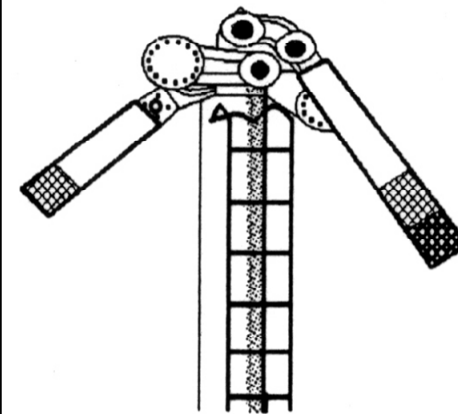


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Mike Garrett works on a new section of the scenery along the Jersey Shore and Western mainline on the "N" scale layout. Sometimes, no matter how much you do, there's still more!

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Write an article or take a picture and put it in the CLEARBOARD! This is your Club Newsletter, participate in it.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Please make sure you keep your contact information current. Any address changes or other updated information should be written legibly on a piece of paper and dropped in the mail slot in the lobby of the Club building, attention "Roster Clerk." Thank You.

Bill Jambor, Roster Clerk



NMRA Meet Summer 2009 (Photo C. Langezaal)

Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting January 8, 2011

DON'T MISS THE TRAIN !!
The Model Railroad Club, Inc.
TWELFTH SPRING INVITATIONAL OPERATING SESSION
SATURDAY June 4, 2011



295 Jefferson Ave., Off of Route 22 East, Union NJ (Behind the Home Depot) Club telephone 908-964-9724

New Hours 11 AM TO 4 PM

We will be running one 4 hour "trick".
BBQ to follow the sessions.

Doors will open at 10am. Sign-ups begin at 11am

OPERATING POSITIONS WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE FIRST THIRTY RESPONDEES - PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY

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Webmaster's Report:

Thursday, May 12, 2010

-- Site Summary ---

Visits

Total	45,720
Average per Day	13
Average Visit Length	1:55
This Week	89

Page Views

Total	149,428
Average per Day	20
Average per Visit	1.6
This Week	142

CLUB SHIRTS

John Wilkens is taking prepaid orders for club polo shirts. Cost is \$30.00 per shirt. Shirts will be blue polo style shirt with white club logo. See John for more information and to place your order.

Under the Spreading Maple Tree by Roger Oliver

We are moving along at a steady pace with the locker/workstation for the Garden Railroad Department. The workstations have been pretty much completed and we have moved on to work on the second bay of lockers. The first bay is made up of three full width—44" lockers that run the full depth of the space—56". Each one is about 22" high and we have moved the loose track from the indoors layout, loose track that was stored under the Gilberton aisle and some of the trains that were both upstairs and under Gilberton. This gave us working room to start the next set of lockers.

The next set of lockers are intended for member storage of their trains as opposed to the more general storage that the larger full depth lockers were. They will be nested side-by-side sets of lockers. One will be 22" high by 21" wide by 26" deep. This will accommodate several freight cars in their boxes such as the AMS cars. The locker next to it will be 22" high by 21" wide by 36" deep that will accommodate one or more locomotives such as a Bachmann K27 in its box. When this set of lockers is completed there will be six pairs of long and short lockers.

Given the size of "G" gauge trains and the limitations of storage space at the club, we want to be able to afford our members the ability to store some of their trains at the club. However, we need to accept the reality that most of the trains that we will be running from time to time will have to be shuttled from our homes or other places because we simply cannot store them all at the club.

Meanwhile, back on the indoors layout. Pete Summers and I have taken up most of the track and one side of the plywood and 2"x2" support work to lay bare the studs and joists of the Hoboken bench work. Our next step will be to daughter extensions on the studs to raise the new bench work to its new level. This will be

about 7" above the shelf where the HO "big bridge" will be build. Clearance for the "big bridge" and its approaches has been planned into our construction and has been cleared by the HO dept. Once the verticals are in place, "L" girders will be constructed and mounted on top of the verticals. The waffle crate base for the new indoors Garden railroad will be built in sections/removable modules that will go on top of the "L" girders..

We hope to have a fair amount of this section completed by the end of summer so that we will have something running indoors in time for the show. If things go really well, maybe we'll have gotten to work on the other side of the aisle.

The CLEARBOARD Commentary

By Roger Oliver, ed.

Summer is upon us. For me, there are about six more weeks of school and we're done until September. I'll be working this summer, so it won't all be lazing around all day. I've already booked a short vacation at the Jersey shore the end of June. Then I work two weeks in July and two more at the end of August. I hope to get a road trip out to Pennsylvania to see the coal mining area around Ashland. I also want to get to Strassburg and Steamtown, but the real objective is to get to the Logging Museum out past Williamsport.

Right there I have six of my ten weeks booked up. I also want to get down to the club and get some things done with the library in particular. That's another few days. Then there is the obligatory "Honey-do" list, lawn mowing—gardening, that's another 8 to 10 days. And I would put down money that before the 4th of July, my wife will decide she needs another vacation somewhere, that's another week. I'm not going to the NMRA convention this year, just because I don't enjoy flying that much to go out to the west coast. Besides there's a lot to do on this side of the Mississippi. And, well, like the space in this column, my summer time is gone. The show's coming up real soon, let's get on it!

Calendar of upcoming events 2011

- Mar 12 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
- May 14 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
- May 21-22 Weekend Open House 11 AM-4 PM
- Jun 4 Invitational Ops Session (see pg.7)
- June 11 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
- Jun 21-27 27th National Garden Rwy Convention Kansas City, MO www.NGRC2011.com
- Jun 22-26 National N Scale Convention Hershey, PA Www.national-n-scale-convention.com
- Aug 13-14 Greenberg Show, NJ Expo Center Edison, NJ
- Oct 8 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
- Oct 16-19 NER/NMRA Convention in Warwick, RI www.nernmra.org**
- Oct 27-30 MER Convention Cary, NC. Mer.nmra.org
- Nov 12 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
- Nov 25, 26 & 27 Annual Light & Sound Show**
- Dec 2, 3 & 4 Annual Light & Sound Show**
- Dec 9, 10, & 11 Annual Light & Sound Show**
- Dec 17 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM

- ## 2012
- Jan 7 BOD Meeting at 10:30 AM
 - Jan 7 **Garden Railroad Dept Annual Meeting** 12 Noon, bad weather date Jan 14.
 - Jan 7 **N Scale Dept. Annual Meeting** 1:00 PM Bad weather date Jan 14.
 - Jan 14 **HO Dept. Annual Meeting** at 1:00 PM Bad weather date Jan 21 at 11:00 AM.
 - Jan 21 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEEETING.** 1:00 PM, bad weather date Jan. 28, 2012



GATSME 2011—Note how much fun people can have at an operating session. Photo by C. Langezaal

Come down on a Tuesday and participate!

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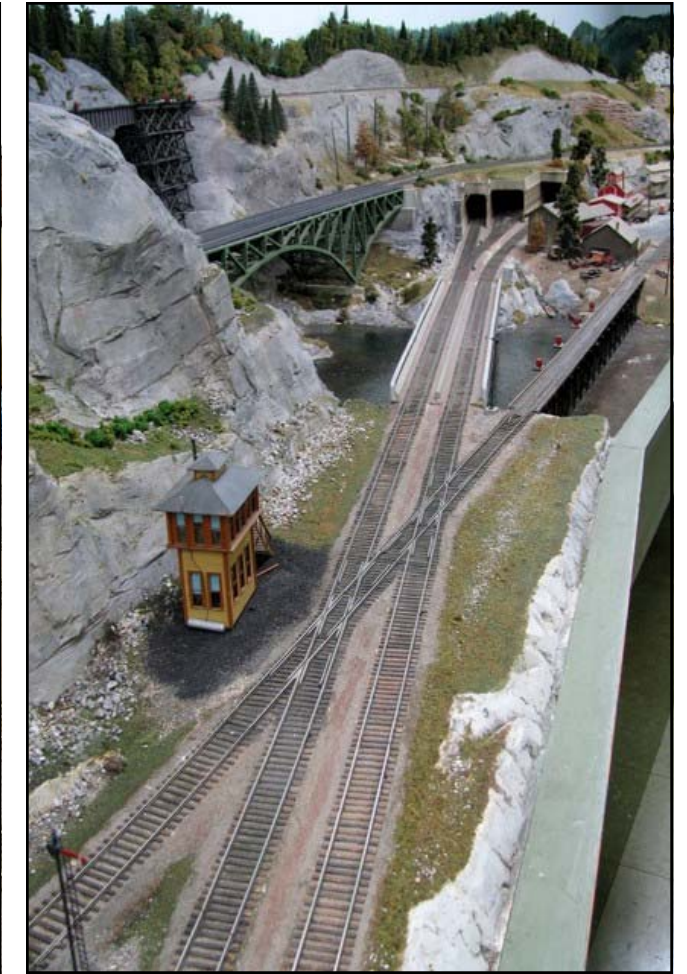
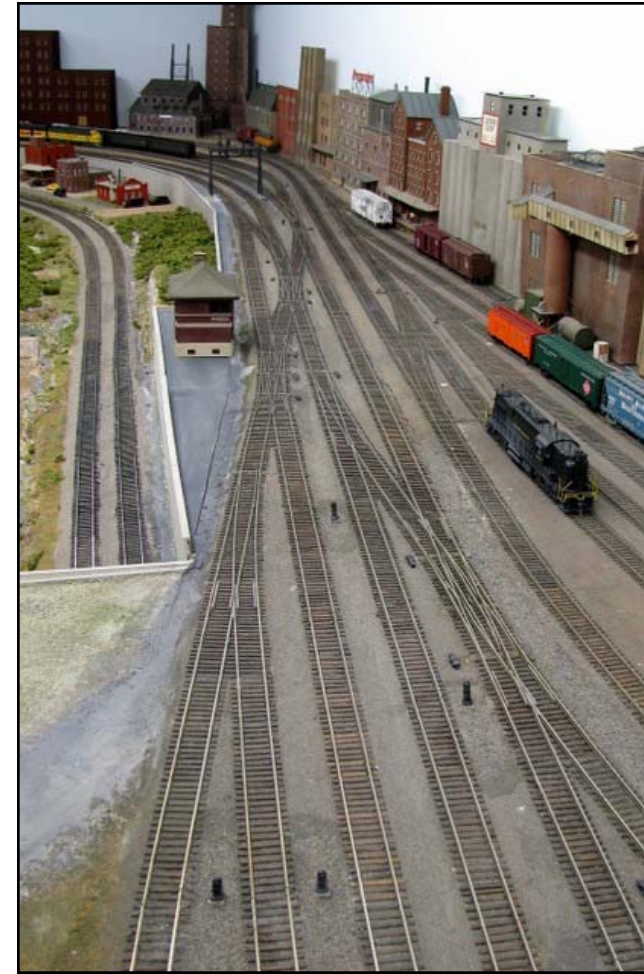
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Visit to NMRA GSD Meet at Rocky Hill Club

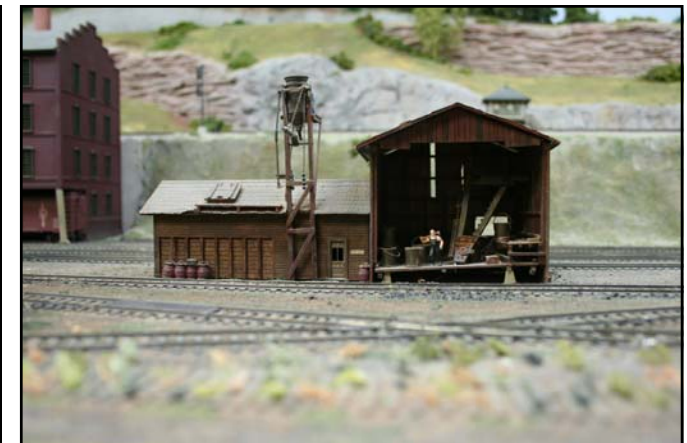
On Sunday 13 February, Gene and I (Carlos Langezaal) visited the NMRA GSD meet at the Rocky Hill Club. We had a good time, had an opportunity to meet some friends from other clubs, represent TMRCI (we were not the only ones) and take pictures of this lay out in the basement of a house. Carlos



Trackage in yard and connection of the trackage further down the road with the main line. Photos by Scott Dunlap.



Bob Dennis taking a closer look at 1 of the yards and the trains. Photo by Gene Mikijanic.



One of the many detailed building on the layout Photo by Carlos Langezaal.