

FREE LAYOUT TOUR #17

Self-guided model railroad Open House

18 layouts open this year featuring 4 new
Layouts and updates to many others
Please check (see below) to be sure the layout
you want to see is open this year

SATURDAY April 8th 2017 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Note *layout #13 CN Plymouth Sub will be open 8 AM till 5 PM*

Look for Orange signs with layout number

1. New England and Western

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The New England and Western is a large freelance HO scale railroad, which models New England prototypes of the steam era with numerous interesting line side structures suitable for that period. The layout is operated by NCE DCC system control with sound. The layout features car card freight operation. The scenery is about 90% completed with some very interesting scenes depicting life in the early to mid part of the 20th century. Lou Sassi has photographed Bill's layout and it is in the July 2013 **Model Railroader** article. For an on board camera video tour type the url below into your computer search engine <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayqlcPARrk>

2. Old Colony & South Shore Railroad

Cliff Coutinho

Cliff passed away in February of this year

The number 2 will remain on layout as a memorial to Cliff

To see a video of Cliff's go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWNaJwMnSbY> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ffOtA4QCe8>

3. Aquidneck Valley RR

Ed Silvia
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The AVRR is a large HO railroad occupying two rooms, one 20x24, and the other 26x10. The minimum radius is 30 inches and all the track work is complete. The scenery is about 90% complete. The total track laid is about 1300 feet. Trains are powered by diesels, and controlled by a Digitrax DCC radio system with sound. The railroad has two large freight yards, numerous industries, including 3 coalmines, an ore mine, and gravel processing plant, many bridges, in an eastern mountainous setting. The layout was featured in the November 2004 **Model Railroader**. To see a video of the Aquidneck Valley go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXg-3zFaTqk>

4 . Providence & Worcester

Donald Irace
11 Road C,
North Scituate, RI
Tel #401-647-2455

Enter from garage.

This 42'x25' double decked railroad is located in the basement. Enter from garage. It is a fictitious track plan between Worcester Mass. & Queens N.Y. It models the Providence & Worcester Railroad as a regional freight carrier with track age rights on the Amtrak's northeast corridor. Commodities include Paper goods, coal, stone, plastic resins, produce, lumber, grain, cement, chemicals, general merchandise and Scrap metals. Interchange is made with CSX Transportation; Sea View Railroad a short line railroad located in Davisville, RI, New England Central Railroad in Ct and the Guilford Rail System in Gardner Mass. The railroad is dispatcher controlled by means of computerized CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) using two dispatchers. One on site and the second which is located in Ringgold, Georgia. A few new areas were remodeled. The Inland Paper & Pulp is still under construction and valley falls yard was put back into service. In 2016 all locomotive were updated to ESU Loksound.

For more info see the P & W website at <http://www.trainweb.org/pwmrr> or visit us on Facebook.

Using Google Type in **11 road C No. Scituate**, RI 02857 **not North Scituate**.

5. Quebec & New England Railway _____ *Please enter through the garage*

Jim Reddington and Associates
NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

6. Rhode Haven Railroad

Marshall Sommer
Ski Valley Condominiums
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The Rhode Haven is a freelanced HO railroad using New Haven power. It is set in the 1930's through 1940's era. Since I live in a condo I do not have a lot of room in the basement so I used two rooms with a duck under to try and incorporate as much railroading as possible. The main room consists of a large city and yard and the small room has a smaller town and country. The railroad features many craftsman kits as well as kit bashed and scratch built structures. The harbor peninsula is now complete and features a large waterfront area with many structures, boats and a branch line. Progress has been made this year with a new addition and additional mainline, leading to the eventual elimination of the duck under. This will also make space for more of Marshall's craftsman and scratch built structures. *The new addition and elimination of the duck under is complete and new this year is a new large waterfront scene,* Marshall was lucky enough to have Lou Sassi shoot the layout which was published in February 2010 **Model Railroader**. The layout is also featured in a **Model Railroad Masters DVD by FOS**

Directions to Fisher Rd can be found in Google maps. Once you get to Fisher Rd. you go up all the way until you get to a small post office on the right. Take the first right after the post office, go up the hill and take a left at the stone wall Continue straight and look for # 62 on the left. If you get lost call 1-401-333-9647. **NOTE: 80 is the mailing address look for UNIT # 62.**

7. Pennsy Middle Division

Jimmy Deignan
NOT OPEN The layout has been sold

8. Westport Central and Northern

Armand G. Lavoie
18 James Ave,
Westport, Ma.
Tel # 1-508-678-4490

Armand has a freelance HO scale layout located in a 15 X 28 foot area of his basement. It is built with two Main lines. It is controlled by a Lenz DCC system and can also be operated with conventional DC. It models small town New England mountain areas. The layout has many scratch built and craftsman kit structures with lighting and animation. Scenery is 99%.

9. Southern New England Railroad

Jason and Pam Fontaine

39 Fitzgerald Road

Charlton, Ma 01507

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The Southern New England Railroad (SNE) is a freelance HO scale railroad of the planned CN/CV extension from Palmer, MA to Providence, RI. The sinking of the Titanic played a major part in this railroad never being completed. I am modeling the SNE as it would have been in autumn of the transition era. My backdrop is photos shot by Lou Sassi which were blended together to make an 80' virtually seamless panoramic view of New England. I have Craftsman and scratch-built structures with very detailed scenes. Since the layout was featured in the July 2010 **Model Railroader**, it has been doubled in size - now 14' by 40'. The entire section (Southbridge) 11' x 3' was cut out and moved 16' away and reconnected with the new track plan. The new trackage is now up and running and scenes are being re-worked and repaired. The scenery which was 100% completed on the original layout is now about 50% completed on the expanded version. The layout is operated by North Coast Engineering DCC. Please visit my website at: <http://www.snerr.net> for more photos and information.

10 Clinch Mountain

Dave MacPherson MMR

83 Bridge Street

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Dave's Clinch Mountain Railway is an HO scale, early 1960s, freelance layout located in two rooms in his basement, with many scratch-built and kit bashed structures, wireless throttles, hand laid track and finished scenery. It is a bridge route serving New England, interchanging with all local roads of the time period, with both point-to-point and continuous operation and featuring both steam and diesel motive power. Much has been added to the layout since the last time on the tour including a new industrial area with many more structures. The layout was featured in the September 2014 issue of **Model Railroader**.

11 Atlantic Great Eastern Railroad

Jeff Leonard

NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

12 Western Maryland Railway – Tygart Valley Division

Tony Donatelli

NOT OPEN THIS YEAR

13 CN Plymouth Sub

Wally Brady

19 Ryder's Orchard Lane

Plymouth, ma

Tel 781-801-8897

Special hours 8 AM till 5PM

The CN Plymouth sub is a 15 x 54 ft. Lenz controlled DCC HO layout based on the Canadian National railroad in modern time. The layout consists of mostly scratch built and kit bashed buildings and hundreds of handmade trees. There is over 700 ft. of track and 120 turnouts. A large dock with a grain boat sits opposite a massive grain storage elevator. A double track lift bridge highlights the dock scene. Layout scenery is 100% complete with numerous industries and towns. Layout is in basement and not handicapped accessible. Enter Through the garage to view. View this layout on Model *Railroad Hobbyist Magazine* March 2015 issue <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/>, and Featured on Train Masters TV Video August 2016 Wally Brady's Canadian National Plymouth Division at [2016-08.2: Wally Brady's Canadian National | TrainMasters TV](#) (Subscription required)

14 Gotham city & Metropolis Railroad

Jeff Turner

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The GC&M is a free-lanced HO-scale, Lenz-DCC controlled, railroad that operates between the 2 most famous cities in the fictitious DC Comics universe. The layout is in an 11 x 14 room in a basement (accessible by stairs only). The area modeled is the 47th Street Yard and Waterfront areas of Gotham City. It has 99% of its scenery completed, including many street and building lights for operating during the evening hours when criminal activity is at its peak in Gotham. Gotham's Dark Knight, his famous Rogues Gallery and many of his associates from the Justice League can be found through-out the city in HO-scale form. Did we mention there is actually a model railroad here that runs some actual prototypical operations...

Website: <http://www.trainweb.org/gcmrr/>

15 Mashamou Valley & Western

Bob Davis

120 Freedley Rd

Pomfret Ct

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The Mashamou and Western railroad is fantasy railroad set in the 50's and 60'. It is a two level layout. The main yard is called Ridge Yard.

From Ridge yard interchange trains travel 220' West on the Yellow Birch division to interchange with the New Haven, 210' East on the Green River division to interchange with the B&M and 140' North on the Red River division to switch out the Applegate Industrial Park. There are 10 towns to be switched out that are off the main line. Car cards are not used, instead markers are placed on cars to indicate which division they are going to, which town they are going to and where they are going to be spotted. Track power is by NCE. Engines are controlled by Soundtraxx

16 Pennsy-Altoona to Cresson PA

Chuck Mercier

294 Dow Road

Plainfield, CT 06374

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The railroad is 20' x 25' and is located on the second floor of the garage. It is set in the summer of 1956 and the scenery is near 100% complete. It is operated by wireless DCC and operations consist of moving trains up and down the 1.8% east slope of the Alleghany Mountains adding and dropping helper engines at Altoona and Cresson respectively. Switching operations are limited to the Altoona yard, a coal mine and a couple of other industries due to the nature of the prototype location. Steam power along with first and some second generation diesels are used as motive power. Most of the structures are commercial kits with some being kit bashed. The future effort is to replace the structures with scratch built and craftsman kits more representative of the prototype. Current activities consist of installing structure lighting and weathering equipment. You can see more information and photos of the railroad at www.pennsylvaniarailroad.org.

17 The Providence , Warren and Bristol Railroad

David and Emily Kiley

12 Altham Street

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The Providence, Warren and Bristol is a G gauge indoor interurban line set in November, 1941. The railroad abruptly ended when a tanker destroyed the Slades Ferry Bridge , a combination railroad, trolley and vehicle swing bridge in 1937. The layout represents what could have been if the railroad bridge had been replaced and is as complete as a model railroad ever can be. Centered on the Coles River the 8' by 10' layout is packed with the details from the lives of its many inhabitants. Come meet the town's people as they scurry around on a Friday night. There are only 6 easy steps down to our lower level.

18 The Providence and Worcester Railroad

Michael A DeBoise

CANCELLED due to a death in the family

19 Providence & Worcester

Tom Lavalley

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Putnam, CT. 06260

860-315-4191 860-315-4191

The layout is a modern themed H O scale with a single main line. With mountains, valleys, and city scenes. There are a total of 16 bridges two of which are removable for access to the layout. There are two staging areas. The layout is DCC with NEC. The scenery is about 50 % done. The layout can also be run as continuous running or can be operated with up to 5 operators in different areas. The layout room is 24 x 20. Access into the layout is easily accessible with one step into the room.

20 Neponset Ridge Shortline

Ray Schofield

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The HO NRSL and the HOn3 Wild River is a steam era layout and is in two rooms with dual gauge staging in another part of the basement. The main room is 12 by 25. The second room is about 12 by 11 and houses the HOn3 trackage and also acts as the crew lounge. The track work is Microscale code 70 and is complete. Scenery is well underway and about 30% complete. A photo of the layout room appeared in February 2015 Model Railroader "Trains of Thought" by Tony Koester. Photos and a blog are at <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/node/27380>

21 Penn Central (Modern Day)

Bob Hill

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The 2017 Penn Central is an alternate-history modeling effort that assumes the PC merger had not been consummated until 1990, well after the 1980 Staggers Bill and represents one of only three mega-mergers that did occur to date.(2017), they are PC, BN and NS...in this world there is no BNSF, no mega-UP, and no CSX and Conrail never happened...the Staggers Act had been the closest thing to salvation the Northeast had....and the original class 1 railroads that make up the never-created BNSF, CSX , mega-UP and CR all still exist.

The railroad modeled is based on a potential traffic base from the St Lawrence Seaway/Canada to DeWitt Yard in NY and then onward to the east, west and south utilizing the ex-NYC Massena mainline. It assumes a good chunk of CN and CP run through trains...and the largest industry online is Adirondack Specialty Steel's St Lawrence Works, an integrated mill located in South Massena, It is served by its' own short line, the Norwood & South Massena Railway. Ultimately the PC will serve a complete port facility, (Port Massena) with both mineral and grain handling major facilities, various mineral providers such as limestone processors, ore processors and a calcium carbonate plant among others. A simple 2-track 25 car interchange with the Alcoa Massena plant's railroad serves this "off the layout" large plant. Metallurgical coke is provided by unit trains from off the layout via NS and Chessie as well as PC trains out of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie from the Pittsburgh area. Just over the Grasse River, lies PC's St Lawrence Yard, whose 550 car arrival/departure yard and major locomotive facilities are modeled. One peninsula will contain another traffic originator - the city of Watertown. Interchange tracks with VTR and CN are located along the main line.

Currently bench work for the 61 x 27 foot railroad is about 55% erected, with the first helix to under-layout staging now completed. There is a functioning mainline all around the periphery of the fully open (no columns or walls) room meaning there is providing 176 of the planned 440 foot mainline being operable. As for track all of the track in St Lawrence Yard itself is in place, the engine facilities are about 60% done track-wise....the steel mill (to be some 58 ft long) has its' support yard in place and a good deal of plant trackage associated with the blast furnaces and scrap handling is in - some finishing mills trackage is in as well as some trackage for the electric furnaces and BOF...a number of custom 3D-printed items have been or are being prepared for the mill and environs...

Staging is under the layout and is in the beginning stages of built....switches are all manual presently and will be all set up as remote-manual. I have a contractor in China creating hundreds of a modified brass switch throw arrangements made exclusively for me that will work in the 2" foam subroadbed... based on the old Eschelman (sp?) link. Trains will be run but true operation will not be possible until all of the remote-operable switch controls are in next year.

Bob Hill

22 Coastal Mountain

Bob Blick

12 colonial rd

Buzzards Bay, Ma.

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The Coastal Mountain is classified as a transfer railroad. The layout is approximately 10' x 30'. The HO layout is an eclectic freelance layout. Control is by Lenz. The operations, use car cards. The layout is 90% sceniced . Also there is a small N scale and Marx operating layouts. On display are many automobile, trucks and tin plate trains. The HO layout consists of passenger and freight operations, it will take you from ocean to the mountains. We also feature 2 hand made transfer tables and many operating details. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of this unique railroad.

For maps go to Google maps, enter the address and map will appear.

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