



Seacoast Division NMRA Fall Event Saturday, November 4, 2023

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We had a very successful meeting with nearly 40 members in attendance in person and through Zoom.

Glenn Mitchell led off the meeting with a Division update. Most important was the announcement that the Division will host the 2025 NER Convention at the Grappone Center/Marriott Courtyard in Concord NH. Glenn also noted that the position of Division Secretary is open – anyone interested should contact him.

Next, Tage Erickson presented an overview of the recent 2023 NER Convention held in Uniondale, NY. Highlights included a slide presentation of the layouts where he operated. In sum, it was a good convention, but he made the point that we will do better in 2025.

Tom Oxnard MMR, made brief comments on the AP Program and reported that Victor Hand has received the Author's Award. Tom also offered to assist members in obtaining the Golden Spike Award.

Mike Grahame then offered an excellent presentation covering the design and construction of a lift bridge that affords access to part of his layout. It was very well received with many questions and comments. His nearby layout was open after the meeting for a tour.

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Just before the lunch break, Tage Erickson, Chair of the 2025 NER Convention discussed the venue, the Grappone Center and Marriott in Concord. He then announced the Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of the several key Committees.

IMPORTANTLY, HE NOTED THAT IT WILL REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF MANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO MAKE THE CONVENTION A SUCCESS!!

After lunch, Chris Oliver presented a clinic – DCC POWER – THE SHORT ANSWER. It was a very complete discussion of practical solutions for coping with short circuits in order to achieve safe and reliable DCC operations.

Lastly, five members , Dave Emery, Jim Seroskie, Paul Lessard, Jim Gore and Dave Emery participated in the Show and Tell segment of the Event. Thanks to all!!

In closing, Glenn again noted the need for a volunteer(s) for the Division Secretary position.

AS WE ALL OBSERVED THE PROBLEMS WITH THE ZOOM CONNECTION, WE NEED HELP. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH GLENN IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ZOOM EXPERTISE, OR ACCESS TO SOMEONE WHO DOES.

**Mark your calendars - OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 6, 2024
IN WESTBROOK, MAINE**

See you there - Jay Ehlen, Event Coordinator