



FEBRUARY EVENT

The next Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3rd** at **East Greenwich 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**.

This month we begin a series of presentations targeted at the inexperienced model railroader. Our topic this month is **Basic Layout Planning**. Perfect for the beginner model railroader or an experienced modeler with visions of a new layout. **Michael Tylick** and **Justin Maguire**, both Master Model Railroaders, will give presentations. Both have designed and built many layouts, and speak from experience. Michael will give a PowerPoint presentation discussing things many people do not think of - but should - while designing a model railroad. He will also give an overview of *Cadrail*, a computer layout design tool. Justin will share his experiences designing a custom, O-scale layout. He will discuss details, cautions and pitfalls that must be addressed when planning a large layout.

If you have any specific concerns with Layout Planning that you would like to have addressed in the presentations, please let me know by February 1 and I

will pass them on to our presenters. Or, simply bring your questions to the meeting for open discussion.

More information on layout design can be found on the NMRA Layout Design Special Interest Group (SIG) website: <http://www.ldsig.org>

EXTRA: Michael's and Justin's work will be on display at the **Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show** at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds (home of the Big E) in West Springfield, MA on January 27 and 28 (next weekend). If you go, Mike Tylick's large scale **Chester & Becket Railway** will be running in the Better Living Center (#22) and Justin Maguire will be running trains on his On30 **Narragansett Bay Railway & Navigation Co.** modules in the Mallory Complex (#136).

March Event

Mark you calendar for the morning of Saturday, March 3rd. Location will be the East Greenwich United Methodist Church. Our topic will be **Basic Scenery**, aimed at the beginner model railroader. This is a broad topic, with many subtopics that we can discuss. Sue Osberg, LRD Superintendent, will be presenting. We would like to have at least one more presenter. If you are an experienced modeler, and would like to be one of our presenters, please contact me with your topic and we will work you into the program. If you have any specific questions related to scenery, please let me know as soon as possible and we will try to have someone address your issue.

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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