



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for our annual election officers. All positions are open: ***Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, Chief Clerk and Director***. If you would like to run for one of these positions or would like more information, please contact David Kiley at kileys@juno.com.

MAY EVENT

This event will take place virtually, using *Zoom*, on **Saturday, May 1**. 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: Video - "Passenger Operations" by John Lowrance, MMR and Tom Crosthwait.



In this video, John Lowrance 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.

Clinic #2: "European Train Enthusiasts - A Lightweight Approach to Three New Modules" by Justin Maguire, Jr., MMR



This presentation will detail the construction of three new modular sections for the European Train Enthusiasts famed show layout. The viewer will be guided through the process of using various thicknesses of Baltic Birch plywood and extruded polystyrene foam to a completed and fully scenicked European waterfront scene. While the final result is decidedly European in flavor, the building techniques illustrated are applicable to any layout in any scale and size.

FUTURE EVENTS

June

Wednesday, June 23 (tentative)

Annual Meeting - Date and details to be determined.

July

Saturday or Sunday, July 17/18 or 24/25

Summer Picnic at the summer home of Mike & Jane Wlochowski in Westerly, RI.

This event is just in the planning stage. More to follow.

** 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:

[Update on the Nickel Plate by Tony Koester \(April 2021\)](#)

[A Virtual Tour of Tom Emmett's North Bay Railroad \(September 2020\)](#)

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

Like Facebook, the link to the Little Rhody Division YouTube "Channel" will appear at the bottom of every newsletter. Contact me, Linda Bergemann, if you have any questions

ZOOMING AROUND THE NER



Double Header:

Building "Two Johns" Brewery and the "DCC Toolbox"

Presented by John Sacerdote and Russ
Berry

from the Amherst Railway Society

8 PM Friday, May 21, 2021

Picture a spur with a loading dock that has room / spots for three boxcars or reefers. How do you remove a loaded car without disturbing the other cars that are in the middle of being loaded? It's easy! With transfer tables, of course. Our brewery is modeled after the Coors Plant in Golden, Colorado, and we'll show you how we did it.

Russ developed a "DCC Toolbox" to easily transport all the electronics he needs to test and program any brand of DCC decoder. Along with a laptop computer, he is able to use either JMRI or the ESU Lokprogrammer software to test, program, load sound files or update firmware in all brands of DCC decoders. Russ will explain all the features and decoder programming hardware contained in the DCC Toolbox and answer any

questions you might have during this clinic presentation.

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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