



OCTOBER EVENT

This event will take place virtually, using *Zoom*, on **Saturday, October 3rd**. 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, along with further instructions, will be e-mailed to you a few days before the event. We are looking forward to seeing you.

We will begin with virtual coffee and donuts accompanied by socializing at **9:30AM**, followed by information sharing and a short business meeting at about **10:00AM**. The first clinic will depart the station at **10:10AM**, or thereabouts. Mics will remain open for socializing between planned activities. We plan to wrap up by **Noon**.

Clinic #1: "The Seventy Year Train Ride"

Long-time NMRA member **Frank Heppner** will present a slide show based on his new book, *"The Seventy Year Train Ride"*.



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BOTTOM LEFT: Indian Railway; BOTTOM RIGHT: Night Train from Dun-Laoghaire

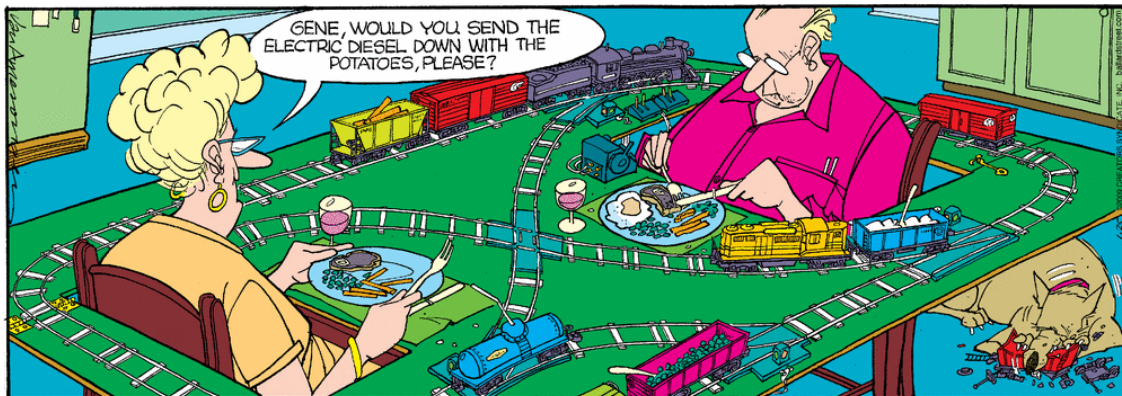
Frank has logged over 500,000 miles by train on four continents. The trains have ranged from the home-built, marine diesel-powered "Panay Express" in the Philippines, to the ultra-luxe "Andalus Express" in Spain.

Frank's father was a railroad doctor with the Southern Pacific in San Francisco,

and he started riding trains before he was born, and continued using the family railroad pass. His presentation will begin at the beginning.

Clinic #2: "Is Model Railroading a Mental Disorder?"

Psychologist Ron Mihordin, PhD discusses the social, biological, psychological, historical, and cultural factors that may explain why we became model railroaders.



Part serious, part tongue-in-cheek, the clinic presents a classification of the psychological sub-types seen among model railroaders.

This presentation was videotaped at the NMRA75 Convention in Milwaukee, WI in July 2010 and is available on the NMRA website. We have reports that this clinic was the best ever attended by Mike Tylick, MMR.

FUTURE EVENTS

November

Saturday, November 7th via Zoom.

"Asphalt Roads Decoded & More" by Andy Reynolds, HUB Division, and a video tour of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, a model railroad by Jeffrey Padell, Old Colony Model Railroad Club.

December

Saturday, December 5th via Zoom.

A video tour of "Justin's Workshop" by Justin Maguire, MMR, and, to celebrate the holidays, a Virtual Yankee Swap (if we can figure out how to do it!). Sadly, no Swedish meatballs this year.

** Contact David Kiley (kileys@juno.com) or Tom Emmett (teagmrr@runbox.com) if you have any suggestions for future events, or if you would like to provide a virtual tour of your model railroad.*

FACEBOOK

Please take some time to visit the Little Rhody Division Facebook *Page* and newly created Little Rhody Division *Group*. Events will be posted to the FB Page. While there, "Like" the page so you will receive our posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/LittleRhodyDivision>

It is my intention that the Group be used for discussions on model railroading topics between members of the Little Rhody Division and their acquaintances. As a member, you are able to share photos and other media. This is a private group and you must request to "Join" to be able to participate. Membership and content will be managed and monitored.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LRDGroup>

This group, as well as our existing Little Rhody T-TRAK group (link below), is linked to our FB page.

www.facebook.com/groups/1557631501142025/

Contact me, Linda Bergemann, if you have any questions.

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,
Linda Bergemann

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