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## **JANUARY EVENT**

The next Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 5th** at the **United Methodist Church**, 1558 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818. Parking and entrance at the rear of the building. Spouses and guests are always welcome.

We will begin with coffee, donuts and socializing at **9:30 AM**, followed by information sharing and a short business meeting at about **10 AM**. Plus, as always, we will share ASK A QUESTION/SOLVE A PROBLEM, a forum for our in-house experts to answer your questions and solve your nagging model railroad problems. If there is sufficient interest, we will **send out for lunch** at **Noon**.

### **Spline Roadbed by Peter Watson, MMR**

NMRA HUB Division member and Master Model Railroader Peter Watson will discuss building a model railroad layout using Spline Roadbed construction.

One of the decisions we all need to make when building a layout is what we will use for the sub roadbed. For years, the standard was to use 1x4s or 1x6s fastened to the bench work. Then people started using plywood for the curves, which led to the "cookie cutter" method of construction. There is also a method that is not as well known which provides a continuous sub roadbed including automatic transitioning into the curves. This type of roadbed is spline construction. Peter has been using this method on his latest layout and will discuss what is needed for materials and tools, and will offer tips and insights to help you out.

## **White Elephant Table**

Bring your surplus train stuff to our new White Elephant Table and see if someone would like to give a new home. Be sure to provide a suggested price for your items, but be willing to haggle a bit if necessary. Price tags will be available. A contribution to **Little Rhody Division** of 10% of the selling price is requested to support our endeavors and to offset any expenses we may incur.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY: Elephant Herder**

We are in need of someone to manage the White Elephant Table at each monthly meeting. No experience required. Reasonable working hours. Sadly, no pay. Just make sure the items on the table are tagged and organized, and collect vast sums of money from the buyers to distribute to the sellers. Contact Sue Osberg to apply.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **February**

Saturday, February 2nd at Warwick Central Library, Warwick, RI. - Little Rhody's **N-Scale T-TRAK** layout will be on display and operating for members and library patrons.

\*\*The Greenberg Show, scheduled for February, at the Swansea Mall has been cancelled.

### **March**

Saturday, March 2nd at United Methodist Church in East Greenwich, RI. - Presentation on the **Old Colony and Newport Railway** by Jack Doyle, General Manager.

## **MEMBERS...**

- Would you like to have a mentor? Would you like to be a mentor to someone new to the hobby? Little Rhody Division can help bring people together. Let me know your skill level, scale, and what you need or can offer as a mentee or mentor and I will play matchmaker.
- We would like to hear from you on topics of interest to you that we can address at future LRD events. Also, if you know of someone who has an interesting presentation or clinic that you would like to see, pass it along. Just drop me an e-mail and we will look into it.

As always, please contact me with any questions or issues.

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