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## OCTOBER EVENT

The next Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7th** at **Warwick Police Department Community Room**, 99 Veterans Memorial Drive, Warwick, RI 02886.

### T-TRAK Modular Railroad Layouts

Are you just getting started in model railroading? T-TRAK may be a place to start. T-TRAK is a modular model railroad system based on a few standards for module size, track placement, track interface, and electrical connections. The minimal standards allow for a wide range of flexibility in design, yet still maintain interoperability with all modules built per the standards. The popularity of T-TRAK is worldwide allowing for modules from all over the world to connect together.

T-TRAK modules are dioramas with sectional track, specially KATO Unitrack, that snap together to create layouts from a simple circle to large complex layouts. The modules are designed to fit on tables, but could just as easily be set up on any flat surface, from the floor (yes, around the Christmas tree) to

taller benchwork. Layouts are easy to assemble and even easier to disassemble for those who do not have permanent space for a layout. The convenient size of the modules makes them easy to store on a shelf or in totes when not in use, or to transport should the need arise.

The Little Rhody Division started an N-Scale T-TRAK modular group several years ago. The group has displayed layouts at two Little Rhody Division train shows and at the Somerset Public Library. A layout will be on display in November during the Northeastern Region NMRA Convention in Newport. In preparation for the convention, we will be assembling the *RI and Old Colony Railroad* in various configurations on October 7th to see what works and what doesn't. If you plan to display a module in the layout at the convention, you (or at least your module) must attend this meeting. Or, if you don't have a module, have you wondered about T-TRAK, about why the modules are the sizes they are, how do they link together, what makes them all work no matter how they are arranged? Could you be thinking you might like to create a module? These questions, and more, can be answered at our October 7th gathering.

Plus, as always, **ASK A QUESTION/SOLVE A PROBLEM**, a forum for our in-house experts to answer your questions and solve your nagging model railroading problems.

Donuts, coffee and socializing will begin at **9:30 AM**, followed by information sharing and a short business meeting at **10:00 AM**. We will also send out for lunch at **Noon**. Spouses and guests are always welcome.

## **NOVEMBER EVENT**

Little Rhody Division will not have a regular meeting in November. Instead, the BIG EVENT for November is ***Rails to the Gilded Age*, the annual convention of the Northeastern Region NMRA, on November 9 - 12, at the Atlantic Resort Newport.** Don't miss this opportunity to attend an NMRA regional convention without long-distance travel. It is right here, in Newport!

As hosts of this convention, members of the Little Rhody Division are working hard, along with other members of the regional convention committee, to make this a memorable convention. A variety of clinics are planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Rail and non-rail trips are planned for Friday and Saturday. Tours of 20 home/club layouts are planned for all days of the convention. For more information and to register, visit [www.newport2017.org](http://www.newport2017.org).

As always, please contact me with any questions or issues. Also, we are always in search of topics of interest for future meetings. If you want to learn more on a specific topic, just let me know.

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