



# TURNTABLE

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## Is the Model Railroad Genre Evolving?



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Reforming old traditions can be a good thing. In this episode Boomer presents the question based on an article from N-Scale Magazine from over twenty years ago.

## Western Maryland #1309



### *Thunder in the Allegheny Mountains*

After numerous years of restoration, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad returned the former Chesapeake & Ohio "Mallet" steam locomotive #1309 to operating service on the famous mountain line. During her first regular summer season under steam, the locomotive powered excursions every weekend from Cumberland, Maryland to Frostburg, Maryland, leading "The Frostburg Flyer" and "Moonlight on the Mountain" excursions. The articulated beast made her way up the mountain in a tremendous show of steam and thunder, fitting the title of the "New" Mountain Thunder. Traversing the scenic line, the grand scenery of the Allegheny Mountains treated passengers and photographers to the timeless scene of the sights and sounds of "The Last Baldwin" climbing grades, crossing bridges, and navigating sweeping curves.

## Building a Rural Branchline Roster

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## [From Engine to Caboose](#)

Clark Probst shows how to build a rural branchline roster from the locomotive, through a number of cars and car types, to finally the caboose.

## The Mudhens—A Modular Layout



## [At the St. Louis 2022 NMRA Convention](#)

The Mudhens HO scale modular narrow gauge society set up a modular layout in the 2nd-floor lobby of the Grand Marriott Hotel Convention center for Gateway 2022, the 2022 NMRA National Convention. This was a test video of Jeff Shultz's GoPro and the gyroscopic mount, neither of which had been used in some time. Both the Illinois and St. Louis Mudhens participated.

## What's Neat This Week RPM Post Show



## [What's Neat This Week RPM Post Show](#)

This week is the RPM post-show after two days of amazing models and fellow Model Railroaders. Many special guests are featured this week, including Mike Budde, Steve Day, Bob Rivard, Vic Smith, Steve Hurt, Nick Hurt, Jerry Hurt, Xela Clark, Holly Anne, and Ken Patterson.

## New England / Northeast Prototype Modelers





## [New England / Northeast Prototype Modelers Meet](#)

In this video, the New Haven Rails tour the model room of the 2022 New England Prototype Meet held in Springfield, MA. You will see some of the finest modeling around, with a focus on prototype accuracy. You will see mostly HO scale rolling stock from the 50's up to the present day. In addition, you will see steam and diesel locomotives modeled accurately to prototype photos. Enjoy the video!

# ***NER*** CONVENTION

**September 15-18, 2022**  
**Windsor, CT**



[ner-conventions.org/connecticut-yankee](http://ner-conventions.org/connecticut-yankee)



The Nutmeg Division is proud to host all interested NMRA members to central Connecticut for the 2022 NER Convention. The convention will be held on September 15-18 at the Marriott Hartford / Windsor Airport Hotel, conveniently located at Exit 38 of I-91.

The convention program will begin at 12 noon on Thursday, September 15, 2022, and conclude with the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning. In between, they will have clinics, layout visits, operations sessions, and

outside visits of both a rail and general interest.

On Thursday evening they will host a welcome reception. Snack foods will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. Saturday evening, they will have their convention banquet in the ballroom. This is a time to enjoy the fellowship of your fellow modelers that you haven't seen for over a year due to the pandemic. Greet old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy a meal together. Then on Sunday morning enjoy the Awards Breakfast, which offers great food and fellowship, as well as celebrates the winners of the Model and Photo Contests and all of the AP Certificate winners since the convention in Syracuse, NY in 2019.

## Flatland Coal Loaders



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Llyod Keyser shows us various methods for loading coal into freight cars on the flatlands.

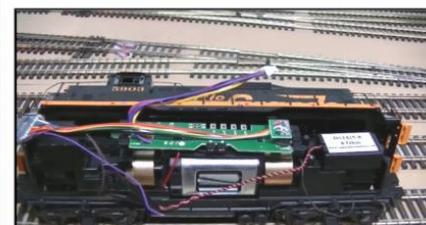
## National N Scale Convention in Nashville



## National N Scale Convention & Show

In this video, James Wright covers all there was to see at the National N Scale Convention and Train Show that was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

## LokSound DCC Sound Decoder Install



## [LokSound DCC Sound Decoder Install](#)

Watch the installation of a LokSound V4.0 DCC sound decoder in an Athearn Genesis Rio Grande GP9 HO scale model train engine. This installation uses a Rail Master 8 ohm speaker. A comparison between the LokSound decoder and a factory-equipped Athearn Genesis GP9 with an OEM Tsunami decoder can also be heard.

### **Denver & Rio Grande Western**



### [Durlin Branch—On3 Layout Tour](#)

This is part of TSG Multimedia's Layout Tour Remaster series. In this series, TSG has taken previously published layout tours and re-processed them with better color correction, better thumbnails, better stills, improved sound, much better music, and in some cases, scenes that have never been seen before!

The Durlin Branch is a freelance mountain branch line of the 3-foot narrow gauge D&RGW fourth division, hauling general freight, coal, ore concentrates, lumber, livestock, and passengers. The branch ties into the San Juan Extension mainline in Chama, NM, with Durango, CO to the west and Alamosa, CO to the east.

## **Tri-State Model Railroaders**



## [Tri-State Model Railroaders Layout Tour](#)

This video highlights the Tri-State Model Railroaders' club layout in Mineral Bluff, GA. The layout replicates the L&N "Old Line" from Marietta, GA to Etowah, TN in 1952.

## South Bay Historical Railroad Society





## [N Scale DCC Model Railroad Tour](#)

In this episode, we revisit the South Bay Historical Railroad Society's N scale layout. This layout is housed inside the historic Santa Clara Depot building, a historic landmark right next to the Caltrain line that runs commuters between San Francisco, CA and as far south as Gilroy, CA.

## **CSX's New Train Symbology**



## [CSX's New Train Symbology](#)

In 2022 CSX has changed many, if not most of their train symbols. Symbols are what railroads used to call the names or numbers of trains. Each category of train has a new letter symbol. Here's what Danny Harmon learned on a Saturday railfanning outing.

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## **Model Railroad Club of Toronto Layout Tour**





## [An Onboard O Scale Layout Tour](#)

A full layout tour of the Central Ontario Railway Northbound from a Conductor's perspective... a classic Van Cam.

The Model Railroad Club of Toronto shows the train traveling from the recently completed Trenton / Smith Falls staging to the Mattawa staging, a distance of over 1000' feet. Shot in July 2022, the Central Ontario Railway is now in its 9th year of (re)construction.

## **Train Layout Update—Backdrops Installed**





## **And Other O Scale News**

Jason, of Jason's O Gauge Trains, has applied blue painter's tape to the drywall and then sandwiched double-sided carpet tape between the blue tape and the backdrop. This holds the backdrops firmly in place but still gives the option to re-adjust if needed without destroying the drywall. This method has held the backdrops firmly in place, and he is very happy with the result.

# How Do You Reopen a Lost Railway



## [The Lost Branch Lines to Wisbech](#)

This video explores the rise, fall, and what remains of the lost branch lines to Wisbech and examines what it takes to reopen a lost railway.

## Floating Shelf Model Railway





## [Floating Shelf Model Railway](#)

Dartside Scenics came up with this idea for a model railway display when browsing IKEA in Exeter. He didn't know a great deal about railways but was keen to create something which could be displayed easily on the wall. Although it's a small model, he still had to run through many different processes, as you would on a large layout. Some of the other videos on his channel go into more detail, so have a look if it's of interest.

## **Class 55 Deltic - The Racehorses**



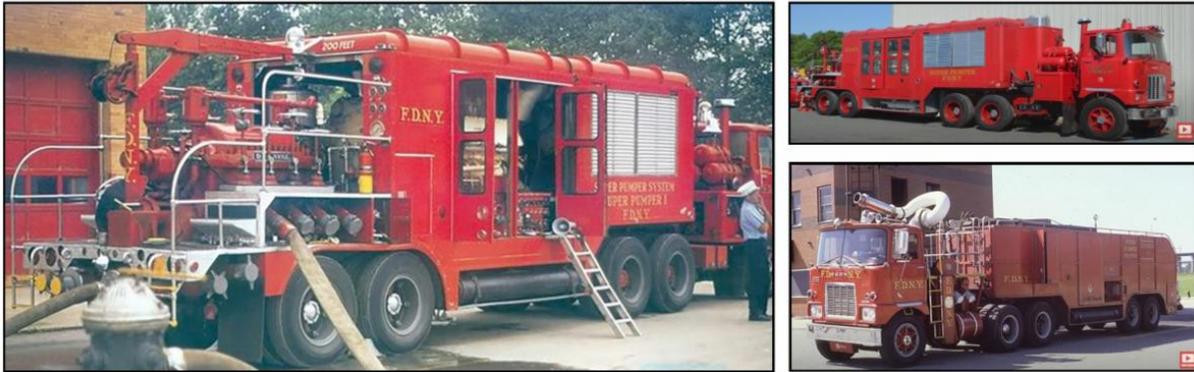
## [Class 55 Deltic - The Racehorses](#)

This is a video long-requested since Rory Macveigh started doing these documentaries around 2 years ago. We venture back to the East Coast Mainline, where, for over 20 years, the top expresses of this integral route were powered by a series of 22 specially built locomotives known as the Class 55s. These were the first diesel engines to operate at a sustained 100mph in the UK. Through their styling and the superb sound of their

humming Napier Deltic engines, they left an impact on the UK railway scene that rivaled the classic steam engines they had been built to replace.

**Note:** For more on the Deltic engine check out the video below:

## F.D.N.Y. Super Pumper System & the Napier Deltic



*The Legendary Napier Deltic - 88 Liter Opposed 2-Stroke Triangle Engine*

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**NMRA British Region Convention 4-6 November 2022**  
[convention.nmrabr.org.uk](http://convention.nmrabr.org.uk)

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## ALL ABOARD FOR CREWE IN 2022

The 2022 NMRA BR Convention, hosted by the Calder Northern Group based at Crewe will now be held at Wychwood Park Hotel, Weston, Crewe, CW2 5GP.

If you are traveling from far away or want to stay in Crewe for the weekend, we have secured a special Convention rate with Wychwood Park. The rate runs from Friday through to Sunday. Our convention team is working hard to secure tours to local layouts and prototype locations around the Crewe area, however, there are lots of self-directed railway activities in Crewe in which you can partake. Great shopping is only a train ride away with regular trains to Manchester and Chester.

Crewe really is one of the most accessible places that we could host our convention in the UK, with trains connecting most major cities. If flying in from overseas there are hourly trains from Manchester Airport, which is only 40 minutes away by rail.

Please keep checking our website for updates about the Convention and remember to book your hotel stay separately from your Convention registration.

Gordy & the Convention Team

NMRABR Events Co-Ordinator

## NMRA's Partnership Program



The banner features the NMRA logo on the left and the text 'PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM' in large white letters on a blue background. Below this, a yellow box contains a list of partner companies in three columns. The text reads: 'NMRA members can log in and click on the Benefits tab to view the NMRA Partnership Program. Please patronize all of our partners for some fantastic discounts as an NMRA member!'

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## Partnership Program

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### NMRA@Home



#### Modeling Your Hometown

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the August 2022 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Prototype or Freelanced modeling? How about both! Richard Steinmann is modeling his hometown of Morris Plains and nearby Morristown, NJ, but did deviate to include things he enjoys. His article on his layout appeared in the *Potomac Flyer*, the newsletter of the Potomac Division of the Mid-Eastern Region.

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#### Voltage Regulators for Scenic LED Lighting

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the August 2022 issue of NMRA Magazine.



As we use more and more LEDs in our model railroad scenes, there has to be better options than using resistors. Mark Couvillion has come to the rescue with an article in the 100% NMRA Member San Jacinto Model Railroad Club of Houston, Texas newsletter, *The Derail*. His article discusses the use of small adjustable voltage regulators.



#### Painting Figures

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Painting figures can be challenging for many model railroaders. Pete Leach, MMRÅ® shares his techniques in the *The Derail*, the newsletter of the 100%NMRA Member San Jacinto Model Railroad Club of Houston, Texas. Pete shares his tips on prepping, priming, painting, and applying washes to his figures.

The ***Division Business Car*** column appears in even-numbered months in NMRA Magazine. It's loaded with great modeling ideas, plus useful

information that can help make your Division, Region or 100% NMRA Club even better. The information comes from articles published in Region, Division, and club newsletters. The best of these articles are posted on the NMRA website. You can read the entire archive, from as far back as 2011 right up to the latest posting, by clicking [here](#).

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