



# The WHISTLEY POST



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## NEXT DIVISION MEETING

**TIME:**  
11 AM

**DATE:**  
OCTOBER 1, 2011

**LOCATIONS:**  
RAMAPO VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB  
620 CLIFF STREET  
HO-HO-KUS, NJ 07423  
RAMAPOVALLEYRAILROAD.COM

**DIRECTIONS:**  
FOR DRIVING DIRECTIONS, VISIT THE CLUB'S WEBSITE OR CLICK ON THE GOOGLE LOGO, BELOW:



**AGENDA:**  
CLINICS  
OPERATING SESSION  
MODEL JUDGING  
DOOR PRIZES  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS  
WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE (10% OF PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO GSD)

**COST**  
\$6



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*GSD Members are invited to the:*

## RAMAPO VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB

*BY TOM PICCIRILLO, MMR AND CHUCK DILJAK*

The last time the Garden State Division visited the Ramapo Valley Railroad Club was January 2010. And, you know a lot can happen over a period of nearly two years. The Club is happy to host us, once again, for our Fall meet. We have three fine clinics and an operating session on the slate for the meet. A description of the clinics is provided below.

### Howard Lash: DECAL MAKING and APPLICATION

Howard's discussion on making your own decals includes: creating artwork using pen and ink and dry transfer lettering; creating artwork using the computer; limitations for creating computer artwork; which computer programs are best for creating decal artwork; transferring your design onto dry transfer or decal film using an ink jet printer; sources for decal and dry transfer film and supplies; and commercial decal manufacturers that accept customer artwork. Examples will be on display. Each attendee will receive a resource sheet.



### Norm Frowley, MMR: HOW TO WIN A MODEL CONTEST

Norm Frowley, Master Model Railroader 382, will share with you the secrets he has discovered to make you a better modeler, whether you enter your models in contests or not. Norm is the winner of multiple first place awards in NMRA Northeastern Region model contests, was the First Place Winner of kit built models at the NMRA National Convention at Hartford, and has served numerous times as a model judge at both the regional and national levels. He's also the Division's and Region's AP Chair and, through the years, has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about what makes a model worthy of recognition. If you want to learn what model contest judges are looking for and how they think, Norm has the information you need. If you sim-



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ply want to improve the quality of the models you build for your layout, this clinic is for you as well. Norm will give you important tips you can't get elsewhere. Don't miss this golden opportunity to learn from a master model builder.

**Tom Piccirillo, MMR: THREADED FASTENERS for MODEL BUILDING**

Tom Piccirillo, Master Model Railroader 418, a Mechanical Engineer and President of Micro-Mark Tool Company, explains the designations and use of parts that include screw threads, both internal (in holes) and external (on rods). Tom will show you, in easy-to-understand terms, how to select and measure the correct size of screw fasteners for your assembly work. He will explain when to use clearance holes, when and how to add threads to parts, and will include illustrations of screw head types, plus the counterbores and countersinks needed to accommodate them.



Now, if you've ever struggled with or experienced inconsistent results decaling a model, or have not been satisfied with your modeling results, or have struggled with drilling and tapping for your models, these clinics are bound to correct many of your errors and teach you new techniques. And, as you may recall, the operating session in 2010 was enjoyed by everyone that participated in the session. In addition, the meet will feature door prizes, model judging, a White Elephant Table, food and refreshments. Ten percent of the proceeds from the White Elephant Table will be donated to the Garden State Division.

So, mark October 1 at 11AM on your calendar to meet your fellow Garden State Division members in Ho-Ho-Kus, at the Ramapo Valley Railroad Club.

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