

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## THE COUPLER

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# DON ROBINSON NEW PRESIDENT

## KINGSTON HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

In spite of what may have seemed to be short advance notice to many, the Kingston meet of the NER was very well attended. A total of 203 persons - just under 24% of the membership registered.

Advance registration was high, which was a considerable help to the committee in planning, and for which they express their thanks.

The activity began on Friday night, with a slide clinic on the Development of Railroad Stations, by Joseph Goetschius of White Plains, New York. There were also the usual get-togethers among old friends.

Saturday morning saw the majority of the registrations, entries in the model contest, depositing materials for the auction in the evening and attending the clinics. A new feature, the Switching Layout, built by the Berkshire Model Railroad Club was kept busy. This was an interesting new feature, which we hope will continue at future events.

Because of the distance to the fantrip it was necessary to leave the hotel at 11:30 A.M. One Hundred and eighty-eight persons boarded the busses provided for the trip to Middletown, New York to get behind the Baldwin 2-6-2 for the 29.8 mile trip to Unionville, New Jersey and back. The locomotive is owned by the Empire State Railway Museum.

The banquet started promptly, and 188 persons settled down to a good roast beef dinner that evening, followed by the announcement of the model contest awards winners. A listing of the winners will be found elsewhere in this issue.

One of the highlights of the evening was the introduction of six of the past presidents of the Region. This was particularly fitting, since Kingston was the site of the first NER Convention in 1946

Doug Smith and Watty House were formally presented with their Master Model Railroad Achievement Awards, by "Huebe" Huebenthal. Tom Prange also received a President's Award for his PR work.

There were 78 good and valuable door prizes distributed at the banquet to lucky ticket holders. After the dishes had been cleared away, the auction was started. Stan Bradley, the auctioneer, was somewhat surprised that he still had his voice at the end, and it was a great success, with over \$530. in merchandise changing hands, and representing a profit to the Region of \$53.00

Sunday morning after church, the Annual Business meeting was held. The results of the election and other official business are reported elsewhere in this issue of The Coupler.

Many members re-visited the Kingston Model Railroad Club layout before starting home - satisfied by a great Convention.

See page five for photographs of the other activities in the Kingston area at the Convention.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD WEEK  
January 18 to 26, 1964

## JACK ALEXANDER VICE PRESIDENT

Donald S. Robinson, of Greenfield, Mass. has been elected President of the Region, and Jack Alexander, of East Bridgewater, Mass. Vice-President, at the meeting of the Board of Directors, following the Annual Business meeting of the Region at Kingston, New York, on Sunday, October 27, 1963.

At the Business Meeting, the membership elected the following to the Board of Directors:

George Barclay, Mount Vernon, N.Y.  
Dr. John Dias, South Dartmouth, Mass. to one year terms, and  
Jack Alexander, East Bridgewater, Mass.  
Dr. W.R.F. Dohn, Baied'Urfe, P.Q.Can.  
Al Gooding, Worcester, Mass. to two year terms.

Continuing as Directors are:  
Kenneth Hyslop, Stratford, Conn.  
Donald S. Robinson, Greenfield, Mass.

Leonard Frankel, past President, resigned as a Director, but continues on the Board as an ex-officio member as do all past Presidents.

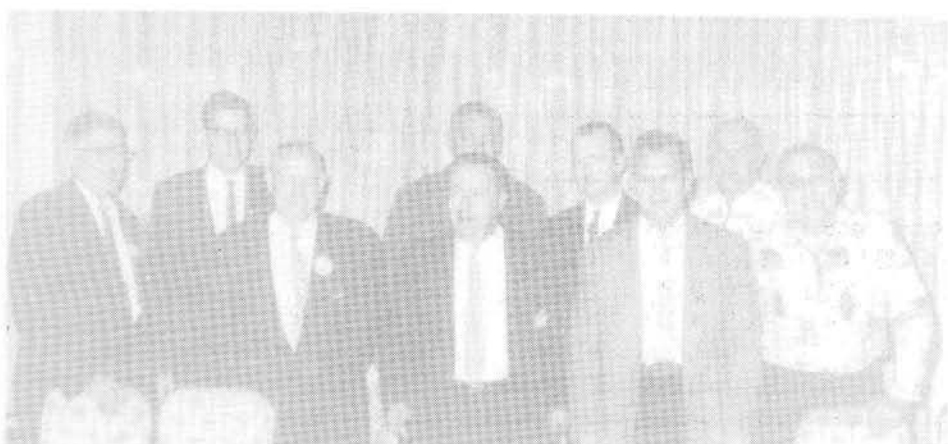
Appointments, either new or continuing are:

Secretary-Paul Hackett, Brighton, Mass  
Treasurer-Dorothy Hyslop, Stratford, Connecticut.  
Office Manager-Kenneth Hyslop, Stratford, Connecticut  
Achievement Awards Chairman-Earl Smallshaw, Middletown, Connecticut.  
Contest Rules Chairman-Dr. W.R.F. Dohn Baied'Urfe, P.Q. Canada  
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Convention Chairman-Walter Syrett, Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
Counler Editor-Alfred Thomas Prange, New York, N.Y.

The complete addresses of the new officers are in the masthead of The Coupler.

The Northeastern Region wishes to express its thanks for the services that the retiring officers and committee chairmen have performed, and wishes the best to those taking office or continuing - Without your services we wouldn't have a Region!

THE NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD elected at Kingston, from left to right are:  
John Dias, Jack Alexander, George Barclay, Al Gooding (in back of) Don Robinson, Paul Hackett, Roy Dohn, Ken Hyslop, and Old What's His Name.



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## The Hostler says:

We enjoyed the Convention at Kingston - there was something to do every minute. We met old friends, made many new acquaintances, learned more about model railroad-ing and the fun it can bring.

We listened to the reports from the various committees and chairmen at the Board of Directors meetings. These are a group of dedicated people - dedicated to helping you get more enjoyment from the hobby - giving up their modelling time to futher your interest. They deserve your support. If you feel that you can help out in any area, please write to the chairmen listed above and volunteer your services. If you're not sure just where your services and abilities will fit, write to Don Robinson - suggest what you'd like to do, and he'll see that your energy is channelled into the right place.

One of the great disappointments of the various Officer's reports was our membership status. At the end of October, 1962, we had 1120 members in the NER. This year, on the same date, we had only 846 - a loss of 247 members. In analysing the figures, the greatest loss seems to be in the area of renewals (559.) New members - those who have just joined the NMRA, and accepted the offer the Region extended, increased by 20%. The drop-out is the problem.

Each person who dropped-out was sent a letter, asking why he did not re-join a postage-free letter too. A short answer, on the form provided, would have helped us to learn what we could do to better the services of the Region and to understand why the renewal was not forth coming. If you know of a person who decided not to rejoin, but did not return the questionnaire, please ask him to take a few minutes to tell us. While we can't please everybody, we can try to please the majority. Your Region will improve as a result. There is no requirement that that the drop-out sign the letter, or reveal himself.

This brings us to another problem, partially created by the decrease in membership: Region finances. It is becoming increasingly expensive to operate the NER. The Coupler accounts for about 70% of the total income, including the postage. Although the Officers do everything possible to reduce costs, there are certain fixed costs that cannot be lowered. An increase in membership will do much to lower this per-member cost.

Check with those around you - ask them if they belong to the NMRA and the NER. Tell them of the advantages of membership. SUPPORT YOUR REGION

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## TROLLEY SPARKS

column by/ JERRY LAWLOR

In the last issue of The Coupler, I mentioned that I would try to cover some of the sources of traction supplies and equipment in this column. Please do not consider this a complete list. If one of your favorite sources of supply has been overlooked, let us know and we'll include it in a later issue.

For ease in reading, I have divided the list into two groups. The first of these lists the companies that supply O gauge modelers.

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Union City, New Jersey  
catalog 10¢ (refundable)

Write to these companies; they can probably help you solve some of your trolley modeling problems.

# DISPATCHER'S TOWER

Once upon a time there was a man who had great difficulty in pronouncing the word "No". This man could use polysyllabic words with ease, but when he came upon a place where it was appropriate to say "No" he was completely tongue-tied. As knowledge of this affliction spread he found himself appointed to this job and elected to that; and the first thing he knew he was President of NER.

It is indeed an honor to be considered worthy to preside over the largest Region in NMRA. I don't expect that the job will be easy, but I promise to do my best on behalf of NER. However, I cannot do everything alone; I must have your assistance. You gave me the help I requested when I was Editor of The Coupler so I am sure that I can depend upon you to do so again.

Although I do have some plans which I will reveal in due time, there will be no startling changes in the administration of NER affairs. On one subject I feel very strongly, however, and in order that there may be no misunderstandings I will say right here and now that I will not tolerate "playing politics" in the Region. The whole purpose of our organization is to further the enjoyment of model railroading, and all of our efforts should be exerted toward that end.

Among the actions of the Board of Directors at the Kingston meeting was the tabling of the proposed increase in NER dues. Although the money could be well used it was felt that the increase was not in the best interest of the NER at this time. It was also voted to spend a certain sum on the purchase of a supply of a discontinued line of tie clips and cuff links from Swank; these items to be sold to our members to build up the NER treasury. The prices at which they will be sold will be considerably below their usual retail price.

Please note that there have been several changes and additions to the officers of the Region. To those who have completed their service I extend the thanks of the Region and to those who are just starting I offer a hearty welcome. If you have any suggestions or questions, do not hesitate to write to us.

That should be enough for my first column as President. After all, if I have you to death right at the start, I won't have any readers later when I might have something really important to say.

Tom Prange

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## From the Office Manager

Again in this issue, as at the meeting in Kingston, we must report that there was a decrease in our membership:

Current NER Membership	866
One year ago	1120
NMRA Membership (10/31/63)	2496
NMRA Membership one month ago	2597
NER quota of National members this year	2799

We've dropped 254 Regional members during the past year. We've dropped 101 NMRA members in the past month. WHY? Ask everyone you know - perhaps it was just an oversight.

If this copy of The Coupler is stamped in red, renew at once so you can continue to enjoy all the benefits of the NER.

Dorothy Hyslop, your treasurer, will be glad to receive your dollar.

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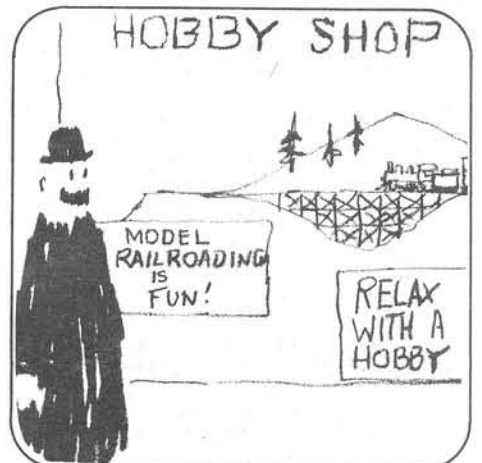
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## RHODE ISLAND

Gordon V. Cook,  
Mullen Hill Road, Little Compton,

# for the "O" gauger

column by /KEN HYSLOP

There is a continuing trend in the move of new modelers to O gauge. My guide and measuring stick is my own sales in both new and used equipment. A few days ago, at the New Haven Society of Model Engineers, where I enjoyed myself operating the main lines all afternoon, (My Birthday gift) I had the pleasure of seeing several new All-Nation O gauge box cars kits brought in by two fellows who were new to the hobby, and wanted to see their cars run. also there was an old timer who had switched to HO, and is returning to O gauge - bringing back his equipment to join the New Haven boys.

A most important note that shouldn't be overlooked is that our Region, which started in Kingston, returned to that city this year for the Fall Convention, and all of us enjoyed the Kingston O Gauge Club, which is the same one of way back then. Many of the visitors expressed the need of space so that they could enjoy the King of All Gauges, O. Fellows, it can be done in as little as a two room apartment - right in New York, even.

Another encouraging venture in O gauge is now going on in Stamford, Conn., where the club has completely torn down a good portion of the old three-rail system to rebuild in two-rail system. What with the small membership enjoyed by most clubs, it is no small undertaking. The only unfortunate part is that the O gauge traction line will be omitted from the section being rebuilt.

As of now, all you O gaugers are invited to write a section or a whole column on your favorite O gauge railroad or other news item and send it to me for publication in this column. We have much of interest to share with our smaller gauge friends.

As a sort of "show of hands" why not write me if you are working in O gauge. Let's count heads for the benefit of those in doubt.

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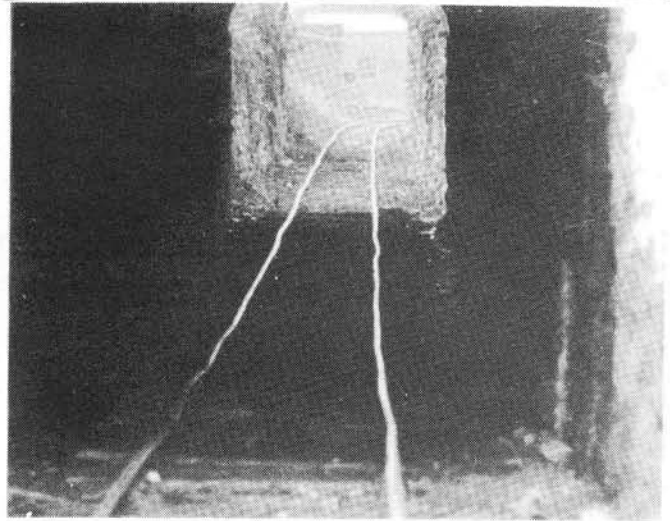
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Some of the conventioners took side trips on their own. Above is the Saugerties Freight Station of the New York Central. As you can see, when it was built the railroad on the west side of the Hudson River was called the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railway Company.



This tunnel, complete with "Class A" trackwork, is on the line that runs (perhaps 'snakes' would be a better word,) from Roundout to Kingston. A local man reported that the cars actually hit the walls of the tunnels when they passed through.



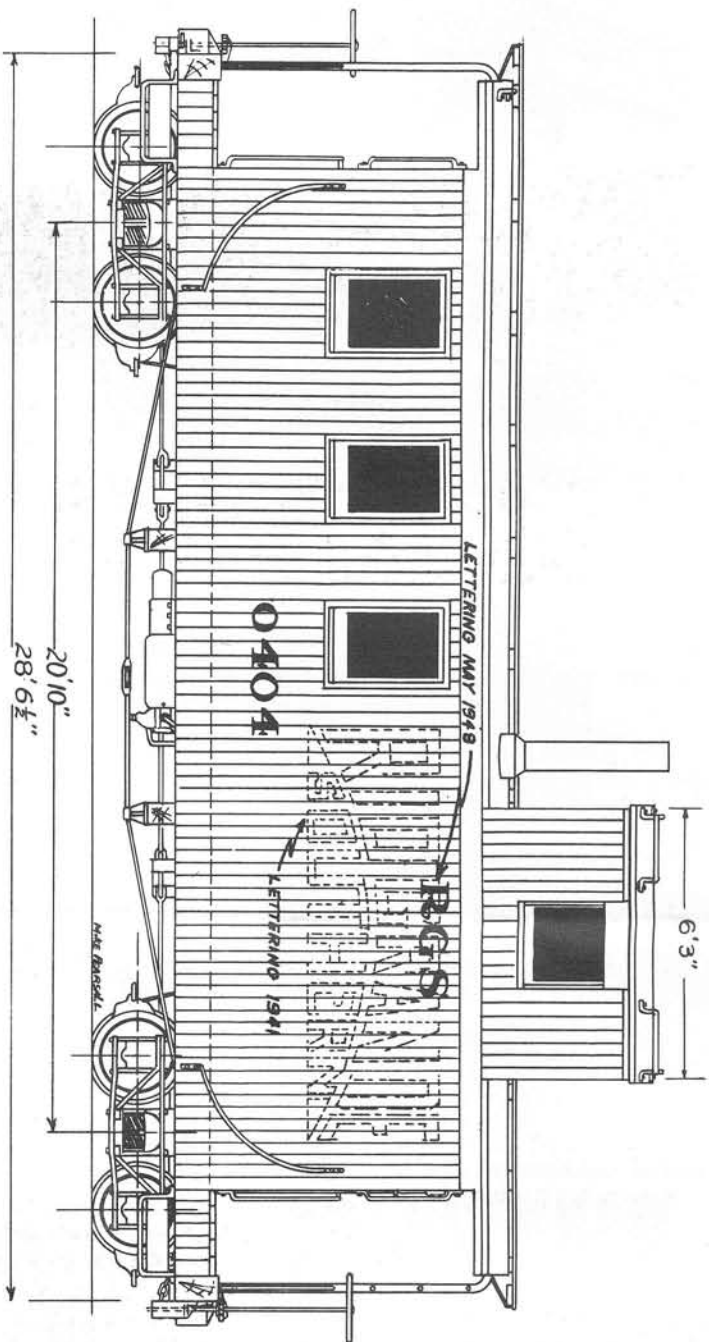
There were seven past presidents of the NER at the Kingston Convention shown above are: Ivon Preble, Watty House, Wayne Roundy, Jim See, Irwin Lloyd, Doug Smith and Lenny Frankel.(Frankel was President when the picture was taken)



Baldwin #103 - a 2-6-2 belonging to the Empire State Railway Museum, running extra - this is a scene during the photo stop, during the fan trip.



Smiling "Huebe" Huebenthal and a serious Doug Smith. Doug is receiving his Master Model Railroader Achievement Award.



### Rio Grande Southern Caboose 0404

This quaint little caboose was built in the Rio Grande Southern's shops at Ridgeway, Colorado, in 1903. For years it rolled at the rear end of most RGS freights, and after the Road's abandonment was placed on the grounds of the Colorado Railroad Museum at Golden.

The Rio Grande Southern is perhaps the most colorful of all the Colorado narrow gauge railroads, and perhaps the easiest to model. The Southern was a hodge-podge of equipment with locomotives and cars from practically every narrow gauge line in the state; The Denver and Rio Grande Western, The Colorado and Southern and The Florence and Cripple Creek. Ten wheelers numbers 20 and 25 came from the Florence and Cripple Creek; consolidations numbers 40 and 41, along with "mud-hens" 461 and 452 came from the D&RGW.

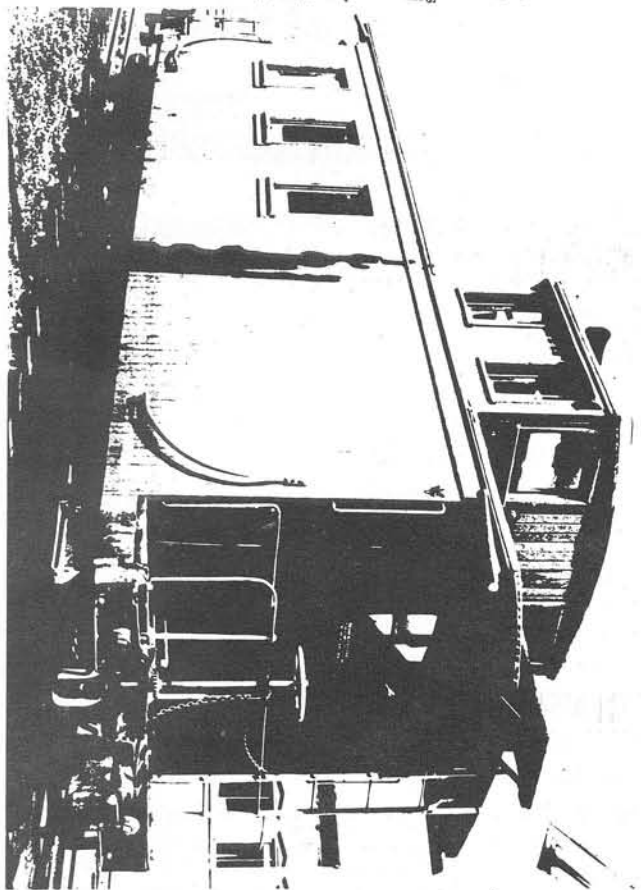
After the Colorado and Southern abandoned its narrow gauge lines, the Rio Grande Southern purchased consolidation number 74 and a few dozen box and stock cars.

In HO scale, Pacific Fast Mail imports a "mudhen" and a model of ten-wheeler # 20, perhaps the most popular of all RGS engines.

The photo shows a D&RGW caboose of similar design. The major difference is that the D&RGW caboose is longer, and has two windows on each side of the cupola instead of one, however, window arrangement is the same as are the end details.

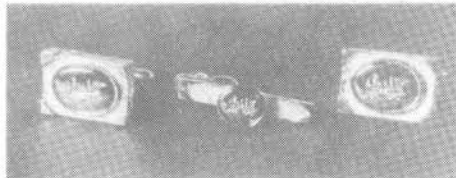
Slim Gems of Lubbock, Texas markets parts for detailing the caboose in HO scale, Bruce Bechtold of Fresno, Calif. has parts available.

For additional detail, see the plan included with the Slim Gem detail kit, and John Maxwell Plan R-8.





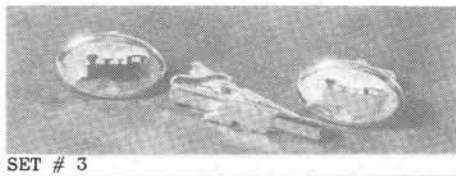
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Tell your friends the advantages of receiving The Coupler, quarterly publication on model railroading and how much enjoyment it gives you. Tell them of the friends they will become acquainted with and of how much can be learned through these friends. If nothing else, the conventions, contests, fan trips and work shop clinics ought to convince any prospective member to join out organization including the ladies and children who are interested also.

Your job is to help us, and yourself, by securing other model railroaders as members of the NER-NMRA. You enjoy it - let them have the same enjoyment of being in the spirit of the organization that appreciates and recognizes the efforts of all the envolved members.

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# Model Contest Winners

KINGSTON  
OCTOBER 26, 1963

## BEST IN SHOW - DELAWARE TROPHY

Scratchbuilt - OO & smaller  
Diorama - Mike Pearsall, Astoria, NY

## MASTER CLASS

Scratchbuilt - S & larger  
Other Locos  
1st - Dave Newcomb, Somerville, Mass.

Kit - S & larger  
Other Locos  
2nd - Dave Newcomb, Somerville, Mass.

Scratchbuilt - OO & smaller

Other Cars  
1st - Morton Fadem, Corona, N.Y.  
2nd - Dave Newcomb, Somerville, Mass.

Structures  
1st - Dave Newcomb, Somerville, Mass.  
2nd - Don Robinson, Greenfield, Mass.

Kit - OO & smaller  
Steam  
1st - John T.M. Pryke, Brookline, Mass.  
2nd - Allen W. Hanson, Swampscott, Mass.  
3rd - Dave Newcomb, Somerville, Mass.

## CRAFTSMAN CLASS

Scratchbuilt - S & larger  
Steam Locos  
1st - Allen Hanson, Swampscott, Mass.  
2nd - Allen Hanson, Swampscott, Mass.  
3rd - Bill Livingston, address not given\*

Other Locos  
1st - Walter Olevsky, address not given\*

Other Cars  
1st - Allen W. Hanson, Swampscott, Mass.  
2nd - D.C. Handy, address not given  
3rd - D.C. Handy, address not given

Scratchbuilt - OO & smaller  
Steam Locos  
1st - Eugene Wolfe, West Essex, NJ

Other Locos  
1st - George Konrad, Cambridge, Mass.

Passenger Cars  
1st - Roy Dohn, Baie D'Urfe, P.Q.

Other Cars  
1st - Mike Pearsall, Astoria, N.Y.  
2nd - Arthur Kalfas, New York, N.Y.  
3rd - Robert L. Hayden, Jr., Swampscott, Mass.

Structures  
1st - Morton Fadem, Corona, N.Y.  
2nd - Richard Mitchell, address not given\*  
3rd - Ernest Robichaud, address not given\*

Dioramas  
1st - Mike Pearsall, Astoria, N.Y.  
3rd - Jerry Howard, address not given\*

Kit - OO & smaller  
Other Cars  
1st - Ronald Adler, address not given\*  
2nd - R.S. Hallam, address not given\*

\* Address not supplied to The Coupler. Will be published in next issue of The Coupler if supplied by award recipient.



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# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following have received Achievement Awards since the last issue of The Coupler:

## Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

Ivon S. Preble, Danvers, Mass.

## Chief Dispatcher

Ivon S. Preble, Danvers, Mass.

## Association Official

John F. Dias, M.D; South Dartmouth, Mass.

Ivon S. Preble, Danvers, Mass.

Donald S. Robinson, Greenfield, Mass.

## Association Volunteer

John F. Dias, M.D; South Dartmouth, Mass.

R.H. Huebenthal, Schenectady, N.Y.

Ivon S. Preble, Danvers, Mass.

With the exception of "Huebe" Huebenthal of New York, it seems that Massachusetts has made a clean sweep of the Achievement Awards this time. Does this mean we have no more qualified men in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine and Canada? I have yet to hear from anyone in Rhode Island or Vermont.

At Kingston, I was able to help judge the model contest, and was pleased to see so many fine entries. This seems to be an opportune time to mention to the contest winners to take stock of the awards they have won and see if they can qualify for an Achievement Award in Locomotives Cars or Structures. Seems to me that names like Morton Fadem, Mike Pearsall, Robt. Hayden, Dave Newcomb and Allan Hanson stick in my mind as a few of the winners who might be able to qualify. How about it?

A last word about those select few who are close to attaining Master Model Railroader: I received a letter last week from Jack Kirby Taylor, National A.A. Chairman, urging me to get these guys motivated. Nuff said. Do you hear me Roy Dohn, Don Robinson, Ivon Preble, Jim See?

Earl Smallshaw  
NER Achievement Awards.

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# Public Relations

George Mc Causlin

"As newly appointed Public Relations and Advertising Director of NER, I have a special request to make of every member of the Region.

Starting with this issue, a Special Listing of OUTSTANDING HOBBY SHOPS is being carried by The Coupler. This column is an inexpensive way for the hobby shops in the Region to make themselves known to our members and to show that they support the NER.

The few dollars that the Region gains through this column goes a long way in offsetting the rising costs of producing The Coupler. As you know, the BOD is constantly plagued with the task of stretching the present dues to cover the expense of running the Region. In order to continue and increase the benefits to its members, the Region must find additional forms of revenue. The OUTSTANDING HOBBY SHOP classification has been created for this purpose.

Now, how can you as a member of the NER help to make this column a success? It's easy! Take this issue of The Coupler to your favorite hobby shop and show it to the proprietor, and ask him to list his store in the OUTSTANDING HOBBY SHOP column. The cost is very low - only \$1.00 a line (three line minimum) per issue and a 10% discount if the ad is run in four (4) consecutive issues. It isn't necessary for you to collect the money for the ad but you should mail the ad to me personally, and not rely on the hobby shop to do it. After the ad is inserted, I will bill the hobby shop and conduct all follow-ups by mail. It won't be necessary for you to make any additional calls on the advertiser.

In my February Column I will list everyone that made a successful sales call so come on and get those ads for The Coupler. The deadline for the February issue will be January 15th, so don't wait!! Make your calls now! Mail the ads you sell to:

George Mc Causlin  
Adv. Mgr., The Coupler  
105 Ocean Avenue  
Allenhurst, N.J. 07711

Another way that everyone can help is to patronize The Coupler's advertisers whenever possible. Be sure to let them know that you saw their ad in The Coupler, so they will continue to include it in their advertising schedule.

Well, there you have it. The success of this promotion rests in your hands, so won't you help the Region in this effort, and in doing so help yourself.

# DIVISION NEWS

**Note:** At the beginning of each Division heading, there is the name and address of the person to contact for further information about the Division. If you live in the Division's area, and are not receiving news about their activities, or would like information about the Division activities, please contact him. He'll be glad to hear from you.

## HUB

Harold I. Clark, Secretary, 3 Frederick Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01605

The Hub's Little Convention, originally scheduled for March 28, has been changed to March 21, 1964, at the Weymouth Congregational Church, in East Weymouth, Mass. They're hoping that the ladies of the Church will serve a roast beef dinner, as they did last year. Whatever it is, you can be sure that it will be good.

The program is scheduled to get underway at 10:00, with registration and a chance to get re-acquainted with old friends.

This will also be the time for auction entries.

After lunch (on your own) clinics will start at 1:00PM, ending at 4:15PM. More detail on the clinic subject in the next issue. Another feature will be trips to the South Weymouth Model Railroad Club. These are planned for small groups, on schedule, so that everyone will be able to see the layout to the best advantage.

Dinner, followed by entertainment, will start at 6:00PM. There will be a short business meeting, which will include an election of Directors.

Movies are the next item on the timetable followed by the auction. The wrap-up, at 11:00 PM will see a full day of model railroading fun completed.

If you've never attended a Hub meet, be sure to plan on this one - ask anyone who has participated before.

The cost is \$3.00 per person. Advance reservation may be made with Harold Clark (address above). Plan to bring the family!

There will be more details in the next issue.

## NUTMEG

Gerald P. Lawlor, 581 Connecticut Ave, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06607

The Nutmeg Division seems to plan their activities so that advance notice cannot be published in The Coupler. Their next meeting was scheduled for November 16,

just five days after the deadline. The plans sounded as though it would be a good meeting, with plenty of activity throughout the day.

On Sunday, September 15, Nutmeg held a well attended fan trip on the facilities of the New Haven, out of Hartford. The trip was on freight only trackage thru the Connecticut River Valley. The "Nutmegger" traveled from Hartford thru Middletown, Old Saybrook to New London and back. Bruce Meulendyke, who was at the Old Saybrook tower, says we came back too quickly, so the operator not only threw a block on us, but "wound the clock" to keep us there. Those of us from the New York area were surprised at the clean condition of the NH equipment. Thanks to Bruce and Ed Brown for the picture of the head end of the "Nutmegger."

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 18, in Waterbury. Our nominating committee, consisting of Charles Bettinger and Robert Boyden will be happy to receive suggestions from members for nominees for the 5 directorships which will be open.

## GARDEN STATE

John Decker, 186 Linden Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

About fifty persons attended the meet of the Division at the Irvington Moose Lodge on November 16. There were three clinics, model display and lots of fun.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 11 at the Elberon, New Jersey railroad station at 1:00PM. There will be a speaker, clinics and operation on the Monmouth-Ocean Model Railroad Club layout, in addition to the short business meeting. Contact John Decker for further details.

## ALLOUETTE

Jim Thomsom, P.O. Box 33, Montreal 28, R. Q. Canada.

The Allouette Division is rapidly gaining steam - those interested in joining and participating should contact Jim at the above address.

A meeting scheduled for November, 1963 will plan the events of the Division in the coming months.

## THE NEW HAVEN RAILROAD

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Here's another Christmas giving suggestion:

A rubber stamp, similar to the one above is available to any NER member.

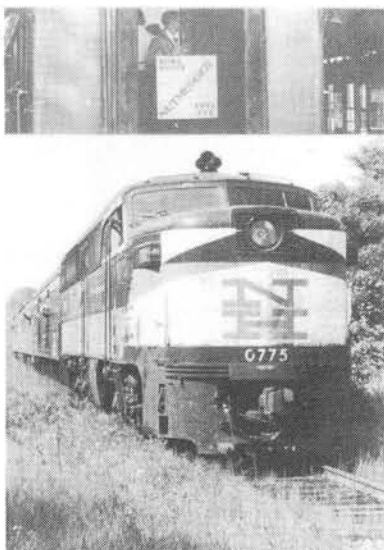
The stamp, including the NER Herald and three lines for name and address is available from

Charles H. Palmer  
26 Hammer Street  
East Hartford 8, Conn.

For just \$3.00, postpaid. Additional lines for 50¢ each.

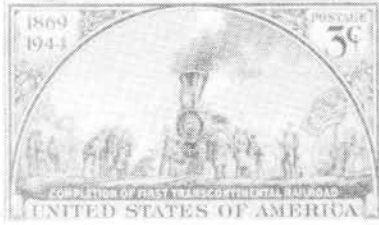
Here's a good way to make your model railroad stationery at a low cost. The Region receives a small royalty on each stamp sold.

## "THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD"



# Railroad Stamps of the U.S.A

article/by BOB KIRSCH



Most Countries of the World have at least a few stamps showing Trains, Railroad personnel, or some other aspect of railroading. The great use of railroads by the various post office departments as a mail carrier accounts for this, as well as the fascination for railroads by the average person. The United States, being no exception, has eleven of these stamps.

The first was issued in 1869 as a part of the regular issue of that year and a 4-4-0 engine is pictured on it. In 1901 the second railroad stamp was issued. This was the two cent stamp which was part of the Pan-American Exposition Issue. This issue as well as the Exposition itself, in Buffalo, N.Y. during that year, paid a tribute to the progress made during the 19th Century in the field of Communication. Three of the Parcel Post Stamps of 1912 showed railroad subjects: The three cent stamp pictured a railway postal clerk at work; the five cent stamp showed a mail train; and the twenty-five cent stamp showed a train in the foreground of a typical manufacturing plant scene.

Three recent stamps have trains pictured on them, although railroading as such is not being commemorated. These three are: The Postage Stamp Centenary issue of 1947, the United States and Canada - Friendship Issue of 1948 and the Seattle World's Fair Issue of 1962. The latter stamp is most interesting, because it depicts the possible future of railroading - the monorail.

The final three railroad stamps are specifically dedicated to railroad subjects. The first of these is the Railroad Commemorative Issue of 1944. It was issued on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad when the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific Railroads were linked and shows the ceremony during which the Golden Spike was driven at Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10, 1869.

The second of these issues is the Railroad Engineers Issue of 1950. The picture of the famous "Casey" Jones is shown together with the "Ten Wheeler" upon which he rode to glory, and a modern diesel engine. The purpose of this stamp, in the words printed on it, "Honoring The Railroad Engineers of America." In 1952, the third stamp was issued, and was called the Baltimore and Ohio issue. It commemorated the 125th Anniversary of the granting of the charter to the first commercial carrier in the United States: the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The stamp shows three stages in the development of the railroad by showing three pieces of equipment side-by-side. The "Pioneer Car," which was horse drawn, depicts the first stage. The "Tom Thumb," the first steam locomotive put into service by the railroad, is shown next to it. In back of these, and towering over them, we see a modern diesel engine.

A number of railfans, including this writer, have framed these stamps, since they make a wonderful decoration for a den or layout room. While a few of the older stamps may be somewhat costly for other than dedicated stamp collectors, the six recent commemoratives are easy to obtain, and should cost less than ten cents each, unused. As a further suggestion, enlarged copies of these stamps are also quite decorative.

## PLAN NOW FOR THE "WEEK" ACTIVITIES

National Model Railroad Week  
January 18 to 26, 1964

Now is the time to plan the way you or your group will participate in National Model Railroad Week, January 18 to 26, 1964.

Remember, the purpose of the Week is to show the public that model railroading is a great hobby. You'll be dealing with people that are not familiar with it in most cases. Also, remember in your promotion that the most effective way people can become acquainted with model railroading is through the NMRA and the NER, and that it will help them more fully enjoy their venture.

We are listing below a few suggestions for participation by you or your group. There are many others equally or even more interesting. This is just a check list.

Open your layout to the public - it doesn't have to be every night or after-noon - but make sure that you are ready for the crowd when you are open.

If you have movies or slides of railroad subjects - either model or prototype, they can be easily shown to groups. Local railroad sales representatives often have films available at no charge, and sometimes even supply a projector, if needed.

A community service group (Lions, Rotary, etc.) or a church might help you sponsor a train race for either children or adults. While this is not the type of model railroading most of us do, it does provide excitement, and will create interest. Remember, auto slot racing wasn't even dreamed of when model train races were first held. You, people you know, or a hobby shop can probably provide enough snap track to put on the floor, (to avoid damage in case of spills,) for one or two loops. If you use one loop, use a stop watch to race against time. If you have two loops, two participants can race against each other. Either provide engines, or invite contestants to bring their own. If your hobby shop has an operating layout, he may wish to cooperate by staging the competition, with your help and supervision.

How about a clinic? Cover some of the basics of starting a model railroad - layout planning; how to set it up; simple wiring; kit construction. There are many basics of the hobby to introduce here.

If you have a portable layout arrange to have it displayed before the public. A bank, library or local store window is a prime source of space. Be sure to arrange for automatic operation, if possible, so that the display will operate when the public is there. Don't forget an NMRA sign and applications and a mention of NER. NMRA applications are available from Bob Bast, and NMRA will follow up with the NER.

Arrange for a private gathering of the more interested persons. Here you can go into further details.

To get publicity for your program, follow these simple rules:

1. Decide when you'll hold you activity.
2. Use hand lettered signs for store windows.
3. Prepare a release for the daily and weekly newspapers in your area, and for the radio and television stations.

Keep it simple, just giving the basic facts. Avoid technical terms - remember that you're speaking to laymen. Be sure to give your name and address, so that the persons writing the news can contact you for further information.

Here's your opportunity to meet people, and tell them about our hobby. Be sure to do your part!!!

THE WEEK BELONGS TO YOU-MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

# Actions of the Board

A misinterpretation of the minutes of the BOD meeting in Brockton indicated that Roy Dohn did not send a proxy to that meeting. Actually, Roy had sent a proxy to President Frankel, which was included in the vote.

The section of the Constitution concerning Division membership and voting privileges has been changed to read as follows: "Divisions may accept as associate members persons who are not members of the NER. Since NMRA requires all members of a Region to be members of the NMRA and since the Division is part of the Region, such members may not be bona-fide members of the Division, and may not hold office or vote on Regional matters. Members of a Division may or may not be required to be residents of a certain area, at the option of the Division.

The portion underscored represents the change.

Two motions were made, seconded and voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday October 27.

"That the Directors of the N.E.R. be nominated at the Spring Convention and elected as soon as practical thereafter. As soon as the results of the elections are available, the Directors should arrange to meet and elect and appoint such officers and committee chairman as are necessary. The Directors, officers and committee chairmen to be installed and to take effective operation of the group at the Fall Convention." Motion made by Walter Syrett.

The second motion, by L. Frankel, was that the election of Directors shall be made by mail ballot in time for the inclusion of the results in the N.M.R.A. Yearbook of that year."

The above motions are printed at the direction of the Board of Directors and will be brought up for final approval at the next business meeting of the Region or at a special meeting called for this purpose.

The above motions are reprinted from the minutes of the meeting, as transcribed by the Secretary.

## BERKSHIRE MODEL R.R. CLUB

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ON ALTERNATE FRIDAYS AT 7 P.M.

## PITTSFIELD, MASS.

NA - MAR Lines

Len Frankel

OO Gauge

NER NMRA



Art Ellis



MOGUL OF THE '20s

The table, with a clank and groan,  
Turns ponderously around;  
Halting at a track, weed-grown,  
For a steamer outward bound.

Wheels click carefully over the pit;  
The table grunts and settles:  
Then moves again its rails to fit  
To the service-track metals.

The steamer stirs and trundles off,  
Bound for the coal tower.  
Rods clank and pistons cough,  
Toying with leashed power.

Down comes the chute, coal rumbles;  
The tender fills with haste.  
Then on to the water plug she bumbles  
Her mighty thirst to sate.

Next to come, a shot of sand  
For emergency utilisation.  
To loose a long drag from a stand,  
Or sudden brake application.

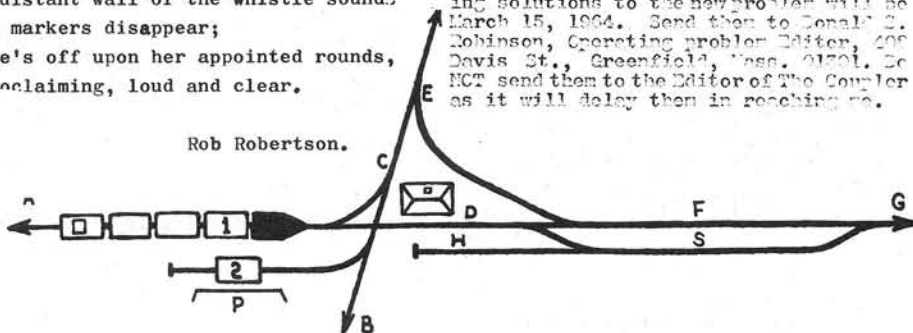
Ready now for tasks at hand,  
She ambles down the yard,  
Reverses then, to take her stand  
At headend of her ward.

All coupled, now, and tested;  
Steam up and orders checked:  
A snort, a wheeze, no valves congested,  
She's off, smoke-plume bedecked.

Gathering speed over yard lead points  
She heads out on the main.  
Freight cars swaying and flexing their  
joints  
To be back on the road again.

A distant wail of the whistle sound,  
As markers disappear;  
She's off upon her appointed rounds,  
Proclaiming, loud and clear.

Rob Robertson.



LEGAL NOTICE!!!  
The Tempest & Mine City Western RR Co. has purchased the assets of the Eureka Mining Company, which it has been found, is in bankruptcy. A trial balance sheet of this newly formed Rail Empire shows the whole ..... thing to be bankrupt. Thomas J. Volmer, Ex-Trustee.

# OPERATION

problem by **DON ROBINSON**

That last problem was a real beauty, wasn't it? If you have not attempted yet to work it out, I hope you will try. You still have until December 28 to send me your solutions.

I have been asked why a train would be allowed on the road with more tonnage than it can start on the grade. This condition was put in here just to take the problem out of the "routine" class, but it can be logically explained. It is normal for downgrade trains to have more tonnage than could be backed up a hill, and it also can be normal, under certain circumstances, for upgrade trains to be "overloaded". If the ruling (steepest) grade on a division is relatively short and other conditions such that they can "make a run for it", trains will be given more than their tonnage rating because momentum can be expected to help them over the top. To hold the tonnage down in such a case would be wasteful; particularly if the rest of the line were nearly level. On lines which have only one regular train per day in each direction it may be sent out knowing that it will have to double the hill; this being less expensive than the alternative of operating a second train. The dispatcher would, of course, do his best to avoid having the trains meet under the conditions which I described, but this made a good brain-teaser for us.

As a change of pace, we will now try a problem which can be worked in fifteen moves. All you have to do is spot Car 1 at Platform "F" and move Car 2 to Siding "S". Simple? It looks so, but let's add the "gimmick". Car 1 must be unloaded through the door which is now on the side away from the platform, so it will have to be turned around before it is spotted. The engine must be running forward when the train leaves town.

Remember, no flying switches! Coupling and uncoupling MUST be done at a stop although they may be included as the end or beginning of a move. Every stop marks the end of a move. The deadline for sending solutions to the new problem will be March 15, 1964. Send them to Donald S. Robinson, Operating Problem Editor, 406 Davis St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301. Do NOT send them to the Editor of The Coupler as it will delay them in reaching me.

Norman H. Hazel, Box 2769, New York 17, is looking for plans of the 8 wheel tender built for NYC #5200 4-6-4, or Michigan Central #8200 4-6-6 Hudsons. He notes that these were the short 8 wheel tenders built when the locos were new - not the 12 wheel type.

Dennis Bulan, Sunset Road, R.D. #1, Castleton-on-Hudson, New York, who is 14 wants to know "if you want a boy around you men?" We sure do, Dennis, and welcome

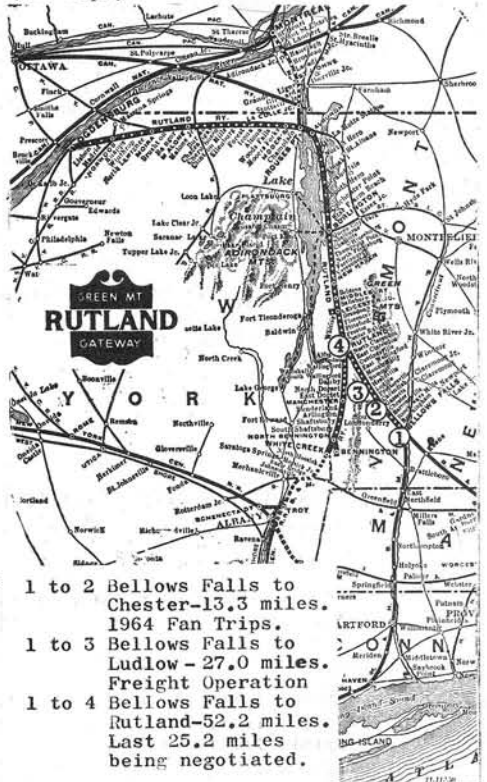
John Decker, 186 Linden Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, wonders if there will be a model railroad at the New York World Fair. The picture is dark at the moment, but we're working on it!!

Walter M. Matuchm, 182 Prospect Avenue, Bayonne, N.J. would like to see a Pass Exchange in The Coupler. Anyone like to volunteer to coordinate one? The Coupler will be glad to list others with this interest in the Hobby.

Bruce Reynolds, Main Street, Kingston New Hampshire, is interested in Division activities - both Hub and Nutmeg are not too far from you - and you would be welcome at their activities. See Division News for contact names.

Irving N. Blackburn notes that for many years he was secretary of the New England Association of Model Railroaders, which pre-dated the NMRA (1935) and when he first belonged to the NMRA they were just forming Regions. Welcome to the biggest and best Region, Irving.

The State of Vermont has announced the purchase of 27 miles of The Rutland Ry. between Bellows Falls and Ludlow to be leased to F. Nelson Blount. The size of the appropriation prevented the state from purchasing the remaining 25.2 miles to Rutland, and Mr. Blount is now negotiating directly with the Railway for that section. It is hoped that freight operations will start to Ludlow about the first of the year. The Monadnock Steamtown & Northern will operate from Bellows Falls to Chester (13.3 miles -) when fan trip operations begin in 1964. (See Map.)



- 1 to 2 Bellows Falls to Chester-13.3 miles. 1964 Fan Trips.
- 1 to 3 Bellows Falls to Ludlow-27.0 miles. Freight Operation
- 1 to 4 Bellows Falls to Rutland-52.2 miles. Last 25.2 miles being negotiated.

The NER's new President, Don Robinson, has resigned as Chairman of the Narrow Gauge Standards Committee to take on a new job: The Golden Spike Centennial of Railroad. This will mark, on May 10,

# FLAG STOPS

Some of our new members have asked questions on their membership applications. Maybe you can help, and in the process make them feel more welcome to the NER Region membership is more than a membership card and four issues of The Coupler.

Horton R. Shaw, 39-20 Greenpoint Avenue, Sunnyside 4, N.Y. is looking for information on the Old Colony Branch of the New Haven. Perhaps the new New Haven Railroad Technical Information Association can help. The October issue has detail.

William J. Mamber, 193-37 Williamson Avenue, New York 13, would like to know how he can slow down a fast locomotive (Rivarossi) to run at the same time and speed as a slower one (Manuta.)

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1969, the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad, at Promontory, Utah. The Committee, which is now forming, will be responsible for an appropriate celebration and other associated activities.

Several groups have already indicated their willingness to participate, and Don has appointed John Young of Keene, New Hampshire, as Vice-Chairman.

Earl Smallshaw's cartoon about a ring in the bathtub of a super-detailed passenger car prompted Watty House to recall a time about 20 years ago, when he and his wife were at the Boca Raton Club in Florida. His pants had just been returned from the tailor minus 50 dollars that he had left in the watch pocket. Mildred was so upset, that when she took off her diamond ring to wash, she knocked it in the bathtub. It was sitting on a "X" bar in the drain. While she closed her eyes and held her breath, Watty dropped two fingers into the drain and carefully & slowly pulled it out. That's what Watty calls "A Ring in the Bathtub."

Earl needs ideas for "There's one in Every Crowd" series. If you have one to submit, Earl will give you full credit. Earl's address is Long Hill Road, Middletown, Connecticut.



MR's Editor, Lynn Westcott will be the featured speaker at the Annual Show of the Hockomock Railroad Club on January 19, 1964. The program starts at 1:00 PM and continues through the day. Features are model and manufacturers displays, a door prize drawing, movies, slides and a model contest, wound up with an auction. You can probably count on Marge Westcott as Auctioneer - see October The Coupler.

The Summit-New Providence HO Railroad Club has a busy schedule coming up-Dec. 7 is their 2nd Annual Auction; Jan. 18, 19, 25 & 26 the Third Annual Show; Feb. 17th, the 15th Anniversary and March 21 the 10th Annual NMRA night.

Nine members of the Manhattan Model Railroad Club were at the Kingston Convention. Five other members went to another Kingston - Jamaica, B.W.I., thru error. They were reported to have had a good time too, but there wasn't much model railroading around. The club won a total of six prizes in the Model Contest, including the Delaware Trophy. Almost as good as Dave Newcomb's record.

Bill Davis, Jr., of Sussex, New Jersey wonders if Regional Conventions are open to persons under 21 years of age. TheNER welcomes you, Bill!

F.P. Walinsky of Westwood, New Jersey doesn't understand why "membership already paid for should involve another \$1." Because the NER is really another organization, Mr. Walinsky. It provides additional services to model railroaders that the National doesn't provide - and they cost money. You've joined two organizations for a total of \$4.00.

Glenn N. Pizer, formerly of Newport, Rhode Island, an NER Member, Aquidneck Society member, was transferred to the Windy City by the Navy. George Fitterman of the Club Aids Committee, promptly told Bill Angus, President of Mid-West Region of Glenn's arrival, and the result was a new Editor for the MWR's publication The Waybill. It's a good monthly publication and this editor is glad that he does not have to face a monthly deadline.

Glenn reports that he is enjoying his new-found model railroading friends and has taken his "Seneca Railroad" out of storage, and is expanding it.

Peter Alan Powser, 97-40 62nd Drive, Flushing 74, N.Y., is interested in joining a club with an HO Traction pike, or would like to help build one.

Your editor has received a copy of a note from Bob Kitley, Editor of The Bulletin, starting "I made a Boo-Boo." He was referring to an article which will appear in the November issue, entitled "The Railroad Runs Through the Middle of the Street-In Boston Town" which had originally appeared in the December '62 issue of The Coupler. Because of a proof-readers error, it appears that the article was written by Bob Warren, editor of "Region Way Freight" in The Bulletin. Strangely enough, Bob used to switch on

the "Union" in Boston, before he moved to Florida.

The Metropolitan Council of Model Railroad Clubs is proceeding with plans for its Little Convention on February 1, 1964. Activities include a Model Display which is open to the public and to members of non-affiliated clubs, from 3:00 to 6:00. The location will be the First Baptist Church, 650 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, N.J.

For further information, contact Jim Beach, MCMRRC Convention Committee, at the above address, or phone 201-998-0171, or 201-991-7669.

The New Haven Railroad Technical Information Association published a 6 page Bulletin in November (issue # 13) which contained much interesting information for New Haven fans. The issue had a complete list and descriptions of the 'new' ex-VGN single pantograph, 3300 HP electric locomotives, including painting information. Color slides and Kodacolor prints will be made available to members of the group. The list was compiled by Wadhams, Palmer, Shade, Babinger & Eggers.

They now have 36 paid members (at \$8. to start - \$5.00 initiation, plus \$3.00 for the first year's dues, this is a good start,) and are offering Data Sheets as fast as they can be prepared.

If you're interested in the New Haven you'll do well to contact this active group. They didn't list a person to contact for membership details, but Clark A. Benson, 99 Edison Street, Stratford, Connecticut, 06497, is Office Manager.

Work is progressing rapidly on the HO railroad of the Garden State Central Model Railroad Club, located in the basement of the Asbury Park Press branch office in Long Branch, N.J. The club meets every Tuesday, and has openings for a few more members. Additional information may be had by contacting George Mc Causlin, 105 Ocean Avenue, Allenhurst, N.J. Visitors are always welcome.

The notice didn't say whether the club was building a Main Line or a Long Branch!

The South Shore Society of Model Railroad Engineers will hold an open house, and club show on Sunday, February 23rd, from 1 to 7 PM, at the West Bridgewater Town Hall, Main Street (Rt. 28 near Rt. 106) West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Features will include operating exhibits in HO and O gauges, displays, model railroad circus exhibits, speakers and slides, films and an auction. Admission is adults 50¢, children 25¢, with children under 12 years free. Refreshments will be available.

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