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We're looking through the doors of Tony Bucca's detailed and scratchbuilt engine house, featuring a stone-by-stone foundation and board-by-board upper structure. Tony's HO scale Adirondack Branch will be included on the layout tour for the upcoming Commodore Vanderbilt convention, hosted by Hudson-Berkshire Division this coming October—find out more starting on page 8! PHOTO BY TONY BUCCA

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BY KEN MAY NER President



Happy New Year! I hope that 2007 is at least as rewarding to you and your family as 2006 turned out to be. For me, the year 2006 saw the completion of the modules that will make up my new 'Kenwood and

Lynville Railroad'. I hope to be able to turn the experience into clinics that can be shared with you through our convention program and also through expanded member services.

As we begin a new year one of the first model railroading events within our region is the large trains show sponsored by the Amherst Railway Society and held at the Eastern States Fair Grounds in West Springfield. One of the four or five largest train shows in the country, it will be held January 27 and 28 and will feature many of the fine modular layouts from the Northeast in several scales as well as many dealers and sellers of memorabilia. I will be there both days with the Tobacco Valley Railroad, a modular group in which I am a member. Feel

free to stop by and chat and view the trains. We have a great deal of fun.

I would like to thank Bob Tumielewicz and the entire convention committee from the Garden State Division for their effort in making the Garden State Comet such an enjoyable convention. We had good attendance with more than one hundred fifty people registered and the program was very good. The weather generally cooperated, although the New Jersey traffic was NOT comfortable for those of us from the more rural parts of New England. Still, I would appreciate input from those members who do not regularly participate in the convention program to help us offer a program that would make conventions attractive to more of our members.

Since the NER does not have a firm bid from a group offering a Spring 2007 convention, the NER will hold only a Fall Convention in 2007. This will be held in Albany, NY and sponsored by the Hudson Berkshire Division. Many of you are aware of the fine model railroads located in the Albany area, many of which will be open

for the convention program. Begin your plans now to attend the Fall Convention in Albany in October.

There are several positions on the staff that are in need of a volunteer. Open positions at this time are: Nominating Committee Chairman, Membership Committee Chairman, Education Department Chairman. If you have any interest in any of these positions please let me know.

Have you made your reservations to attend the 2007 National Convention in Detroit? Information packages should appear in the March issue of Scale Rails. If you do not receive Scale Rails, check the NMRA web site at www.NMRA.org to see if the package has been posted there. Don't forget! The 2009 NMRA National Convention will be held in Hartford, CT. Committees are already working hard to develop the program for that Convention. We look forward to your help and your participation.

—Ken May, NER President

FROM THE EDITORS

“Are you kidding me?!”

When I heard how many of you decided to vote—33 out of 1,900—I thought they were kidding. It meant that in the recent NER elections fewer than 2 percent of us thought it was important enough to exercise our most important right.

I've just returned from a Board meeting where I was shocked to hear that number. One of our new directors got one vote (yes, that is “1” as in singular) and I think it might have been his! Granted, the entire election slate was uncontested. It isn't as if you had a choice, so why bother to vote anyway? How about showing support for your leaders?

No, this isn't going to be one of those old civics lessons that you slept through in high school, nothing about the strength of a democracy, the people speaking up and your duty in a free society (fade out soppy patriotic music now, please). And no, I'm not one to preach or scold – but I find this lack of participation to be utterly pathetic. Is anybody involved in the NER? Does anyone care what's going on besides the people who decided to “run” for office? Is the rest of the

membership just not interested?

In the past several issues, The Coupler staff has written three editorials about some touchy and controversial topics. The last one was a plea to let us hear from you on what you think is wrong with our organization or could be improved. We got three letters. Three. We have been scratching our heads wondering what we were doing wrong, but when I saw those vote totals I got it. Maybe you just don't care. Why should we bother to point out things that could make our organization (and therefore the hobby) better when our members will not even take the time to elect their own leaders?

Yes, yes, yes – it WAS an uncontested election, so you say, “Why bother to vote?” But that begs the question – why was the election uncontested? Perhaps nobody else wants the job; we were lucky to find these suckers, right? Perhaps the issue isn't so much why the voter turnout was so low, but why nobody else felt like getting involved enough to run for office. Perhaps we are a group of passive, apathetic modelers.

Or do we want to get involved and

change the NER for the better?

Here's how I see it: This is a volunteer organization. Nothing happens unless someone, one of us, steps up—to lead, to work, to do, to motivate, to become actively involved. It's then incumbent upon the rest of us to at least support the person who does stand up, and respond when he asks for our help, our opinion—or our vote, and that includes a vote even in an uncontested election. If you don't do that, you have no right to complain about the direction of the NER or the NMRA. Apathy is the greatest evil in groups like ours. If you don't like something or have a better idea, speak up and tell your elected leaders – that is what they are there for! Step up and help change our organization for the better, or just sit back, enjoy the ride and don't complain when you get something that isn't to your liking, the NMRA fades into irrelevance, and the hobby loses it's way.

I look forward to hearing from you, please surprise me.

—Phil Monat, Editor



Railway Post Office

Letters giving interesting information, corrections, or expressing your views on model railroading are welcome here. Mark them "To the Editor" and forward to Phil Monat, Editor.

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Building models is not always the point
I respectfully disagree with Ken May's premise that model building should be one of the primary emphasis's of NMRA members, or model railroad enthusiasts in general. Quote: "We are members of the NMRA after all, and building models should be one of the primary things we do as members." For starters, there is logically only one primary activity in any endeavor. If I were to poll the members of my club I know that I would find a wide range of primary interests due to the many facets of this hobby and the individuality of the participants. The NMRA just has to expand its horizon beyond model building and the emphasis on AP and MMR, and consider more emphasis on education and outreach.

—Peter J Smith, President
Worcester Model Railroaders

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Please don't interfere

Many of us are not groupies! We are loners and do not model to share, but to follow our own thoughts, feelings, experimentation. Experts would interrupt our fun and tell us we are wrong. Nothing anyone does is wrong regarding a hobby.

The NMRA for me keeps the hobby manageable by setting standards. I send my dues and read the publications and want to be left alone. I can only speak for myself, but if I feel this way perhaps there

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—Douglas W. Crate, Jr.

are others? Awards and banquets are of no interest to me. I only hope the organization can be strong enough to keep standards of size and compatibility of various parts across the manufacturing community.

I am not an expert. Modeling trains gives me an activity and a way to express my interest in the past and a place for my creativity. If I live long enough my layout will be a display of my life showing everywhere I have lived and worked. Only the trains will be confined to a time frame. Even then there will be much self expression because it will all be made up. No prototypes for me, this will be a free form effort.

You asked to hear from some of us. I hope this gives you something to think about.

A loyal NMRA member if left alone:

—Douglas W. Crate, Jr.

Engaging others is not always easy

I am unsure just who to address in response to your last editorial. I have written in reply to this type of question before, and I am not sure I have an answer but I am glad to share my thoughts. I have been a member of NMRA and the Hub Division since 1953, as soon as I learned of them. I believe the NMRA is important to our

hobby, but I have not attended many conventions. Like many other members I had unpleasant experiences with my first conventions and stopped attending. In later years, I would try one occasionally, but I would find no running trains, and nothing else interested me.

When Hub started its modular layout I became active. Finally there was model railroading at a convention! Like myself I suspect that many modelers are introverts. You guys who run the clubs are extroverts. Bless you, without you there would be no clubs. The most of us, however, find meeting people to be stressful and we tend to avoid it. Mindful of my own early experiences, I make a concerted effort, contrary to my own nature, to try to greet and talk to any one who looks lost at a show or convention. I hope it is helpful. For me, it is the active model railroading of our module club that makes a convention interesting.

—Art Ellis

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HUB DIVISION www.hubdiv.org

January 6: HUB Holiday Party at the Common Market Restaurant in Quincy, MA.

January 14: Old Colony & Fall River Railroad Museum Railroad Show, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Luke Urban Field House, BMC Durfee High School, 360 Elsbee Street, Fall River, MA. Vendors, operating layouts, and more. Admission: Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00. Contact: PO Box 3455, Fall River, MA 02722-3455, (508) 674-9340 or visit our website at: www.ocandfrailroadmuseum.com.

January 19: Railfun Night at the Cambridge School of Weston, at 8:00 PM.

January 27-28: HUB Modular Model Railroad Display at the Amherst Railway Society's Big Hobby Show at The Big E, West Springfield, MA.

February 16: Railfun Night at the Cambridge School of Weston, at 8:00 PM.

March 16: Railfun Night at the Cambridge School of Weston, at 8:00 PM.

April 7: HUB Spring Show, Woburn, MA.

SUNRISE TRAIL DIVISION www.sunrisetraildiv.com

January 13: Model Railroad Winter Meet, 12:30 to 4:30 PM at the Westbury Memorial Library, 445 Jefferson St., Westbury, NY. Clinics on Modeling Tools & Techniques and Nomination of Officers. Free admission. Contact: John MacGown, 32 Liberty Blvd., Valley Stream, NY 11580, (516) 285-0876 or burlyjohn@verizon.net.

April 14: Model Railroad Spring Meet 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM at St. David's Lutheran Church, 20 Clark Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY. Modeling clinics, White Elephant table with model railroad items for sale, model and photo contests NMRA Merit Award judging and modular layouts. Admission \$2.00 for NMRA/STD Members, Others \$3.00. Contact: John MacGown, 32 Liberty Blvd., Valley Stream, NY 11580, (516) 285-0876 or burlyjohn@verizon.net.

GARDEN STATE DIVISION www.trainweb.org/nergds

January 21: Garden State Division annual business meeting, hosted by the Ramapo

Valley Model Railroad Club, located in the VFW Building, 620 Cliff Street in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ. An operating session at the club will follow. Visit www.trainweb.org/nergds.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DIVISION www.greenmountainnmra.com

March 17: Northwestern Vermont Model Railroad Society "Vermont Rails" Show - March 17, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Route 15, Essex Junction, Vermont. The show will feature operating model railroads, over 120 tables of exhibits and vendors. Admission: \$5.00 adults, \$1.00 children 6-12, free under 6. Contact Ron Piro at (802) 878-1135 or e-mail: ronpiro@aol.com or visit: www.nvwrailroad.org.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DIVISION www.cnymra.org

January 7: Cayuga Valley Club, Auburn, NY. Besides the layout, we will also feature a model showcase of Collectibles: Model and/or Prototype. If it is a special item, bring it along! Visit www.cnymra.org.

February 18: Syracuse Model Railroad Club, Syracuse, NY. This date is tentative around their train show, but we will feature three live clinics around model railroad operations, and have our annual elections. Contact www.cnymra.org for more info.

March 25: Central New York - Modelers of Distinction (CNY-MOD), Clay, NY. This will be our first CNY Division meeting at the CNY-MOD set-up at Driver's Village Auto Mall, and the model showcase will feature vehicles. Contact www.cnymra.org for more info.

LITTLE RHODY DIVISION www.trainweb.org/lrdivision

Donald Itrace was presented with the Richard H. Fisher Award at the Little Rhody Division's Annual Meeting and dinner. The award is presented in recognition of Don's "outstanding service, dedication and enthusiasm to model railroading." The Division's two modular groups held a successful open house on October 14 and 15.

The Rhode Island Central HO modular group and the Narragansett Bay Railway & Navigation Co. On30 modular group enjoyed two days of operations at the Smithfield Elks Lodge.

March 18: Greater Rhode Island Model Railroad Show 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the

West Warwick Civic Center, Factory Street in West Warwick, RI. Handicapped accessible. Vendors, operating layouts, and more. Presented by NER Little Rhody Division, NMRA. Donation: adults \$6.00, seniors \$4.00, children (6-12 with adult) \$4.00, under 5 free.

METRO NORTH DIVISION www.metronorthnmra.org

January 20: Division Meeting, location TBA in Pleasantville, NY.

March 10: Division Meeting, location TBA in Trumbull, CT.

SEACOAST DIVISION www.trainweb.org/seacoastdiv

January 13: Annual Seacoast Division Meeting, location TBA, at 1:00pm. Visit www.trainweb.org/seacoastdiv for more information.

January 20: Great Falls Model Railroad Club, Monmouth, ME. Operating Session at 9:00 am. Regular clinics every month, contact the club at: (207) 933-2477 or e-mail tpking@adelphia.net.

NUTMEG DIVISION www.nutmegdivision.com

January 12: Division Meeting at Weathersfield Police Station, Weathersfield, CT, Program TBA.

March 11: Annual Meeting and Dinner at Elaine's Restaurant, Weathersfield, CT. Program TBA.

NIAGARA FRONTIER REGION Lakeshore Division www.nfr-nmra.org

April 27-29: NFR 2007 Spring Regional Convention, the "Flower City Flyer," hosted by the Rochester Institute of Technology Model Railroad Club (RITMRC), in Rochester, NY. Modeling clinics, prototype tours, layout tours, plus the **RIT Spring Train Show (April 29)**. Convenient to the NYS Thruway and many non-rail attractions. Join the NFR and RITMRC for a great weekend of model railroading! Sponsored by the Lakeshore Division NFR. For more details please visit www.nfr-nmra.org/convention or e-mail convention chairman Mike Roqué at webmaster@nfr-nmra.org.

BY PHIL MONAT Editor

BOSTON & MAINE CENTRAL

Franklin Lang's **Boston & Maine Central** was also re-envisioned when Franklin moved to a new home in Stamford, Conn. Franklin's goal was to build a Class II, low-speed, single-track railroad that would provide about 2 1/2 hours of operating fun for his regular crew. His design goals mostly centered on his desire to have a comfortable environment – a minimum of 5-foot aisles, no duck-unders, and a 30-inch minimum radius. Franklin spent a little extra time and money to make the room perfect before starting layout construction, adding carpet and ceilings with recessed lighting, painting the walls and installing air conditioning. The layout is point-to-point with nice yards at either end, with visible loop staging used for off-layout destinations. Cookie-cutter construction supports commercial track, a combination of Peco and Walters DCC-ready turnouts, which Franklin is very pleased with.

Franklin's main desire was to get the layout up and running quickly. Building for only about six months, he can run trains almost to the end of the line already! Many of us draw and plan for months, sometimes years, before we begin to make our mess in the layout room. Not Franklin. He visualized most of the layout in his head and just did one loose sketch. A week later, hammers and sawdust started flying! The layout is built at a height of about 48 inches and uses NCE control. Interesting design features include the peninsula design vs. the room column arrangement, backdrop framing within the peninsulas and the incorporation of tracks passing through the rest room (where the planned station will be named "Relief"). ■



Franklin Lang seen standing in one of his spacious aisles near the city of Bangor. The exposed reverse loop staging is seen in the foreground.



Franklin uses empty audio cassette cases as protective enclosures for his high-speed DCC circuit breakers. Free protection for delicate parts!

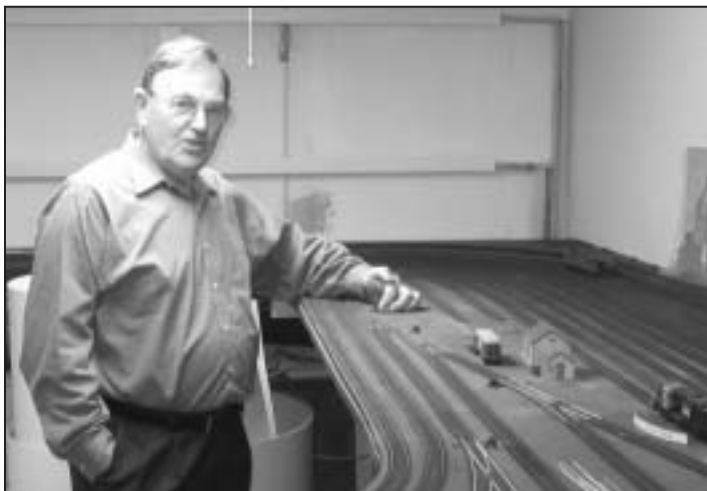


A panoramic view of the clean, inviting railroad room environment where Franklin is building his HO scale layout.

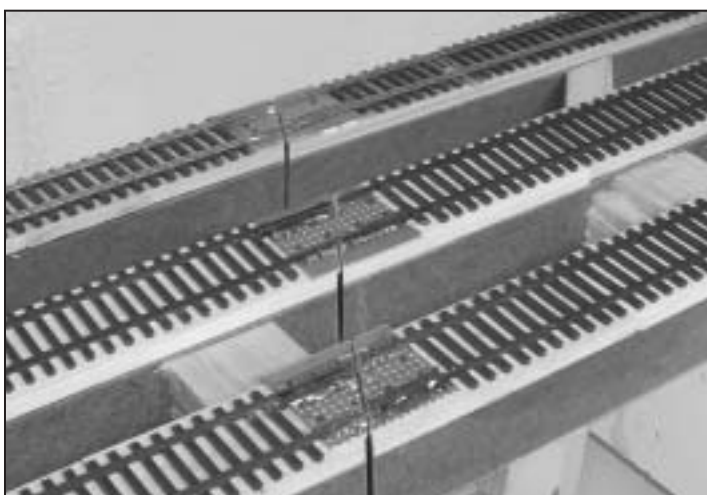


This is how you spell "relief" on Franklin's new layout. Best to close the lid before operating through this station... Nice backdrop, too!

Welcome back to the page that showcases those of you who are building your dream layout. All of us who begin a layout, be it our first, fifth or fifteenth, have either passed through this fascinating phase or someday will. The purpose of this page is to show you the construction progress of some of our fellow members as they pursue their "Empire Builder" vision. We hope it might encourage you to start that wonderful and educational journey. This month we present two layouts from down in the Metro North Division. I would like, with your help, to show the efforts of members from each of our Divisions. If you or anybody you know is constructing a layout, large or small, contact me at: phil@philmonat.com. —PM



Vin Gallogly standing next to his large central yard under construction on his HO scale Westport Shore & Harbor Line.



The home's electrical panel necessitated making part of the benchwork removable. These PC-board junction plates ensure rail alignment when the section to the right rolls away.



A panoramic view showing new ceiling and backdrop framing installed on the walls of the layout room.

WESTPORT SHORE & HARBOR LINE

Vincent Gallogly of Trumbull, Conn., has been working on his new **Westport Shore & Harbor Line** for almost a year now. Moving into a new home, Vin took the opportunity to implement a more operations-oriented design, with a large central yard and staging, moving away from his previous modular approach. He highly advocates accomplishing room preparations first: finish the ceiling, paint the floor, move all walls and doors, frame the backdrop, install electrical outlets and lighting. He did all these things before starting construction. He then worked up a scale drawing for several months, showing it around and gathering advice and comment.

Vin combined spline and cookie-cutter construction (plywood and Homasote), liking both of them depending on the type of landscape and number of tracks in the scene. He prefers 3/4-inch plywood if you're using the cookie-cutter method, since it resists warping better than the more-common 1/2-inch sheets. His interesting design features include a point-to-point plan, with a large central yard and staging support to feed trains into and through the long sweeping scenes. Many of those scenes will be anchored by dioramas left over from his previous layout, like the massive steel arch bridge shown here. Interesting construction features include the large rollaway section that provides access to the house electrical panel, the combination of commercial and homemade bench work, and the reverse loop design. Layout track height is 46 inches, control is NCE, track is Micro Engineering code 83, and switches are new Atlas, Peco (Electrofrog), and Walthers. ■



Vin scratchbuilt this massive steel arch bridge years ago as part of a diorama. He hopes to incorporate this bridge in the new layout.



Full steam ahead to Albany!

Hudson-Berkshire Division will be our host in Albany, October 18-21

“Quick, Sherman, Into the Wayback Machine!” Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when spare time accumulated faster than new hobby product releases, overtime meant windfall pay for new purchases and work-related stress referred only to the testing of new manufacturing designs. Indulge in some real and virtual visits to workshops, basements, backyards and other hideaways – where the prototype is retro and the modeling is sometimes gonzo. Above all else, come and seek out your own personal icons of inspiration, to slow down (or perchance to reverse, for a while) the ravages of modern life upon your remaining ambitions and residual energies.

The Hudson Berkshire Division is proud to invite the members of the Northeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association to the Fall NER NMRA Convention in the Capital District of New York, Oct. 18 to 21, 2007. Invitations are also being extended to interested hobbyists beyond the NER or NMRA – locally, in New Jersey, in Canada, in Rail Prototype Modelers (RPM), in rail historical organizations and other areas—to participate as attendees, clinicians and/or volunteers, with particular interest in their potential contributions on both sides of the clinics and displays, as

presenters and general audience.

The Convention Headquarters will be the Best Western Sovereign Hotel, on Western Avenue, on the west side of the city, opposite the entrance to the State University of New York at Albany (SUNYA) campus. It is easily accessed via Exit 24 of the NYS Thruway—also known as Exit 1 of both I-90 (Berkshire Extension) and I-87 (the Northway). It is also the site of two of the premier dining, shopping and entertainment venues in the Capital District: the rambling Crossgates Mall (and its various adjuncts, particularly a complex of small jewelry emporiums) and the decidedly upscale and quirky Stuyvesant Plaza.

Arrangements have been negotiated for the Convention Hotel

Package of guest residence rooms, special-function rooms, banquet facility, registration area and bus embarkation points, as well as special dining privileges. A block of 75 rooms (double/doubles: two double beds each) have been reserved for \$89 per night (plus the usual local taxes); their users are also entitled to a complimentary full-service breakfast in the hotel dining room each morning. (As usual, extensive patronage of this block of rooms will entitle the NER to the use of the special-function rooms without additional fees, so hotel



registration, with reference to this Hotel Convention Package for all nights to be spent in Albany, is highly recommended.)

A standard-fare Hospitality Room, with light refreshments, and the attendance-optional, extra-fare early Saturday evening Banquet are to be sited here, also. For an optional extra charge, prearranged luncheon meals may be reserved for Saturday, to expedite the schedules of those planning to be involved in arriving or departing bus tours and/or noontime clinics.

The Convention Registration Package is still under development, but the pricing is expected to come in around \$40 (early registration) to \$45 per Primary Registrant, with additional Family Member charges of \$15 – for the entirety of the event. Anyone attending who is not currently a member of the NMRA will need a special “Railpass,” affording a six-month trial membership, for an additional charge of \$10. The Railpass includes, among other things, full insurance coverage to event hosts and guests for all activities at the hotel, on the bus tours, and on the private properties involved in the self-guided Open House tours. Registration work (and other on-site activities) should kick into gear on Friday, Oct. 19, in midafternoon.

The Convention Headquarters will also be the location of the Model and Photo Contest as well as various Display Areas for individual models and invited layout modules, operating and/or static, to the extent that space can be made available. (In Canada, one such exceptionally fine display, with a Schenectady, N.Y., theme, is being pursued, although the modules have never ventured outside Montreal before.) The traditional Raffle/Door Prize activity will also be featured on-site. For those interested in witnessing miniature democracy in action, the Region Board of

Directors meeting is normally open for viewing late Sunday morning .

General Clinics are scheduled for Friday (evening), Saturday (morning, noon and afternoon), and Sunday (morning). Some Feature Clinics are to be presented after the Banquet, Saturday Night. For those who just can't get enough of tours and clinics, selected video versions of one (or more) may be offered aboard the Tour Buses, if this can be arranged, for display on the overhead monitors. Specifics are still being arranged, but the following are indicative of the notable clinicians and offerings being pursued:

Featured Guest Clinician:

Jim Six - Locomotive and Car Kitbashing

Jeff English - NYC Freight Car Prototype

Dominic Bourgeois - D&H Locomotive and Car Modeling

Mike Ledley - G-scale Kitbashing

Denny Lippert - Conrail Modeling, RPM

Tony Bucca - Digital Photography & Backdrops

Rich Smith - Urban Structure Modeling

Mike McNamara - New England Railroad Modeling

Guided Bus Tours (extra-fare) are also being set up. A perennial Saturday afternoon favorite will be offered again: the CSX Selkirk Yard facility – featuring the Locomotive and Car Repair Shops, the Hump Yard and Control Tower, and the first-ever inclusion of the “Star Wars” Regional Dispatching Center. Suffice it to say, since the last visit (2001), there's a whole new look to the



ABOVE LEFT: This platform scene is from Rich Smith's HO scale Wauwautoga layout featured in the December 2006 issue of *Model Railroader* as Second Place winner of the small layout contest. Rich's layout will be open for tours during the upcoming Commodore Vanderbilt NER fall convention. **ABOVE:** Vic Roman models the New York Central in HO scale, and includes this representation of downtown Albany's famous Central Warehouse. Vic's layout will also be open for tours during the upcoming convention. PHOTOS BY TONY BUCCA



The Albany Capital District has many interesting railfanning opportunities. Ben's Bridge spans the busy engine terminal at CSX's ex-Conrail Selkirk Yard just outside downtown Albany. This location is a fan favorite and allows easy viewing of the yard activity below. PHOTO BY RYAN PARENT

trains and equipment to be seen there, and convention access is not the exercise in “escape and evasion” techniques that personal incursions might devolve into, currently.

Also planned is a Saturday morning visit to the (very compact and therefore modelable) Port of Albany. Arrangements have been made to examine the exterior of multiple Cargill grain-handling facilities (export grain, specialty flour milling and animal feed) featuring Trackmobiles and a radio-controlled switcher. Also to be viewed are several fuel-handling terminals (one standard rack plus two TankTrain terminals for oil and ethanol), a heavy-lift dock for GE electrical generators and wind turbines, a container barge transfer site, an adjacent bulk-cargo terminal for barge-related commodities, a scrap yard, a steel-fabrication plant and various warehouses for break-bulk cargoes. There is also the “vest-pocket” NS intermodal facility at the adjacent D&H/CP Rail Kenwood Yard.

Other remnants of industries (local to the port) that were once very active, and rail-served, will be pointed out: the banana terminal, tire warehouse, textile fiber recycler, cocoa warehouse, oil refinery and terminals, molasses storage tanks and a fertilizer plant. The nearby power generating station (formerly coal-fired) is also a storage point for privately owned historic rail equipment. The degree of intimacy with operations—closeness to activities—will be dictated by the Port and the owners of the specific facilities.

Saturday non-rail tours are being explored, either to areas of historical and architectural significance along the Hudson and Mohawk rivers, to a floral wholesale operation, or both. Some feedback from prospective guests will be required before finalizing plans.

Self-Guided Tours are also being arranged for model railroad Layout Visits and Operations. Map Books (with vital statistics and other answers to soul-searching inquiries) will be made available in advance of the Convention, so that Thursday and Friday travel plans can be intelligently pursued along the inbound route.

Some of the model railroads are very well-known within the hobby (Lou Sassi's, Dick Elwell's, and Ken Nelson's); others are overdue for fame (Andy Clermont's, Henry Propst's, and Vic Roman's) and may be “discovered” by the Visitor. There are also the recently emerged gems (Rich Smith's and Mike Ledley's), and there are those so “superannuated” that they are being resurrected in larger quarters (Bob Hamm's, and Diane & Tony Steele's). It may be wise to see some layouts (Jack Wright's and Paul Delasco's) before retirement activities intercede.

Hurry, hurry, hurry, to the American Museum! See the woolly mammoth seven-track G-scale indoor hump yard (John McBride's)! Compare the massive G-scale and O-scale behemoths (Mike Ledley's and Paul Delasco's) with the dainty slim-gauge jewels (Bob Hamm's), ranging from scratchbuilt to kit-bashed to store-bought! Hurry! See the 55th Street Yards and float

terminals of Manhattan dropped from the skies into a pre-existing layout (Henry Propst's). Visit the multideck wonders of the age (Dick Davis's and Diane & Tony Steele's); any rumors to the effect that one is seven levels are sheer spuriousness! (three to four decks, with looming mezzanines, are more like it.)

The following hosts have assented curiously but graciously to our "speed-dating" layout tour proposals (with layout identity, scale(s), and past magazine documentation given):

FRIDAY NIGHT - MOHAWK RIVER & SOUTH

Jim Cesare's NYC Albany (HO)
Andy Clermont's Rutland O&LC (HO)
Dick Davis's ATSF Cajon Pass (HO) [6/01 RMJ]
John McBride's Crown Point & Hammondville (G Indoors)
Ken Nelson's Poco Valley (HO)
[7/94, 1/91 MR; 10/80 RMC; 2/00 BULL]
Vic Roman's NYC Mohawk & Lake Erie Div. (HO)
Lou Sassi's West Hoosic Div., B&M (HO) [96, 99 GMR; 7/88 MR]
Schenectady Model Railroad Club's Mohawk Central (HO, N)
Jack Wright's Schoharie Valley Railway (HO) [96 GMR]

SUNDAY - SARATOGA COUNTY & NORTH (AND OUTLYING)

Tony Bucca's Adirondack Br. (HO)
Paul Delasco's Boston & Albany (O)
Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley (HO) [10/90 MR; 96 GMR]
Glens Falls Club Layouts (HO, N, O)
Bob Hamm's Iron Gorge & Western (HOn3) [f. 5/85, 7/85 MR]
Paul Hoffman's ATSF Albuquerque Division (HO)
Mike Ledley's A&LM (G) [8/06 MR]
Henry Propst's NYC Mohawk Division (HO)
Rich Smith's Milwaukee Road (City of Wauwatoga) [12/06 MR]
Jack Smolik's Not-So-Great-Eastern (O)
Diane & Tony Steele's USS D&H/Rutland (HO)
[f. 1-5/89 RMC; 10-11/99 RMJ]

Kevin Surman's PRR/CNJ New York & Long Branch (HO)
Marcel Zucchini's Saratoga Union (HO, G)

Layout Operating Sessions are being scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and possibly Saturday, as we optimize the time demands of the hosts and other volunteers, as well as the expected desires of the attendees. When dates become a little less dynamic, information on operating positions, control and communication systems for each site will be collected and shared!

THURSDAY NIGHT

Jim Cesare's NYC Albany (HO)
Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley (HO)
John McBride's Crown Point & Hammondville (G Indoors)
Ken Nelson's Poco Valley (HO)
Henry Propst's NYC Mohawk Division (HO)
Lou Sassi's West Hoosic Div., B&M (HO)

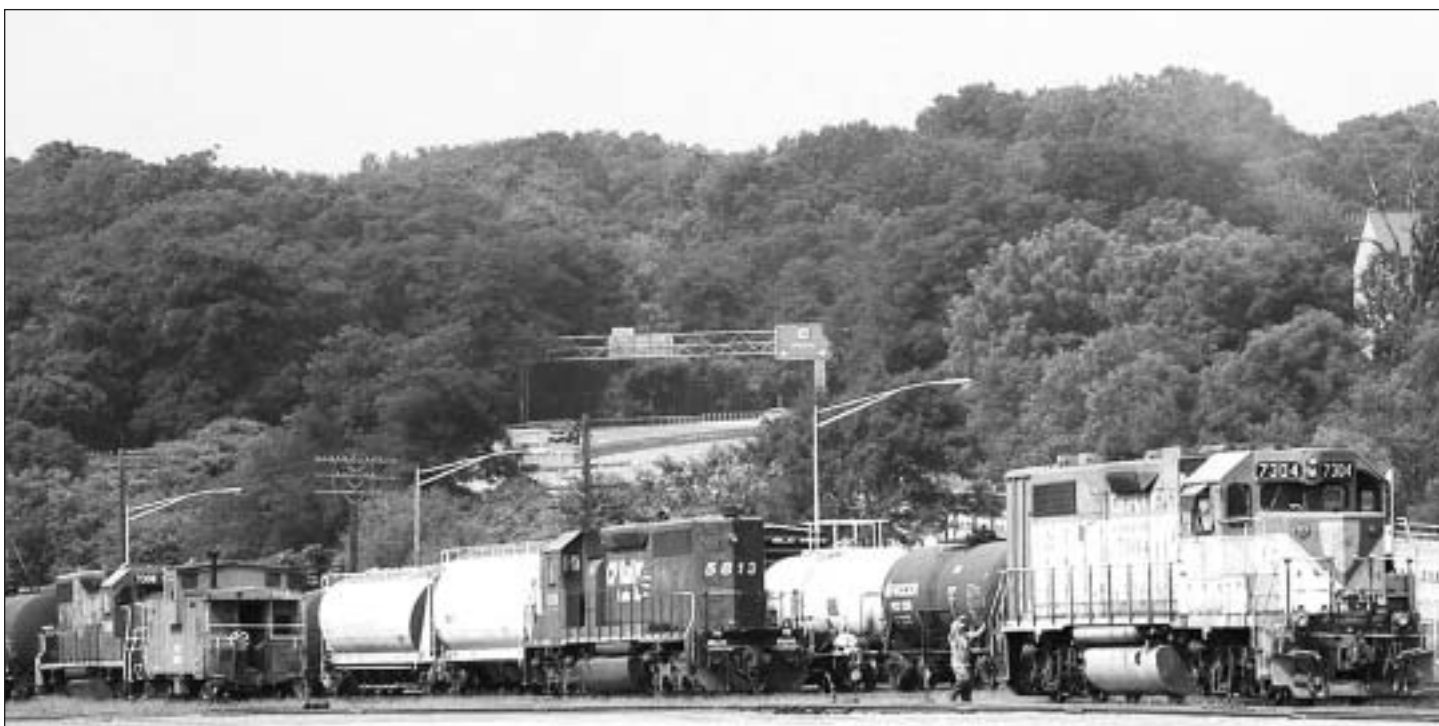
FRIDAY

Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley (HO)
Ken Nelson's Poco Valley (HO)
Henry Propst's NYC Mohawk Division (HO)

SUNDAY

Mike Ledley's A&LM (G)

Please understand that the above intentions are subject to ongoing review, by the hosts and organizers, and even last-minute revisions are possible. Updates and more detailed descriptions will be offered in subsequent issues of *The Coupler*. Start making your plans now to come to the Capital District of New York in October, 2007. We are working hard to bring you a great weekend of model railroading—but remember, management is not responsible for maintaining perfect garden railroad weather! ■



Delaware & Hudson's Kenwood Yard (a part of CP Rail since 1991) is located off of I-787 near downtown Albany. Aside from regular D&H/CP trains, Norfolk Southern operates through intermodal trains here as well. PHOTO BY LESTER ZMUDZINSKI

New Jersey's Norm Frowley is MMR 382

By Paul Allard, MMR
NER AP Manager

I am pleased to announce that Norman Frowley has earned the NMRA's highest award. He is Master Model Railroader #382. Like many of us, Norman's interests in model trains started with a Lionel 027 train set that he received way back when. He began his formal journey to Master Model Railroader in 2003. In just three short years, he had earned seven Achievement Program Certificates and the grand prize, MMR.

In August 2003, Norman earned the Golden Spike Award. He received strong encouragement as well as good humor from the Garden State Division staff including Division President Tom Wortmann and Achievement Program Manager Mel Ponton. Their motivating stimulation helped Norman to complete two AP Certificates before yearend. He had approached his layout as a work of art. His model railroad world is like a painting or a sculpture. It is an expression of his imagination in three dimensions. His layout room is finished and there is a skirt around the base of the layout that adds an extra element of class. Norman's scenery is first rate and his strong work earned the Master Builder Scenery certificate in November. He had used the Marklin digital control system for his HO scale Jessica Valley Railroad. It included automatic control signals. After a little documentation, Norman had certificate number two, Master Railroad Engineer – Electrical.

Norman has a workroom upstairs. This is a half room that he is able to devote to his model railroading craft. He is blessed with a very supportive wife who understands his attraction to miniature steel wheels on steel rails. During 2004, Norman concentrated on structures. He enjoys building craftsman kits and scratch building structures. He earned Merit Awards for his Covered Bridge, Brick Round House, Car Shop, Idaho Hotel, Thorndike Mills, Delabarre Tap & Die plus the Martin Machine Co. By September, he had his next AP Certificate Master Builder



Norm Frowley joined the Garden State Division of the NER NMRA in 2002, and has served in many positions while growing his knowledge and enjoying the hobby. Norm has earned the title of Master Model Railroader No. 382.

– Structures. In 2005, Norman set his focus on rolling stock. Before the year closed out, he had Merit Awards for a wide variety of rolling stock including a 40' truss rod flat car, an express reefer, a Rutland ballast car, an auxiliary tender for a crane and a Virginia 40' box car. He was more than half way to Master Model Railroad by taking it one step at a time.

Throughout his journey, Norman had been recording his experiences so that others may also take up the adventure. He published many articles in the Garden State Division newsletter, *The Whistle Post* and in the Northeastern Region's newsletter, *The Coupler*. He wrote a multipart article on scenery that provided many ideas and insights. His writing style was easy going and encouraged the reader to give it a try. Building a model railroad can be a very enjoyable experience and Norman wanted others to get involved. As March 2006 rolled around, he had written enough material to earn the Model Railroad Author certificate. Norman drew up a scale track

plan for his layout and scratch built the necessary track components to earn Master Railroad Engineer – Civil. He was now only one AP certificate short of his goal.

Norman had been helping out the NMRA throughout his MMR journey. He served many division posts including Vice President, Secretary, Convention Committee and Contest Judge. He is currently the Achievement Program Manager for the Garden State Division. At the end of August 2006, he had enough volunteer time units to qualify for the Association Volunteer AP certificate. With certificate number seven in hand, he became Master Model Railroader #382.

At the Northeastern Region's Fall Convention, sponsored by and held in Norman's home Division, I had the great pleasure of recognizing Norman's accomplishments by presenting him with his Master Model Railroader Certificate. If you have not already done so, please join me in congratulating Norman Frowley for a job very well done. ■



Twice a year *The Coupler* recognizes the accomplishments of our fellow NER Members in the NMRA Achievement Program, from Golden Spike to Master Model Railroader!

BY PAUL ALLARD, MMR Advancement Program Manager



It's time to gather around once again as we review the Achievement Program accomplishments of our fellow members of Northeastern Region. Two members have received the Golden Spike Award. They are: **Donald Irace** from N. Scituate, RI and **Rudy Slovacek** from Norfolk, MA. Congratulations to both. I would like to see more NER members receive this award. There is no judging involved. If you have eight square feet of scenery, you are well on your way. Note that you could build the scenery on your home layout or a portable module layout to meet the requirement. If you belong to a club, another option is to ask the club for eight square feet of club layout space for your scenery. You will need to put five structures in you scene. The size of each structure is not important so even a lowly storage shack counts as one. You will need some trackage in your scene. The requirements ask for three types: turnouts, crossings, crossovers, sidings, etc. The tracks must be ballasted. Your track must be wired to operate two trains simultaneously. Now that you have a nice scene with tracks and structures, you need six units of rolling stock to complete the requirements. A locomotive, four cars and a caboose could be your train. The structures and rolling stock need to be scratch built, craftsman kits or super detailed. A well-built plastic kit with good additional details is fine. Once you have the necessary models together, talk to your Division AP Manager about witnessing your work. Remember, the manager will witness the work and not judge it. No negative comments are allowed. Once you receive the Master Model Railroader certificate, you are no longer eligible for the Golden Spike Award so why not get this one out of the way now!

Many NER members have been busy building outstanding models. Since the last AP Roundup, twenty six (26) **Merit Awards** have been issued across four categories. No one submitted models for the Scenery or Prototype Models categories. Each of Merit Award model earned over 87 ? points out of a possible 125 points. The NER Contest Judges or the Achievement Program Staff judged all models. You can

receive an AP Merit Award without ever entering the Contest Room. Just ask the AP Staff to look over your work. Their contact information is listed in each issue of the *Coupler*.

A Motive Power Merit Award was issued to **Robert Malberti** for his PRR SD-45 # 6197. Fifteen Car Merit Awards were issued. **Andrew Wasowicz** received one for his 30' Sn3 D&GRW #3210. **John MacGown** received eight. His models were: Evenston & Johnston Baggage Car, Evenston & Johnston Passenger Car, Diablo Mining Ore Car #81, Diablo Mining Ore Car #82, Diablo Mining Ore Car #83, Diablo Mining Ore Car #87, Colorado Midland Box Car and Short line Box Car. **Andy Clermont** received four. His models were: D&H Box Car #22962, Rutland X454 Steam Crane, MCHX # 40 Tank Car and Rutland X160 Crane. **William Brown** received one for his Gn3 TPRR #5827 Stock Car and **Mike Evans** received one for his D&H Crane. Models in the Structure category earned eight Merit Awards. **Steven Perry** earned three. His models were: Eagle Pass Wood Truss Bridge, B&M Crossing Shanty and Pacific Electric Wood Culvert. **Chuck Diljak** earned one for his Anthracite Mine Fan House. **Tom Staton** earned one for Bruno's Service Garage. **Norman Frowley** earned one for his Covered Bridge. **Al Sohl** earned one for Jack's Cabin Water Tank and **Richard Waltz** earned one for his Coaling Dock. Two NER members earned Merit Awards for their track building skills. Civil Merit Awards were issued to **Keith Shoneman** and **Norman Frowley**.

As our members collect enough Merit Awards, they become eligible for many of the Achievement Program Certificates. Overall, eleven Achievement Program certificates were issued. **John MacGown** earned the Cars AP Certificate. **Norman Frowley** and **Keith Shonemen** earned the Civil AP Certificate. Two NER members are busy keeping the train running on time. **Donald Irace** and **William Powers** earned the Chief Dispatcher AP Certificate. A great organization like the NMRA needs volunteers and officials. Certificates were issued for both categories. **Richard Breton**, **Norman Frowley** and **Donald Irace** received the Volunteer AP Certificate. **Steven Perry**, **William Powers** and **Rudy**

Slovacek earned the Official AP Certificate. That covered five of the eleven AP Certificate categories. We were missing certificates for Motive Power, Structures, Scenery, Prototype Models, Electrical and Author. I am sure many of you are working on these categories. Now that the colder weather is here, its time to sit down and finish up the open requirements and get your Achievement Program applications in the mail. I can always fine some free time to review and approve your AP applications. A nicely framed AP Certificate would look great in your train room.

One NER member has earned the NMRA highest Achievement Program honor. **Norman Frowley** is **Master Model Railroader #382**. Please see the write up included in this issue of the NER *Coupler*. Norman is a great modeler and a very nice person to talk to. I was very pleased to present his MMR Certificate at the NER Fall Convention. I am sure that he would be happy to share his knowledge with you but before you ask him a question be sure to shake his hand and offer your congratulations for becoming a Master Model Railroader. This is a goal that all NMRA members should want to achieve.

Note all of the individuals listed above are NMRA members. The Achievement Program was established to recognize the fine work of our members. If you are a not participating in the Achievement Program, why not give it a try? It is a core member service. If you feel uneasy about having your models judged, start with the Golden Spike Award. You will have a chance to meet some of the AP Staff and talk about model railroads. If you decide to take the challenge to move on to other awards in the AP, you will find that you are trying new modeling projects, learning new skills and having more fun with your hobby.

The NMRA Achievement Program brings challenges, opportunity and motivation to our members but the bottom line is that it recognizes a job well done. Stand up and be recognized! All of the forms and regulations are listed on the NMRA web site. If you do not have web access, the AP Staff can provide paper copies. I am sitting around my house waiting for your cards and letters. Put me to work! Only NMRA members can apply, so do it today. Your family will be proud of you! ■

NER Contest Results

Model contest results for juried Northeastern Region model contests, national convention contests, and thanks to showcase participants.

BY BOB HAMM, MMR NER Model Contest Chairman



Results from Parsippany 2006

Model Showcase – Not too many entries at Parsippany, but some beautiful models by some top modelers.

Paul Allard shared a beautifully done passenger train, Johnny Johnson shared a couple of superbly done freight cars, both MER prize winners and Bob Malberti shared a couple of his gorgeous Pennsy diesels among others. My apologies to any showcase modelers not mentioned. I misplaced my list of entries and may have missed a name or two, but a big thank you to all who were thoughtful enough to bring their models to share. Please remember—The Model Showcase is a core event that will be held at every NER convention.

Model Contest – The numbers were down this time with a total of eleven entries, but the quality was quite nice much to the modeling credit of the boys from the New Jersey Division who dominated the contest. All entries were in the structures or diorama categories except for two non-revenue cars; no locos, freight cars or passenger cars. Come-on folks here are some wide open categories. All models were HO (no surprise here!) except for one O scale structure. We had five new modelers. I again gave up on the popular vote contest due to the low numbers, so we'll go directly to the results of the judged contest given below in narrative and tabular fashion.

Andy Clermont took both first and second places in the craftsman non-revenue category with two superbly done D&H cranes. Both earned merit awards. Way to go Andy!

On to structures—In the craftsman classification, Bruce DeYoung took a third for his brick welding shop, while Ciro Compagno grabbed second place for his On3 model of an engine house. Chuck Deljak took top honors in the craftsman class with his beautifully done HO scale fan house (including some 750+ rivets). In the masters class Rich Walz (*where have I heard that name before?*) earned top honors for his HO model of a coal dock, a delight to behold. Good going all modelers!

Dioramas also had some very nice entries, all in the craftsman class. A third



Rich Walz' HO scale coal dock won the Baldwin Award. PHOTO BY KAREN PARKER

place went to Mike Bowler for his HO scale model of a single stall engine house. Andy Rubbo took a second for his outstanding HO model of a PRR interlocking scene. I have to say the soldering on those bridges and catenary is some of the best I ever seen. Norm Frowley, one of our newest MMRs, took first place for his beautifully Martin Machine works scene.

The New England Railway Consortium Awards given by Brian Whiton for second highest point score by a new modeler went to Andy Rubbo for the Pennsy interlocking scene. The highest point score by a new modeler takes the Sunrise Trail Division award, which went to Chuck Deljak for his HO scale fan house. Chuck's fan house also took the HUB award for the model with the

second highest overall point score. All right now Chuck let's not be so greedy!! And, finally the piece-de-resistance, the Baldwin award, for the highest overall point score and best-in-show went to Rich Walz for his HO scale coal dock with a total of 106 points

Finally many thanks to a great team of judges including Glen Glasstetter, Mike Evans, Paul Lessard, Brian Whiton, Andy Clermont, Andy Wasowitz, Steve Perry, Bob Malberti, Rich Walz, Don Straub and Keith Shoneman. Special thanks to Don Straub for helping me with the model registration and to Karen for the photo presentation of the models shown at the banquet. And finally, a big thank you to Ken May and John Campbell for printing the certificates. A Great team effort by all involved! ■

| Category | Class | Place Award | First Name | Last Name | Scale/Gage | Pts | Entry Description |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|---------------------------|
| NRev Car | Master | 2nd Place | Andy | Clermont | HO | 88 | Rutland X 454 Steam Crane |
| NRev Car | Master | 1st Place | Andy | Clermont | HO | 90 | Rutland Steam Crane 160 |
| Structure | Craftsman | 3rd Place | Bruce | De Young | HO | 64 | Brick Welding Shop |
| Structure | Craftsman | 2nd Place | Ciro | Compagno | On3 | 68 | Engine House |
| Structure | Craftsman | 1st Place | Chuck | Deljak | HO | 99 | Fan House |
| Structure | Master | 1st Place | Rich | Walz | HO | 106 | Coal Dock |
| Diorama | Craftsman | 3rd Place | Mike | Bowler | HO | 60 | Engine House |
| Diorama | Craftsman | 2nd Place | Andy | Rubbo | HO | 93 | PRR Interlocking |
| Diorama | Craftsman | 1st Place | Norm | Frowley | HO | 95 | Martin Machine |
| Spec Award | | | First Name | Last Name | Scale/Gage | Pts | Entry Description |
| NERC Award (2nd NM) | | | Andy | Rubbo | HO | 93 | PRR Interlocking |
| STD Award (1st NM) | | | Chuck | Deljak | HO | 99 | Fan House |
| HUB Award (2nd OA) | | | Chuck | Deljak | HO | 99 | Fan House |
| Baldwin Award (1st OA) | | | Rich | Walz | HO | 106 | Coal Dock |



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