



FEBRUARY EVENT

LITTLE RHODY DIVISION FEBUARY MEETING

DATE: **FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

LOCATION: **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH, RI**

TIME: **9:30 AM FOR COFFEE AND MEETING**

The February Little Rhody Division event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3rd**, 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: Building and Weathering Boxcars
Steve Erickson and Sue Osberg

Steve will lead off with building a basic boxcar and possible upgrades and how

to do them.

Sue will do the weathering part by demonstrating weathering with paints, stains, powders and chalks.

Participants should plan to bring the following for the boxcar kit making and weathering:

- Small screwdriver
- Small flat brush(es)- no smaller than 1/4" and no larger than 1/2"
- Glue for plastic
- Scale ruler
- Roll of pennies (great for weighting cars)

Clinic #2: AP Program - Cars

Tom Emmett

Tom will discuss the [cars part](#) of the AP program. A "Car" is just about anything that runs on rails and is NOT self-propelled (if it's self-propelled, it's Motive Power). This includes freight cars, passenger cars, maintenance of way cars (including equipment such as cranes), cabooses, cable cars, unpowered (dummy) locomotives, etc.

DOWNSIZED DELIGHTS: Exploring the World of Model Trains

Discover personal tips, knowledge, and experiences of fellow members

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FUTURE EVENTS

March

Saturday, March 2nd

Mal Houck MMR of Hub Division will present the Motive Power AP program. Mal is a fabulous modeler who earned the Baldwin Award for Best in Show at last fall's NER convention on Long Island. His model can be seen in the most recent issue of The Coupler - a beautiful scratch-build steam locomotive.

David Dekonski will display some of his work for this award.

April

Saturday, April 13th and 27th

The April 6th meeting is cancelled and will be replaced by the 13th T-trak on the layout tour. We are attempting to set up the T-Trak as part of the spring layout tour and hope to set it up at the church on April 13.

This will replace the April meeting

On the 27th of April, we will be at the Middletown, RI library with the T-trak, Harry Potter and Polar Express layouts.

May

Saturday, May 4th

The May 4 meeting is cancelled and will be replaced by the April 27 Middletown Library meet.

June

Saturday, June 1st and 22nd

Saturday, June 1, we will be at the Somerset, MA library with our traveling layouts. We can set up Friday afternoon. For further details(time, etc), David Kiley is the contact person.

The annual meeting/election will be a luncheon on Saturday June 22
- location TBD.

July

We need to locate an Air-conditioned location for a meeting and hold a picnic/lunch meeting in Sept when it's a bit cooler. We agreed at the planning meeting last August to swap the July and September meetings due to excess heat in July.

** 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.*

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

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

LITTLE RHODY BUSINESS

[Minutes - LRD Meeting 6 January 2024](#)

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

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,
Steve Ryder
Newsletter Composer
Little Rhody Division NMRA
