



Seacoast Division NMRA Spring Event Saturday April 23, 2022, 10:00am-2:00pm

**Newington Old Town Hall
336 Nimble Hill Rd., Newington NH**

Handicap Accessible

All NMRA members and people interested in becoming NMRA members are invited to the Spring Event of the Seacoast Division NMRA.

We're Live Again and On-Line with Zoom

The Seacoast Division Spring 2022 Event will be Live with Zoom again at the The Newington Old Town Hall, located at 336 Nimble Hill Road. Note that the Old Town Hall is not part of the current Newington Town Hall location. The entrance for the Old Town Hall at the left side toward the rear of the building. The meeting hall is on the second floor which is accessible by stairs or elevator.

Silent Auction

The Seacoast Division will be holding a silent auction during the Spring 2022 Event. All proceeds will go to the Seacoast Division to help defray the operating costs of the Events. We are looking for donations of good functional model railroad items. See the **Silent Auction** attachment for details.

Presentations:

Presenting a Clinic for NMRA Seacoast Events by Jack Lutz

The NMRA Seacoast Division is always looking for a few good clinics for its quarterly events. Jack will provide some tips for those who are thinking about developing a presentation. And, he will provide some encouragement for those who wonder if they can actually stand in front of the group and present a clinic.

The Pursuit of Realism by Lance Mindheim, presented by Tom Oxnard, MMR

Lance Mindheim is a professional layout designer, builder, and frequent author. Tom will give this presentation and discuss the many factors that go into the creation of a realistic looking model railroad.

Kitbashing a Boston & Maine RR Tie Car by Dave Kotsonis

David will show us how he built a Boston & Maine RR tie car from a photograph. He starts with a Red Caboose general service drop bottom gondola and modifies it to match the prototype.

Building a Helix by Tage Erickson

Tage's presentation will consist of an update on the progress that he has made since his last clinic. He will start with a brief overall view of the layout before he goes into the progress that he has made, which includes raising the first 3 and a half layers to the middle level and the track connections from the helix to the middle level. It also includes laying the track around the outside of the helix which will allow continuous running on the middle level, and possible construction of a White River Junction staging yard.

Show and Tell and Ask: Everyone loves to see the modeling of our members. If you have something that you would like to show us, please bring it to the meeting and we will give you a few minutes to describe your efforts. If you have any modeling questions for the group, please bring those, as well. We have plenty of experts in attendance and we can certainly get you some answers to your questions.

Layout Tour - Please take time to visit this layout on your way home from the Spring Event!

John Newick's Central Maine and Aroostook (N)

John's Central Maine and Aroostook models operations of the Maine Central and the Bangor & Aroostook in the 1960's/1970's. The layout is a large "around-the-room" multilevel layout which utilizes switch lists and verbal authority. The dispatcher monitors train movements and controls all turnouts through the computer. Local control panels operate via the computer as well. Track-work is complete and scenery is about 95% complete. The layout is accessed by a stairway to the second floor. The layout supports as many as 10 operators and uses Digitrax DCC.

There will be a 30 minute break for lunch and socializing. Bring your lunch as there are no food establishments within close proximity to the meeting.

Come to the Spring Event and Share the Fun of Model Railroading!

Next Event: The Summer Event will take place on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 114 Mill Street, Auburn Maine. *Mark your calendar and save the date!!*

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Silent Auction

At the Seacoast Division Spring 2022 Event we will be holding a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Seacoast Division treasury and will be used to help offset the costs of the Seacoast Division's ongoing expenses, primarily the costs of renting the facilities for our quarterly events.

In a silent auction, items to be auctioned are displayed with a bid list for each item. If you want to bid on an item you write your name and the amount of your bid on the list. You can bid on as many items as you want, and you can bid as many times as you want on each item. At the end of the meeting, the winning bid for each item will be announced and the winner pays and claims the item.

For this to be successful, we need your help. If you have an item or items you want to donate to the auction, send the description of the item to MIKE PEDERSEN at mpederse@maine.rr.com. We are looking for functional items: locomotives, rolling stock, structures, equipment or supplies that other modelers would be interested in. This is not a White Elephant sale! **Send your item descriptions and minimum bid amounts to Mike no later than April Ninth (4/9/22).** A list of the items up for auction will be sent by email to all members the week before the event so they will know what will be available and bring enough funds with them for the items they might want to bid on.

On the day of the event, bring your item(s) and give them to Mike and he will have your bid sheet ready and will put your item(s) on display. Before the meeting and during lunch break everyone will have the opportunity to view the items and make their bids.

The Board of Directors agreed to the following procedural standards for the auction:

1. If you feel your item must have a minimum bid for sale, you must tell Mike so that can be placed on your bid list.
2. If the minimum bid is not met at the end of the meeting **you must reclaim your item.** Any unsold items must be taken back by the donor. The Seacoast Division has no place for storage and will not keep any items for possible future auctions.
3. Successful bids must be paid for in cash or by check payable to Seacoast Division NMRA at the end of the meeting.

We hope you will be enthused by this opportunity to participate in Seacoast Division activities and help ensure the Division's long-term financial stability.