



## Seacoast Division NMRA Winter 2022 Zoom Event Report by Glenn Mitchell

The Seacoast Division of the NMRA held its Winter 2022 Zoom Event on January 15, 2022. The rise in Covid-19 cases in both New Hampshire and Maine forced the decision to go back to a Zoom Only event. The event was attended by 30 NMRA members, including the NMRA President, Gordy Robinson.

Tage Erickson, the Seacoast President, kicked off the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Next, Tage opened the Seacoast Annual Meeting. Tage announced the winners of the election for the three Seacoast Director positions. The winners were Dave Kotsos who was re-elected and the two new Directors, Geoff Anthony and Bill Bryk who replaced Tage Erickson and Mike Pedersen. Congratulations to Dave, Geoff and Bill. We all offer our thanks to Tage and Mike for their contributions over the last three years. We also congratulate Seacoast member Jim Seroskie who has taken on the role of Webmaster for the Northeastern Region. Following a brief summary of the state of the Division, Tage concluded the Annual Meeting.

There were no AP awards given this quarter.

The first clinic "GIPX: Techniques for Windows and Interiors" was given by John Richards. GIPX stands for **G**oogle **I**nterior **P**ictures using a **X**erox machine. John described how he uses photos that are available from Google Pictures as the basis for HO building interiors. Often he uses the PIXBIM software tool to colorize black and white photos or enhance the color of faded color photos. After he has enhanced and edited the photos, John has them printed on clear transparency material (available at Staples or other office supply stores). Depending on the effect he is trying to create, he uses either white or aluminum foil as a backing behind the transparency. Backlighting can also be used to enhance the effect. The examples that John showed really brought the scene to life. Thank you John for a great presentation.

The second clinic was "Test Building Kits" by Jim Gore, MMR. Jim has worked with multiple manufacturers of building kits and he volunteers to "test build" their kits. In the clinic Jim walked through how he built a cardstock Chama NM Coaling Tower kit manufactured by Clever Models. He described how he completed each sub-assembly including coloring the edges with Copic pens or Prismacolor pencils. When he discovered errors and missing parts, he substituted other materials (such as strip wood) for missing cardstock parts and added detail parts from other manufacturers to finish the coaling tower. The final structure was a great model. Thanks Jim for another enjoyable clinic.

The Seacoast members were treated to an outstanding video of Tom Oxnard's Boston and Maine RR. Various aspects of Tom Oxnard's Boston and Maine RR have been presented in *Model Railroader*, *Railroad Model Craftsman* and other magazines over the past several years. Bob Kotsonis teamed up with Tom to create a video tour for the Seacoast Division Winter 2022 Event. The video began by explaining the concept of Tom's layout and included a map illustrating the geography that is portrayed. The tour of the

layout began in Bristol and audience followed the tour the length of Tom's layout. Key structures, many of them scratch-built contest winning buildings were highlighted as the tour progressed to Ashland. Next was the engineer's view of the layout which showed the incredible detail that Tom has incorporated. Tom and Bob teamed up to create a great video of an outstanding layout and we thank them both for sharing their creation with us.

The final part of the Winter Event, the "What's On Your Workbench?" segment included projects presented by Dave Emory and Geoff Anthony. Thanks guys for sharing your work with us.

Lastly, Tage Erickson closed the event, Tage's last as President of the Seacoast Division. Thanks again Tage for serving five years as Director and three and one half years as President. Great Job!

A brief Seacoast Division Board of Directors meeting was held after the conclusion of the event. The sole purpose of the BOD meeting was to elect new leadership of the Seacoast Division. The Board of Directors unanimously elected Glenn Mitchell as President and Jay Ehlen as Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Mitchell