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Greetings! Hop on board!

JUNE EVENT

This event will take place virtually, using *Zoom*, on **Saturday, June 6th**. You should plan to download the *Zoom* application in advance so you are ready to go. Feel free to contact me with any questions. A link to the meeting and its password, along with further instructions, will be e-mailed to you next week. We are looking forward to seeing you.

We will begin with virtual coffee and donuts accompanied by socializing at **9:30 AM**, followed by information sharing and a short business meeting at about **10 AM**. The first clinic will depart the station at **10:10 AM**, or thereabouts. We plan to wrap up at about **1 PM**, following a break for lunch and our third clinic.

Clinic #1: “The Golden Spike Sesquicentennial Celebration & Festival at Promontory Summit”

Joining of the rails at Promontory Point
Photograph by Andrew J. Russell, May 10, 1869

First up will be **Doug Scott**, of the HUB Division. Doug will provide us with a multi-media presentation of his railfan trip to the West in the summer of 2019. He will include:

- Modern Union Pacific freights in Wyoming
- Chasing the inaugural, post-restoration run of Big Boy #4014, accompanied by Northern #844, from Hanna, WY to Weber, UT.

- The Celebration on May 9 & 10, 2019 in Ogden, UT and Promontory Summit, UT, marking 150 years since the completion of the country's first transcontinental railroad.

Clinic #2: "Retro-Landscaping"

Our second presentation will be by **Steve Erickson**, past Superintendent of LRD. This clinic shows you how to make the landscape and scenery surrounding your railroad match the era of your railroad.

We spend time ensuring that our locomotives and rolling stock reflect an era; we often do the same with buildings and automobiles. But, beyond that, there are many details, easy to produce, that reinforce the time and place. The presentation will feature a series of photos taken in New Hampshire in the 1950's, together with modern updates, that will illustrate techniques. Resources to consult will be discussed.

Clinic #3: "A Tour of the West Bay and Northern Railroad"

After a break for lunch, our last presentation will be by **Sue Osberg**, current Superintendent of LRD. Using PowerPoint, Sue will give us a virtual tour of the HO-scale West Bay & Northern Railroad that she, and her husband Brian, have constructed in their basement. The railroad is set in Rhode Island during the transition from steam to diesel power. Sue generally builds structures, while Brian concentrates on trackage and bridges. The layout is a work-in-progress, with scenery about 65% complete.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our Election of Officers is underway. If you haven't mailed in your ballot, do it now. Ballots must be received by June 10th to be counted.

FUTURE EVENTS

July

SUMMER PICNIC on Saturday, July 18th at the home of Mike and Jane Wlochowski, Westerly, RI. Details to follow as date approaches.

August

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING on Saturday, August 1st. Let us know what you would like us to include in next year's programs. Clinics, speakers, field trips, etc. Call or e-mail me with your ideas.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER on Wednesday, August 5th at The Nelson Event Center (Lang's Bowlarama), 225 Niantic Avenue, Cranston, RI. Details to follow as date approaches.

September

Saturday, September 12th at Cumberland Public Library, Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI. A regular monthly meeting open to the public. Our *Rhode Island and Old Colony* N-scale T-TRAK layout, David Kiley's G-scale *Hogwarts Express*, and *The Polar Express* will be on display for the public to view.

As always, please contact me with any questions or issues. If I don't know the answer, I will pass it to someone who can. Also, if you have any suggestions for future events, please let me know.

Stay well,
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