



**In this edition of our monthly newsletter:**

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## MIDDLETOWN MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

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

The Middletown Library event will be held Saturday April 27 from 11:00 am to 2 pm at the Middletown, RI library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown, RI. Enter using the **side** door so we can avoid traipsing through the library proper to get to the room.

Set up will be Friday afternoon, April 26 from **2:30 - 4:30** pm (the library closes early so we need to get in, get set up and get out). On Saturday the library opens at 10 am, so please be there by then.

We will be displaying the RI & Old Colony N-scale T-Trak, the G- scale Harry Potter and the O-scale Polar Express. Also, Jose and his son will also have a table for their N-scale layout (they were there on Saturday for the Layout Tour).

**NO FOOD; NO BEVERAGES IN THE ROOM. COFFEE IS ALLOWED, BUT ONLY IF COVERED.**

It was noticed on the 13th during the layout tour that while some of the Little Rhody folks had on LRD shirts and name tags, many of the members did not. Many members purchased the navy blue shirts (either the “dress” shirt or “polo” shirt or both) a few years ago. At the last meeting ID hang tags were given out to all members who regularly attend meetings.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, when you are attending a Little Rhody event, wear your shirt and ID hang tag. If what you have is a convention shirt (committee or volunteer), that is fine, wear it. This way, the general public knows that one is an LRD member and not just “some guy in off the street and out of the rain”....

The shirts were purchased to help provide a sense of identity with Little Rhody - wear it proudly. Thanks.

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### **Additional events on the horizon**

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 *Doors open at 9AM*

**Set up Friday afternoon, 1:00 - 3:00 PM.**

LRD MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY  
SOMERSET PUBLIC LIBRARY

See Somerset flier below - Click image for printable version.

More Train Show Events

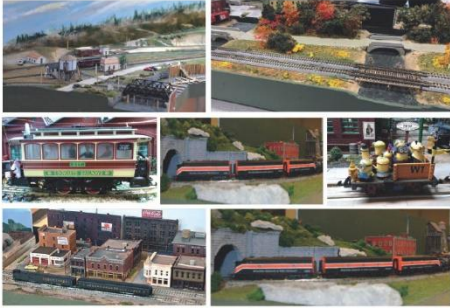
[\*New England Train Show List with Free Layout Tour 24\*](#)

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## 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



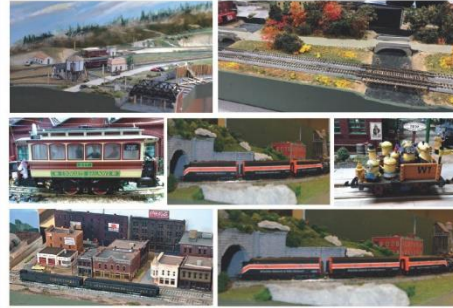
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1464 COUNTY STREET, SOMERSET, MA 02726



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## DOWNSIZED DELIGHTS: Exploring the World of Model Trains

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

### Points of Interest

The Spring issue of the **Micro Model Railway Dispatch** is available for non subscribers to download from <https://micromodelrailwaydispatch.com>.

### Save the date

The Nutmeg Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is proud to announce, in partnership with the Naugatuck Railroad, that there will be a special rare-mileage excursion to take place on **Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>**,

2024. We hope you will join us for a special day of riding and railfanning the fantastic Naugatuck Railroad in scenic western Connecticut.

Click [here](#) for more details

## **Roger Williams Park Botanical Center Update**

Many of you are aware that last Christmas, LRD provided G-scale model train layout/displays for the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. For our work designing the layouts, recommending which trains to purchase and setting things up, providing structures for the second layout and building a wonderful mountain/tunnel/ski slope (thank you Tom Emmett), and being available to trouble-shoot, we earned almost \$3000 for the Little Rhody coffers.

This year we will be doing the same thing with an additional layout. The Christmas Tree/Christmas train will remain the same. In the second conservatory, instead of a Ski Train, we will have a trolley layout based in Providence, RI and in the first conservatory will be a Nordic-themed shelf layout around the fountain and pond at the front of the conservatory. But...this year we need additional assistance. We need structure builders. Since we are model railroaders, we build structures as part of working our hobby.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE volunteer to build one or more buildings for us. While the railroad will be G-scale, we've decided the buildings will be best done in O-scale (we had some Dept 56 buildings last year - nice but too small).

NOTE: keep your materials receipts as we can reimburse you for materials expenses.

What we are looking for:

For the trolley layout: "Landmark" Providence, RI buildings such as the Industrial National Bank building (aka the "Superman" building), the train station, the Biltmore Hotel, the "Big Blue Bug"? and any others you might

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consider to be “landmark” and typically Providence. These can be done in paper or the “almost cardboard” some of you regularly use for buildings.

For the Nordic layout: A Nordic fishing village (such as the fishing village in Mystic Seaport), A Christmas Market as seen along the Danube and Rhine Rivers in Germany (they have them in Sweden as well) - these are open stall type buildings. Also perhaps a Nordic village. Again, these can be paper structures similar to those for the Providence layout.

Please let [Sue Osberg](#) know if you are willing to accommodate us with one or two structures for either or both layouts. Last year we pulled things together in almost no time at all, this year we have six months + to get things done, but we don't want to waste the time. Remember, both sets of buildings will be O-scale.

Again, Thanks.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **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.

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## Annual Meeting and Election

The **annual meeting/election** will be a luncheon on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Gregg's, Post Road, Warwick RI at **1 pm**. We will have an area set aside for us, we can order off the menu with separate checks per table. The agenda will include a vote on the proposed new by-laws, our regular annual meeting and election of officers.

## 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"

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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 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 April \(27 March 2024\)](#)

[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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