

FREE LAYOUT TOUR 09

Self-guided model railroad Open House 9 Layouts

SATURDAY April 4th 2009 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

1. New England and Western

Bill Robertson

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The New England and Western is a large freelance HO scale railroad, which models New England prototypes of the steam era with numerous interesting line side structures suitable for that period. The layout is operated by Dynatrol command control and features car card freight operation. The scenery is about 90% completed with some very interesting scenes depicting life in the early to mid part of the 20th century. Lou Sassi has photographed Bill's layout for an future **Model Railroader** article

2. Old Colony & South Shore Railroad

Cliff Coutinho

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New Bedford, MA

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The HO scale Old Colony & South Shore Railroad is an early 20th century era layout located on the second floor above the garage/workshop and features superb scenery and multi-train operation. Cliff's layout has many scratch-built and super detailed structures from many manufacturers with beautiful city and town settings. The scenery is 95% complete. The layout was featured in the October 2004 **Model Railroader** and also in the 2009 **Great Model Railroads**. . The OC &SS is DCC with an NCE system and can be operated with conventional DC also.

3 Aquidneck Valley RR

Ed Silvia

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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**.

4. Providence & Worcester

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This 42'x25' double decked railroad is located in the basement. Enter from garage. It is a fictitious track plan between Worcester Ma. and Queens N.Y. It models the Providence & Worcester Railroad as a regional freight carrier with trackage rights on the Amtrak's northeast corridor. Commodities include Paper goods, coal, stone, plastic resins, produce, lumber, grain, cement, chemicals, general merchandise and scrap metals. Interchange is made with CSX Transportation, Sea View a shortline railroad located in Davisville, RI, New England Central Railroad in Ct and the Gilford Rail System in Gardner Ma, The railroad is Dispatcher controlled by means of computerized CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) using two dispatchers. One on site and the 2nd which is located in Georgia. There have been a lot of changes since last year, new Worcester Yd and a rebuilt Fresh Pond yd. The layout is 90% scenicked. For more info see the P & W website at <http://www.trainweb.org/pwmrr>

Using Google to find Don's

Type in **11 road C No. Scituate**, RI 02857 **not North Scituate.**

5. Quebec & New England Railway Please enter through the garage

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. The QNE represents a free-lanced bridge line running generally northeasterly from Hopewell Junction NY through the Springfield-Chicopee MA area to St. Johnsbury. The modeled portion of the road parallels the B&M Conn River line with an operational era of 1969-1980. Yard switching at Chicopee is handled by subsidiary Berkshire Terminal and includes interchange with New Haven/ Penn Central. The line is single track to St. J where live interchange occurs with CP & Maine Central, portions of which are also modeled.

Approximately 80% of trackage is in place in the shelf-style format with about 15% being scenicked. Walthers turnouts are used exclusively, all operated by Tortoise machines. NCE DCC is in use and the layout occupies all of a 26'x44' basement absent the stairway & furnace area. About half the power is painted for QNE, the remainder being mostly CP & MEC.

6. Atlantic Great Eastern Railroad

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The Atlantic Great Eastern is an HO scale railroad running through Northern New Jersey in 1958. It is loosely based on the Lackawanna's "Old Road" and the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad. The single deck layout occupies a 24' x 36' space in the basement. Most of the track is hand laid and the scenery is 90% complete. The railroad is powered by DC with tethered and radio throttles. It features both steam and diesel motive power on freights, locals and passenger trains.

7. Rhode Haven Railroad

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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. It is 3/4 complete with only an unfinished peninsular remaining which will be built as a large waterfront scene. I was lucky enough to have Lou Sassi recently shoot the layout for **Model Railroader**

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

8 Armand G. Lavoie

**18 James Ave,
Westport, Ma.
Tel # 1-508-678-4490 .**

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 98%.

9 Scott Mason

**9 Lee Street
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Scott is well known in the hobby as the purveyor of model railroad DVDs and the Craftsman's Structure GURU. What many of you don't know is he is in the process of recreating the Rutland Railroad in his large basement, including a little freelancing of an interchange with the Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington. Scott will explain to you how this happened

**For maps go to Google. Type address in Google search
(See special note for Don Irace's) and enter, and map will appear.**

