

# FREE LAYOUT TOUR #19

Self-guided model railroad Open House

13 layouts open this year featuring two new

Layout and updates to many others

Please check (see below) to be sure the layout you want to see is open this year

SATURDAY April 6th 2019 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

*if not noted otherwise*

Note See *layout description for special hours*

**Look for Orange signs with layout number**

## 1. New England and Western

**Bill Robertson**

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Nancy Coutinho**

**1097 Marlborough St.**

**New Bedford, MA 02745  
Tel # 1-508-995-7616**

**Cliff passed away in, but his wife Nancy and stepson Barry, have decided to continue the tradition and open this beautiful layout.**

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

The HO scale Old Colony & South Shore Railroad is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century era layout located on the second floor above the garage/workshop and features superb scenery and multi-train operation. Cliff's layout has many scratch-built and super detailed structures from many manufacturers with beautiful city and town settings. The scenery is 100% complete. The layout was featured in the October 2004 **Model Railroader** and also in the 2009 **Great Model Railroads**. . This past year has seen the addition of an Hon30 railroad "The North Grafton Railway" The OC &SS is DCC with an NCE system and can be operated with conventional DC also. To see a video of this layout see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWNaJwMnSbY> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ffOtA4QCe8>

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  
232 Honeyman Ave,  
Middletown, RI  
Tel #401-846- 3436**

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  
North Scituate, RI  
NOT OPEN THIS YEAR  
LAYOUT HAS BEEN DISMANTLED**



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**

**Charlton, Ma 01507**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**10 Clinch Mountain**

**Dave MacPherson MMR**

**East Bridgewater, Ma 02333**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**11 Atlantic Great Eastern Railroad**

**Jeff Leonard**

**Holliston, Ma.**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**12 Western Maryland Railway – Tygart Valley Division**

**Tony Donatelli**

**North Scituate, RI**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**13 CN Plymouth Sub**

**Wally Brady**

**19 Ryder's Orchard Lane**

**Plymouth, ma**

**Tel 781-801-8897**

**Hours 8AM – 5 PM**

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 Ken Gikas**

**52 Old Douglas Rd  
Webster, MA 01570  
508-922-0239**

**Hours 9AM-4PM**

I model the Union Pacific RR with a little power from Southern Pacific and Santa Fe mixed in. The layout is late diesel era with some older units. The layout is 30 X 30 feet and can accommodate five to six operators. Powered by Digitrax components, with 5 reserving loops, including a Wye to turn power, and 8 sub districts. Switching is controlled by your DT 402 throttle which consist of 57 Tortoise switches.

Industries have hand throw switches and there are approximately 50 switching industries. There are 3 classification Yards consisting of 9, 7, & 4 track stub yards and 1 staging yard.

A double track Helix with three full turns of a 36 inch diameter for access to two separate elevations.

Operations consist of departing any of three classification yards to work any of 13 different locations

Work orders can take up to two hours depending on the work assignments. Multiple runs are set up so you may be able to run more than one run.

Scenery is approximately 85% completed.

#### **15 Mashamou Valley & Western**

**Bob Davis  
120 Freedley Rd  
Pomfret Ct  
Tel # 860 928 4618**

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**

**Plainfield, CT 06374**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**17 The Providence , Warren and Bristol Railroad**

**David and Emily Kiley**

**Swansea, Ma 02777**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**18 The Providence And Worcester Railroad**

**Michael A DeBoise**

**Dudley Ma**

**NOT OPEN THIS YEAR**

**19 Providence & Worcester**

**Tom Lavalley**

**33 Munyan Rd**

**Putnam, CT. 06260**

**860-315-4191**

**Hours 9AM-5PM**

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**

**93 Sheppard Drive**

**Warwick, R.I 02886**

**401-739-2878**

**Hours 9M-5PM**

The HO NRSL and the HOn3 Wild River are in two rooms with dual gauge staging in another part of the basement. The main room is 12 by 25 and the second room about 12 by 11 houses the HOn3 trackage and also acts as the crew lounge. The track work is Microscale code 70 and is 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**

**71 Winter Street**

**Bellingham, Ma.**

**1-251-753-2867**

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 Eschellman (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.

## **22 Coastal Mountain**

**Bob Blick.**

**12 Colonial Road**

**Buzzards Bay, Ma.**

**508-269-3870**

**Hours 9AM- 5PM**

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.

## **23 O scale Hampden Terminal RR**

**Daniel M. Bigda**

**374 Wickaboag Valley Road**

**West Brookfield, MA**

**508-637-1340**

A New England branch line modeling is Dan Bigda's interest. His Hampden Terminal RR is a single track line in a 24' x 52' space with some great New England scenes, such as the full scale Bondsville Trestle (over 12 feet long) on the Central Mass RR and the B&M/Central Vermont tunnel in Bellow Falls VT. Control is with Aristocraft radio and DC. Scenery is 65% complete and many of his beautiful structures are scratch built or kit-bashed, and installed with great attention to detail. The layout was featured in O Scale Modeling (date)

**Access:** See cross-bucks. Located in the red barn behind the house. There is a driveway leading to the barn. Enter through the open garage door. Not wheelchair accessible.

## **24 Keiser Rail and Copper Creek RR**

**Larry Lockwood  
179 Horne Way  
Millbury, Ma  
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The Keyser Rail and Copper Creek RR is a freelance N-scale layout created in the modular style of Ntrak.

This 24 x20 foot layout is my retirement project and is located in our basement. This means that stairs are involved. This layout models a fictional subsidiary of the CSX railroad and the CSX legacy railroads with Amtrak track usage. The railroad is controlled with a Digitrax DCC system with the ability to switch to DC for some of my older locomotives. The projects that I am working on presently are building structures and scene design. Several of my modules have been part of some of our Northeast Ntrak club layouts at a number of shows. My house is in a condominium in Millbury

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