



SEPTEMBER EVENT

The first Little Rhody Division event of the new year is scheduled for **Saturday, September 9th** at the **United Methodist Church**, at 1558 South County Trail (Rt. 2), East Greenwich, RI 02818.

We will begin with coffee and donuts accompanied by socializing at **9:30AM**, followed by information sharing and a business meeting beginning at about **10:00AM**. We plan to wrap up by **Noon**.

Spouses and guests are always welcome.

Clinic #1: Summer Vacation Show & Tell

This is your opportunity to show us what you did over the summer - related to model railroading, of course. All are welcome to share your successes, attempts and even failures with your fellow modelers. Long or short, we want it all!

Contact David Kiley and tell him your topic and what you need from us to share it with the rest.

Clinic #2: AP Program (ongoing series on AP Awards)

This year we'll be doing brief introductions to each of the AP Categories, similar to what the NMRA has been running in their monthly magazine. We'll be focusing on explaining the requirements for each as well as tips on modeling and documentation for submission. For the September meeting and although not one of the eleven AP categories, we'll be looking at the Golden Spike award as a starting point. We'll also be inviting members to contribute to a Project Review session. A sort of "here's what I'm working on - what do you think" or "here's something I need help with".

Clinic #3: Results of meeting with Roger William Botanical Garden Staff

On Saturday, Aug 26, Superintendent Sue Osberg, Asst. Super David Kiley, Steve Erickson and Tom Emmett met with the folks from the Roger Williams Park Botanical Garden to discuss setting up trains for their holiday display. I expect Justin Maguire will be joining us with this work. We agreed to work as contractors for the park in doing this work. We also agreed to set up two displays in two different garden areas. One will have a Christmas theme while the other will be more generically a "winter" theme. On the advice of G-scale guru David Kiley, we will be purchasing three G-scale train sets of locomotive and two cars. Tom Emmett will be designing the track layouts given the sizes of the two areas. We will be meeting again on Monday, Aug 28 to finalize the purchasing requirements and track layout plans and will send the information to our contacts at the park. Work will begin as soon as the park gets the "OK" from the Providence Mayor's office for funds and the train sets arrive. The trains will be coming from a European manufacturer that David has worked with for years as their trains are far more sturdy and reliable than those from other locations. Further details of the arrangements with the park will be discussed at the September meeting as we will have more information and details by then.

FUTURE EVENTS

October

Saturday, October 7

November Show Prep

Rick Sisson's 3-D Printing

AP Program Series

November

Saturday, November 4th

Train Show Setup

Sunday, November 5th

Live Train Show 10 AM to 3 PM

See below for flyer

December

Saturday, December 9th

Roger Williams Program Progress

Potluck East Greenwich

Open House at Providence Northern

** Contact David Kiley or Tom Emmett if you have any suggestions for future events, or if you would like to provide a virtual tour of your model railroad.*

RI MODEL TRAIN EXPO

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Sunday, November 5, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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<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 has a YouTube channel where recordings of our monthly events are available for viewing. No new videos were added this month.

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at the bottom of every newsletter. Contact me, Linda Bergemann, if you have any questions

LITTLE RHODY BUSINESS

[Minutes - LRD Planning Meeting 05 August 2023](#)

[Minutes - Bristol Meeting 6 May 2023 - NA](#)

[Minutes - Annual Meeting 17 June 2023](#)

Little Rhody Picnic

Dick Nagle was presented his Volunteer Award. In attendance along with LRD members was the NER Regional Director Erich Whitney and his daughter, Brenna, and Bruce Robinson of HUB division.

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
