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Stratham NH

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Rail Train on the Central Maine and Quebec near Onawa Road. At the rear of the train are the conductor and two crew who feed rail sections into the distributing equipment.. Photo by Harry Gordon

Enjoy a trip through the [Seacoast Division's Web Site](http://www.seacoastnmra.org).

The President's Lantern by Erich Whitney

This is the first free moment I've had since returning from the 2017 Orange Blossom Special NMRA National Convention and Train Show in Orlando, Florida. This was my first NMRA National and I've got a lot I want to share with you about my experience so I'm going to dedicate an article to it in this issue. I don't want to give away too much but suffice it to say I had one heck of a lot of fun and I was so glad that I got to spend the entire week at the convention. One very exciting and important development announced at the banquet is the new NMRA Member Discount program. Your NMRA membership is now good for member-only discounts at a growing number of vendors. More information about this can be found online at <http://www.nmra.org>. Also online, is a growing NMRA video library--another member-only benefit and in the coming months you will see many of the clinics I got to attend in person showing up in the video library online. If you haven't been to the NMRA website in a while, I'd suggest doing so and make sure you sign in as a member to see all of the member-only features.

Seemingly right on the heels of the NMRA National we have our 2017 Rails to the Gilded Age NER Regional Convention in Newport, Rhode Island coming up November 9-12. I am really looking forward to this because this is the first NMRA convention I will be able to share with my daughter, Brenna. She's a student in her second year studying architecture at Roger Williams University (just up the road from the convention hotel). This will also be my first time giving a clinic at an NMRA convention. To borrow from the expression, "anything worth doing is worth overdoing", I'll actually be giving three clinics. That said, I have a lot of work to do to get my clinic presentations ready—you'll have to come to the convention to see them.

Our next Seacoast Division meeting is Saturday, October 14th at 10AM in Stratham. Tage Erickson is putting together a great program so come on out and join us!

One thing I am very pleased to report is that over this past year, we have been very fortunate to have several Seacoast Division NMRA members come forth and volunteer to take on various responsibilities. I can tell you from experience with my involvement with other all-volunteer organizations that recruiting volunteers is a constant effort. If you would like to see how you can contribute to your organization, please reach out to any of us on the contacts page or at an upcoming meeting.

And remember to share the fun of model railroading!!!

Sincerely,
Erich Whitney



Photos by Erich at 2017 convention



Seacoast Division NMRA Fall Event

All NMRA members and any person(s) interested in becoming an NMRA member are invited to the Fall Event of the Seacoast Division NMRA in Stratham, New Hampshire.

Clinics and Presentation Topics:

Basic Layout Design with XTrackCAD, Getting Past The Learning Curve by Glenn Mitchell. XTrackCAD is a free model railroad design tool available from JMRI.org. Glenn will demonstrate the basic set up and features by designing a small layout using XTrackCAD.

Lighting On Your Model Railroad by Tage Erickson. Tage will present some very basic light theory and show you some recent trends in methods of overhead illumination for model railroads. The presentation will focus on light theory and the different solutions that are on the market right now.

Building The Coos Bay & Coos County Railroad by Jack Lutz. Jack will present the story of the evolution of his Coos Bay & Coos County Railroad which is currently under construction in his office. Jack will explain the process he went through that affected his decision making with layout design.

The NMRA 2017 Orlando Orange Blossom Special by Erich Whitney & Tage Erickson. Erich and Tage will show us pictures and discuss the many events at the most recent NMRA National Convention in Orlando, Florida. They will go over the different events that they participated in and will have a slide presentation which will include several of the outstanding layouts that they were able to operate on. Tage will present a switching problem to the members that he had to deal with during one of the layout operating sessions.

Show and Tell and Ask:

Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their modeling to show to other attendees for educational purposes (two-way!) and also any questions on model railroading topics to pose to the others. Take advantage of the cumulative experience of all of the attendees to make your modeling experience more enjoyable. Contact the Fall Event organizer, Tage Erickson, with any questions or information about your showing.

Derry Fun Night "Square Foot Model" Contest:

We will have a table set up that will display up to 8 of the "Square Foot Models" that were produced by the modelers who have been attending the monthly Derry Fun Night. The Derry Fun Night is a monthly meeting which is sponsored by our Seacoast Division of the NMRA, and is intended to encourage any person to become engaged with our fantastic hobby. This should be very interesting to view these displays!

FOR SALE!

There will be a table set up for any members that wish to display any surplus modeling items they may have available for sale. If you have any model railroad related items (loco's, rolling stock, buildings, etc.) that you don't need and wish to sell, you are encouraged to bring them to the meeting. Please put a tag on each item with your name and the asking price. Maybe one of your fellow members might be interested!

Layout Tours:

1) Bruce Robinson's Valley Junction Railroad. The Valley Junction is a point to point railroad with yards at both ends, interchanges with

Seacoast Fall Event by Tage Erickson

three other railroads and enough operating scheme to keep seven operators busy at each session. The Valley Junction RR was begun in 1988. Regularly scheduled operation sessions have been held since 1995. Bruce's railroad has hosted 285 sessions since then. That is quite an accomplishment!

2) Mike Graham's Union Pacific/Southern Pacific in New England layout. Mike has a two (2) level layout in a 22' x 44' space. The layout is about 75% scenery complete with more expansion in the works.

3) Tom Oxnard's Boston & Maine Railroad. Tom's modeling expertise is superb, and when you put it all together with track and trains, it makes for a really special opportunity to view a very special layout.

Please take the time to visit these very special layouts. By the time the final meeting notice is sent out, we may have even more layouts to add to this very special post-meeting tour. Directions to each layout will be provided at the meeting.

Social Time:

Similar to the Spring Event, there will be a 30 minute break for lunch and socializing. Lunch will not be provided. You are highly encouraged to bring your own lunch or snacks. There may be nearby food establishments, as well.

Ride Sharing:

If you will be in need of a ride in order to attend this Event, please send an email to Tage Erickson with the details. If you will be attending the Event and are willing to give a ride to someone who cannot drive, please contact Tage. He is the ride coordinator for this meeting.

There will be a drawing for door prizes, too!

The Quarterly Board of Directors meeting will pre-
cede the program, beginning at 8:30 AM.

All members are welcome to attend and observe the Board of Directors Meeting.

Please come to the Fall Event and Share the Fun of Model Railroading!



Photos of 2017 convention by Erich Whitney



Seacoast Summer Event by Tage Erickson

The day's events began at 8:30 AM with the quarterly Board of Directors meeting. The details of this meeting will be reported separately. The General Event began promptly at 10:00 AM with opening remarks from Tage Erickson. There was a new member in attendance today, Mr. Ben Faulter. Ben is transferring to our Division from the Tidewater Division and is the son of our Division Vice President, Chip Faulter. Welcome aboard, Ben, and welcome home! This was followed by comments from our Membership Chairman, Dave Sias, who explained the guest attendance policy to our members.

After outlining the program for the day, Tage turned the meeting over to our Division President, Erich Whitney. Erich spoke briefly about how busy the Summer can be with vacations and distractions that change the priorities in your life, sometimes relegating our modeling efforts to the bottom of the list. The primary focus of Erich's comments was to point out that there are several tasks with which the Seacoast Division needs help. If any member has some additional time that they are willing devote to the Division, we would certainly welcome that. Please contact any of the Division's Officers and we will be happy to put your particular talents to good use.

The first presentation of the day was done by one of Maine's premier modelers, Mr. George Barrett. George is the founder and owner of his business, "Sheepscot Scale Products." The subject of his presentation was "How We Traveled To Maine." Using a power point presentation, George explained the many different modes of transportation that were used to travel from Boston to points in Maine from the 1850's to the 1950's. He covered steamship travel, road networks and of

course, the railroad network. Of particular note were all the bridges (both rail and road) and the various ferry operations that were used to cross the many streams and rivers of the New England coast line in past years. This was a terrific history lesson for all of us!

The second presentation of the day was a clinic provided by one of our Division's long time outstanding modelers, Bruce Robinson. Bruce discussed how real electricity is generated and then networked, to provide the power we need to live our lives each day. His discussion then translated into how you should set up your model power grid and overhead wiring network on your model train layout, adding the correct details which add realism. Bruce explained many details that involve transmission lines, utility poles, and transformers. Most importantly, he went through how you can make all these items look realistic when you add them to your layout. This was a great presentation and clinic.

It was then time for our lunch break. I would like to take a moment to thank Dave Kotsonis, one of our newer members, and also Terry King from the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, for preparing and serving lunch. These guys did a wonderful job!

Following the lunch break, Tim Swenton from "Maine Modelworks" gave us a clinic on How To Install Static Grass On Your Layout. Tim discussed the different options available for either buying a static grass applicator or making one from scratch materials. He demonstrated preparation and glue application. Tim then showed us the different types of grasses that can be used as he demonstrated the use of the applicator. This was really informative for all of us. A very

Seacoast Summer Event by Tage Erickson

special thanks to Tim for doing the presentation and making the needed supplies available to us for purchase following the meeting.

The final clinic of the day was a presentation by Seacoast Director Paul Lessard. Paul's topic was "Critters". Paul discussed the many different versions of small industrial type diesel locomotives. He used several locomotives in his collection to point out the different features of each one and the important characteristics that made these locomotives unique. This clinic generated some lively discussion regarding the installation of decoders. Thanks to Paul for a very stimulating presentation.

The final event of the day was the "Show & Tell & Ask" session. Rich Breton Talked to the group about new paint bottle applicators he uses that save him time. These applicators are very useful to paint small figures or to paint irregular shapes. Rich passed around several examples of small items/figures that he had painted with these applicators. The other item that Rich presented to us was a silicon tipped masking fluid applicator, which he uses to apply liquid frisket to model windows before overspraying with Dullcote. This applicator can also be used to apply gloss varnish to paper model building windows. These applicators can be purchased from Hobby Lobby.

Neil Falby spoke about a subject which becomes very important to us as we age or have medical issues. Neil expressed his appreciation to Rich Breton for driving him to the meeting, because he is unable to drive due to an illness from which he is recovering. This recognition is well deserved and is a reminder to us all that we should reach out to any member that can't get to the events for whatever reason, and see if they need a ride.

Beginning with the Fall 2017 Event, I will be the point of contact for anyone that needs a ride. I will provide further instructions in the next meeting notice.

The attendance for the Summer Event was 32 members. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our great hobby!

The next Quarterly Event will take place in Stratham, New Hampshire, at the Fire House on Saturday October 14, 2017. Please save that date and plan on joining us!



Seacoast Summer Event by Tage Erickson

Photos on the preceding page top George Barrett gives his talk on transportation from Boston to Maine through the years. Bottom photo of Bruce Robinson giving his clinic on power lines and how they work and realism in modeling .



Paul Lessard shows off his Critter Collection , many thanks to Paul for sharing and passing around such a wonderful collection .



Thanks to Tim Swenton, who took time away from his shop Maine Model Works to give a informative demonstration on static grass . All photos by Chip Faulter



Photo above and left of 2017 Orlando convention by Erich Whitney

Orange Blossom Special 2017 National Convention , Train Show

By Erich Whitney

I returned home from the Orange Blossom Special 2017 NMRA National Convention and Train Show just about a month ago as I sit down to write this article. Had I done this sooner, I suspect my prose would have taken a different tone. While my enthusiasm for, and appreciation of, this wonderful opportunity that I had to attend my first NMRA National has not waned, I am now reflecting on my experience in the midst of what must be an absolutely terrifying hurricane experience for the dozens of incredibly talented, friendly, and gracious hosts I met there. I will do my best to reflect on my experiences from July 30th through August 6th, 2017 as I continue to hope that everyone in Florida comes through this storm safe and sound. I know that when the time comes to rebuild their model railroads, the NMRA community will rise to the challenge and lend a helping hand.

My first NMRA convention was the Champlain Flyer 2010 NER NMRA Regional Convention in Burlington, Vermont. I can remember how excited I was to spend four days immersed in all things trains that I could hardly wait to get there. Operating sessions, clinics, prototype tours, special guests, and hanging out with my new friends in the hobby. I started my plans for this NMRA National convention at least six months beforehand with the exact same excitement I had seven years ago. This was going to be twice the time with a mind-boggling number of options to choose from. Fortunately, Seacoast Division friends Peter McKenney and Chip Faulter were there to help me navigate the program and plan out my week in Orlando. In addition to Peter and Chip, Seacoast Division members Tage Erickson, Paul Lessard, and former Seacoast Division and Director, Tom Jones were all there as well as many other friends I have met in the NMRA from the HUB Division and others from around the country.

I have learned from my NER convention experiences (seven and counting) that I need to have a plan. I pick a concentration area and plan my schedule around that—operating sessions, clinics, tours, etc. For Orlando, I chose to attend two operating sessions and spend the rest of my time in clinics. There were six clinic time slots per day with six clinics running concurrently in each time slot. The clinics started on Sun-

day afternoon and ran through Saturday afternoon—I counted 35 clinic slots and about 120 clinics to choose from. Clinics ranged in topic from modeling techniques, historical topics, DCC and layout automation technology, new product announcements, and non-rail activities. They ran a “Modeling with the Masters (MWTM)” series which were given by various MMRs. These are extra-fair clinics that require pre-registration and typically run 4-5 hours in length. There was a non-MWTM extra-fair, 4 hour clinic that I registered for that did a really nice job of introducing layout automation using Arduino microcontrollers. The instructor, John Mick, did a fantastic job teaching the material and he went through significant effort to build a custom demonstration board that we used to actually build operating examples of the types of things he builds on his own layout—turnout motors, signals, displays, and control panels. I have already used this clinic to build a working crossing gate with a stepper motor.

My first operating session was at Dan Kimpton's PRR Lake Region layout in Bradenton. The second operating session I attended was at John Wilkes L&N layout in Winter Haven. Both of these sessions were in the evening and both of them exceeded my expectations for experiencing new things and having a very fun and busy night of it. The biggest adjustment I had to make was running under track warrants. I have run under time table and train orders mostly so track warrants were a new and interesting twist for me. And both of these hosts could not have been more inviting and just super people.

Between clinics and operating sessions we had lunch and dinner breaks where I managed to get some quality time to visit with friends and new acquaintances. This is one of those side-benefits of a week-long event and I really appreciated this as much as anything. One of the things that came in handy was the SIG room at the hotel. This is where the special interest groups set up tables and I found myself hanging out there and chatting during breaks. There were representatives from OPSIG, LDSIG, CMRI SIG, Railroad Prototype Modelers, and NMRA LCC/OpenLCB there to talk to. I'm used to the OPSIG participation at the NER conventions but this

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By Erich Whitney

was the first time I've met members of LDSIG. I should point out that LDSIG ran a series of layout tours throughout the week. I did not participate in those due to my interest in the clinics. In hindsight, I probably should have taken maybe a day or at least an afternoon and ventured out to the layouts on tour but to be perfectly honest, I find that operating sessions are far more enjoyable. I should also mention that there were several prototype tours offered throughout the week but again, my interest in the clinics took precedence and I did not participate. These tours also came with various additional fairs and I was trying to keep my budget reasonable so that probably played some part in my decision.

There was a huge silent auction that was pretty cool and of course there was the celebration room for models. I really wish I had been able to bring an entry to the celebration room for evaluation but I just didn't have the time in the months leading up to the convention to do this. It's on my list and I kind of think that entering at the regional level first might make more sense but it's just a matter of time.

The convention banquet was held on Saturday evening and it was kicked off with a cocktail hour followed by a decent dinner served by the hotel. NMRA president Charlie Getz made several award presentations and to close out the program, Todd Stennis, a senior manager for Amtrak gave us some insights and thoughts on the Amtrak operations including the Auto-Train which was one of the facilities open for a tour earlier in the week.

One of the benefits of being a convention attendee is you get into the National Train Show for several hours before the public is allowed in on Friday morning. The show ran Friday through Sunday in a very large convention building attached to the hotel via an elevated covered walking path. I made several trips to the show starting with the Friday morning exclusive and various times on Saturday. I spent most of the day on Sunday at the train show because there were no more convention activities and my flight home wasn't until Sunday evening. The show was a mix of vendors and modular layouts. I'm afraid I'm pretty spoiled by the

Amherst show in Springfield but the National Train Show was pretty well done and I thought there was a decent amount of local attendance. It was great to see so many parents bring their kids to the show. As I mentioned before, this was my first NMRA national convention. Therefore, I cannot give you any comparison to others. Overall, I had just a super time and I am so glad that I was able to go. I will say that I went into this convention with very high expectations for the clinics. I think there were certainly several clinics that could have done a better job of tickling my itch for a more in-depth look at the subject matter and there were a couple of duds but there was also John's Arduino clinic that for me was a shining star. I've seen Tony Koester present a couple of times before, most notably at last year's National Narrow Gauge Convention in Augusta, Maine and at the Pacemaker NER convention in Albany, New York. I've grown a liking to his dry mid-west humor and seemingly endless anecdotes. In addition to John and Tony, I found these clinics bubble to the top of the ones I attended: Modern Bench work (Drew Hartigan), Understanding The Parts of a Steam Locomotive (Joe Nichols Sr), Modeling Tips & Tricks for Structures (Bruce DeYoung), Brass Model Trains (Dan Glasure), JMRI DCC (Joe Nichols, Jr.), Realistic Water Made Easy (Jon Addison), and Behind the Scenes at Model Railroader Magazine (Harold Miller). I should note that Doug Glasure handed out copies of his hardcover, The Brass Train Guide Book to the attendees at his clinic and the extra copies were given out as raffle prizes at the banquet. Next year is in Kansas City Missouri and I'm thinking this will be another great experience. If you're already on planning on going, I look forward to seeing you there—let me know and we can find some time to chat. If you aren't planning on going, I hope you'll consider my plea to change your mind. If you plan ahead and reach out to your fellow NMRA members, you can find a way to share expenses. Start by attending the Rails to the Gilded Age NER NMRA convention in Newport Rhode Island, November 9-12, 2017. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of your directors. And if you're in Florida this win-

Orange Blossom Special 2017 National convention, Train Show By Erich Whitney

ter, please consider reaching out to the members of the Sunshine Region NMRA—they might need some help putting their railroads back together after they get back on their feet.



Photos on left are of Jerry Fassnacht layout a freelanced vision of the Pennsylvania Schuylkill branch with connection to the Reading and Columbia branch of the Reading . Photos on right are of John Wilkes layout the Virginia Southwestern . Erich Whitney and Tage Erickson travelled and operated on these layouts during the convention . Photos by Tage Erickson



Maine Layout Tour Volume 3

By Peter McKenney

The Third Annual Maine Model Railroad Tour attracted hundreds of visitors to ten layouts in central coastal Maine on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017. The average number of visitors per layout was 29, a much higher number than in the two prior Tours. Two layouts attracted 40 visitors each and two other layouts attracted 37 visitors each, according to the sign-in logs for those layouts.

Even the layout host who only had 10 visitors, the lowest number for the Tour, was very happy with his experience and would be willing to open his layout for a future Tour. This layout was at the extreme northern end of the range of layouts and was over 35 miles from the next nearest layout. The relative remoteness of the layout undoubtedly dampened turnout as visitors' travel time one-way to his layout was at least 47 minutes.

The main purpose of the Maine Model Railroad Tour is to help those interested in the hobby of model railroading to connect with each other and learn what resources may be available to help them in future endeavors. The Tour invites layout owners of "all scales, sizes, and degrees of completion" to participate if they are in the territory of Maine that has been selected for the Tour in the current year. This year, the organizing committee chose a section of Maine along the US Route One corridor from Brunswick-Topsham in the south to the Rockland Area in the north. Part of this territory was in Tour 2015 and part of it was "new" territory to capture some "veteran" and "rookie" layouts for visitors to see. Importantly, the organizers felt that the travel time between layouts would be efficient since there was a major highway to use to reach all the layouts.

There were six "veteran" layouts and four "rookie" layouts on the Tour: four O 3-rail layouts, thanks to the wonderful support from the Maine 3-Railers Club; three HO scale layouts; two G gauge layouts (one a garden railway and one indoor); and one N scale layout. Three of the layouts were owned by Seacoast Division NMRA members: Bruce Campbell, Chip Faulter, and Ray Houlihan.

The organizing group for this Tour has worked diligently since last fall to organize it, starting with selecting a date, followed by selecting a desirable territory in Maine and recruiting layout hosts in it. They then collected photos and layout descriptions to post on the Tour's website. Most importantly, they devoted

time to publicizing the Tour. Seacoast Division NMRA was instrumental in this effort. All Division display tables at train shows contained handouts for the Tour. An article was drafted for the NMRA Magazine (July 2017) and a news brief was sent out to 11 area newspapers. As a result, Chip Faulter and Jeff Jacobs were interviewed by the Times Record (Brunswick) and a great article appeared the day prior to the Tour. All hosts and co-sponsors were also asked to promote the Tour aggressively. As a result, more visitors were attracted to the Tour than ever before. Members of the organizing group from the Seacoast Division NMRA include Peter McKenney, Chip Faulter, Bob Bennett, Lou Champagne, Geoff Anthony, Brandon Kulik, and George Barrett. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Tour.



Seacoast Division NMRA members enjoy themselves on Sept. 16 at Bruce Campbell's Shoreline RR based on the NYNH&H in the 1950s. L to R: Tage Erickson, Bruce Campbell, Ed Schultz, and Carter Sawtell. Bruce has about 75% of his track in place, but has just started to apply scenery. His track has large radii to accommodate the long passenger cars and six-axle diesels.

Maine Layout Tour Volume 3

By Peter McKenney



Boothbay Railway Village's wonderful HO layout was on the Tour. It is in a replica of a MEC freight house totally dedicated to model railroading. BRV is also one of 23 co-sponsors of the Tour, along with the Seacoast Division NMRA. NMRA member Bob Bennett, on the left, is a frequent volunteer at BRV as well as a member of the Tour organizing group. Next to him are two of BRV's "Model Railroad Attendants," Tony Lippincott and Lorna Durfee. They attend to the 46 by 20-foot layout which is based on Maine standard and narrow-gauge railroading in the 1940s-1960s. This layout was also on the Tour in 2015. The turnouts on this layout are remote-controlled using Tortoise switch machines

broidered with the PRR logo and "The KWF Lines" slogan, gift of Chip's wife, Mona. Mona also cooked some delicious treats and greeted the 40 visitors on the Tour. Behind Chip and Karl is an expansion area based on the Portland, Maine, waterfront. The 20 by 13-foot L shape will have models of iconic structures on the city's waterfront including wharfs and grain elevators based on research that Chip has been doing for a few years. Besides all the other leadership roles that Chip has in our hobby, he has been a key member of the Tour organizing group for three years



Modelers interested in N scale got a super-treat when visiting Ray Houlihan's (center) Procrastination & Southern Railroad. Ray's helpers were Rob (left) and Jim (right) Selberg, fellow members of MaiNe Trak, another of the Tour's co-sponsors. Ray's layout consists of modules that he has had for several years, plus some modules added to accommodate the shape of his layout room in his current home. Ray's layout is partially based on actual physical locations as far apart as Green Bay, WI, and Boston, MA. His custom-painted Moxie tank cars and trailers may be fantasy items, but his Moxieland structure is a spot-on replica of an actual Boston structure.



Chip Faulter (left) opened his Kennebec, Wiscasset and Farmington Line for a second Maine Model Railroad Tour this year. Chip and his helper, Karl Steiner (right), sport custom-made polo shirts specially em-

Derry Fun Night- One Square Foot modules By Bruce Robinson

Attendees at the June 2017 Derry Fun Night were given a 12"x12" piece of 1/2" homosote and "challenged" to construct a model railroad in One Square Foot over the summer and to bring the modules in for "judging" at the September Derry Fun Night meeting. The idea came from an article in the Division Business Car feature in the June 2017 issue of the NMRA Magazine. The article points out how members of the Fourth Division, Pacific Northwest Region used this idea to inspire modelers to build a module of one square foot.

The contest rules are simple: Build a small diorama, not to exceed 12 inches square (one square foot), which tells a story. Now, let the imagination go wild!

Eight One Square Foot modules came to the September meeting. Each modeler talked about how his module was conceived and built and the story it portrayed then a popular vote was held to declare the winner.

Jon Minor was declared the winner and was presented with a certificate by President Erich Whitney.

Modelers that brought in modules were: Dick Forde, Paul Lessard, Jon Minor, Glenn Mitchell, Carl Harrison, Erich Whitney, Bruce Robinson and Tom Oxnard.



Art Imitates Reality in Maine

Photos and Model By Harry Gordon Decals Al Ivers



Sometimes we get obsessed with our HO scale modeling. How often have you heard a modeler say: "I'd like to have one of those on my layout." I have been weathering a few cars and have even added graffiti decals to a few. Lately I have been filing away photos of cars I wanted to add to my "graffiti fleet." With the magic of Alvin Ivers here is the before and after of the first one: "Saudi Zebra," seen in Old Town in 12" and in Orland in HO.



Orlando 2017 convention photos by Erich Whitney



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Editors note, Thanks to Erich for all the pictures. If Someone is going to Newport RI I could use pictures from the convention . I could use some articles for the January edition so please consider writing an article . I hope everybody who goes to Newport has a great time .



Seacoast Division NMRA Engraved Name Tags Now Available

The Seacoast Division of the NMRA is now making available to members engraved name tags with up to three lines available, 25 characters per line. The badges will be \$5.00 per badge and \$3.50 for postage or you can wait and pick them up at a Division event. Orders will be held until we have ten badges ordered. Badges include the attractive Seacoast Division logo.

Please mail orders to Geoff Anthony, PO Box 187, Blue Hill ME 04614 -0187.
Make checks payable to SEACOAST DIVISION NMRA
Please include your mailing address if you want it mailed.



Seacoast Division NIMRA Engraved Name Tags Available

You may have up to three lines on your name tag. Badges will be at cost to Seacoast Division NMRA (currently \$5). If you wish the tag mailed to you, add \$3.50. Otherwise, your tag will be handed to you at the next regular Seacoast Division NMRA meeting that you attend. Orders will be submitted to engraver in batches of a minimum of 10.

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AP Report by Tom Oxnard MMR NH Larry Cannon MMR ME

Tom Oxnard New Hampshire report is as follows

NH AP Awards: Bruce Robinson has earned his Scenery Cert. I will present it at the Oct 14 meeting.

Larry Cannon Maine AP awards : : Bill Brown has just e-mailed that National has approved Peter McKenney's Author Certificate. If I am correct, he has cleaned the slate in the Service to the Hobby area. Congratulations to Peter! I have some evaluations to arrange with and for one person at this time.

New Members Welcomed Dave Sias Membership Chair

Dick Forde, Windham, NH
Steve Doyle, Lebanon, NH
Donald Rowan, Wakefield, NH

Renewals/Transfers:

Mike Mennelle, Lee, NH
Ben Faulter, Bowdoin, ME

*Maine Central 470 boiler at Washington Jct. awaiting restoration . Photo by Harry Gordon .
Photo on right unknown*



October 2017

Timetable

Oct 14	Seacoast Fall Event	Stratham NH
Oct 14	Crawford Notch Excursion	N Conway NH
Oct 18	470 Club Meeting	Portland Me
Nov 4	Dover Train Show	Dover NH
Nov 4	Topsham Train Show	Topsham ME
Nov 9	NER convention	Newport RI
Nov 18	ExTrainaganza Great Falls Club	Auburn ME
Nov 24	ExTrainaganza Great Falls Club	Auburn ME
Jan 27-28	Amherst Show	W. Springfield MA





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