



DECEMBER EVENT - Presentation and Holiday Potluck Luncheon

The next Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th** 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.

"Planning and Building a Second Level (or, Kids, Don't Try This at Home)" by Tom Emmett

Little Rhody member Tom Emmett will give a presentation discussing planning and building the second level on his North Bay Railroad (NBRR). The general setting and scenery for the

NBRR is the Midwest — small towns and farmland with another section of hills and valleys that suggests distant places with different terrain. Tom will describe the techniques he used to add the upper level well after the first/lower level was completed and the mistakes [never!] he made along the way. A short (8 min.) video, with tips for designing and building multi-deck benchwork, will be shown as an introduction. A slide show showing construction to date will wrap it all up.

Photos of the NBRR can be seen on the Little Rhody website: <http://www.littlerhodydiv.org/layouts/emmett/1.html>

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. As in the past, Sue Osberg and Steve Erickson will add dueling Swedish Meatballs to the buffet. Please let Sue Osberg (xxxx@gmail.com) 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 things like hearty soups, and other canned food, including all fruit, corn, kidney beans, baked beans, tuna, chicken, hams, etc. In addition, canned meals like hash, beef stew, chili and Spam, are always welcomed. Those extra things like crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, juice, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, jello, tea and oil just fly off the shelves. Anything you donate will be greatly appreciated.

Donations by cash or check are also welcome (see Linda Bergemann).

White Elephant Table

Bring your surplus train stuff to our White Elephant Table and see if someone would like to give it 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.

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 EVENTS

January

Saturday, January 18th at Middletown Public Library - A regular monthly meeting open to the public. Our T-TRAK layout and David Kiley’s G-scale layout will be on display for the public to view.

February

Saturday, February 1st at the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich. Our panel of experts, consisting of Little Rhody members, Steve Erickson, Justin Maguire, MMR, and Rick Sisson, will discuss “Everything You Wanted to Know About Glue and Were Afraid to Ask”.

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

Happy Holidays to all!!

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