

MARCH EVENT

This event will take place virtually, using *Zoom*, on **Saturday, March 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, 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: "Make It Look Real, and On the Cheap!" by Tom Staton, Central New York Division



A Climax runs along the main line on Tom Staton's On3 Narragansett RR model train layout.

Tom Staton, President, CEO, and mostly janitor, of the Narragansett Railroad in HO, On3, Gn15, G and soon be On30, by birth a N.E. Yankee born in Rhode Island.

In Tom's words: "I like to find ways to avoid hobby shops only because I like to have my entire layout one of a kind. Nothing looks more real than when you use mother nature's very own hobby supplies.

"All of my layout buildings are still in place, I am in the process of getting ready to sell it all so I can go on to another train layout. If you have see any of my work in national mags. they show the lighter side of my work including the travelling outhouse, the mobil brewery and the poop pumper. They have been sold and now reside in Penn. I have a few out of the box cars that could be put in place. The engines are still on the layout, including the soon to be fired engineers, one is nearly blind and in a wheel chair, but has a topless assistant in the cab with him. The other engineer may be starting AA very soon as he has been very lacks about throwing away his booze bottles and Narragansett beer cans, most are on the dash board of the engine."

Clinic #2: Video - "Passenger Operations" by John Lowrance, MMR and Tom Crosthwait.



In this video, John Lawrence and Tom Crosthwait introduce us to passenger train operations. They begin with the premise that "confusion abounds" when it comes to passenger trains. They will talk about how passenger trains are composed, and the design and function of the various car types. They will also address different train types. So, if you are one of the confused, this is the video for you.

This clinic was originally shown at the 2017 National Convention in Orlando, FL. It runs about 66 mins.

FUTURE EVENTS

April

Saturday, April 10th via Zoom

"An Update on the Nickel Plate Model Railway" by Tony Koester, and a pre-recorded video titled "Iron & Steel: The Industry" by Doug Geiger, MMR.

May

Saturday, May 1st via Zoom

Justin Maguire, MMR will describe three light modules that he designed and is building for the European Train Enthusiasts group. Also, Tom Emmett will show us the video "Against the Grain - Getting Grain to Market via Rail" by Dave Burman.

** 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.*

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

LITTLE RHODY DIVISION "PAGE"

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>

LITTLE RHODY MEMBERS "GROUP"

It is my intention that this 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. Join us and start a

conversation.

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

LITTLE RHODY T-TRAK "GROUP"

This group was started by David Dekonski in 2016 for communications between Little Rhody members interested in T-TRAK. This, too, is a private group you must request to "Join".

www.facebook.com/groups/1557631501142025/

The link to the Little Rhody Division "Page" will appear at the bottom of every newsletter. Both "Groups" may be accessed from the Page. Contact me, Linda Bergemann, if you have any questions.

YouTube

Little Rhody Division now has a YouTube channel. We have been recording our monthly events and intend to make them all available on our YouTube channel for later viewing. Added this month:

[Signals and Road Rules by James Openshaw \(January 2021\)](#)
[George Landow's Albion, Pawtuxet & Galilee Railroad \(February 2021\)](#)

We will continue to post other recordings as they become available.

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As an added bonus, the HUB Division has provided us the link to George Landow's presentation at HUB's February 15th RailFUN event, also on YouTube:

["Conklin Limestone Quarry"](#)
[and](#)

["My NMRA Achievement Award for Prototype Modeling"](#)

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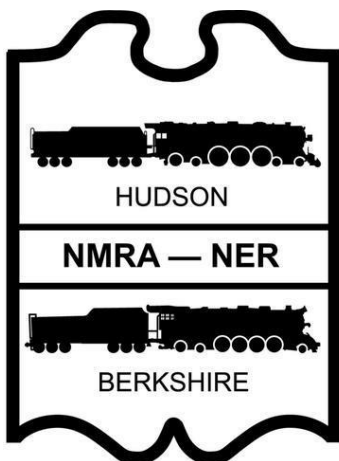


Virtual Meeting (FreeConferenceCall)

9 AM Saturday, February 27, 2021

Jim Homoki will share his experience and tips in developing a timetable for his Hoboken Terminal layout and talk about the Achievement Program's Chief Dispatcher category. There will be a second clinic by Joe Valentine on how he built a model of the Orange, NJ freight house for his DL&W layout. The meet will also feature a tour of Tom Wortmann's HO scale Mohawk, Salem, and Kensington layout. Plus, a "Just Brag" portion of the meet featuring projects members have been working on during the pandemic.

To join the meeting using your computer, use this link: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/gsdtrains>. To access the meeting using your tablet, make sure you download the FreeConferenceCall app for your Apple or Android product before the meeting starts. When you launch the app on your tablet, join the on-line meeting using the meeting ID, "gsdtrains".



"Lighting and Animation"

Presented by Jim Lewis from Model Train
Technology

7 PM Friday, March 19, 2021

This virtual meeting will be on Google Meet.
Contact [Linda Bergemann](#) for the link on the day
of the event.



"Presentation: Designing and Manufacturing Model Trains in China - the "Rapido Way" "

Presented by Bill Schneider and John
Sheridan

8 PM Friday, March 19, 2021

The Zoom link will be sent to Little Rhody
members as the date approaches.

MARKETPLACE



FOR SALE

G-scale "Peace Dale Industrial Branch - Narragansett Railroad"

by our March clinician, Tom Staton, of Central New York

Assorted scratch-built buildings and some unusual figures. Years ago, Tom was quoted saying "This I believe will be my last layout? Each layout has been a larger scale, with this one being G, and 100% scratch-built. As with all my other layouts, I have built in lots of humor and tremendous detail." Well, he is building a new one in On30, perhaps digressing down the scale of smaller scales?

A small taste of the detail and character of Tom's modeling can be seen in the photos. For more information and a full list of items for sale contact

Tom Staton at Staton02@gmail.com.



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
Membership Chair
Little Rhody Division NMRA

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