



## **Seacoast Division NMRA Zoom On-line Event**

### **Saturday, January 15, 2022, 10:00am-12:00pm**

All NMRA members and people interested in becoming NMRA members are invited to the Winter On-Line Zoom Event of the Seacoast Division NMRA.

#### **Back To Zoom**

Since Covid-19 cases have risen again to be a major health risk, especially to older people, the Seacoast Division Board of Directors has made the decision to return to a "Zoom Only" Event. Many of you are already familiar with Zoom since other organizations are already starting to use it.

Zoom is one of several video conferencing applications available for use on your computer that is connected to the internet. For several years, lap top computers have been equipped with a camera that faces the user, a microphone, and speakers. The computer with the camera/microphone /speaker combination lets the user take advantage of the full capability of Zoom. If you don't have a computer with the camera/microphone /speaker you can still use your computer to view the event and you can communicate with everyone using a phone. Finally, a smart-phone can also be used to participate in a Zoom video conference.

New users will have to go to zoom.us and then download "Zoom Client for Meetings" if you use a computer, or download the Zoom Mobile apps for iPhone or Android from the APP store. You will not have to register for an account. The host of the Zoom Meeting, in our case Seacoast President Tage Erickson, will send out an email with a meeting invitation which includes a link to the meeting. The non-host attendees will click on the link a few minutes prior to the meeting to get connected to the Zoom meeting. The host will then accept you into the meeting and you will be able to see all the attendees that have cameras and you will be able to hear all the attendees that have microphones or have called in on the telephone.

#### **President's Welcome by Tage Erickson**

Tage will address the members of the Seacoast Division.

#### **Seacoast Division Annual Meeting and Election Results by Tage Erickson**

Every year, three of the Seacoast Division's nine Directors are elected to three year terms. The nomination committee has put together a great slate of candidates – Geoff Anthony, William Byrk, Dave Kotsonis, and Jim Seroskie. All Seacoast Members should have received voting instructions. If not see the Seacoast Division Website. Voting is ongoing through January 5, 2022. Tage will present the results of the election along with other business.

#### **Presentations**

##### **GIPX: Techniques for Windows and Interiors by John Richards**

John will present a step-by-step guide to completing your model buildings with highly-detailed windows and interior settings – using straightforward tools available right on your computer and the Internet. Included will

be examples of show windows with art glass inserts, custom signage and commercial logos. Quick but easy “2-1/2 D” interiors combine transparent, opaque and metallic effects, all using low-cost materials.

## **Test Building Kits by Jay Jim Gore, MMR**

Jim Gore will present how he “test builds” kits for various manufacturers. He typically starts with no diagrams or instructions, just a bunch of parts. Plenty of opportunities for mistakes – and he has made some. He will be concentrating on a test build of the iconic coaling tower at Chama, NH, a potential cardstock kit from Clever Models.

## **Video Layout Tours**

Since we can’t tour member’s layouts in person, we’ll be doing the next best thing – seeing layouts on video. Seacoast members Tom Oxnard and Bob Kotsonis recorded a video tour of Tom’s layout.

## **The Boston and Maine RR by Tom Oxnard, MMR**

Various aspects of Tom Oxnard’s Boston and Maine RR have been presented in *Model Railroader Magazine* over the past several years. Most recently Tom’s article “Mountains and Minutemen” in the May 2020 MR presents his latest work including the expansion of his layout. The article includes a detailed drawing for reference. Bob Kosonis teamed up with Tom to create a video tour of Tom’s outstanding layout for the Seacoast Division Winter 2022 Event.

## **What’s On Your Workbench?**

We invite members to show a few photos, PowerPoint slides, or even a short video of what you are working on or a layout tour etc. Send me an email to sign up and describe what you will be presenting. Please limit your presentation to about 5 minutes in length. If you have a longer presentation, let me know and I can schedule it in a future Zoom meeting.

## **Open Forum**

Let’s discuss what members would like to see in future Zoom Events.

## **We Need Your Help!**

Besides the usual need for clinicians and layouts for tours or videos, we need venues for Live Events in the future. Some of our usual venues have not yet opened or committed to allow group usage. If your city or town has a community center hall or your church has a meeting room, please check it out and inquire if it will be available in the future for use by the Seacoast Division. We would like to “go live again” for the Spring Event.

**Next Event: Spring Event April 23, 2022**

**Tentatively Live at the Newington Old Town Hall**

*Mark your calendar and save the date!!*

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