

# Carlstadt to host model RR exhibit

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**CARLSTADT** — Railroads and railroading have been a fascinating part of Americana. Rich in history and legend, railroads have been the subject of songs, poems and stories, their lure attracting people from varied backgrounds and all walks of life.

Similarly, railroads on miniature scales are fascinating and draw people from diverse backgrounds and abilities. When put together, railroads and miniaturization make a delightful combination.

That's just what the New York Society of Model Engineers has done for its 52nd annual model railroad show and exhibit. It opens next Friday at the society's headquarters at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt.

The show, opening at 7 p.m., March 16, and running through April 1, features two fully landscaped, minutely detailed layouts of "O" and "HO" gauge miniatures. Over the tracks of both systems, trains of all types, including circus, passenger, freight and trailer-truck or piggyback, run on schedules controlled by society members.

While the "O" gauge system features an overhead electrical system, the "HO" system features a miniature "hump" yard where trains are realistically assembled by remote control. There is also a terminal with a cargo vessel being loaded. A relative of railroads — trolley lines — also is included in the layouts, winding through a miniature community which includes a baseball stadium with a game in progress.

A realistic-looking miniature landscape divides the display into a capsulized version of the American scene.



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**Roger Post, 12, and dad, George, put finishing touches on section of model railroad that will be on display during New York Society of Model Engineers exhibit which opens Friday, March 16th, in Carlstadt.**

An added attraction to the show, said chairman Howard Georgs, is a new model of the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Blue Division circus train.

The display also includes radio-controlled helicopters from the New Jersey Radio-Controlled Helicopter Club of Ridgefield. Remote-controlled models of World War II planes, automobiles and a display of scale-model ships also will be

featured.

Visitors will be able to examine the society's collection of railroad memorabilia. That includes the world's largest collection of illuminated tail signs from observation cars of famous passenger trains of the past.

The show will be open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. during the week and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.