

New England/Northeast  
**Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet**

May 29-30, 2015 • 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave., Collinsville, CT

*This schedule may change. Please check with the registration desk for updates.*

**Friday, May 29**

**9 a.m.**

**Dave Messer**

**Room: C**

Modeling Express Reefers: The history of Railway Express, the development and modeling of express reefers, the "unsung heroes" of passenger operations.

**Ted Shasta**

**Room: D**

Hybrid Turnouts, Construction and Control: Turnout geometry and techniques for building turnouts that can handle code 110 and code 88 wheels without wheel drop or other problems. Control panels and point actuation will also be discussed.

**Kaylee Zheng**

**Room: E**

Using iPhone speakers for DCC sound.

**10:30 a.m.**

**Brian Banna**

**Room: C**

Prototype diesel modeling: Missouri Pacific SD40-2 No. 3320.

**Sudro Brown**

**Room: D**

JMRI 101: How to find and get JMRI / Decoder Pro / Panel Pro onto your computer, use of Decoder Pro to program a non-sound locomotive; if time permits Sudro will delve into the complexities of sound decoders.

**Tim Garner**

**Room: E**

Modeling PRR Union Switch & Signal Electro-Pneumatic Interlockings: Background on the system, detail variations on the PRR, and how to model a typical interlocking. Each attendee will receive an illustrated color handout.

**Lunch break – Vendor room closed.**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Will Jamison**

**Room: C**

Conrail Blues: An examination of unusual early Conrail painting practices and other oddities.

**Wayne Sittner**

**Room: D**

Planning and Building Realistic Scenery.

**Ramon Rhodes**

**Room: E**

Five Crossings, Nine Junctions, and Some Joint Track: How Santa Fe and now BNSF gets in and out of Chicago.

**2:30 p.m.**

**Matt Herman**

**Room: C**

What's New from ESU: An overview of new products and new Sound files from ESU.

**Mike Schleigh**

**Room: D**

Early Years on Erie's old Allegany Division: When new in 1960, the E-L looked and operated a good bit differently than in her final years, which were known for SD45s in flashy paint and venerable E units in freight service.

**Jim Dufour**

**Room: E**

Modeling What I Missed on the Boston & Maine Railroad's Cheshire Branch: An update on Jim's HO scale "slice" of the B&M's Cheshire Branch. Since his first presentation in 2009 the layout has doubled in size. Jim will also discuss methods employed to create the layout's scenery and infrastructure.

**3:45 p.m.**

**John Greene**

**Room: C**

Modifying Branchline passenger cars to kitbash different prototype passenger cars.

**Mike Rose**

**Room: D**

An update on the past year's layout construction on Mike's ex-LV Conrail era layout. Mike will talk about how he managed to get several years worth of layout construction into one without compromising quality.

**Neil Gage**

**Room: E**

AAR rules governing open top loads, including a discussion of loading of mechanized and motorized equipment and large caliber guns transported by the naval and ground forces from 1941 to 1983.

**Don Valentine**

**Downstairs**

Hands-on clinic 1: A 60-foot full RPO as used by the B&M, the NH and the MEC. All one needs is their tools, a list of which will be provided before the meet. Additional fee of \$47 for this clinic.

**5 p.m.**

**Raffle drawing**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner break**

*Vendors closed for night*

**7:30 p.m.**

**Pete McLachlan**

**Downstairs**

Travels with Pete.

**8:45 p.m.**

**John Garafalo**

**Downstairs**

At the Movies with T.J. Donahue:

Reel No. 1, Railfanning Albany, NY to Hancock, WV in 1970

Reel No. 2, Vintage NYC, CNJ & PRR

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## Saturday, May 30

9 a.m.

**Don Sierakowski and Bruce Clouette** **Room: C**  
Internet sources for prototype modeling information.  
Participants are encouraged to bring their own mobile device.

**Tom Jacobs** **Room: D**  
Realizing the Reading: Development of Tom's Reading layout,  
which is under construction.

**Ron Poidomani** **Room: E**  
Scratch Building 101: Basic techniques for scratch building  
structures, including necessary tools, available resources,  
using mockups, types of building materials and work bench  
considerations. Focus will be on scratch building craftsman  
style structures.

10:30 a.m.  
**Brian Banna** **Room: C**  
Prototype diesel modeling: Missouri Pacific GP35 No. 2555.

**Bill Gill** **Room: D**  
Letterbashing II. Using GIMP (Photoshop) and Inkscape  
(vector graphics) to make generic computer fonts look like  
hand lettering and create signs that fit their time and place on  
your layout.

**Dan Ticson** **Room: E**  
Advances in battery power and radio control for HO trains.

**Noon – Lunch break.** Vendor room closed. Open house at  
Collinsville Club, across from Lasalle Market.

1:15 p.m.  
**Rick Abramson** **Room: C**  
The Pennsylvania Station: From Corporate Jewel to Corporate  
Vandalism.

**Sudro Brown** **Room: D**  
JMRI 201 PanelPro: This clinic assumes you have already  
loaded JMRI /Decoder Pro / Panel Pro onto your computer  
[see JMRI 101]; using Panel Pro, specifically Layout Editor, to  
construct a Panel that can be used to track train movement,  
align switches and get into the beginning stages of adding  
signals to the layout.

**Jim Schweitzer** **Room: E**  
Timetable & Train Orders 101: A hands-on introduction into  
the basics of timetable and train order operations with a  
focus on the timetable portion of the equation. You'll learn  
how to read an employee timetable and special instructions  
plus learn how to apply the information.

2:30 p.m.  
**Matt Herman** **Room: C**  
LokProgrammer 102 Class: A more in-depth look at the  
ESU LokProgrammer and how it can be used to alter ESU  
decoders.

**Steve Funaro** **Room: D**  
PRR G22 gondola: From prototype to kit construction.

**Jeff Hanke** **Room: E**  
Weathering without an airbrush: weathering freight cars and  
locomotives with washes, dry-brushing and pastels. Jeff will  
weather cars based on prototype photos.

3:45 p.m.  
**Jay Held** **Room: C**  
Erie Lackawanna Piggyback Trailers and Flats: Jay will discuss  
piggyback service on the E-L from its beginning in the mid-  
1950s until the end of E-L in 1976.

**Rick Abramson** **Room: D**  
Development of the FL9 from Santa Fe to New Haven

**Jeff Hanke** **Room: E**  
Decaling: Techniques to decal freight cars, locomotives and  
structures. Types of decals, producers of decals, custom  
decals, tools needed to decal and common problems will be  
covered.

**Don Valentine** **Downstairs**  
Hands-on clinic 2: A sleeper for you whether you model the  
Rutland, the B&M or the New Haven. In this clinic we will  
convert a standard Rivarossi Plan #3410 12-1 sleeper into a  
Rutland Plan #3585 10-2 sleeper of the "Point" series, a B&M  
Plan #2410 12-1 sleeper such as "Saoma" or "Peralta" (the  
earlier B&M style) or a New Haven Plan #4090 8-1-3 sleeper  
of the "Tower" series. Additional fee of \$25 for this clinic.

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5:30 p.m. **Dinner break**  
**Note:** Model room pickup and close at this time.  
Vendor room closed.

7:30 p.m.  
**Tony Koester** **Room: C**  
Update on Tony's Nickel Plate layout.

**Bill Schneider** **Room: D**  
Development of the Rapido FL9 with experiences and insights  
into manufacturing in China.

**Tom Murray** **Room: E**  
Modeling Amtrak's Springfield line in my era: 1985 to 1995ish.

8:45 p.m.  
**Tom Nanos** **Downstairs**  
Done and Dark: Tom will show photos of things that are done,  
as in scrapped, no longer practiced or appear different, and  
then night photos from recent years.