

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers for consideration:

***Superintendent:*** Sue Osberg  
***Assistant Superintendent:*** David Kiley  
***Chief Clerk:*** Dick Nagle  
***Paymaster:*** Shannon Dekonski  
***Director (Elected, 1-yr\*):*** DK Paul  
***Director (Elected, 2-yr term):*** Tom Emmett

\*DK Paul is running to fill the balance of David Kiley's term as a Director (elected in 2020).

The immediate ***Past Superintendent*** (Steve Erickson) also serves on the Board. Additional Board members may be appointed by the Superintendent pursuant to the bylaws. Current appointees include:

***Webmaster:*** George Landow  
***Achievement Program:*** Justin Maguire  
***Membership:*** Linda Bergemann  
***T-TRAK Program:*** David Dekonski  
***Director at large:*** Brian Osberg (pending)

Voting will take place in-person at the Annual Dinner on June 23rd.

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## **ANNUAL DINNER**

Our Annual Dinner will take place in-person on **Wednesday, June 23** at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, located at 1275 Reservoir Ave, Cranston, RI 02920. Entree choices are Boneless Cranberry Sage Stuffed Chicken Breast, Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Haddock. Meal cost is \$25 per person. Advance reservation and

payment is required by June 12. Click below for a copy of the flyer with more details. This event will not be streamed live.

## [ANNUAL DINNER FLYER](#)

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### FUTURE EVENTS

#### **July**

*Saturday, July 17 (Rain date Sunday, July 18)*

**Summer Picnic** at the summer home of Mike & Jane Wlochowski, 66 Shore Road, Westerly, RI 02891. This event is just in the planning stage. More to follow.

#### **August**

No membership activities are scheduled for August. The Board will meet during the month to plan activities for the next year. Contact David Kiley ([kileys@juno.com](mailto:kileys@juno.com)) or Tom Emmett ([teagmrr@runbox.com](mailto:teagmrr@runbox.com)) if you have any suggestions for future events.

#### **September**

*Saturday, September 11*

Our plan is to return to in-person meetings beginning in September. Location will be the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich, RI, where we met prior to COVID-19 restrictions. We plan to continue to livestream the meeting for those who are unable to attend in-person, and to record the clinics for later viewing on YouTube.

#### **November**

*Sunday, November 7 (Setup on Saturday, November 6)*

**Little Rhody Model Train Expo** at the Coventry Community Center. This expo will focus on layouts and introducing model railroading to the general public. A small number of local vendors will be invited to participate. Watch for more information.

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# 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/](http://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.

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## 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:

### [European Train Enthusiasts: A Lightweight Approach to Three New Modules \(May 2021\)](#)

#### [Passenger Operations \(May 2021\)](#)

*You must log in to the NMRA website to view this video.*

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.

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## ZOOMING AROUND THE NER



**Railroad Resiliency – How BNSF and the industry has performed over the last 18 months and what is ahead**

Presented by Jim Tylick, BNSF  
Assistant VP Merchandise Service

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# Design

**8 PM Friday, June 18, 2021**

Jim Tylick (son of Mike Tylick) is assistant vice president, Merchandise Service Design, for BNSF Railway. In this role, Jim manages and directs the development of BNSF's Transportation Service Plan for the operation of daily merchandise and carload equipment distribution over one of the largest railroad networks in North America.

Jim most recently served as general director, Transportation, for the Powder River Division. Jim began his railroad career on passenger rail in the Northeast. He first joined BNSF in 2007 as a trainmaster in Lincoln, NE, and then soon took a similar role in Omaha, NE. He would later move into other Transportation management positions with increasing responsibility in Kansas City, MO. In 2015, Jim moved to San Bernardino, CA, where he served in superintendent roles prior to taking his most recent position in Denver, CO, with the Powder River Division.

This is a Zoom meeting. The link will be made available a few days before this event.

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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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