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### Bob McQueen appointed Director at Large

By Roger Oliver

The Garden State Division continues to make progress in achieving the goals we set out for ourselves in the Reorganization Resolution adopted last September. We have filed our incorporation papers with the State of New Jersey and soon we will also register with the New Jersey Treasury Department. These steps in our process of setting up the legal aspects of the Garden State Division required that we have a minimum of three directors on our board. Tom Matthews and myself being the first two, so Tom exercised the President's power to appoint a director-at-large to make a third director.

Bob McQueen will be serving a term which will end with the close of the Annual Membership Meeting on January 26, 2002. Bob has been very active behind the scenes in getting the Garden State Division reorganized over the past several years. He has worked with Tom and has kept the pressure on some of us to get things rolling. Welcome to the Board, Bob!

### N Scale Corner

by Rich Brown

Hello to all you N scalers out there, and now that I think of it, greetings to all you other "scalers" too. As we hope you know by now, the Garden State Division is alive and well, and N scale modelers make up no small portion of the membership and potential membership of this division.

Hence, the idea for this column. It's going to be a place for ideas. A place for info to be exchanged between us operators of the "little trains". We want

to find out what's going on out there in the wilds of northern New Jersey. What are you doing in N scale? What have you learned that you might pass on to the rest of us? Would anyone like to get together with some people to run some trains, or just talk about trains? This is the place to communicate.

How did I get into this? That's a good question. I model in N scale, so I guess that gives me some reason to do this column. I'm no expert, but I may be able to remind you occasionally of a few inadvisable (read stupid) things not to do, like running long stretches of hidden track in inaccessible areas. (We all know this don't we?) I'm working on a Southern Pacific passenger oriented DCC layout which might remind you a little bit of Oakland, California in 1950. Anyone interested in this?

Right now, I'd like to find out about any N scale club layouts in the Division. The guys at The Model Railroad Club in Union have a fine one, and are always looking for members. Are there others that we don't know about? What about Northern NJ NTRAK?

Now it's your turn. Send your comments to me at [sanonja@nji.com](mailto:sanonja@nji.com), and remember next time you drop that coupler spring – this is fun!

## HELP!

We want to make a directory of all model railroad clubs, round robins, and other operating groups, or open layouts in the Northern New Jersey area. Please send us a contact name and address or any important contact information you may have to the Whistle Post editor, address above.

A subscription to the Whistle Post does not give you a membership in the Garden State Division. If you're interested in a membership in the Garden State Division you should contact the Secretary-Treasurer. All subscriptions are \$10.00 per calendar year through December of 2002.



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## Proposed Amendments

by Roger Oliver

The only task worse than writing an Constitution or set of bylaws is writing and explaining an amendment to them, especially when the ink is hardly dry on them. Our Constitution and bylaws were drawn up using a template provided by the Region. It's a very good and comprehensive outline and one of the best that I've seen. But, given the peculiarities of New Jersey's business laws and the nature of the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code for 501(c)3 tax status, which we are going to try to get in the near future, we need to make these adjustments to our organizational documents. The basic change is that we must rely on membership dues as our major source of income. The template we originally used is set up to use the subscriptions from the Division's newsletter as the major source of income.

### The articles as they currently read.

#### Constitution Article 2 Section 1

"Any person interested in model railroading may become a member of the Garden State Division by application to the Division's Secretary -Treasurer and payment of an application fee as required by the By-laws."

#### Bylaws Article 1 Section 2

"Voting member - Any member of the NMRA shall become a member of the Garden State Division upon payment of a \$5.00 application fee. Members who live in the geographic area of the Garden State Division shall have voting rights in all meetings of the Garden State Division where a vote is taken."

#### and Bylaws Article 1 Section 4

"There are no annual dues for membership in the Garden State Division."

The proposed changes are *italicized*, underlined, and in **bold print**. The proposed amendment covers all three articles in both the Constitution and the Bylaws. This is being proposed in this manner because the articles are interlocked.

### The articles as they need to be amended.

#### Constitution Article 2 Section 1

"Any person interested in model railroading may become a member of the Garden State Division by application to the Division's Secretary -Treasurer and payment of ***the annual membership*** as required by the By-laws."

#### Bylaws Article 1 Section 2

"Voting member - Any member of the NMRA shall become a member of the Garden State Division upon payment of ***a \$10.00 annual membership***. Members who live in the geographic area of the Garden State Division shall have voting rights in all meetings of the Garden State Division where a vote is taken."

#### and Bylaws Article 1 Section 4

"There ***is no application fee*** for membership in the Garden State Division."

This amendment does not increase the annual cost of a membership and subscription to the *Whistle Post*. It flips the costs for membership from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and for a subscription to the *Whistle Post* from \$10.00 to \$5.00 a year.

This amendment was reviewed and voted on by the Board of Directors on December 10th. The amendment having received a unanimous vote in favor by the board is now put before the membership. Amendments to the bylaws only need a 2/3 vote in favor by the Board of Directors. Constitutional amendments require a 2/3 vote in favor by the Board of Directors and then a 2/3 vote in favor by the membership at a meeting to pass.

The Amendment the membership will be voting on is as follows:

To amend Article 2 Section 1 of the Constitution of the Garden State Division/NER/NMRA by replacing the phrase "...payment of an application fee as required by the By-laws." with "...payment of the annual membership as required by the By-laws." Also, to amend Article 1 Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Garden State Division/NER/NMRA by replacing the phrase "...upon payment of a \$5.00 application fee." with "...upon payment of a \$10.00 annual



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membership." And the amend Article1 Section 4 of the Bylaws by replacing the phrase "There are no annual dues for membership in the Garden State Division." with the phrase "There is no application fee for membership in the Garden State Division."

## NOMINATIONS

Bob McQueen for Vice President

Roger Oliver for Secretary - Treasurer

Don Jennings for Director-at-Large (2002 - 2003)

Thomas von Recklinghausen for Director-at-Large  
(2002 - 2004)

Report submitted by Don Jennings, Nominating Committee.

## Annual Membership Meeting

The Garden State Division/NER./NMRA will hold its first annual meeting since the late 1980's on January 26, 2002. Among the items on the agenda are amendments (noted elsewhere in this issue) to the Division's Constitution and Bylaws, the election of officers and directors to our board, the usual round of reports from the committees and officers, and the opportunity for the membership to make their thoughts and opinions known. The Division is putting together a directory of all the model railroading clubs and activities groups in the North Jersey area. If you know of any of these, we would appreciate it if you would drop us a note with their name, address, meeting schedule - if you know it, and maybe even a contact person and their address or phone number. The purpose of this directory is to let you know what is available in our area and to keep you up-to-date with what is going on in model railroading in the Division. We'd also like to send these clubs and groups a copy of the *Whistle Post* to let them know what we're up to. Also, if you could bring ideas of activities that the division could do or get involved in for next year we'd like to hear them at the meeting. See you at the Annual Meeting!

# January 26, 2002

## Directions to the Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2002 between 2 and 4 PM at the Ramapo Valley Club in Hohokus which is in the VFW hall on Cliff Street.

Take Route 17 North to the East Glen Ave. Exit At the end of the ramp turn left on E. Glen Ave. E. Glen Avenue is also county road 82. Take East Glen Avenue to N. Maple Avenue and turn right on N. Maple Avenue. Mulberry Place will be the first street to come in on your right, just after that Pine Street will come on your left. Turn left onto Pine Street. One block in is Cliff Street.

From the New Jersey Parkway - Go north to Exit 168 for Washington Avenue just past the Bergen toll. At the end of the ramp turn left on Washington Ave. Just after you go over the Parkway you will turn left on Van Emburgh Ave. Go south on Van Emburgh Ave, which is also county road 71, until you intersect with E. Glen Avenue. Turn right onto E. Glen and follow the directions above. You will be on E. Glen for a little further than the people who get to it off of Route 17.

## Garden State Division Timetable

The purpose of the timetable is allow the Clubs and other organizations in the general area of the Garden State Division to post their activities for the benefit of our membership. Acceptance of postings is at the discretion of the editors.

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January 26 The Garden State Division Annual Meeting will be held between 2 and 4 PM at the Ramapo Valley Model Railroad Club in the VFW hall in Hohokus, NJ. There will be an operating session afterwards (DCC). Directions are given elsewhere in this issue.

## List of new subscribers

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New subscribers will be listed in each issue of the *Whistle Post*.

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This space is left blank on purpose. First of all, because I couldn't think of anything to fill it with. I do have a lengthy article from Tom Casey that I could have used, but I'll save that for a later issue. Secondly, I wanted to get this issue out and I was already late with it. But finally, because the Division, well we need your input and involvement. So I thought I'd give you some space to jot down a few things you would like to see the Division do or that you'd like to help us do, or ... well, you get the idea. Richard Teer is trying to get some activities organized and he'd appreciate hearing from you. I guess that's all I have to say right now. I'll see you at the Annual Meeting! Roger Oliver