



NOVEMBER EVENT

This event will take place virtually, using *Zoom*, on **Saturday, November 7th**. 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: "Two Layout Tours: The Old Colony Model Railroad Club and My Home Layout" by Jeff Padell,
OCMRRC



Old Colony Model Railroad Club

Part 1: The Old Colony Model Railroad Club

"The Old Colony Model Railroad club of 770 Broadway Raynham, Massachusetts was founded by two, still active, members in February of 1997. We came together to form a model railroad club, where members could be free to run their own equipment in whatever time period they preferred. The room we rent in the old Raynham Barrel Factory was the former site of a furniture store, so there was plenty of space to set up the layout in our 50' by 50' suite. When we enrolled enough members to start the layout, we set out with some simple rules, and operate in HO-scale. When we voted on what railroad to model, the choice was obvious - the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in the time period post war era. Many of our members remember this road from their childhood. In this time period, we can run steam and diesel locomotive power; however, members can run their own non-specific equipment any time we are not engaged in a group operating session. We stress Kadee couplers and metal wheelsets on all locomotives and rolling stock. The layout has gone through many changes until we finally decided on our current layout, which was derived from a drawing given to us from another model railroad club. We have made some design changes to fit our layout room. We started with open grid bench work and cookie-cutter plywood sub-roadbed. Our rail is mostly Atlas code 83 track and switches on cork and vinyl

roadbed; there is code 100 in the staging yard. Our minimum curve is 34" radius on the mainline and 25" radius on the branch line. The layout features a double-track mainline running between New Haven and Providence, the Shoreline route. There is also a lengthy branch line modeled after the Air Line in Connecticut, and it is dedicated to long-time modeler John Allen. The staging area features the yards of Maybrook and Boston. At this time we have about 85% percent of the scenery finished, and the track plan is 95% completed. There are some finished scenes with mischievous and humorous designs to look for. We are operating with approximately 14 members. Our membership experience ranges from beginner to avid and published modelers. In 2008, we changed the layout from analog DC system to DCC (digital command control). We currently run the NCE (North Coast Engineering) DCC system. There is still much to model on the layout. We have been looking into a new signal system, with better block control. The design and scenery members are still working on many areas."



Lehigh Valley Model Railroad by Jeffrey Padell

Part 2: My Home Layout - Lehigh Valley in the Conrail Transition-era and Steam-era Museum

"My great-grandfather and one of his son's worked for the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the beginning of the 1900's, so the decision what road to model was easy.

"I have a love of switching, but also often like to just sit with a cup of coffee and watch trains go in circles.

"The layout is an oval about 10 feet by 18 feet with the center being a large operating pit. I have a removable duck-under for access. I am running NCE digital command control with radio throttles.

"While in a fictional part of the line, I call it in the Lehigh-ton-area, as my mother's family lived in that general area. I have 75 manual switches and not a single electric switch on the layout. I have a 50-car yard and a cement plant (not shown on the videos as they were taken before I tore that part of the layout apart). I have most buildings done, or mockups in place, but not much in the way of ballasting yet. Curve radiuses are 18 inch.

"The guys at the club [OCMRRC] joke that I don't have a single piece of flex-track that is not cut for a switch. But, there ARE 4 full-length flex-tracks, 3 in the yard and one in the cement plant. Actually there are a few more, but not many."

Clinic #2: "Asphalt Roads Decoded & More" by Andy Reynolds, HUB Division

During the August Little Rhody Zoom meeting, Dave Kiley asked Andy what he had been doing during the summer, and it so happened he'd been changing out code 83 track to the larger code 100 track, which is the preferred HUB Division modular protocol. Along with track changes, Andy had decided to use his long-standing method to get his roads into the parking lots, road crossovers, and streets of Eastern Avenue in Fall River, MA - moving around a three-story Hydrocal factory building and three other similar structures. As this perked a lot of interest, he has been asked to show this in more detail, which he'll do on Saturday morning November 7th, 2020.



One of Andy Reynolds' asphalt roads

There are several steps involved and it can get quite messy if not done right; but, the results are worth the effort. We'll go over the advantages of using real asphalt for roadbeds and parking lots, in addition to the civil engineering in creating roads on two modules (Fall River and River Plate Station), and the process to making stand-out scenes.

During the presentation, the structures, roofing, cobble stoned parking lots, smaller structures and roofs will catch your eye, and Andy will go into the techniques used.

Andy is a HUB Division member and has won awards for his structures and dioramas at the regional level. If nothing more, you'll get some more ideas on creating better structures and scenery.

FUTURE EVENTS

December

December 1 - 4

NERx virtual convention, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM Eastern, each evening. There will be a variety of clinics presented by NMRA Northeastern Region members. The schedule is still being developed. Stay tuned.

Saturday, December 5th via Zoom.

"My Studio: One man's work area organized for convenience, light and well-being" by Justin Maguire, MMR, Little Rhody Division. We will also have a virtual Show & Tell, where our members can display their pandemic creations. And, to celebrate the holidays, a Virtual Yankee Swap (if we can figure out how to do it!).

January

Saturday, January 9th via Zoom.

Former Little Rhody member Don Irace will show us progress on his new HO-scale layout in Florida. James Openshaw of New Bedford and a "real" railroader will discuss prototype signals and road rules.

January 30 & 31

*The Amherst Railway Society has **cancelled** the **2021 Railroad Hobby Show** that was scheduled for January 30 and 31, 2021. A Virtual Railroad Hobby Show for that same weekend is in the works and details will be announced soon.*

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.

ZOOMING AROUND THE NER



[See Dana Brown's B&A Railroad](#)

On **November 15**, from 1-3 PM Eastern, the GMD will hold an on-line video conference with Dana Brown's HO scale B&A Railroad as the star attraction. Following Dana's layout visit, there will member project videos or live presentations. To learn more, [click here](#).

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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