

NERPM Tentative schedule, revised 5/26/16

Thursday, June 2, 2016 – Operating sessions

John Lang's NYC layout replicates New York state in the 1960s. It is largely scenicked and features passenger trains, mixed local and through freights. The operations session will consist of yard switchers, local freights switching customers in different towns and through freight and passenger trains. John uses JMRI's operations software to produce switch lists and manifests for the trains.

John's railroad is dispatcher controlled using JMRI's Panel Pro software to control all mainline turnouts and a complete signaling system. The operating session is open to 10 people and will start at 6 p.m. sharp. John lives in Goshen, Conn., west of the meet site. To operate, contact John at jdtrains@optonline.net. (I've operated on John's layout. It's an amazing railroad. You'll love it!)

Randy Hammill's NYNY&H layout will be open for two operating sessions, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Each session is open to seven operators. The roughly 10-foot by 20-foot layout covers New Haven operations in New Britain, Conn.

Randy said to expect a shakedown/casual operating session. "The layout is still under construction, with very little scenery. While the layout is fully operational, it's still a new layout with a new operating approach so be prepared for the unexpected. The paperwork isn't all ready, the Berlin Line and Whiting Street yard are still under construction, etc. So we'll run some trains, move some cars, talk about trains, have a drink, etc."

Randy lives a half-mile from the former site of the meet in Collinsville. For more information on the Randy's layout, visit <http://newbritainstation.com>. To operate during one of his sessions, contact him at nhrr@newbritainstation.com and Randy will get back to you.

Friday, June 3, 2016

8 a.m.

Registration opens

9 a.m. Clinics

Dave Messer – Modeling Merchandise Service Boxcars: After WW II, many Class I railroads promoted "door-to-door" service for LCL merchandise, which was intended to fight back against losing this business to trucks.

Ted Shasta – Control Systems and Panels: Readily-available electronics to control turnouts and the use of laser-etched acrylic for modular control panels. Ease of construction, maintenance and use will be highlighted.

Ted Pamperin – Adventures in Modeling the New River Gorge - 1943.

Chris Adams – Modeling the New Haven’s Valley Line. Chris will talk about how he chose to model the Valley Branch and will discuss prototype locations, equipment, structure choices, how he fit it in his available space and how he operates it.

10:30 a.m. clinics

Craig Bisgeier – Scratch-Building from a Photo: Planning and building a DL&W coal dealer model from a single 1920s valuation photo.

Pierre Oliver – The Wabash in Ontario, the layout Part Deux: A look at the operations and the layout currently under construction.

Ross Jack – Upgrading ready-to-run Athearn Chessie B&O GP35s and C&O Chessie SD40s with prototype specific details.

Neil Schofield – Neil will discuss construction of the town of Bradford, Vt. on his layout, the progress he’s made in a year, and quick scenery techniques that allowed him to complete scenes in weeks rather than months.

Noon, lunch break

1:15 p.m. clinics

George Barrett – Extra Special Detailing of HO Scale Truck Models: George will describe techniques he uses when building HO scale trucks, including painting and tools he uses.

Bruce Harrison – Research methods and lessons learned while recreating the Southern Railway's Monroe Yard.

Jim Dufour – Creating Scenery and Details along the B&M's Cheshire Branch: Jim will demonstrate techniques he uses.

Bill Badger – Manchester Dorset and Granville Railroad: a railroad built to haul marble for construction of the New York Public Library.

2:30 p.m. clinics

Matthew Herman – New Products and Sounds from ESU Loksound

Marty McGuirk – Modeling the October Scene: Marty will share the trials and tribulations of modeling the landscape, colors, and texture of believable New England autumn scenery.

Carl Rose – The last years of Pullman service on the Reading

Rob Pisani – An overview of a model Atlas is announcing at the meet.

3:45 p.m. clinics

Mike Rose – Conrail Lehigh Line Layout Update. Mike discusses progress and changes to his Conrail Lehigh Line layout, set in 1985.

Ted Culotta – Adobe Lightroom for Model Railroaders: An easily-searched software that solves the problem of filing and managing photos, drawings, articles and other reference materials.

Chip Syme – How a railroader details and operates his model railroad

James VanBokkelen – New England passenger trains

5 p.m., dinner break

7:30 p.m. clinics

Steve Cryan – Where Rails Meet the Sea: The railroad tugboats of New York Harbor

Jered Slusser – Modeling the Penn Central/Conrail X72 boxcar: Prototypes, paint schemes and using the Life Like boxcar to create a modern prototype model.

Jim Lincoln – 3-D Design with Solidworks for Model Railroading: Tips and demonstrations of how to use Solidworks to design parts for 3D printing

8:45 p.m. clinics

John Garafalo – At the Movies with T.J. Donahue: St Louis and Chicago in 1969, New Haven and Penn Central in 1968 and 1969.

Steve Funaro – Pennsylvania Railroad X37/X37A/X37B Boxcars: From concept to kit, with the history

Randy Laframboise – Modeling the Rutland Railroad Mainline Division: an overview of the design and construction of a basement-sized double deck prototype layout that is 98 percent complete.

10:00 p.m. Door Prize Drawing

Saturday, June 4, 2016

8 a.m. Registration opens

9 a.m. clinics

Jeff Hanke – Layout Planning: A look at how to begin a railroad, including scale selection, prototype vs. freelancing, research, and drawing a plan.

Ron Poidomani – Taking your model to the next level: Using LEDs, washes, dry brushing, mortar washes and other techniques to take craftsman kits more realistic.

Ted Shasta – Getting the Roadbed Right. Ted will demonstrate how he builds prototypically-correct roadbed and the benefits of doing so.

Ross Jack – Detailing and improving ready-to-run Athearn Chessie GP40-2s with additional details and more accurate lettering, and upgrading cab lettering and pilot details on an Athearn Chessie SD50.

10:30 a.m. clinics

Jeff Hanke – Creating a prototype locomotive roster.

Don Valentine – Hands-on clinic (Limited to 12 participants): Kitbashing a 1 1/2 door Grand Trunk Western Automobile car. Several of these were converted to carry assembled motors to various Ford assembly plants around the U.S. The car and the conversion kit will be supplied at no cost. Participants should bring: scale rule, X-acto type knife with good cutting blade and a chisel blade, styrene cement, a sharp scribing tool, fine sanding sticks, fine file and tweezers.

Matthew Herman – Full Throttle: Matt will discuss ESU's new Full Throttle features for prototypical model railfanning with ESU LokSound decoders

Irv Thomae – Vermont's Montpelier & Wells River RR: Milk, Granite, and Small-Town Life

Noon, lunch break

1:15 p.m. clinics

Jay Held – Erie/EL East from Croxton to Jersey City/Weehawken

Rick Abramson – The New Haven's East Bridgeport Yard, selectively compressed in HO: How Rick conceived and constructed the yard on his layout, including pouring streets, scenery, track and catenary.

Bill Gill – Weeds Along the Tracks. Ways to model a few common varieties of weeds found along tracks and other areas. The techniques demonstrated are suitable for multiple scales.

Kip Grant – How the Gulf War Got Me On the Cover of Great Model Railroads: The Story of Kip's proto-freelance 1962-era D&H Sonnyvale Branch.

2:30 p.m. clinics

Mal Houck – Building and modifying brass and plastic steam locomotives: Mal will discuss soldering, tools and the methods he employs to build his HO NYO&W locomotives. The skills and techniques extend to any prototype.

Andy Rubbo – Modeling the Pennsy Under Wire: modeling the right of way, rolling stock and other PRR-specific details

Mike Schleigh – More Tales of WAG/B&O/B&S: A return to the charming railroad scenes of the old Buffalo & Susquehanna-built properties.

Bill Schaumburg – Visiting the American Rock Salt Co. mine and its railroad operations.

3:45 p.m. clinics

Jay Held – Potpourri of E-L marine equipment and other harbor railroads

Dan Ticson – Battery Powered, Radio-Controlled Locomotives: An overview of building or converting a locomotive to battery power and radio control.

John Greene – Building Pullmans and passenger cars using Branchline and Bethlehem Car Works parts

Jim Schweitzer – How a chief dispatcher works on the prototype and how it applies to railroad models.

5 p.m., dinner break

7:30 p.m. clinics

Tony Koester – Granger Railroading: Tips for modeling flatlands railroads — crops, terrain, motive power, interchanges, fast freights, “dark” railroads, etc.

Chip Syme – Conrail: Through the eyes of an employee

Bob Fallowfield – Layout Tour. Canadian Pacific Woodstock ON Fall 1980.

Jim Otto and Ken Freeman – US Military Trucks of World War II: There was a lot more than deuce and a half and Jeeps. A review of trucks the U.S. used in World War II as well as rail equipment.

8:45 p.m. clinics

Tom Nanos – Changing Hues - the transformation of FEC 100 to PW 4301. We'll take an inside look at how the Providence & Worcester repainted a former Florida East Coast EMD SD70M-2 into the P&W livery.

Ramon Rhodes – Santa Fe Railway in Chicago in the 1970s: Consolidation of facilities and spinning off passenger service to Amtrak.

Dave Ramos – Update on the New York Harbor Railroad: Adding staging to an existing layout

Ted Dilorio – Tales From the Helix: Design process and mechanics of building a helix

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