



DECEMBER EVENT

The next Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8th** 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.

"It Ain't Over 'til the Paperwork is Done - A Beginner's Guide to AP Documentation" by Tom Emmett

Little Rhody member Tom Emmett will talk about the NMRA Achievement Program (AP). The AP is designed to guide you on your journey through the world of model railroading. It also provides incentive to learn and master the many crafts and skills necessary in the hobby of model railroading.

Tom will focus on the requirements and how to get started with the documentation associated with the various AP categories (Author, Cars, Civil, Dispatcher, Electrical, Motive Power, Official, Prototype Models, Scenery, Structures and Volunteer), sometimes the most dreaded part of the process. Using a couple of personal examples, Tom will show a systematic approach that will, hopefully, ease some of the dread.



AP award recipients at 2017 Newport Convention
(Tom Emmett, rear center; Justin Maguire, rear right)

Potluck Luncheon & Yankee Swap

Following Tom's presentation, we will celebrate the season with a **Potluck Luncheon** and a **Yankee Swap**. Bring something to share for lunch. Plates, cups, napkins and flatware will be provided. Everything else will be potluck. Please let Sue Osberg ([xxxx](#)) know what you plan to bring for lunch so we can make sure we have a variety of luncheon dishes and, let's not forget, desserts.

For the optional Yankee Swap, please bring a useable, train-related "gift" to exchange; wrapped or in gift bag.

Holiday Food Drive

During this season of giving, consider bringing a non-perishable food item (or two) to donate to the East Greenwich Interfaith Food Cupboard. The Food Cupboard has indicated a need for canned tuna and hearty canned soups, but anything you donate will be appreciated.

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.

Providence Northern Model Railroad Club Annual Open House

After the Little Rhody meeting, head over to the **Providence Northern Model Railroad Club**, 1175 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889 for their Annual Open House. There will be more trains running than on a typical Saturday, so stop by and check it out. A “very modest” donation will be requested for admission. **They will be open until 4 PM.** Visit their website for more information: <http://www.providencenorthern.com>.

FUTURE LRD EVENTS

January

Saturday, January 5th at United Methodist Church in East Greenwich, RI. Peter Watson, MMR, of the HUB Division will discuss layout construction using **Spline Roadbed**.

February

Saturday, February 2nd at Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI. T-TRAK N-scale Model Railroad Operating Display. Open to the public.

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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