



Seacoast Division NMRA Fall Event
Saturday October 8, 2022, 10:00am-2:00pm
Stratham Fire House
2 Winnicutt Road, Stratham NH

Handicap Accessible

All NMRA members and people interested in becoming NMRA members are invited to the Fall Event of the Seacoast Division NMRA.

We Will Be In Person As Well As On-Line with Zoom

The Seacoast Division Fall 2022 Event will be held in person and also on-line with Zoom again at the Stratham Fire House, 2 Winnicutt Rd., Stratham NH., just off Route 33. The entrance to the ground floor meeting room is at the rear of the building. There is ample parking at the rear of the building.

The Schedule

Presentation by the Seacoast Trolley Museum

James Van Bokkelen, Vice President of the Seacoast Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine, will give a presentation offering an overview of the Museum, its campus and mission as well as a discussion of the recently acquired HO gauge model railroad layout and the building now under construction which will house the layout.

The NMRA Achievement Program (AP)

Tom Oxnard, MMR, will host a presentation that will provide an overview of the NMRA Achievement Program highlighting the eleven Achievement Award categories and the requirements for each category. The AP Program is designed to both recognize individual accomplishments within the hobby and to help participants improve their modeling skills. Many of the Awards require that the models earn a certain point level in the evaluation process. The point matrix system used by the evaluators will be discussed. Earning seven Certificates of Achievement is the prerequisite for Master Model Railroader (MMR).

The AP Award Evaluation Process

By using actual models, the evaluators will explain how the evaluation matrix works, what earns points and common mistakes that do not. Proper documentation is also important. Sample documentation will be discussed. It is important to note that models can be evaluated on a private basis. There is no need to submit models to be judged at a show.

Camera and TV Techniques for Model Railroads

Rich Breton will offer some thoughts on factors to consider when preparing a model railroad for a photo session. He will also discuss the use of miniature TV cameras mounted on rolling stock. What you need, where to buy it, how to assemble it, how to operate it and how to download the images to your TV or computer will be covered.

Layout Tours - Please take time to visit one or both of the two nearby model railroad layouts that will be on display from 2 to 4 pm. The Dick Fralick's New Haven and Connecticut Central and a second (TBD) layout will be available at the Event.

Dick Fralick's New Haven and Connecticut Central (HO)

Dick's switching layout consists of 50' by 1' wide shelf layout that is fully scenic'd and is connected via a wye to the two level 30' x 6' peninsula with a dual track helix. One end represents the New Haven 50'-60's the other end is operated by the Connecticut Central 1985-2000. The track work on the peninsula is near completion which allows for operations. Come and see the progress made since it was last opened 3 years ago! The layout is accessed by a stairway to basement from the garage. The layout uses Digitrax DCC.

There will be a 30 minute lunch break. Please plan to bring your own lunch as there is only one convenience store in close proximity to the Event.

Please plan to attend and Share the Fun of Model Railroading!

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Silent Auction

At the Seacoast Division Spring 2022 Event we will be holding a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Seacoast Division treasury and will be used to help offset the costs of the Seacoast Division's ongoing expenses, primarily the costs of renting the facilities for our quarterly events.

In a silent auction, items to be auctioned are displayed with a bid list for each item. If you want to bid on an item you write your name and the amount of your bid on the list. You can bid on as many items as you want, and you can bid as many times as you want on each item. At the end of the meeting, the winning bid for each item will be announced and the winner pays and claims the item.

For this to be successful, we need your help. If you have an item or items you want to donate to the auction, send the description of the item to MIKE PEDERSEN at mpederse@maine.rr.com. We are looking for functional items: locomotives, rolling stock, structures, equipment or supplies that other modelers would be interested in. This is not a White Elephant sale! **Send your item descriptions and minimum bid amounts to Mike no later than April Ninth (4/9/22).** A list of the items up for auction will be sent by email to all members the week before the event so they will know what will be available and bring enough funds with them for the items they might want to bid on.

On the day of the event, bring your item(s) and give them to Mike and he will have your bid sheet ready and will put your item(s) on display. Before the meeting and during lunch break everyone will have the opportunity to view the items and make their bids.

The Board of Directors agreed to the following procedural standards for the auction:

1. If you feel your item must have a minimum bid for sale, you must tell Mike so that can be placed on your bid list.
2. If the minimum bid is not met at the end of the meeting **you must reclaim your item.** Any unsold items must be taken back by the donor. The Seacoast Division has no place for storage and will not keep any items for possible future auctions.
3. Successful bids must be paid for in cash or by check payable to Seacoast Division NMRA at the end of the meeting.

We hope you will be enthused by this opportunity to participate in Seacoast Division activities and help ensure the Division's long-term financial stability.