



THE SEACOAST DIVISION OF THE N.M.R.A. THE SWITCH TOWER

Chartered on November 17, 1968

Seacoast Division Members Help Scouts by Bruce Robinson

Four Seacoast Division members traveled to Carver, MA to participate in a Railroad themed Scout Camporee over the weekend of May 18-20, 2012. The Camporee was put on by Warren Riccitelli, Northeastern Region Scouting coordinator, and sponsored by the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Edaville Railroad theme park hosted the 535 scouts and 188 adult leaders as the scouts worked 10 “stations” to earn their Railroading merit badge.



JD Jones from the Union Pacific RR doing his presentation at Station #5—Locomotives.

Tom Coulombe, Howard Palmer and Don Lush worked the Time Saver switching modules while Bruce Robinson worked with JD Jones (UP engineer) at station #5—Locomotives.

Other members from the NMRA family also contributed: Mike Tylick (Hub Division) handled tree making, Henry Pierce (Little Rhody Division) helped out at the Time Saver modules and Jason Maguire (Little Rhody Division) had his Narragansett Bay & Navigation Company On30 Free-Mo modules set up for display.



Tom Coulombe works with a scout on the Time Saver switching module.



Bruce Robinson signs a scout's merit badge book for Station #5—Locomotives.

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We Need You! by Erich Whitney

The Seacoast Division NMRA needs more volunteers to come forward and help share the work load it takes to run a successful division.

- 1) **Switch Tower Editor:** The current newsletter is produced using Microsoft Publisher but any desktop publishing software could be used. There are only four issues published per year and the current schedule allows for one month from submission deadline to publication date. My wife and I have been filling in to help keep the newsletters coming and to keep you in the loop but we have the 2013 NER Convention to run so I don't see being able to keep this schedule without things falling through the cracks.
- 2) **2013 NER Convention Publicity Chair:** We need a logo design immediately and advertising collateral developed as soon as possible. If you have any interest in helping to publicize our Tracks to Lakeport 2013 NER Convention, please step forward.



We can always use volunteers and you don't need to take on the world—the more people we get to help the less everyone has to do! If you're interested, please speak to a board member or contact me, Erich Whitney, (603) 537-1120, director8@seacoastnmra.org. Thank You!!!

Derry Model Railroading Night Fall Series by Erich Whitney

The first six months of the Derry Model Railroading Night were successful in attracting a range of interested participants from the community. These events are held on the second Friday night of the month, 7PM-9PM, Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH. The series has taken the summer off but will resume again in September.

For the Fall series, we're going to try something a bit more focused on modeling. Specifically, we're going to run three consecutive months on building a model railroad. We will cover both modular layouts and built-in home layouts. And there will be discussion on a hybrid approach for using modules to enhance your basement layout. We will cover topics such as bench work, track work, DCC wiring, scenery, operations, etc.

We are still working on finalizing the set of guest speakers and program specifics so check back on the division website for updates (<http://www.seacoastnmra.org>).

The dates are September 14, October 12, and November 9. We will take December off for the holiday and resume again in January 2013.

If you have any questions or if you would like to contribute, please contact me, director8@seacoastnmra.org.

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Try Something Different by Bruce Robinson

I have modeled in HO scale since I received a Marx train set for Christmas in 1958. Over the years there have been different aspects of the hobby that have caught my attention however. I had done a lot of custom painting for various hobby shops that included painting models in O-scale, electric locomotives and traction models as well as some Lionel locomotives. All these projects were interesting and I learned more about railroading and its many parts as each project was completed.

But I always pursued my own interests in creating the Valley Junction Railroad that resides in the basement in HO scale.



Fn3 flat car D&RGW 6090 with lumber load

A few years ago I was invited to “help out” on the construction of Deb & Stan Ames’ garden railroad in Fn3. The scale of Fn3 is “G-gauge” track representing three foot narrow gauge at a scale ratio of 1:20.3. Over the years much physical labor was expended in moving large rocks, digging holes and trenches and hauling cut trees around the Ames’ back yard.

This spring Stan suggested that there was a need on the SJR&P for lumber loads for the many flat cars that handle cut lumber from saw mill to customer. So began this project of modeling lumber loads for the Fn3 flat cars. The project is not difficult but was definitely “something different”.

Work got started by picking up one of the Bachman flat cars from Stan and looking it over to see how it matched photos he had provided of the prototype loads. The car was washed and cleaned to rid it of its “natural weathering” due to service on the garden railroad.

Erich Whitney cut up a zillion board feet of scale 2x8’s (0.1” x 0.4”) for the project and I cut this material to length to make individual boards 12 feet long.

The width of the flat car determined that stacks of lumber five and six boards wide by ten boards high would look right. Two stacks each of five by ten and six by ten boards were then glued up. If this sounds like it was a quick task you are in for a surprise. It required several hours of gluing up the 220 individual boards to create the stacks. Sleepers were then added under each stack along with banding using macramé cord.

The stack pockets on the Bachman car are gems and proved to be very sturdy to hold the long stakes that hold the banded lumber stacks on the car. Erich had cut some square oak strips that fit the pockets with a taper sanded into one face. After the eight stakes were pushed into the pockets more macramé cord was used to pull the stakes together across the width of the car.

The completed car is now running on the SJR&P hauling scale 2x8’s from mill to customer.

I am back to working on my own HO scale projects (too many to count!) but really enjoyed “trying something different”.

President's Corner by Bruce Robinson

Let's Look Forward!

This is my eighteenth column for the Division news letter and as I look back over the previous columns I see a common thread. Each column has tried to draw out Division members in some manner to contribute to the success of the Division. I will continue to seek help from dedicated members that may have talents, time or just plain desire to contribute to the organization.

There are some exciting happenings appearing on the horizon that will need support. The first and foremost event is the Northeastern Region convention hosted by Seacoast Division in Laconia, NH. A convention is a great way to see a lot of quality modeling, meet some terrific people and otherwise have a great time with this hobby of ours. A convention doesn't happen on its own. It takes a lot of people pulling together to carry this event off. It is time to look over what you can add to the event and contact the convention chairman Erich Whitney and volunteer to pitch in and help. The Publications Chairman position for the convention is in real need to be filled so if you have a knack for advertising please contact Erich. The rewards are in knowing you made a difference and contributed to the convention's success.

The Board of Directors has taken on three very important tasks that every member should follow. Under Peter McKenney's leadership the By-law revision committee is reviewing proposed changes to the Division's By-laws. Peter will be going into this in more depth as work progresses. Second, Peter has also worked up a survey form that will go to all members. Look for this soon and fill it out and return it to Peter. The survey is your opportunity to tell the BoD what interests you want to high light in Division activities. The third task is the nomination process the Division uses to attract qualified candidates to run for positions on the BoD. More information on these very important tasks will be coming as the committees finalize their proposals. If you have any inputs to any of these tasks please contact me and I will forward them to the appropriate committee.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and looking toward the fall when the Derry Fun Night meetings resume in September. Keep the second Friday night on your calendar and I hope to see you there.

The next Division quarterly Members Meeting will be July 14 in Auburn, ME. Watch the calendar on the web site for the date. I hope to catch you there as well.



On April 29, 2012 Bruce Robinson's Valley Junction RR hosted an operation session crewed by members of three NMRA Divisions: l to r are Ken Bivouac, Dick Johannes and Gerry Covino (Hub Division), Erich Whitney and Mike Grahame (Seacoast Division) and Dana Brown (Green Mountain Division). Front row: Gerry Abegg (Hub) and Bruce Robinson (Seacoast). Not shown is Brenna Whitney (Seacoast) who took the photo.

Seacoast Division Bylaws Task Force Created by Peter McKenney

The Board of Directors at its June 3, 2012, meeting formed a three person task force to review the current Bylaws of the Seacoast Division and make recommendations for improvements to be discussed at a later Board meeting. The Bylaws have not been amended to reflect a change in the month of the year for the Annual Meeting and election of directors that was initiated by the Board a few years ago. The Directors wanted to remove this inconsistency. Furthermore, the current Bylaws are not viewed as easily adaptable to the rapidly changing environment of the model railroad hobby. In order for the Seacoast Division to be as effective as possible in serving the members of the Division, the Directors wanted more clarity of roles of the responsible individuals of the Division.

Bruce Robinson, Larry Cannon, and Peter McKenney were named to the task force. They have reviewed the Division's Bylaws, comparing them with many other bylaws from other divisions, the NER, and even the NMRA Regulations. From this process, the Bylaws Task Force has collected several ideas for improving the Division's Bylaws and will present them at the July 14, 2012 meeting of the Directors for further discussion and input. Based upon the feedback from the Directors, the Task Force will refine the list of recommended changes and present again to the Directors. Once the Directors are satisfied that the recommended changes are suitable, there will be a vote by the Members of the Seacoast Division by mail to adopt the revised Bylaws. At least two-thirds of the votes cast by the Members must be supportive of amending the Bylaws for the amendment to be enacted.

Membership Renewals by Peter McKenney

Be mindful of when your NMRA membership will expire. In a recent month, several NMRA members failed to pay their renewals on time and their membership lapsed, causing them to miss one or more issues of NMRA Magazine. Members who intended to renew realized after the fact that they had not received any renewal notice near the time of the end of their membership period. Upon inquiring of the NMRA Headquarters in Chattanooga, TN, about the Association's membership renewal process, the Seacoast Division learned that membership renewal notices are apparently sent out six or so months before one's NMRA membership ends. So, if you get one of these notices and choose to delay for a few months sending the renewal fee, it would be safer if you marked your calendar with a reminder for yourself to pay by a certain date to avoid the risk losing one of more issues of NMRA Magazine. Better yet, look at your NMRA Magazine address labels and you can see when your membership will end.

Tidbit... by Erich Whitney

A friend sent me an email to tell me about an item they saw on eBay they thought I might like—it was a B&M Bulletin with an article on the railroad I'm modeling. So I bid on it and when I won the auction, I received a really nice email from the seller so I wrote back explaining my interest and as it turns out the seller is a retired B&M employee and we struck up a conversation. I know the internet can be a scary place, but sometimes it turns out to be really useful!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes by Mike Grahame

Board of Directors Meeting - 3 June, 2012

Meeting began with the Presidents (Bruce Robinson) appointments. Michael Grahame nominated as Vice President, Tom Coulombe as Treasurer and the position for Secretary will be announced at the July meeting. Larry Cannon will remain as A.P. chair. Rob Carrigan will remain as Web Master with assistance from Erich and Holly Whitney and Peter McKenney.

It was determined that the Modular Group Leader is a liaison position to the board and will be chosen by the modular group. Membership Chair will be Peter McKenney. Paul Lessard will remain as Activities Director but an alternate will be appointed (with E-mail) to assist. Newsletter Editor is temporarily Holly Whitney. A registered agent is required for the Seacoast Division as a non-profit organization. Larry Cannon nominated Tom Coulombe and was seconded by Peter McKenney. Motion carried by vote.

Peter Mckenney motioned to have last month's minutes accepted as recorded. Motion was carried. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Membership - Peter McKenney would like a one on one talk with the members to find out what they want out of the Division. Michael Grahame motioned to accept and it was approved by the board. Michael Grahame motioned to have the Directors contact new and dropped members with assistance from Peter McKenney. Motion was carried.

Activities - Paul Lessard needs help. The directors were tasked to find speakers and forward their contact info to Paul.

Larry Cannon motioned to have discussion on our non-profit status tabled until we get updated information from the Region. Motion was carried.

Bedford Boomers was discussed. 2012 will be their last show (30th annual). Whether we should take over and continue the show as a Division was discussed. Point made were manpower concerns, community support and the conflict with our convention. This was tabled until July meeting.

Peter Mckenney motioned that a nominating committee should be formed. Motion was carried with Rich Breton as Chair with assistance from Erich Whitney and Peter McKenney.

A By-Laws committee was formed with Peter McKenney as Chair with Larry Cannon and Bruce Robinson to assist.

A survey committee was formed with Peter McKenney and Larry Cannon. They will use an E-mail approach using "Survey Monkey". \$100.00 was approved for this.

Convention update from Erich Whitney. No report on inside activities. Outside activities - Rich Breton will present several options for a rail fan trip to the NER board. Option #1 is first choice - a four hour trip at a cost of \$55.00 per person with the intent to sell 50 spots (bus cost not included). Option #4 is also possible - a two

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hour trip at a cost of \$15.00 per person with the intent to sell 50 spots (bus cost not included). Non-rail activities were discussed with more information to come regarding a lake cruise. Other rail activities to be considered were the Ossipee sand and gravel/propane operation, the Bow power plant, the Agway plant in Concord and the cement silos and transfer facility in Bow. Inside Activities - Larry Cannon has several clinics confirmed.

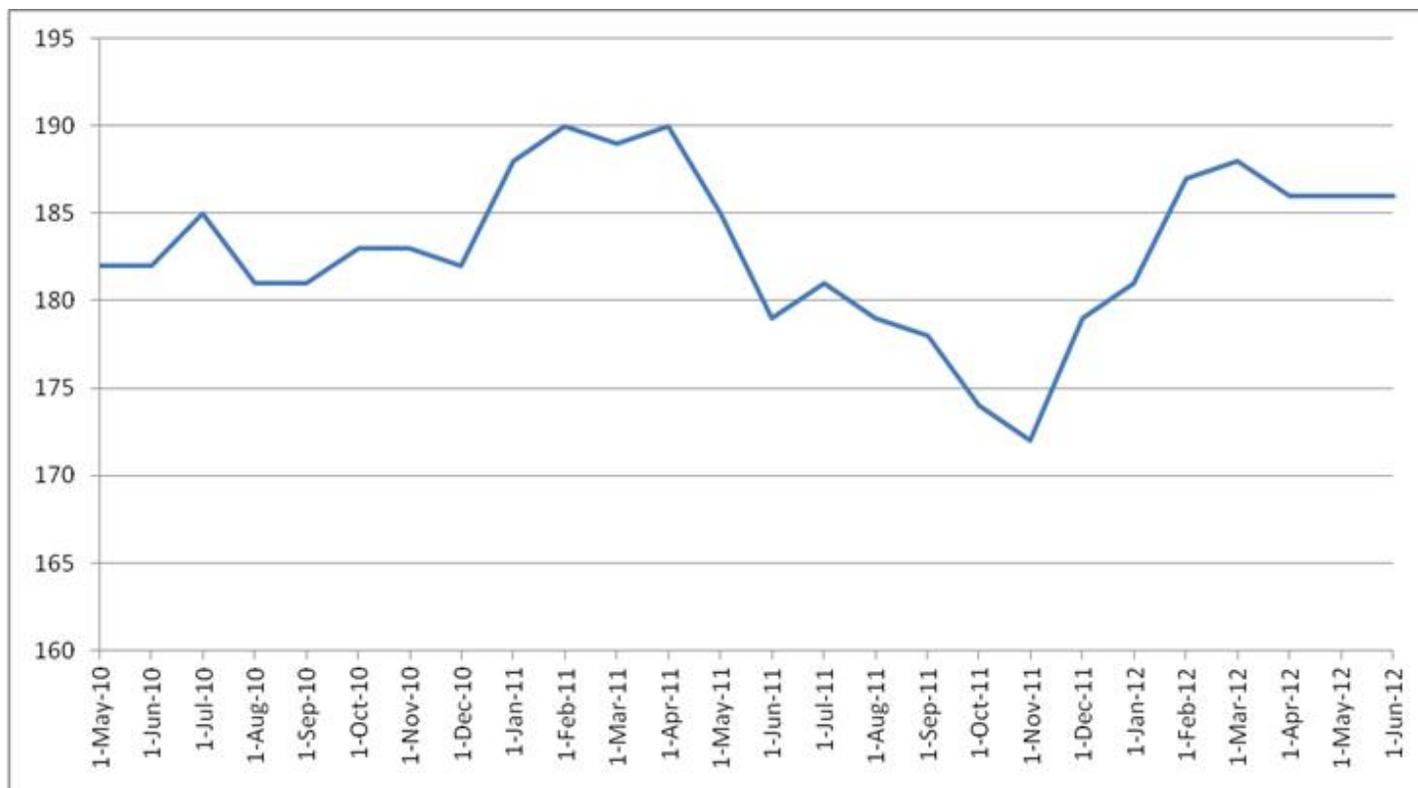
Publicity - There were questions as to whether there is any guidance from NER concerning publicity. We need someone to coordinate with our web site. Erich will work on a web site for the convention. We need a logo for the convention and may contact Mike Tylick to design one for us. Bruce Robinson would like to get a presence of region manufactures such as Model Tech Studios, Bar Mills, FSM and Melvin Photos.

Meeting was adjourned. Several members viewed the UP & SP Eastern Division with Bruce and Erich staying for a short ops session.

Submitted for approval
Michael Grahame

Seacoast Division Membership Report by Peter McKenney

At the end of June, 2012, the Seacoast Division remained at 186 members.



What do the Seacoast Division Members Want for Division Services? by Peter McKenney

President Bruce Robinson for the past few years has been leading a push to improve and expand the services that the Seacoast Division offers to its Members in Maine and New Hampshire. During that time, the Division has organized a Seacoast Division Modular Group, Erich Whitney has organized the Model Railroading Night in Derry, NH, and, once a year, the Division has organized a weekend layout operating session for all Division Members to participate. Still, only a minority of Members has participated in these new services, and only a small minority of Members attends the regular quarterly Division meetings.

There are several more ideas for new activities or services under consideration to try. Before any further services are tried, though, the Directors agreed that it would be prudent to survey all Division members to seek their input. After all, the Division is a volunteer organization with limited resources that has a large territory to serve. The Directors believe it is better to learn firsthand what the Members want and make the best decisions rather than continue to conduct a series of “experiments.”

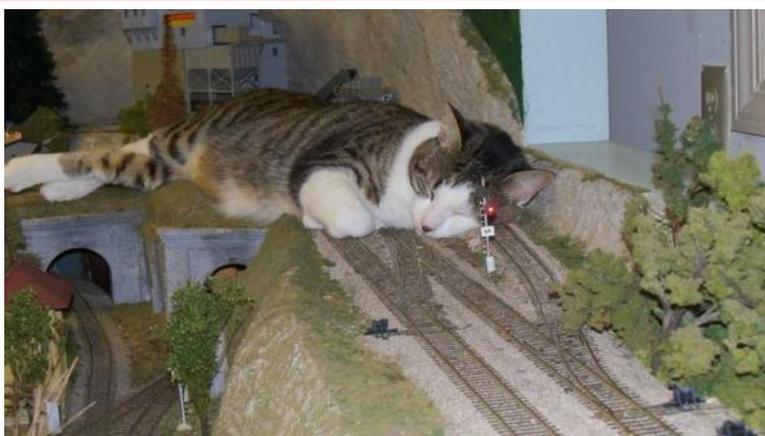
The Directors chose a task force of three people to organize the information gathering process. Erich Whitney, Larry Cannon, and Peter McKenney have drafted a survey form which is designed to learn whether a Member wants any more services from the Division and, if they do, which ones would they like the most. Recently, the HUB and Hudson Valley Divisions have undertaken similar processes. The drafted survey form is now being tested by the Directors. Once their feedback is obtained, the survey form will be finalized and used.

To keep costs low, and to make the administration of the survey as efficient and effective as possible, a majority of the Members will be able to use a computer to respond to the survey request. All Division Members who have a working email address will receive an electronic mail message with a link to use to go to the online form and complete it. For those Division Members who have not provided the NMRA with a working email address, the task force will either mail a survey form to fill out and return, or will call and interview by telephone.

Seacoast Division Members: This is your best chance to guide the Directors in improving the services that you can receive at the local level. Please look for the survey request in the next few weeks and take the time to provide your input.

Tidbit... by Bruce Robinson

Living with a cat and a model railroad. Notice the signal is set to a stop aspect for “crash avoidance”.



N.M.R.A. News

Welcome to the April 2012 InfoNet News eblast!

Fundraising has begun for the "**Magic of Scale Model Railroading**" gallery at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA. As your members will probably recall, this gallery will introduce the Museum's 600,000 annual visitors to the hobby, as well as give them a sense of its history. One of the highlights of the gallery will be actual portions of the finest model railroads ever built. The Museum has donated the space rent-free to the NMRA for the purpose of promoting the hobby. It's estimated that the cost to build the exhibit will be approximately \$750,000, and no NMRA dues or monies will be used; instead, it will be entirely funded by donations. To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, and an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations, up to \$250,000. Any NMRA member (or non-member, for that matter) who would like to donate to the funding of the gallery should send his or her tax-deductible donation to NMRA Headquarters at 4121 Cromwell Road., Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119, and mark it "Gallery donation."

In the February edition of the *InfoNet News* we reported the **agreement of cooperation between the NMRA and the Hasea.com Model Railroad Association of China**. This July we'll be seeing the first fruits of that "Hands Across The Ocean" agreement as a group of teenage Chinese modelers and rail fans visits California with the purpose of seeing layouts, prototype trains, and the California State Railway Museum. Several Pacific Coast Region members are helping to organize this 2-week event.

Grand Rails 2012, the upcoming NMRA national convention, has announced their **commemorative convention car**. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once known as The Furniture Capital of the World, and appropriately the model was inspired by a postcard photograph of a turn-of-the-last-century furniture manufacturer's wood-sided boxcar. This replica, produced by Accurail, comes complete with a Grand Rails 2012 logo "poster" which can be applied by the modeler. Visit www.gr2012.org to see a shot of the prototype.

The folks at Grand Rails 2012 have posted a **preliminary clinic schedule** for the convention in PDF format, downloadable at their website. Among the clinicians are NMRA Worldwide Director Tony Koester, Jim Six, Jim Sacco, and a group of clinics by the Layout Design Sig.

Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers. Just use the "Contact Us" link on the Grand Rails 2012 website at www.gr2012.org.

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-Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director*

Here's the May 2012 InfoNet News eblast!

At Grand Rails 2012, there will be a **drawing for four cab rides** from among the participants in the Little River Railroad tour. The cab rides will be in the railroad's #110, a 4-6-2 Pacific built by Baldwin, during its trip to

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Quincy and back. The train's consist will contain a WWII troop car, two converted stock cars, and three cabooses. In addition, the Little River RR's two other locomotives will be on display for photographs. In fact, you can even climb on them!

More convention news: The **Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society** is producing an HO-scale model of a true local railroad landmark: the Bridge Street Signal Tower. The prototype, still standing near the convention hotel, was built by the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad to stand guard over the railroad's crossing of five streets. Only 100 of these craftsman laser-cut kits will be available at a **special Grand Rails 2012 Convention price of \$65**. Members can see photos and get a brief history of the crossing tower at www.gr2012.org/towerkit.htm.

The **4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region** has signed on as a co-sponsor of this year's Narrow Gauge Convention in Seattle. The 4th Division will be signing up members for the NMRA throughout the event. Because the NMRA's Online Archives has been such a rousing success, **several prominent photographers and collectors have begun to donate portions of their collections to the NMRA**. The first is noted author/photographer Louis A. Marre, who's donated hundreds of large-format negatives of many subjects. Gregory Sommers has also donated a large collection of freight car slides, and David Lange has donated a large number of scanned images from the collection of the late Jim Morris. Watch for these exciting additions to the NMRA Online Archives in the near future. Hopefully continued donations to The Diamond Club will cover the cost of scanning and preparing the images.

And an important repeat from last month:

Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers, at gr2012volunteers@gmail.com for more details.

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Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director

It's almost summer, so here's the June 2012 InfoNet News eblast!

The Ballot Committee has met and issued the **official results** of the election from this Spring. There were seven (7) ballots unopened as they were postmarked beyond the deadline.

Contribute! by Erich Whitney

Have you ever thought about writing an article? It's really quite simple!!! All you need to do is write up your idea in a Word document or even just an email. Don't bother with the formatting—that's the job of the editor! Attach any photos you want to include and write captions. Don't forget to give proper attribution to the person who took the photo if it wasn't you. Send it in to editor@seacoastnmra.org. See, that's not too bad, is it?

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The results are:

President:

Ballots received - 1680,
Valid ballots cast - 1569

Charlie W. Getz, IV, HLM - 1550

Bill Kaufman - 1104

James "Lumpy" Lupfer - 493

Norman Frowly (Write-in) - 1

Charles W Getz, IV, HLM (Write
-in) - 1

Valid ballots cast - 90

Mike Bartlett - 53

Robert Peterson - 25

Kelly Loyd = 12

Vice President - Administration

Ballots received - 1680

Valid ballots cast - 1637

Dave Thornton - 723

Clark Kooning, MMR 588

Howard Goodwin 326

Eastern District Director:

Ballots received - 523

Valid ballots cast - 472

John Roberts, MMR, HLM -

461

Various individual write-in votes
- 9 (on each)

At-Large North America Direc- tor

Ballots Received - 1565

Valid ballots cast - 1477

Miles Hale, MMR - 865

Mike Brestel - 610

Dave Barrow - 1

Whit Johnson - 1

Vice President - Special Projects

Ballots received - 1680

Valid ballots cast - 1599

Pacific District Director

Ballots received - 90

Board of Directors will meet in Grand Rapids on Friday, July 27, Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. While the Friday meeting is a closed caucus, most of the Saturday and Sunday meetings are open to all members. At this time the meeting room hasn't been determined, so check with the convention hotel after you arrive if you're interested in attending.

The NMRA has **revisited its corporate status** and has incorporated in the State of Missouri. One of the driving factors was to enable the Board to conduct electronic meetings (a practice not allowed in the State of Ohio, where the NMRA was formerly incorporated). This lets the Board vote on matters of significance in the time between the Winter and Summer meetings. The move also provides the proper opportunity to revisit the regulations (bylaws) as we update them to satisfy the Missouri Corporate requirements.

GrandRails 2012 has just signed up **a rep from QSI who will be presenting several clinics** about their brand new diesel sound system. The system lets users control sound and light functions to match specific railroad practices. Check the clinic schedule for this addition. Coming soon: an announcement on the convention website about **self-guided tours at GrandRails2012**. Watch for it. And, again an important message from the Convention committee. Now's the time to make sure your convention-going members are aware of it!

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Nominating Committee Report by Rich Breton

Each year, the Seacoast Division Board of Directors selects three people to serve on the Nominating Committee to seek candidates for the open Director Positions. I am the Chair of this Committee. The Nominating Committee's process is just getting started and will be completed at the Annual Meeting of Seacoast Division members, held in January. There will be at least three Director Positions up for election. I and the other two members of the Nominating Committee want to *invite anyone who has any interest in serving the Division in this important way to communicate with us*. Here are some relevant facts for you to consider:

- The Seacoast Division's governing body, its Board of Directors, consists of 9 Directors elected by the members.
- The Board sets the policies and decides on the services for the Division. By having Directors from different locales and with different perspectives on the hobby, the Division is best able to select activities to serve our Members.
- The Board meets at least four times per year, usually for 1-2 hours, and most meetings are held at the end of the regular quarterly membership meetings.
- Each Director's term of office is 3 years, with staggered terms so that one-third of the Directors are elected each year.
- Serving as a division director earns ½ Time Unit per month towards the Association Volunteer AP Certificate.

If you have any interest or questions, please call Rich, 603-332-8257. We need your help.

July Meeting Agenda

Seacoast Division Member's Meeting

Saturday, July 14, 2012

Great Falls MRRC

Auburn, Maine

Agenda

Committee Reports

- Treasurer
- Newsletter
- Secretary
- Membership report
- Webmaster
- Convention
- President

Old Business

- Report of NER activities
 - Syracuse convention

- Seacoast Show displays
 - Concord MRRC: August 19
 - Pepperell Siding MRRC: October 7
 - Bedford Boomers: November
 - Hub Division: December 1&2
- Open discussion

New Business

- Nominating Committee: candidates
- Suggested Division sponsored events
 - Non-stop Op: date ?
 - Modular/Free-Mo modular group
 - AP Program: How to promote
- Adult Ed Course: Do we do one?
- By-laws revision: Progress
- Open discussion
- Adjourn

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**Deadline For
October Issue:
September 1, 2012**

**Next Meeting
October 13, 2012
Marion Gerrish Com-
munity Center,
Derry, NH
Mark your calendar and
save the date!!!**

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Erich Whitney, 603-537-1120, **Tom Jones**, 207-725-0712.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Jul. 29– Aug. 4, Grand Rapids, MI. Grand Rails 2012 NMRA National Convention.

Aug. 19, Concord, NH. Concord Model Railroad Club Show, Everett Arena.

Sep. 6-9, Syracuse, NY. Empire Junction 2012 NER/NMRA Convention.

Sep. 14, Derry, NH. Derry Model Railroading Night, Marion Gerrish Community Center

Oct. 7, Pepperell, MA. Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club Show, Varnum Brook Elementary School.

Oct. 12, Derry, NH. Derry Model Railroading Night, Marion Gerrish Community Center

Oct. 13, Derry, NH. Seacoast Division Quarterly Meeting, Marion Gerrish Community Center.

Nov. 4, Bedford, NH. Bedford Boomers Show, McKelvie Middle School.

Nov. 9, Derry, NH. Derry Model Railroading Night, Marion Gerrish Community Center

Nov. 24-15, SE NH/NE MA. Tour deChooch, Layout Tour Open House.

Summer Meeting Program

Saturday, July 14, 2012 10:00am-2:00pm,

Hosted by The Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn, ME 04210-5648

Clinic Topics:

- **Kit bashing and Detailing HO Scale Vehicles** by Paul Lessard. Paul's focus this time is on construction equipment.
- **Scenery Construction: Creating a Ravine** by Tom Oxnard. Tom's article on this topic has been accepted for publication by Model Railroader Magazine. Benefit from it in July and look for it in a future issue!
- **Modeling Narrow Gauge in On3** by Bob Willard of the Maine Narrow Gauge Modelers, a 100% NMRA membership organization.
- **Others** as time permits.

Show and Ask. Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their modeling to show to other attendees for educational purposes (two-way) AND to bring their questions on model railroading topics to post to the others. Take advantage of the cumulative experience of all of the attendees to make your modeling experience more enjoyable.

Lunch will be available on site for purchase from the GFMRR Club.

Come to the summer meeting and **Share the Fun of Model Railroading.**

Special Invitation: *After the Division's meeting adjourns by 2:00 p.m. the Great Falls Model Railroad Club has extended an invitation to all Seacoast Division members to operate on the Club's HO layout in the basement. This layout is impressive already and you will enjoy the newly finished trackwork. If you have an NCE throttle, please bring it with you!!!*