

FREE LAYOUT TOUR #22

Self-guided model railroad Open House

9 layouts open this year featuring many Layout updates

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

SATURDAY April 9th 2022 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

UNLESS noted otherwise (See layout description for special hours)

Look for Orange signs with layout number

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LAYOUTS

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>

**. Rhode Haven Railroad
Marshall Sommer
Ski Valley Condominiums
80 Fisher Road Unit #62
Cumberland, R.I. 02864
Tel 401-333-9647**

The Rhode Haven is a freelanced HO railroad using New Haven power. It is set in the 1930's through 1940's era. Since I live in a condo I do not have a lot of room in the basement so I used two rooms with a duck under to try and incorporate as much railroading as possible. The main room consists of a large city and yard and the small room has a smaller town and country. The railroad features many craftsman kits as well as kit bashed and scratch built structures. The harbor peninsula is now complete and features a large waterfront area with many structures, boats and a branch line. Progress has been made this year with a new addition and additional mainline, leading to the eventual elimination of the duck under. This will also make space for more of Marshall's craftsman and scratch built structures. *The new addition and elimination of the duck under is complete and new this year is a new large waterfront scene*, Marshall was lucky enough to have Lou Sassi shoot the layout which was published in February 2010 Model Railroader and the addition is published in the January 2022 issue of Model Railroader.. The layout is also featured in a Model Railroad Masters DVD by FOS

Directions to Fisher Rd can be found in Google maps. Once you get to Fisher Rd. you go up all the way until you get to a small post office on the right. Take the first right after the post office, go up the hill and take a left at the stone wall Continue straight and look for # 62 on the left. If you get lost call 1-401-333-9647. NOTE: 80 is the mailing address look for UNIT # 62

8 Westport Central and Northern

Armand G. Lavoie

18 James Ave,

Westport, Ma.

Tel # 1-508-678-4490

Hours 9AM to 5PM

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%.

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 newer units. The layout is 30 X 35 ft. and can accommodate five to six operators comfortably. Powered by Digitrax components, with 5 reserving loops, including a Wye to turn power, and 7 sub districts. Switching is controlled by your DT 402 throttle which consist of 74 Tortoise switches.

Industries have hand throw switches and there are approximately 70 switching industries.

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 two classification yards to work any of 13 different locations

Ken Gikas Continued...

Work orders can take up to two/half 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 90% 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's. 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

19 Providence & Worcester

Tom Lavallee

33 Munyan Rd

Putnam, CT. 06260

Tel 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

Tel 401-739-2878

Hours 9AM-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. Scenery is about 90%. Photos and a blog are at:

<http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/node/27380>

22 Coastal Mountain

Bob Blick

12 Colonial Road

Buzzards Bay, Ma.

Tel 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.

24 Keiser Rail and Copper Creek RR

Larry Lockwood

179 Horne Way

Millbury, Ma

Tel 508-917-8226.

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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