



## MARCH EVENT

### LITTLE RHODY DIVISION FEBUARY MEETING

DATE:       **MARCH 2, 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, March 2nd**, 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.

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#### **Clinic #1: Motive Power AP program presentation**

Malcolm Houck NER MMR

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

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the most recent issue of The Coupler - a beautiful scratch-built steam locomotive.

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

See page 7 of the [NER Winter 2024 Coupler](#) for Mal's winning entry for Scratch Built / Steam Loco and Mal receiving the Baldwin award.



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## **APRIL MEETING REPLACED BY LAYOUT TOUR T-TRAK DISPLAY!**

The April 6<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting is cancelled in lieu our T-Trak and G-scale displays on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church.

The display will be part of the “**Little Rhody Division Layout Tour**”, a self-guided model railroad open house tour under the direction of David Dekonski. Tour Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM. Setup Times TBD.

We need people who have modules to be there to clean track, and run trains. Everyone else is encouraged to visit as this is intended to be a **fun gathering event** to meet other modelers and introduce the Little Rhody division to non-members. Come anytime and enjoy the company!

- For the folks who will be “manning” the layouts at the church, we can send out for lunch that day. We have bottles of water and some soda.
  - We are also looking to provide a hospitality table and will need edibles in the form of muffins and pastry in the morning, and cookies in the afternoon. All contributions appreciated.
  - If anyone has DCC N scale equipment, bringing rolling stock would help fill the yards and sidings.
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- More information regarding the Tour will be provided at a later time, including a flier, and hopefully a website with locations and descriptions of the participants as well as maps.

## **SOME SNAPSHOTS OF OUR T-TRAK MODULES IN PREVIOUS DISPLAYS**

*[See more on our website](#)*



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## Additional events on the horizon

MARCH 9TH and 10TH

SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB  
OPEN HOUSE - See below the fliers below for details

APRIL 27TH, 10:00 – 2:00

LRD MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY  
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
See Middletown flier below - Click image for printable version.

APRIL 27TH and 28TH

AMHERST RAILWAY SOCIETY  
NORTHEAST LARGE SCALE TRAIN SHOW

[Link to webpage](#)

MAY 4TH - LRD Meeting cancelled in lieu of the Middletown event.

JUNE 1ST, 10:00 – 1:00

LRD MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY  
SOMERSET PUBLIC LIBRARY  
See Somerset flier below - Click image for printable version.

**MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY**  
*OPERATING MODEL RAILROADS*  
SAT. APRIL 27, 2024 11:00-2:00  
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
700 WEST MAIN ROAD (RT. 114), MIDDLETOWN, RI 02842

**FREE!!!** BRING THE CHILDREN!  
T-TRAK AND HARRY POTTER LAYOUTS

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## You're Invited!

Come join us for our Spring Model Railroad Show and Open House. Experience our large operating layout and visit the White Elephant and Vendor's tables.

**Saturday, March 9th, 9am-4pm**

**Sunday, March 10th, 10am-4pm**

**Adults: \$5**

**Seniors (65+) and Kids: \$3**

**Kids 4 and under: Free**

Located in Bare Cove Park, across from the West Hingham commuter rail station.



**SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB OPEN HOUSE**

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## DOWNSIZED DELIGHTS: Exploring the World of Model Trains

*Discover personal tips, knowledge, and experiences of fellow members*

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### **April**

Saturday, April 13th and 27th

The April 6th meeting is cancelled and will be replaced by the 13th T-trak and G-scale displays 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**

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### 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

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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 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 3 February 2024](#)

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

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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,  
Steve Ryder  
Newsletter Composer  
Little Rhody Division NMRA



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