Newport Contest Report

The Model Contest at the NER Convention held at the Cambria Hotel in Newport, RI was run using National Rules. I was assisted by Bill Barry, Photo Contest Chair and Larry Cannon.

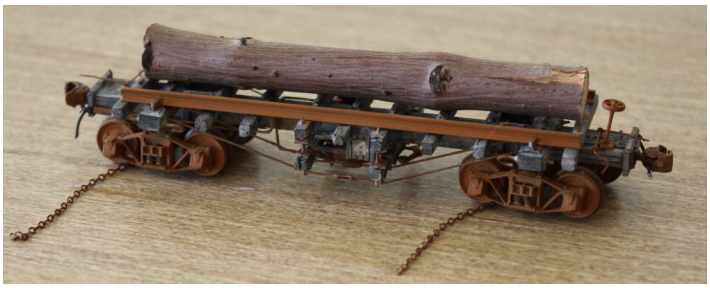
There were a total of twenty-two models to be judged. There were many structures models entered, but only one locomotive. The quality of the entries was quite high. Fourteen of the models earned Merit Awards.

Scratch	Caboose	Rudolph	Slovacek	Taconic Lumber Co.	89	1
Scratch	Freight Car	Rudolph	Slovacek	Taconic Lumber Co. Log Car	92	1
Scratch	Non-Revenue Car	Rudolph	Slovacek	Taconic Lumber Co. Water Car	92	1
Scratch	Non-Revenue Car	Rudolph	Slovacek	Taconic Lumber Co. Work Car	88	2
Scratch	Passenger Car	Larry	Cannon	Combine	106	1
Scratch	Structure	Andy	Reynolds	Wisconsin Dairy Barn	111	2
Scratch	Structure	Artie	Krass	Uncovered Bridge	90	HM
Scratch	Structure	James	Van Bokkelen	Rowley, MA Depot	100	HM
Scratch	Structure	Thomas	Oxnard	Exeter Brass Works	110	3
Scratch	Structure	Thomas	Oxnard	Charles River Draw Bridge	115	1
Scratch	Structure	Stephen	Ascolese	MacDonald Coal	88	HM
Scratch	Structure	Mike	Bowler	Engine House	88	HM
Kit Built	Diesel & Other Locomotive	Jeff	Paston	RS 3U	88	1
Kit Built	Freight Car	Howard	Miller	Boston & Maine Boxcar	24	2
Kit Built	Freight Car	Howard	Miller	Rio Grande Boxcar	24	
Kit Built	Freight Car	Rich	Breton	B & M Bulkhead Flat Car 31511	88	1
Kit Built	Freight Car	Howard	Miller	Providence & Worcester Boxcar	22	3
Kit Built	Passenger Car	Jeff	Paston	Observation Car	73	1
Kit Built	Structure	Irwin	Nathanson	Barge	78	1
Kit Built	Structure	Howard	Miller	Farm House	44	
Kit Built	Structure	Howard	Miller	Fred and Reds	57	2
Kit Built	Structure	Howard	Miller	Two Story House	49	3

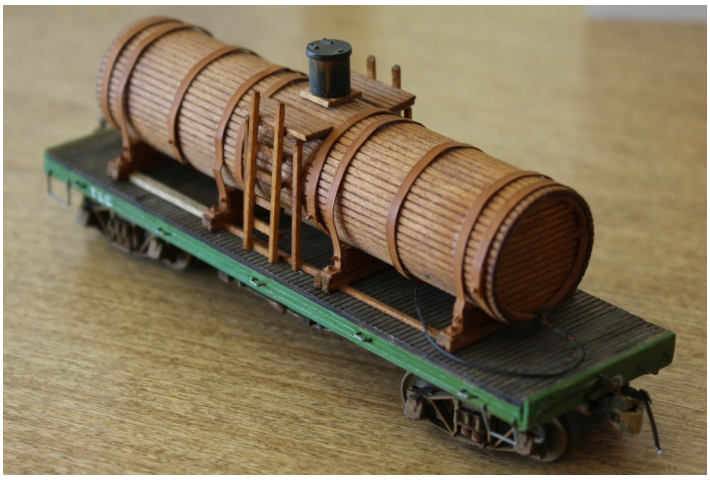
Now, to the entries. Our Best In Show—the Baldwin Trophy—went to Thomas Oxnard for his outstanding Charles River Drawbridge. This model placed 1st in Scratch built Structures. The Hub Award for the model with the 2nd highest score went to Andy Reynolds for his Wisconsin Dairy Barn which placed 2nd in Scratchbuilt Structures. We did not award the New Modeler at this contest.

Now the balance of the contest. In the Scratch built Caboose category Rudy Slovacek won a 1st place for his Taconic Lumber Co. caboose.

In the Scratch built Freight Car category Rudy Slovacek won a 1st place for his Taconic Lumber Co. log car.



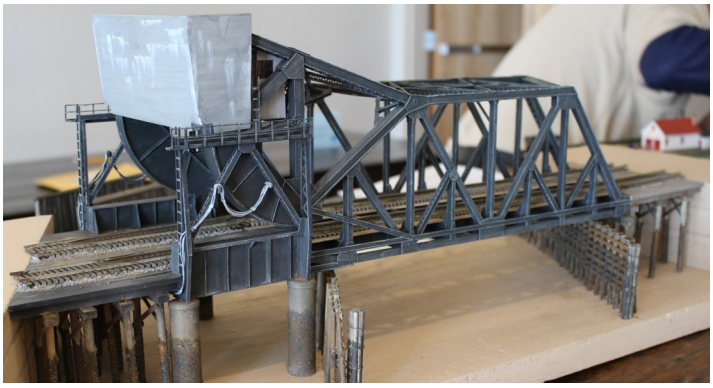
In the Scratch built Non-revenue car category Rudy Slovacek won 1st place for his Taconic Lumber Co. water Car.



Rudy also won 2nd place for his Taconic Lumber Co. work car.

In the Scratch built Passenger Car category Larry Cannon won 1st place for his combine car.

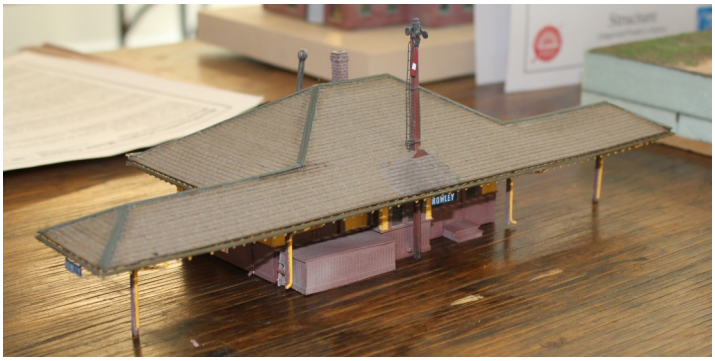
In the Scratch built Structures category Thomas Oxnard won a 1st place for his Charles River Draw Bridge.



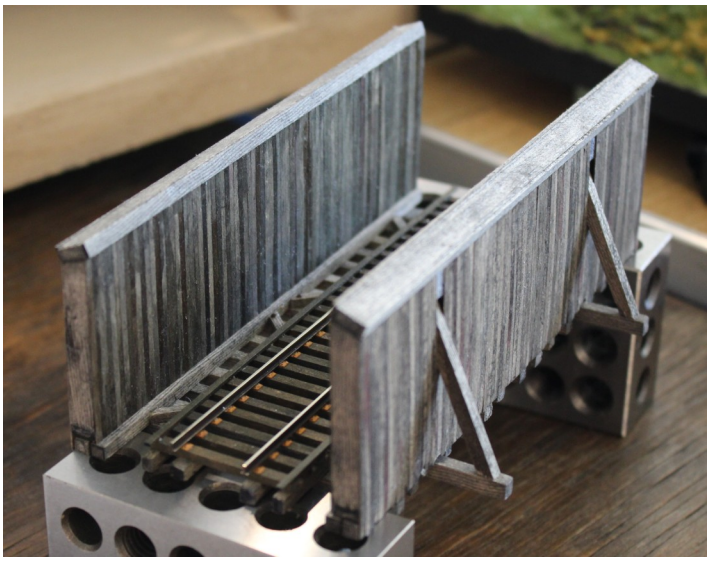
Andy Reynolds won 2nd place for his Wisconsin Dairy Barn.

Thomas Oxnard won 3rd place for his Exeter Brass Works.

James Van Bokkelin won an Honorable Mention for his Rowley, MA station



Artie Krass won an Honorable Mention for his Uncovered Bridge.



Steve Ascolese won an Honorable Mention for his MacDonald Coal.

Mike Bowler won an Honorable Mention for his Engine House.

In the Kit built Diesel & Other Locomotive category Jeff Paston won a 1st place for his D&H RS-3U.

In the Kit built Freight Car category Rich Breton won a 1st place for his B&M Bulkhead Flat Car.

Howard Miller won a 2nd place for his B&M box car.

In the Kit built Passenger Car category Jeff Paston won a 1st place for his Observation car.

In the Kit built Structures category Irwin Nathanson won a 1st place for his barge.

In the Kit built Structures category Howard Miller won a 2nd place for his Fred and Reds.

In the Kit Built Structures category Howard Miller won a 3rd place for his two story house.

I would like to thank the people who helped with the judging: Bill Barry, Rich Breton, Larry Cannon, Mike Evans, Chip Faulter, Glenn Glasstetter, Peter Higgins, Mal Houck, Joe Lacaroz, Paul Lessard, Mike Tylick, and James Van Bokkelen.

The Popular Vote Contest allowed all attendees to vote for their favorite model in four categories—favorite locomotive, favorite rolling stock,

favorite structure, and favorite display.

Winner of favorite locomotive as well as favorite rolling stock was a train.

Winner of favorite favorite structure was a tie between these two.

And

Winner of the favorite display was the N scale T-track module.

Thank you to all who participated in the contest in Newport. We hope to have more models in Mahwah, New Jersey next year.

Kenneth May
Contest Chair