

## Erie Limited Clinician List

### **Tom Barbalet**

Tom has been a podcaster since 2006 and is the host of Model Rail Radio. His interest in model trains comes from childhood when he was given a Lima "The Overland" train set in Australia in the late 1980s.

Moving back to the US in 2005, Tom was re-introduced to model trains by a coworker and began planning a model railroad layout. He started building benchwork in early 2009 and laying track mid-2009.

Interviewed on Podcast411 (the inside the actor's studio for podcasters) in 2007, Tom stated that it was astonishing the lack of model railroad podcasts. With a proven record building a community with freely available, always accessible podcasts without paid subscription or advertising, Tom saw the need for a similar style of podcast being available to the model railroading community. The live internet radio format meant anyone could contribute and the format was actively decided by the listeners. And thus, Model Rail Radio was born.

### **Bill Brown, MMR**

Bill is a member of the Central New York Division of the Northeastern Region. He is Master Model Railroader #377 which he earned in 2007. He serves as the AP Chairman of the NER, and as the National Contest Chair for the NMRA. A retired educator, Bill is the owner of LARC Products, a participant in the NMRA's Partner's Program giving discounts to current NMRA members.

### **Bruce De Young, MMR**

Bruce grew up in northern New Jersey at a time when the anthracite railroads still crisscrossed the area. He models those anthracite railroads in HO scale and the logging railroads of Pennsylvania in HO3. He and his wife Bonnie are in the process of moving to Michigan to be closer to one of their three sons.

Bruce joined the NMRA in 2006 and is the Immediate Past President of the Garden State Division. He also served as Director, Vice President, and Achievement Program Chairman. At the national level, Bruce serves as the Education Department Manager for the NMRA. Bruce is a regular clinician at the NMRA National Conventions and Regional Conventions around the Country.

### **Chuck Diljak**

After growing up in a Pennsylvania town along the Lehigh Valley Railroad and going to college at a school in the heart of the Pennsylvania anthracite region, Chuck developed an interest in the railroads and mining industry that served this region. Through his research, he has included or has plans to include many of the region's features on his freelanced HO scale model railroad, the Wyoming Valley.

Chuck joined the NMRA 12 years ago and is currently President of the Garden State Division. Prior to this role, he served as editor of the division's newsletter and director for the division. He is also co-editor of the *NMRA eBulletin* and published various articles in *Railroad Model Craftsman* and *NMRA Magazine*.

### **Scott Dunlap**

Scott Dunlap is a life-long railfan and model railroader. He has been a member of the NMRA and The Model Railroad Club for over 25 years. He is also a member of the Layout Design Special Interest Group and the Operations Special Interest Group. Scott is a fan of the Baltimore and Ohio and has had a website devoted to the railroad since 1999.

## **Jeff Hanke**

Jeff is modeling the East End of the Cumberland Subdivision, the portion of the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) main line between Brunswick and Cumberland, MD during the Chessie System Era (circa 1982) in HO scale. This two-level layout is under-construction with Martinsburg, WV nearing completion and Miller, WV, as well as Hancock, WV well underway. Jeff, a member of the Nutmeg Division of the NER, has been a NMRA member since 1997 and has three Achievement Certificates.

## **Edward M, Koehler**

Edward is a retired federal government worker having spent thirty-one years in the employ of the United States Treasury. Ed is also a fifty-year member of the National Model Railroad Association; currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Sunrise Trail Division of the North East Region, NMRA.

Ed has received the Model Railroad Author Certificate of Achievement for his recent book **SHORT LINE RAILROADS OF LONG ISLAND**; which was published by the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter, National Railway Historical Society. Ed has been a member of the National Railway Historical Society since 1969 and the Ontario and Western Railway Historical Society since 1975. Ed is also the author of **MUSTER 125** which is a book about the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire Department, City of New York and currently holds the rank of Honorary Battalion Chief in the Fire Department, City of New York. Ed resides with his wife, the former Melissa Comen in Bayside, New York.

## **Bob Nalbone**

Bob is a life-long model railroader. He has been a member of the The Model Railroad Club in Union, NJ for over 20 years, and is the current Chair of the Club's HO scale Operations Committee. He is also a member of the NMRA, Layout Design and Operations Special Interest Groups, and the author of the e-book "Commuter Operations for Model Railroads" – believed to be the first and only book ever written devoted exclusively to modeling commuter operations.

## **Richard Newmiller, MMR**

Ricard is constructing his second freelanced HO scale layout that is influenced by the PRR and a secondary interest in logging operations. He is a member of the Garden State Division, NER and currently resides in Plainsboro, NJ.

### **Thomas Oxnard, MMR**

Tom has been an active member of the Seacoast Division NMRA over the past decade after being in the model railroad hobby since his youth. The layout he built with his children has grown over the decades to where he earned his MMR in 2015. Recently he has enjoyed building prototype buildings and scenes, and expanding his layout to become an operating railroad.

### **Marc Pitanza**

Marc was born on Staten Island, NY. He grew up with mostly HO and G scale trains but became seriously interested in N scale when he moved to a one-bedroom apartment around 1999. He is currently working on an HO scale switching layout based on the Modern Era LIRR Bushwick Branch. He is the author of Staten Island Rapid Transit (Arcadia 2015.) Marc works as an art book buyer for a major museum in Manhattan. He lives in central NJ.

### **Mike Prokop**

Mike was born into a railroading family in New York City. His father, grandfather, and uncle were railroad men so becoming a lifelong model railroader seemed a natural progression. He did fulfill a forty-year career working in the office equipment business at four major corporations as an engineer and service manager.

Mike's HO model railroad, the "New Jersey & Western, consumes his 25X36 foot basement in Hamilton Square, NJ. This transition era railroad has monthly ops sessions using an 8-10 person crew. Many sound units, LED layout lighting and nicely detailed scenery are highlights of his railroad. About six years ago, Mike took his model railroading on the road with his Free-mo module depicting the Reading Railroad's Freight and car-float operations at their Linden Street facilities on the Camden, NJ waterfront. Modeled near the end of operations in the early 1960's, all of the structures are scratch built or heavily kit-bashed. With the track plan very true to the prototype, it's fun to operate. Mike has a garden railroad representing turn of the century narrow gauge railroading and is also planning a so-called retirement ON30 railroad.

Mike is on the board of directors of the New Jersey Division of the Mid-Eastern Region and currently serves as its Treasurer.

## **Rick Spano**

Rick Spano is a Life Member of the NMRA, MER, NER and NTRAK, who has attended most Conventions and meets for these groups. Rick has presented a variety of clinics for all of these groups. His wife Linda plans their Railroad and Model Railroad conventions. He has been published in MR, RMC, Great Model Railroads, N Scale Railroading and NTRAK Steam Annuals. Rick enjoyed teaching his physics students for 33 years. His *Sceniced and Undecided* N scale layout reflects his and Linda's love of traveling by train and car in the Pacific Northwest coastal and mountainous regions of the US and Canada.

## **Mike Tylick, MMR**

Michael Tylick has been fooling with electric trains for as long as he can remember. Never one to commit to a single large project, he has instead built a number of smaller layouts of various types and in various scales over the years. A retired inner-city art teacher, Mike has been a long-time contributor to many publications including *Model Railroader*, *Railroad Model Craftsman*, the *National Model Railroad Association Bulletin*, and most recently the e-zine *Model Railroad Hobbyist*. He has also delivered numerous clinics and presentations on various railroad and historical subjects on all levels in different parts of the country.

Railroad interests are leaning towards prototype rail and architectural photography, and Mike is becoming keenly aware of what can be observed outside the basement. Much of his hobby time is now spent employed as a custom builder specializing in railroad structures and rolling stock. He also has worked with several organizations who build custom Model railroads and has recently formed RailDesign Services, focusing on the design and visual aspects of model railroading.

Recently remarried, Michael now lives in eastern Massachusetts and has started an On30 railroad loosely based on the New Haven's Old Colony Lines. He was recently awarded the honor of being named Master Model Railroader #523.

## **Fred Willis**

Fred Willis is life member of the NMRA and a member of the New Jersey Division. New England Railroads, particularly in Maine in 1900 are his primary prototype interest. His primary modeling activities are scratch building structures and cars and researching the history of small railroads and locomotive designs.

**Tom Wortmann**

Tom is a retired telephone worker who used a lot of telephone wire on his Mohawk, Salem and Kensington model railroad. Tom holds 6 AP certificates and is working on number 7 for his MMR. Tom joined the NMRA in 1969 upon discharge from his service in the Marine Corps. Tom was once the President of the Staten Island Society of Model Railroaders and has been an officer with the Sunrise Division, NER. Tom helped the late Tom Matthews who was instrumental in resurrecting the GSD from its defunct status back in 1999. Tom has been the Division's Vice President for 3 years, its President for 6 and a director since as well as being its one-time newsletter editor and webmaster. Tom is currently the Erie Limited Convention Chairman.