



NUTMEG FLYER

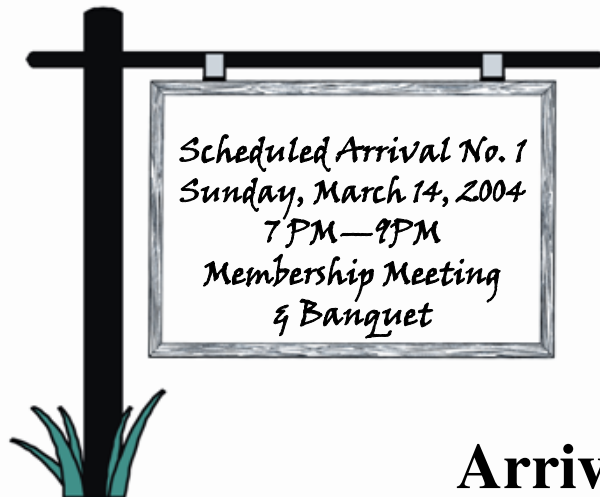


NEWSLETTER OF THE NUTMEG DIVISION, NORTHEASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, SERVING MODEL RAILROADERS IN HARTFORD, LITCHFIELD, MIDDLESEX, NEW HAVEN, NEW LONDON, TOLLAND AND WINDHAM COUNTIES OF CONNECTICUT & HAMDEN AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Arrival No. 1

The Annual Meeting of the Nutmeg Division will be held on Sunday March 14, at 1:00 PM at Elaine's Restaurant, 1841 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT. We will have a happy hour from 1 until 2, be served our meal from 2 until 3, and have our business meeting from 3 until 4. This will allow most people to drive home in daylight.

There will be a choice of three entree's: Boston Scrod sprinkled with bread crumbs and baked with lemon and butter; Chicken Marsala, chicken sautéed with mushrooms, prosciutto, Marsal Wine in a brown sauce; New York Sirloin Steak, a choice 12oz sirloin steak grilled to perfection. The rest of the meal will consist of a mixed green salad in a Balsamic vinaigrette, Penne pasta tossed with Romano cheese in a creamy blush sauce, a seasonal vegetable, coffee, tea and Chocolate Mousse cup for dessert. All three meals will be priced at \$25 per plate including tax and gratuity.

The business meeting will be brief and to the point. The most important order of business is to elect one director for a three year term. We will also discuss the program for the upcoming year. Following the meeting Charlie Bettinger will provide a slide program and commentary of past railroad facilities and activities in the Hartford/Manchester area.

Reservations and checks should be mailed to Kenneth May, 71 Buff Cap Road, Tolland, CT 06084-2605 (telephone 860-872-3441) and should indicate which entree(s) are desired. All reservations must be received by March 10. The Reservation form can be found on page 6.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on March 14 at Elaine's. Al Daley says, "Everyone will enjoy the meal!" **To get to Elaine's:** Take I-91 from the north or the south to Exit 28 (Route 5 and 15 Berlin Turnpike). Follow the Turnpike approximately one mile. Elaine's is located on the right hand side.





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I have to apologize for this issue of the Flyer getting out late and not allowing any time to respond to the meeting/banquet mentioned on the front page. Circumstances being what they are, I basically spaced at a busy time and had equipment malfunction at the wrong time. Hopefully we are over the hump on the latter. If you would like to attend the meeting/banquet and don't think snail mail will get there in time give Ken May a call and he can work with you.

In the mean time, I hope everyone had a chance to attend the Springfield train show in February. I hadn't been in a couple of years and as always I was in hobby heaven. I model the period between the Civil War the turn of the century, so finding bits and pieces to go with the flow can be daunting but to my surprise I found not just one but three dealers that were selling exactly what I was looking for. The trains are the easy part. There's plenty of steam locos and rolling stock around but finding people and other accessories of the period is my biggest challenge. I ended up spending more (Surprise) than I intended but it will be worth it. Now I don't have to shop again for at least 6 months. That doesn't mean I won't.

Every time I attend this particular show I am always in awe of the diversity of the crowd. Not only do you see young and old, or members of both genders but the number of different nationalities grows every bigger. Model railroading truly is the Best Hobby in the World.

John Kennedy



Looking Ahead!

by Al Daley

President's Message



We've had a very busy past month, with train shows, volunteer work and of course, model railroading.

Well, enough about me. At this time, I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked at the annual train show. We plan to go back next year also.

Be sure to attend the next membership meeting to be held at Elaine's Restaurant. See article elsewhere in this issue. Concerning membership meetings, we need your participation in order to be successful. Most meetings only the BOD members and three to four members will attend. This is your division, help to support it. Give the BOD some ideas as to what you want, so we can follow through on the idea. See you at the meeting.

See you there

Joe Sokol

List of Train Shows for inclusion in next issue of the Flyer based on information I now have:

CHESHIRE – March 7, 2004: CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL RAM BAND, SPRING TRAIN SHOW. Cheshire High School, 525 South Main Street, on Route 10. 10 a. m. – 3 p. m. Adults \$5, children under 10 FREE.

FAIRFIELD – March 14, 2004: HOUSATONIC MODEL RAILWAY CLUB, "STATION STOP SHOW", 17TH ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD SHOW. Ludlowe Middle School. 689 Unquowa Rd, I-95 exit 21. 10 a. m. – 4 p. m. Adults \$5, kids under 13 \$2.

NEW HAVEN – March 21, 2004: NEW HAVEN RAILROAD CO., TRAIN AND DIE CAST SHOW, Annex Club Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., 9:30 a. m. – 2:30 p. m. Adults \$4.50.

WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND – March 21, 2004: GREATER RHODE ISLAND MODEL TRAIN SHOW, Little Rhody Division, NMRA. West Warwick Civic Center, Factory Street. Adults \$5.00, Seniors \$4.00, Children (12-6) \$4.00, Children under 5, Free

MILFORD – April 4, 2004: SIXTH ANNUAL CLSOE-UP TRAIN SHOW, Jonathan Law High School, 20 Lansdale Avenue, 10:00 a. m. – 3:00 p. m. Adults \$4.00, Senior Citizens \$3.00, Children under 10 Free.

WILLIMANTIC – April 18, 2004: CONNECTICUT EASTERN RAILROAD MUSEUM AND TRAIN SHOW, Windham High School, 355 High Street, 10 a. m. – 3:00 p. m. Adults \$5.00, Seniors (62 and over) \$4.00, Children (12-8) \$3.00, Children under 8 Free.

EAST HAVEN – May 15, 2004 and September 18, 2004: MODEL TRAIN AND TROLLEY MEET, The Shore Line Trolley Museum, 17 River Street. Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Children (15-2) \$3.00.

COLLINSVILLE – June 4-5, 2004: PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET, Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave. Meet Cost \$20.00.

THOMASTON – June 4-5, 2004: THE BATTLE FOR THE TRACKS, Railroad Museum of New England, Thomaston Train Station. 10:00 a. m. – 6:00 p. m. Saturday, 10:00 a. m. – 4:00 p. m. Sunday. Adults \$15.00, Children (12-3) \$12.00.

NEW HAVEN - August 22, 2004: ALL GAUGE TRAIN SHOW, New Haven City-Wide Field House, 480 Sherman Parkway. 9:00 a. m. – 10 p. m. \$3.00 p. m. Admission \$5.00.



Web Sites

NMRA

<http://www.nmra.org>

Northeastern Region NMRA

<http://page.cthome.net/kenmay/NERHOME.HTML>

Nutmeg Division NER

<http://pages.cthome.net/kenmay/NERDIV05.HTML>

NER Convention Information

<http://pages.cthome.net/kenmay/nerspr02.html>

Connecticut Railraod Attractions

<http://www.railterminal.com/ctrr.html>

Don Irace

Providence & Worcester Model Railroad

<http://members.tripod.com/pwmrr1/>

Ed Juaire

East Coast Railroad

<http://railfan145.com/>

Bob Davis

Mashamou k Valley & Western Railroad

<http://www.members.tripod.com/railfan10/>

Bob Van Cleef

North River Railway

<http://www.northriverrailway.com/Home.html>

George Sellios

Franklin and South Manchester Railroad

<http://www.horailroad.com/frm/fsmlayout.html>

Connecticut G Scalers

<http://members.tripod.com/~CTGScalers/>

Adobe Acrobat

To download free Acrobat Reader

<http://www.adobe.com>



Internet Resource

Bob Van Cleef, of the Nutmeg Division, created an internet web site with a lot of links to various places on the internet. There are various sections for people to visit. The web site address is:

<http://www.northriverrailway.com/nutmeglinks.html>

Below is the main page from Bob's web site:

PLEASE NOTE: This web site only works with Microsoft Internet Explorer and will not display correctly with Netscape.



HELPFUL LINKS
FOR NUTMEG
DIVISION
MEMBERS
NUTMEG LINKS PAGE

Welcome

Clubs

Layouts

Museums

Supplies

Misc.

Fun Stuff

BACK

The following links are made available to members of the Nutmeg Division for the viewing pleasure and use of its members. If you have a favorite sight or would like to see any changes, additions or corrections, please contact us at the Nutmeg Division.

DISCLAIMER:

These links have been provided courtesy of Bob Van Cleef of the North River Railway and are presented on an "as is" basis. Please note that we can not be responsible for accuracy or content of any sight not under our direct control.



**Nutmeg Division, Northeastern Region, National
Model Railroad Assn.**

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, Feb. 16, 2004

The meeting was held at George Reitze's home. Attending were Joe Sokol, Jack Kreeger, Al Daley, John Kennedy and George Reitze.
The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM.

TREASURERS REPORT

A balance of 542.68 exists in the account.

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Nutmeg Flyer

The next issue will be published the week of 2/23.

Membership Promotion

Jack Kreeger and Al Daley represented the Division at the Amherst show in West Springfield.
Volunteers are needed for the Cheshire and Williamantic shows.

Member Services

No report

Achievement Awards

No report

Regional Business

The spring convention will be held in Fishkill, NY.
The fall convention will be held in September in Conway, NH. All activities will take place at the Conway Scenic Railway. This is a change in location from Northampton, Ma as previously reported

National Convention

Al Daley has a list of 36 volunteers offering to assist in the 2009 convention proposed for Hartford, CT. Henry Jordan (NMRA Director of Meetings and Trade Shows) is negotiating with the Convention Center and area hotels. Al Daley is reviewing the contract conditions between the Division and National.

NEW BUSINESS

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May 14 Dave Davis clinic on dioramas

Sept. TBD Visit to Branchline plant (George Reitze)

November possible layout visit to George Burke, Westfield, MA. (Nov. 13??)

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Next BOD meeting
April 12, 2004 at Ken May's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
George Reitze
Secretary



National NMRA Convention in Hartford (Update)

By Al Daley

Planning is underway for a National Convention in Hartford in 2009. To date, 34 people have agreed to provide assistance with the convention. Their names have been forwarded to the NMRA Meeting and Trade Show chair. Five divisions (including the Nutmeg Division) in the Northeastern Region are represented on the list. This is a good beginning; however, many more people will be required to make the convention a success.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are willing to become a part of an exciting and rewarding model railroad activity, please drop me a note or send me an e-mail.

Address: 193 Coppermill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109-4012;
Telephone Number: 860-721-09371; e-mail address:
alrmdaley@att.net.

Nutmeg Division

Annual Meeting & Banquet Reservation Form

Please include name and \$25.00 for each person attending.

Name _____

Meal Choice:

☐ Boston Scrod ☐ Chicken Marsala ☐ New York Sirloin

Name _____

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Please make checks out to Kenneth May and mail to:

Kenneth May
71 Buff Cap Road
Tolland, CT 06084-2605

To reach Ken for any questions please call 860-872-3441.
Reservations must be received by Wednesday, March 10.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

By Al Daley

December 12, 2003

A small contingent of Nutmeg Division members attended the first Friday evening meeting held in the meeting room at the Wethersfield Police station. The location is very comfortable. Members agreed however that it is not prudent to schedule a meeting between Thanksgiving and Christmas since many people have so many obligations at this time of the year.

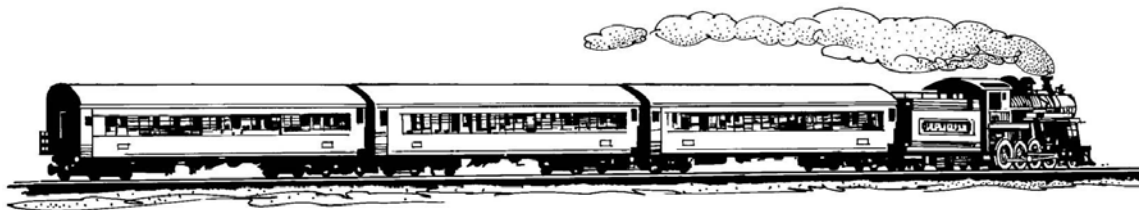
Bob Van Cleef presented an informative clinic about the history, preparation and exchange of railroad passes. Bob displayed a variety of passes for the attendees to view. Bob stated he has issued, collected and exchanged hundreds of passes. Those he displayed illustrated that passes can and do take many forms. The issuance of model railroad passes started around 1950. Passes can be traded via email after they have been viewed at a modeler's internet site. Pass forms are limited by the preparer's imagination. One type is the business card-shaped CD-Pass which may include information about a layout including pictures, music, track plans as well as a text description of the railroad. Bob gave the attendees a detailed insight into another aspect of model railroading, pass collection.

January 09, 2004

On a chilly Friday evening, 31 members of the Nutmeg Division braved the elements to attend the membership meeting. Again the meeting again was held in the meeting room at the Wethersfield Police Station. The original plan was to have Davies present a clinic on the construction of dioramas. He was, however, unable to make the presentation on the scheduled date. We became aware of the problem too late to inform the membership. Bob Welk, Jr. agreed to make a presentation on incredibly short notice (two days). He provided a very informative slide show about contemporary railroading in Great Britain.

Bob, assisted by his dad, Bob Welk, Sr., also displayed models of British rolling stock and photo albums of British trains. The presentation included slides of antique equipment and the countryside interspersed with the slides of rolling stock. This allowed the viewers to get a better understanding of unfamiliar areas. Photos displayed equipment in Wales and Scotland as well as England. The presentation gave members an understanding of the railroad transportation network throughout the Great Britain. We don't realize how provincial we have become in America until we have the opportunity to see how things are done in other countries.

The division owes a dept of gratitude to both Bob Welks, Jr. and Sr. to provide us with a very pleasurable evening. The Nutmeg Division hopes to reschedule the diorama presentation.



Model Railroading Clubs

Compiled by Al Daley

Connecticut G Gauge Module Club *G Scale*

Dave Snow (co-founder), 68 Hacienda Circle
Plantsville, CT 06479, (860) 276-9324

Connecticut G Scalpers *G Scale*

George L. Edgerton, 111 Fan Hill Road
Monroe, CT 06460, (203) 268-3410
Round Robin (meet in members homes monthly)

Connecticut S Gaugers *S Scale*

Bill Fuhrman, 174 Lukes Road, Bethlehem, CT 06751
(203) 266-7935,

Connecticut Society of Ferroequinologists and Model Railway Engineers *O Scale*

See the Silk City Model Railroad

Hartford Garden Railway Society *G Scale*

Contact Person: Lee Brandes (860) 291-0611
P.O. Box 150
South Windsor, CT 06074

Housatonic Model Railroad Club *HO Scale*

Contact Person: Jeff Dean
P. O. Box 234, Fairfield, CT 06824

Mohegan - Pequot Model RR Club *G, HO, N, O Scales (Modular)*

P. O. Box 276, Westbrook, CT 06498
Contact Person: Bill Paradis, (860) 434-7040
Location: Bill Memorial Library, Rt. 117, Ledyard, CT
Meets 2nd & 4th Sun. at 7:30 p.m. (Once per month in
July and August).

New Haven Society of Model Engineers *HO Scale*

Wallingford, CT
Contact Person: Blaise Vece, (203) 239-9367
Location: Wallingford Train Station, 37 Hall Ave.
Wallingford, CT
Meets every Friday night.

Silk City Model Railroad Club *HO, N, O scales*

71 Hilliard Street, Manchester, CT 06040
Contact: Robert Bell or Michael Halvorsen,
(860) 646-0610
Meets 1st & 3rd Sun. from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Stamford Model Railroad Club, Inc. *O scale*

P. O. Box 2123, Darien, CT 06820
Contact Person: Bob Wagner, (203) 966-2355
Location of Club: St. John's Episcopal Church, 625 Main
Street, Stamford, CT
Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (Operation 1st
Tues.).

Tobacco Valley Modular Railroad Club *HO Scale (Modular)*

Contact Person: Ken May, (860) 872-3441
Location of Club: Site to be determined

Torrington Area Model Railroaders *HO, N, S, G or Large Scale*

123 McGuinness Street, Torrington CT 06790-3232
Contact: Phil Lent, (860) 489-8961,
Location of Club: Lewis St., Torrington, CT
Business Meeting 7 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month and
running or clinic after. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. is an
operating night for those who would like to run.

Valley HO Track Club *HO Scale (Modular)*

Contact People: Bob Collett, (203) 929-4084 or John "Duke"
O'Connell, President, (203) 389-8967
Location of Club: Round robin at members' houses.
Meets monthly.

Valley N Track Club *N Scale (Modular)*

Contact People: Art Frankforter, (203) 929-4986 or Jim Dahl,
(203) 748-0670
Location of Club: Round robin at members' houses.
Meets 2nd Wednesday.

To visit the website of some of the clubs, go to the NMRA
website (shown in List of Websites), click on *Directory of
Word Wide Rail Sites*, click on *Clubs: States A-E*, click on *CT*.