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# The WHISTLE POST

The Official Publication of the Garden State Division of the NMRA Northeastern Region

## Spring Joint Event to be held in Monmouth County

The GSD returns to the InfoAge Museum at Camp Evans in Wall Twp., Monmouth County on May 12, for our 6th annual joint event with the New Jersey Division. The start time is 9:00 AM. A map can be found on Page 13.

This event will follow the format of the NJD with two presentations, the GSD Annual Meeting and Elections, door prizes, model contest, and sales tables in the morning. There will be an open house at seven layouts in the afternoon.

Of the two clinics featured, one will be by the GSD's own Chuck Diljak presenting his clinic: ***Anthracite Mines: They are More than Just a Breaker.*** Chuck models northeastern Pennsylvania, the heart of anthracite country. After building the breaker for his Wyoming Valley, he discovered there is a lot more to model for an anthracite mine than he realized. His clinic will give prototype examples of various mining structures and discuss how he modeled them for his layout.

The second clinic will be by Thom Radice on how to approach the building of a model railroad based on a historical theme. The title of his program is ***Model Layout Design Using Historical Events to Guide Modeling Decisions.*** Thom has a beautiful Civil War era layout and strives for historical accuracy in his models. His layout will also be open in afternoon.

For some time now the NJD has been holding a model contest at their events for a specific type of model. In May, the contest will be for Kitbashed Industrial Buildings. Please consider bringing a structure if you have one available.

For up to date information, see either the GSD website, or the NJD website at <http://www.njdivnmra.org/> .WP

**Below: A night scene on the civil war era layout of Thom Radice. Thom's layout will be open the afternoon of May 12th.**





## **THE CAB** by President Bruce De Young, MMR

### **The Cab**

As I write this, the ground is still snow covered, having just experienced the fourth Nor'easter of March. However, it looks like spring is just around the corner! Our Winter Event was held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the day after the first storm. Attendance was good in spite of the fact that weather conditions varied greatly across our Division. There was, in fact, no snow on the ground at the location of our meeting, but we had a good 10" on the ground here in West Milford. Many thanks to those who attended. We were happy to also welcome a contingent from the Sunrise Trail Division.

Next up is our annual joint event with the New Jersey Division. It will be held 9 a.m. on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Camp Evans/InfoAge Museum, 2201 Marconi Road, Wall, NJ 07719. That event will also serve as our Annual Business Meeting and the elections for Officers and Board Members will take place at that time.

I would like to take this opportunity to make my farewells to the members of the Garden State Division. Bonnie and I are in the process of moving near one of our son's who lives in Michigan. As we get older, being closer to family makes sense. The fact that our taxes will be one third of what they are here in Jersey is just a bonus.

I joined the GSD in 2006, just before the NER Convention in Parsippany. I have to thank all the Division's members and in particular the Board and Officers for allowing me to serve the Division in so many roles over the past dozen years.

Although the number of members in the Division has remained about even over those years, the number of members who actively participate in our activities and events has grown dramatically. That has been very rewarding to myself and to the other Officers and Directors of the GSD.

In Michigan I will be a member of the Clinton River Division (Division 8) of the North Central Region. Both the Region and the Division are very active, and I already know a number of the local modelers through my involvement in the NMRA.

I will continue to be active in giving clinics at both Regional and National Conventions, so hopefully I will run into some of you down the road! WP



## **THE CABOOSE** by Editor Jim Homoki

### **Private Roadname Equipment**

In the last issue of the WP I wrote about private roadnames and specifically discussed mine, the Newark Terminal. A freight car paint scheme was developed more than 30 years ago to include an original 1940s-1968 scheme and a "modernized" 1968-to current times (my modeling clock stops at 1974) scheme.

The name, herald, slogan, and colors were all developed to fit together. To show the passage of time, this included both a more modern herald and updated color scheme. 1968 was the year of the Penn Central merger, so it seemed like a logical point for updating the paint scheme and herald. The NT was showing some independence with the new owner, though CNJ was still a partner. An example of each paint scheme is shown below. WP



The original scheme was classic boxcar red. These cars all have running boards and high ladders, representing older construction standards. The boxcar red equipment would run well after 1968, but no blue equipment existed until that date.



The most noticeable change in the modernized scheme is the use of a brighter color, in this case, blue. Prior to painting the cars were run through the shops to be modernized with the removal of running boards and cutting down of ladders. The herald was made sleeker with a slant added, not unlike the PC herald. Both of these cars are from Front Range, which had state of the art tooling at the time.



## The Timetable *Upcoming Events*

**Garden State Model Railway Club Spring Open House** April 7, 8, 14, 15. Club details and contact information on Page 8.

**Susquehanna Division Event 3** May 5 in Mount Union, PA. A day long event at the Bricktown Model Railroaders Open House with a tour of the East Broad Top Railroad. Details on Page 10.

**GSD/NJD Joint Event** Saturday May 12, 9 AM-12 Noon at Camp Evans/InfoAge Museum, 2201 Marconi Road, Wall, NJ 07719 Hosted this year by the NJD. The annual meeting for the GSD will be held with New Officers and Directors announced.

**Susquehanna Division Event 3** June 9, 9 AM Lewistown Station, PRRT&HS Archives and Observation Tower <http://www.susquehannanmra.org/>

**NERPM New England/Northeast Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet** June 1-2 at the Holiday Inn, 1 Bright Meadow Blvd., Enfield, CT. <http://nerpm.org/index.html>

**GSD Summer Event** to be held at Lone Eagle Brewing, Flemington, NJ. Details to be announced.

**NMRA 2018 National Convention** to be held in Kansas City

**Northeastern Region 2018 Convention "The Erie Limited"** September 13-16, Mahwah, NJ. Hosted by the Garden State Division. [www.erielimited.org](http://www.erielimited.org)

**MidEastern Region 2018 Convention "Crossroads of the MER"** October 4-7, Rockville, MD <http://potomac-nmra.org/MER2018/Main/index.html>

**NMRA 2019 National Convention** to be held in Salt Lake City

## *Clinicians Wanted*

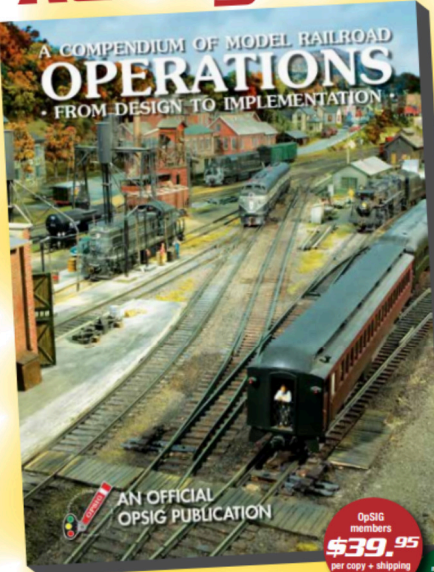
### **For GSD Events and the NER Convention**

We seek members who would like to give a clinic at our Division events and the upcoming NER Convention. If you can present a clinic, **ANY topic, prototype, modeling or general interest**, you will be helping your fellow model railroaders enjoy their hobby and have fun while doing it! A video projector and screen will be available to assist your presentation. Fancy graphics are not required, just be prepared to demonstrate and explain the topic. We'll even help you set up your presentation to get you started. Did you know Clinics count towards Author and Volunteer AP credit?

If you would like assist, please contact Jim Fawcett at [jim.fawcett@comcast.net](mailto:jim.fawcett@comcast.net). Thanks! WP

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### **The GSD Welcomes New Members**

The following have joined the NMRA and GSD within the last few months.  
Please welcome them:

John Held Jim Halpin

## NEXT DIVISION EVENT

### TIME:

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

AFTERNOON LAYOUTS

### DATE:

SATURDAY, MAY 12

### LOCATION:

CAMP EVANS/INFOAGE MUSEUM

2201 MARCONI ROAD

WALL, NJ 07719

EVENT FEE: \$5

### WEBSITE FOR MEETS:

SEE PAGE 3 AND

[HTTP://WWW.NERGSD.COM/](http://www.nergsd.com/)

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### AGENDA:

REFRESHMENTS

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLES

GSD ANNUAL ELECTION

TWO CLINICS

MODEL CONTEST

AFTERNOON LAYOUTS

## THE WGH SHOW COMES TO THE GSD

Several GSD members took turns working the crowd at a table during the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Show in Edison on March 10 and 11. The banners and supplies provided by the National, Region, and GSD made for a professional looking setup. Increasing NMRA exposure and membership, and promotion of the upcoming NER Convention, the Erie Limited, were the primary goals of the weekend. This was very successful as 47 new NMRA members were signed up, with 17 of them being within the GSD. Of course, those helping out also had a chance to walk through the many rows of vendors and manufacturers that were present.

The GSD members participating were Tom Wortmann, Chuck Diljak, Fred Dellaiacono, Joe D'Agostino, Bob Nalbhone, Bob Schmidt, Mark Moritz, Scott Dunlap, Jim Walsh, Jim Rizzolo, and Bob Dennis, along with NMRA consultant Christina Ganzer. **WP**

Below: Jim Rizzolo and Fred Dellaiacono manning the table and generating interest in the NMRA. (Photo by Steve Kay)





## AT THE THROTTLE

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## WINTER EVENT IN BERGEN COUNTY

*By Paul Harbord*

Though there was a threat of weather the day before, all came together on March 3rd at the home of Fulton Friendship Lodge #102 in Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey. As usual two clinics were given.

The first was by Chuck Diljak, entitled "My Big Fat Clinic". This was a description of how cars were weighed by the railroads. The equipment used in the scale house, types of scale houses, and the construction features of the scale track were all included.

The second was presented by our President, Bruce DeYoung. This was an overview of gas / service stations over the years from the teens into the 1950s with suggestions on what features would be appropriate for different eras.

The Bring and Brag brought several items out for everyone's perusal: Craig Bisgeier brought some sample of 3D printed parts; Chuck Diljak had a few types of snow plows; Mike Bowler had an engine house model; Chris Oliva had various lights and a locomotive in N scale; and Andy Brusgard had a number of turnouts he had built for the NYSME HO layout.

After everyone went off to lunch on their own, there were two layouts open during the afternoon. The Garden State Model Railway Club in North Haledon, NJ was open for an operating session and approximately 10 people from the Division partook of the session. The New York Society of Model Engineers was open in exhibition mode for anyone to come and run a train if they were so interested. **WP**

**Right: Two GSD members are viewing a train and the scenery at The Garden State Model Railway Club during the afternoon of the Winter Event. (Photo by Paul Harbord)**



## Registration now open for the 2018 Erie Limited

That's right. Save the date and get ready to have a great time. This year, after a 12-year hiatus, the GSD is once again hosting the annual Northeastern Region convention. And it's right here in Mahwah, NJ, right on Route 17.

And we fully intend to blow your socks off, and your spouse's as well! We have set up for you 3 tours, 55 clinics, 25 open houses, 11 operating sessions and 10 non-rail events to keep anyone and everyone happy. AND – we are working to get you more - of everything!



We have a “Modeling with the Masters” clinic, a bunch of “Works in Progress” clinics, and a “Make and Take” clinic. Plus, suggestions on where to catch and photograph trains and where to find hobby shops.

Layouts will be displayed in the hotel and there will be a Free-Mo modular layout you can operate on. The Contest Room and the auction room along with it's “White Elephant” table, are there for your enjoyment.

We have 9 places to “Eat and Drink” while you're having fun, 10, “Parks and Gardens” to visit and take in the beauty of them, 6, “Performing Art centers of Museums”, 7 “Malls or Plazas” to shop ‘till you drop, 10 “Historical” places to visit as well as New York City itself and all it has to offer. We're 5 minutes from the train station which will take you to Hoboken Terminal where you can catch a ferry and sail across the Hudson to NYC or take the PATH train under it to NYC. Visit Grand Central Terminal, Times Square, take in a show on Broadway, shop on Herald Square, visit the World Trade Center Memorial, the Seaport and so much more.

We have jammed so much into those 4 days, you cannot do it all, but feel free to try!

To read more about the convention, go to the website, [www.erialimited.org](http://www.erialimited.org) and keep watching as we're adding more things for you to do all the time. Registration can be done online, with a fillable form, or a printable form. A link is also available to book a room at the DoubleTree, our convention hotel.

For even more information on the convention, check out the latest issue of the NER Coupler for an article on layout open houses. If you don't receive the hard copy in the mail, the direct link to the Coupler page is <https://nERNMRA.org/index.php/newsletter>.

Registration is now open – you won't be disappointed. **WP**





# ***Tools and Tips: Need a Tool? Make It Yourself***

## ***By Jim Walsh***

Sometimes you need a tool that you don't have available and you make one or make up a similar tool from what you have available. There are also times when you need a tool that can do a job for you and you go out and buy it. This particular case is about a tool that is either not available or hard to find and I fabricated one that performs the task well.

Recently, I have been part of a work crew helping Mark Moritz build his layout. Like many model railroads with multiple levels, Mark's layout has a helix. There are a few methods to support a helix and Mark chose to use threaded rods for support. Using threaded rods to support each level requires attaching quite a few nuts and we quickly realized that this would be a time consuming activity. I immediately saw a need for a way to quickly move the nuts down the rods to the necessary positions. I tried a few techniques before arriving at the final method using a drill turning a shaft and ball that turns a deep socket. Since the threaded rods are 5/16 inch, I am able to use a socket with a 3/8 inch drive. I could not locate this tool to purchase but it was easy to make.

Making the tool requires a carriage bolt with nut, a small ball and rubber tape. I am using an inch and three eighths diameter ball from roll-on deodorant and the rubber tape that is packaged for emergency repairs mostly for plumbing. Drill a hole for the carriage bolt through the ball passing through the center so that it will be balanced on the shaft. Insert the carriage bolt through the ball and secure with the nut. Wrap it completely with the rubber tape and the new tool is ready to go. With a little practice, you can become skilled at quickly moving the nuts. Though not required, applying the tape around the socket makes it work even better. You can watch a video of it in operation at:

<https://youtu.be/KdoPrwX2VTs> WP

**Upper Right:** Shown is the drill with the drill attachment and deep socket in position for spinning on the nut.

**Right:** The deep socket wrapped with rubber tape and the custom made drill attachment is shown. To the right of that are the components to make the attachment – the package of tape, the plastic ball and the nut and bolt. Don't forget to check out the video showing it in operation.



## THE CLUB CAR

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Rocky Hill, NJ 08553  
[www.pacificsouthern.org](http://www.pacificsouthern.org)

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Staten Island Society of  
Model Railroaders  
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index.html](http://sismrinc.tripod.com/index.html)

## AP Corner *By Bruce De Young, MMR - Achievement Program Chair*

On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at our Winter Event at the Fulton Friendship Lodge in Park Ridge, we recognized two of our members for their accomplishments.

Director Chuck Diljak was presented with three Merit Awards for his three hand laid track elements needed for his Civil Engineering Certificate. Those included a curved turnout, a crossover, and a scale track, all in HO scale.

Another of our members, Director and Whistle Post Editor Jim Homoki, was awarded the 2017 Paul Mallery Award. The Mallery Award has two main purposes – the recognition of superior modeling, and the promotion of the Model Contests at NMRA Regional or National Conventions. The recipient of the Award must have entered one or more models in one of those contests. The full rules of the Mallery Award can be found on the GSD website. In Jim's case, he entered a beautiful HO

Scale Jersey Central Caboose in the model contest at this past fall's MER Convention in Harrisburg, PA. His model earned a healthy 110 points on its way to earn a Merit Award as well as the Philadelphia Division New Modeler Award and the Bob Liberman Car Inspector Award (sponsored by the New Jersey Division). We congratulate Jim on earning the prestigious Mallery Award, and encourage any GSD members entering an NMRA model contest to apply for consideration in 2018. **WP**



Above: GSD President Bruce De Young presents Chuck Diljak with three Merit Awards for the Civil Engineering Certificate.

Right: Bruce also presented Jim Homoki with a plaque for the Paul Mallery Award. The permanent trophy includes engraved names of the Mallery Award winner for each year. (Both photos by Jim Walsh)





# May 12th Joint Event Layout Open Houses

## Photos Courtesy NJ Division

Seven layouts are scheduled to be open in the afternoon when the GSD and NJD meet at the InfoAge Museum in Wall Township on May 12th. The Garden State Central Club is on the museum property and will be open from 1:00 - 5:00. Information on the club can be found at <http://gardenstatecentral.com/>.

A sampling of the layouts that will be open are included on this page.



Clockwise from left are the layouts of Bob Hans, Thom Radice, George Speidel, Dick Genther, and Jack Menaker





# ***Susquehanna Division Event at the Bricktown Model Railroaders Open House***

## ***Saturday, May 5th Mount Union, PA and the East Broad Top Railroad***

*The following is from our NMRA neighbors to the west, the Susquehanna Division, and should be of interest to many in the GSD.*

We've added a new event to this year's Susquehanna Division calendar. Mark your calendars on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Bricktown Model Railroaders NMRA Open House.

The event takes place in Mount Union, PA. Mount Union is on the main line of Norfolk Southern, about 80 highway miles west of Harrisburg. In the last century, it was the largest shipping point on the Pennsy's Middle Division, because it was the site of three huge brick plants, also served by the East Broad Top narrow gauge. Hence the town's nickname: Bricktown.

Mount Union – still Bricktown to its citizens – is today the home of a vibrant model railroad community. Last fall the Bricktown Model Railroaders Association finalized the purchase of a 50-foot by 100-foot former warehouse – complete with railroad siding – as their new club headquarters. They've invited our Division to come and learn more about their plans and to sample model and prototype railroading in Mount Union.



**The new home of the Bricktown Model Railroaders Association**

For several years, the Bricktown club rented space in a former Mount Union school building. Then, about four years ago, like many model railroad clubs housed in rented buildings, they were given short notice to vacate. Thus began the long and difficult process of finding another home. During that search, they completed the legal task of organizing themselves as a non-profit organization and established the challenging goal of purchasing their own facility. Like most

clubs, they were well short of funds for an outright purchase, so they conducted a lengthy but successful contribution campaign which resulted in the purchase of the new home. They are now focused on refurbishing the building while also developing their layout plan.

We will visit their under-renovation facility, receive a presentation about their extensive modeling plans, learn about the substantial railroad operations centered in Mount Union many years ago, and explore a former large industrial site served by the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) and East Broad Top (EBT) Railroad.

The meet will be headquartered at the Bricktown Model Railroad Club and Museum, 300 West Small Street, Mt. Union. Doors will open at 9:00 AM and the program starts at 10 AM. Here's what you'll enjoy at the club headquarters (in addition to donuts and coffee):

10:00-10:30 Welcome and walking tour of club building and layout plans.

10:30-11:15 Profusely illustrated slide presentation by noted author and historian Bryan Donaldson on Mount Union and its railroad past.

Then we break and let you tailor your own afternoon from the following menu of activities around the Mount Union community.

9:00-4:00 On30 modular layout of George Sarra, in club building.

11:15-12:30 Walking tour of remains of Harbison Walker brick plant (once the largest of its kind in the world), adjacent to the club building

11:30-4:00 Outdoor large-scale layout of Doug Renninger (weather permitting).

11:30-4:00 Outdoor large-scale layout of Bud Parks (weather permitting).

1:00-4:00 Outdoor large-scale layout of Jon Clark (weather permitting).

1:00-4:00 Wade Woodcock's HO/HOn3 layout.

1:00-4:00 Jon Clark's On30 layout.

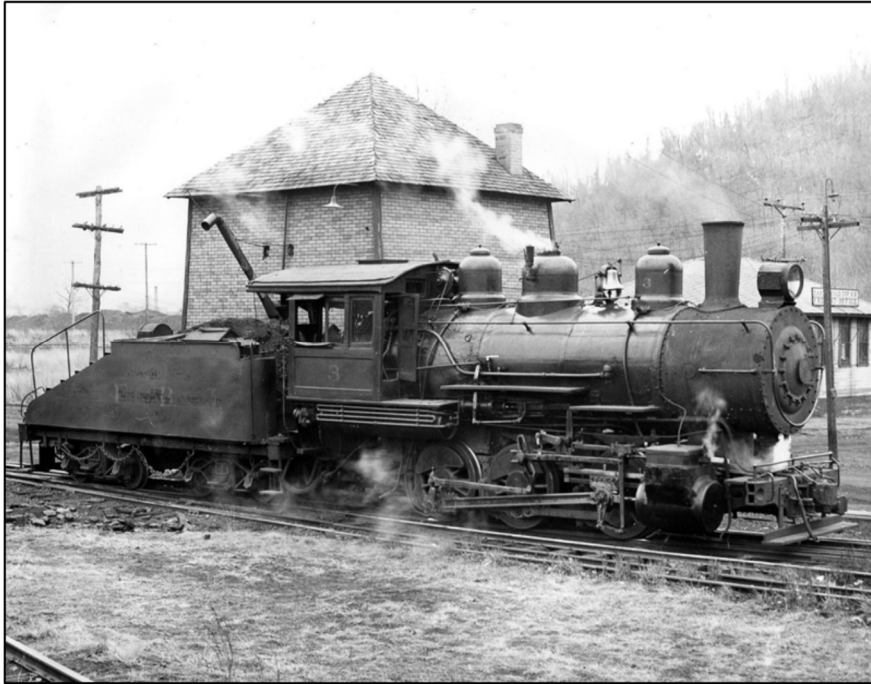
1:00-4:00 Mount Union Area Historical Society Industrial Museum

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(Susquehanna Division continued from the previous page)

1:00-4:00 And **rarest of all**, a chance to tour the East Broad Top engine house in Mount Union, home to EBT 0-6-0 #3, a 1923 Baldwin steam locomotive.



Above: East Broad Top standard-gauge 0-6-0 #3 will be on display  
Below: The former Pennsylvania Railroad freight station, now the Bricktown Senior Center



Lunch will be served in the former PRR Freight Station, now Mount Union's Senior Center. It will be available from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. The format will be cafeteria-style, featuring hot dogs with kraut, sloppy Joes, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, ice tea, soda, coffee, and baked goods

And of course, expect lots of action on the Norfolk Southern main through the heart of town.

Several other great prototype and historic railroad attractions are also close by. Your May 5 visit could be a great starting point for a weekend or three-day getaway to several excellent and fun railroading opportunities.

For example, Horseshoe Curve, the Altoona Railroaders Museum, and Allegheny Portage Railroad National Park are just a little over a two-hour drive to the northwest. Cumberland MD, with the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad and extensive CSX traffic through town, is slightly over two hours to the southwest, and Harrisburg's Rockville Bridge and several large NS yards are just under two hours to the east.

So seriously consider making it a full, dedicated, railroad-focused getaway weekend by exploring the many railroading opportunities nearby. We hope to see you in Bricktown! **WP**



★ Bricktown Museum - 300 West Small Street

# New Jersey Division 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car

The New Jersey Division is offering a custom run gondola in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. The car is a Tangent Scale Models Bethlehem 70 Ton Riveted Drop-End Gondola in HO Scale. All cars will be ready to run.

They are being produced in two numbers, 1968 & 2018. The car will be black with white NJDX reporting marks and lettering with data for the 1950s, including the return stencil. When Empty Return To Roebling Steel, Roebling, NJ. The cost is \$35.00 each, with a set of both numbers for \$65.00.

Reservations are being accepted now. All reservations must be accompanied by a check made payable to NJ Division.

The expected delivery date is late 2018.

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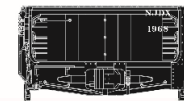
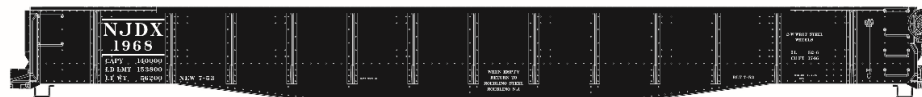
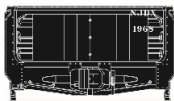
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See the Tangent website for information on the prototype for this car. [www.tangentscalemodels.com](http://www.tangentscalemodels.com)



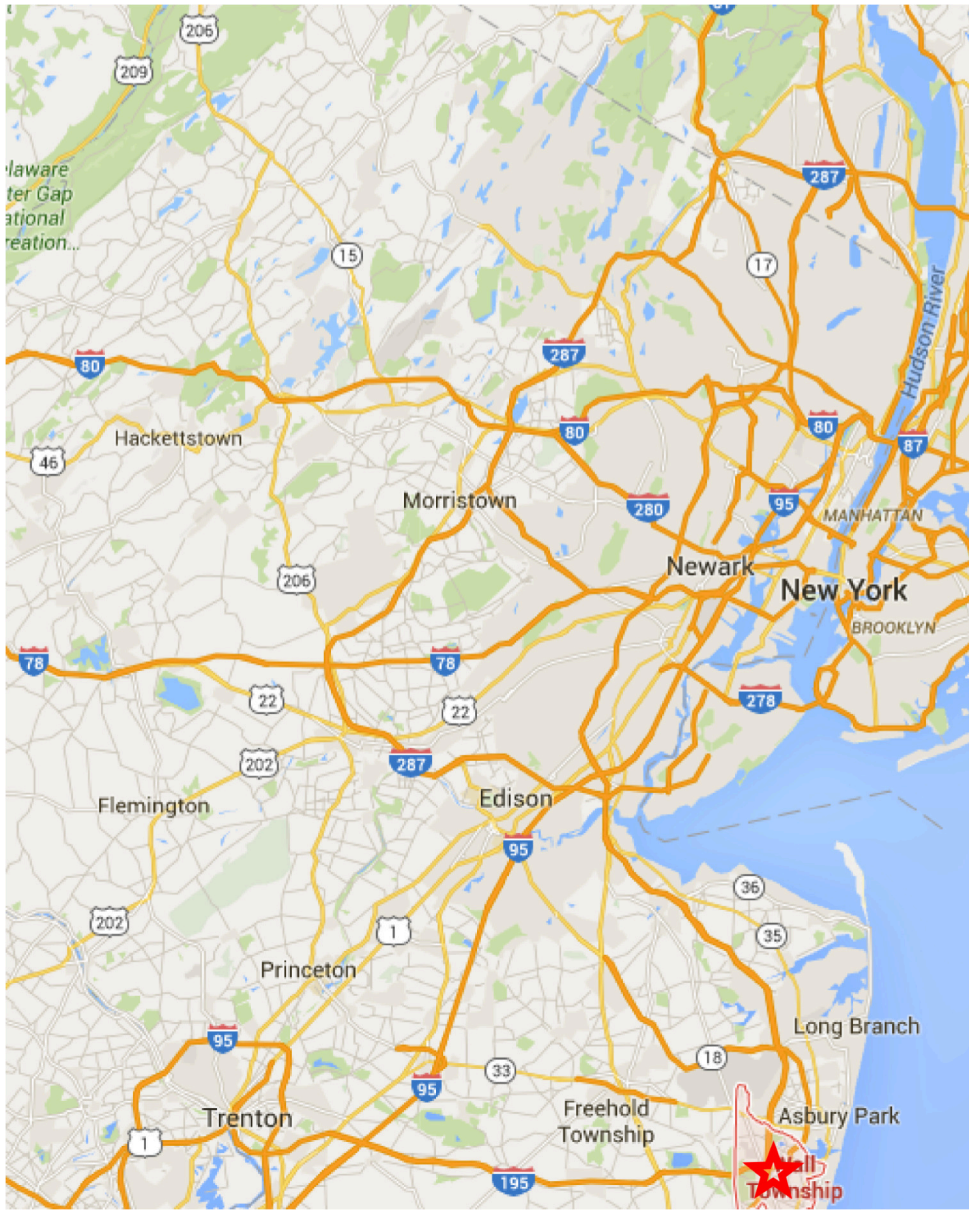
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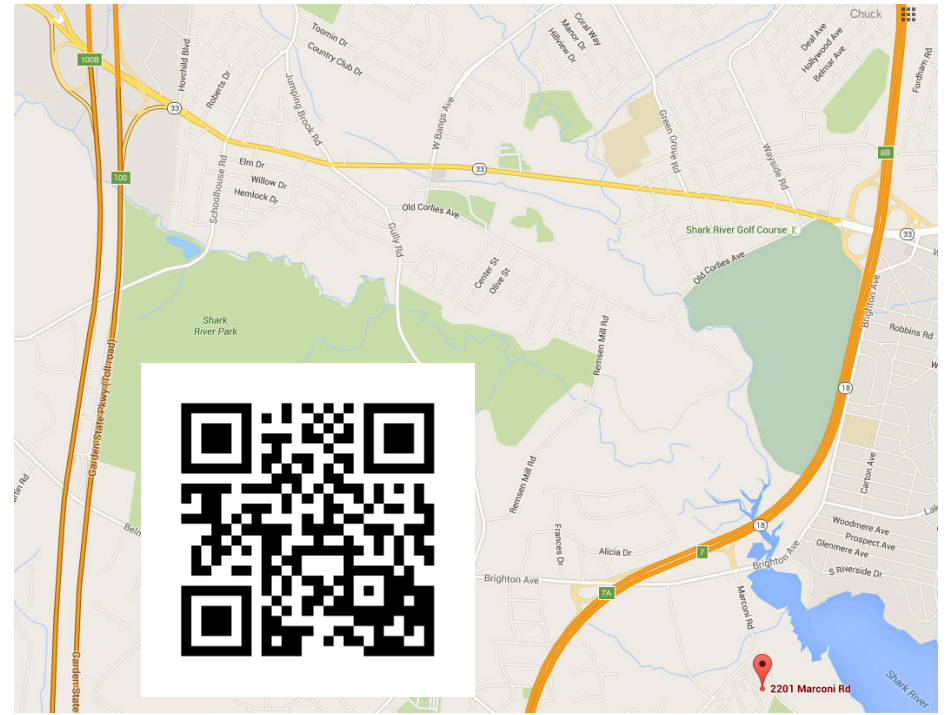


# MAP FOR THE SPRING EVENT

Camp Evans/InfoAge Museum  
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From the north, taking the Garden State Parkway or Route 18 south will be best way to get to the event. [HTTP://INFOAGE.ORG/](http://infoage.org/)



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