SCHEDULE

APR 9 2014 6 Things You Can Do With An Old Railroad Car plus what to do with other junk
Presented by George Landow
May 13 2014 TBA
June 11, 2014 Annual Meeting and Dinner
Wharf Tavern 6:00 PM
Warren Rhode Island

If you have any questions please contact

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401-322-9946
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Metro-North Division
<http://www.metronorthnmra.org>

All meetings will be at 9:30 AM at the
New Canaan Historical Society
13 Oenoke Ridge Road (Rt. 124)
New Canaan CT.
203-966-1776

For more information contact Division Superintendent Franklin Lang
info@metronorthnmra.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

MAY 17 2014 NYC High Line – How it came into being and how I modeled it – Dave Ramos presented by Dave Ramos
Trucks, Cars, and roads presented by John Shannon
DPM Modular Building Construction – Roger Cytron (tentative)

After meeting:

Fairfield Model Railroad Club (tentative), Milford Model Railroad Club (tentative)

ALLOUETTE DIVISION

CENTRAL NEW YORK DIVISION <http://www.cnymra.org/Home.html>

For the current version of the newsletter “**RED MARKERS**” you will need to sign up at
http://cnymra.org/News_Letter.html

For previous versions of the newsletters click on the following link:
http://www.cnymra.org/Red_Markers_Archive/

GARDEN STATE DIVISION <http://www.nergsd.com/>

To get the latest copy of the newsletter “**THE WHISTLE POST**”, once you have clicked on the above link you will then need to click on the “OUR NEWSLETTER” tab and then scroll to the very bottom of the page. You will also be able to see previous versions.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DIVISION
<http://www.greenmountainnmra.com/>

This link will get you to the home page of the Green Mountain Division and also to their newsletter “**THE GREEN MOUNTAIN PASS**”.

MARITIME DIVISION

SEACOAST DIVISION <http://www.seacoastnmra.org/wordpress/>

To get the latest copy of the newsletter “**THE SWITCH TOWER**”, click on the following link:
<http://seacoastnmra.org/index.php/the-switch-tower>

SUNRISE TRAIL DIVISION <http://www.sunrisetraildiv.com/>

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Respectfully submitted,

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