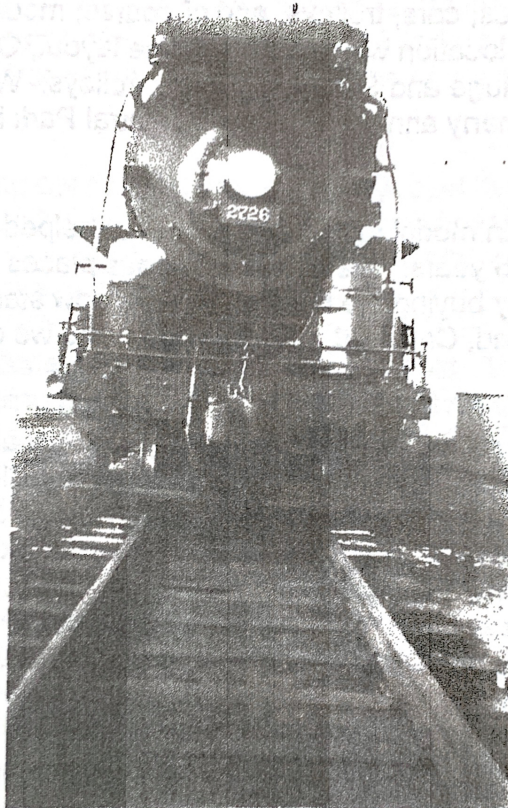


# **NEW YORK SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS, INC.**

**FOUNDED 1926**

## **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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### **DIAMOND JUBILEE EXHIBITION MARCH 2 – 18, 2001**

**LOCATED AT 341 HOBOKEN RD., CARLSTADT, NJ 07072**

## Welcome to Our Visitors!

The members of the Society of Model Engineers welcome you to the 75th anniversary of our exhibition and model train show.

Our founders, back in 1926, were interested in boats, airplanes, stationary steam engines, cars, trolleys, and of course, model railroading. In our first location we had an O Scale layout, OO Scale layout, and O Gauge and Standard Gauge trolleys. We sponsored the first of many annual regattas in Central Park in 1926.

But members' interest in model railroading was what helped our club to survive these 75 years. We called numerous places home over these years, finally buying the building you are now standing in, at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt, 43 years ago. And we don't plan to leave!

If you are interested in model building, we invite you to speak with our membership chairman. Your interest does not have to lie with model trains -- we encourage model builders of all types. You'll be able to accomplish almost anything related to model building since our facility has a full machine shop, including a lathe, milling machine, drill press, gear press, spray booth, compressor, stationary sanders, sand blasting facility, band and table saws.

Membership is open to any person age 21, after a one year probationary membership. We also have six Junior Membership openings. Junior applicants must be 16, and also serve a one year probationary period.

Please, enjoy our show, and if you have any questions, just ask one of the members. We are easy to spot, as we are wearing gold vests.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Lavezzi  
Exhibition Chairman



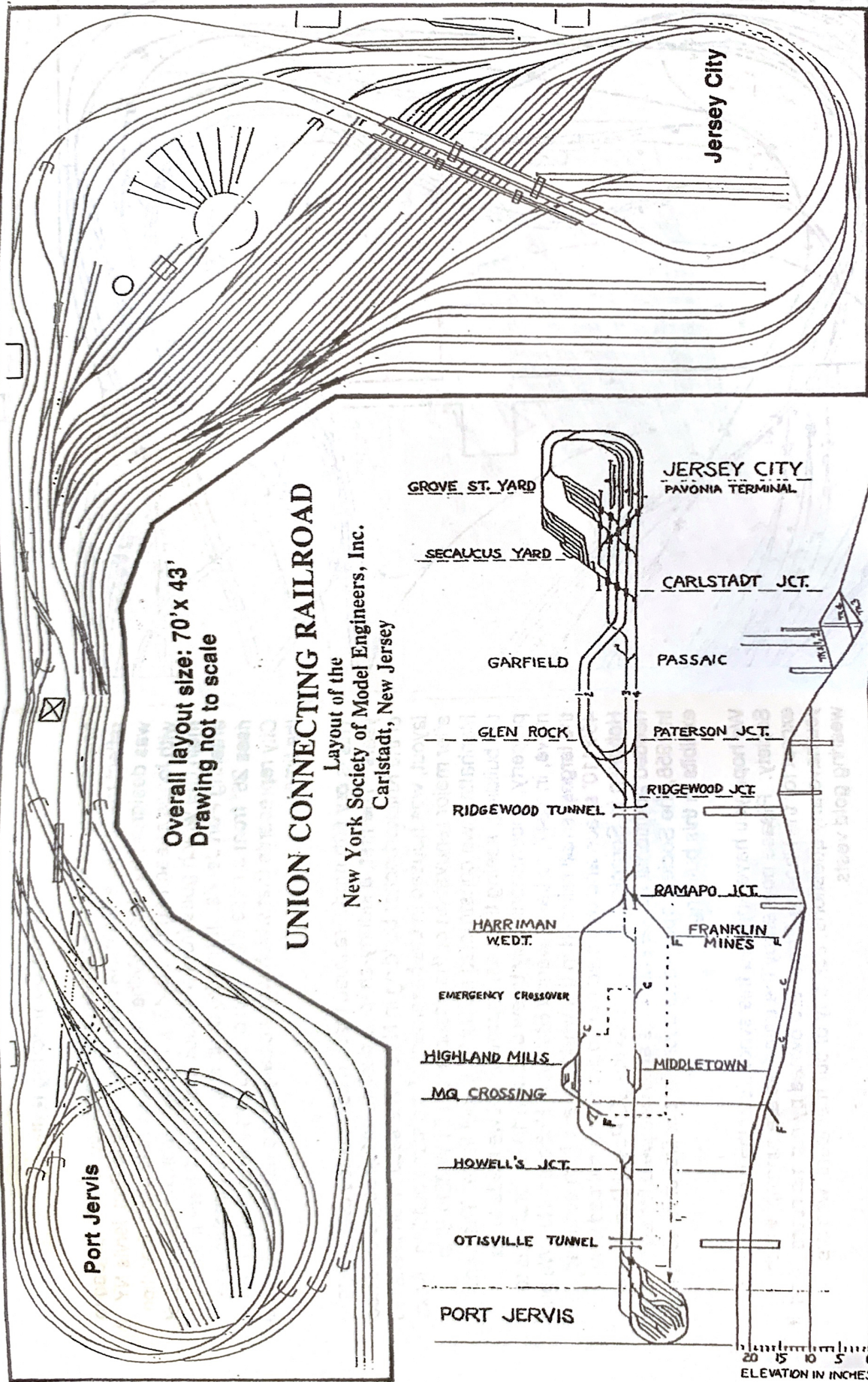
## Union Connecting Railroad

The Society of Model Engineers has modeled its 1/4" railroad to reflect the old Erie Mainline from Jersey City to Port Jervis NY. It was designed by Henry Wilhelm, with a point to point operation with loops at each end. It is 45' x 70', has approximately 350' of main line which goes from a 4 track main to a 1 track mainline entering Port Jervis. It has 26 double slips, 210 turnouts, and rises 28" from a base elevation of zero. Its interlocking at Jersey City represents that which was actually in the railroad terminal at the time.

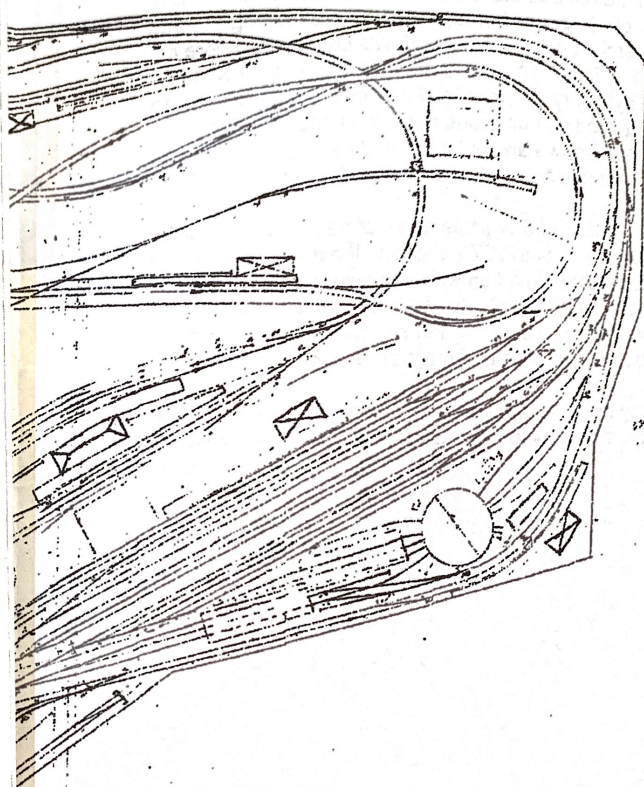
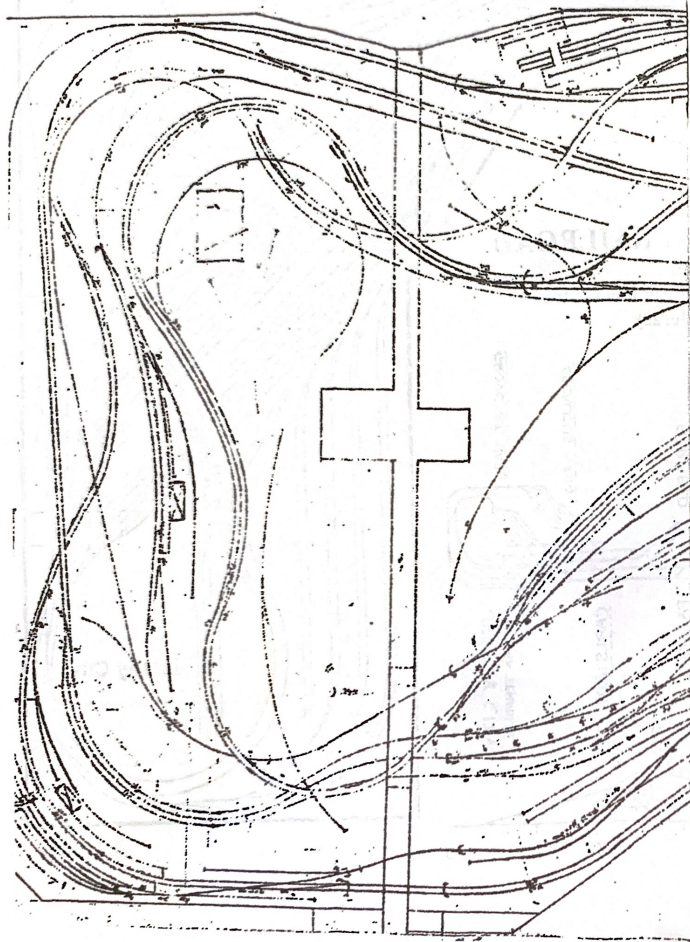
This is our fifth model railroad that we constructed over our 75 years. The first, a kidney-shaped design, occupied the third floor of the Knickerbocker building in NYC. The second, an L-shaped layout, was housed in the basement of the same building. Next, after major renovation of the basement at 51 W 35th St in Manhattan, we constructed a 20'x40' layout there. The owner of the building, seeing the vast improvement we made to his property, unceremoniously threw us out in 1946, forcing us to move, in 1947, to Lackawanna Station in Hoboken, NJ. We built the largest small railroad in the world there, which occupied 45'x110' space and depicted the Lackawanna railroad from Hoboken to Scranton, PA. In 1956 the US Postal Department needed additional space and once again we were forced to move. In 1958, the Society opened its doors for the first of its 43 annual exhibits in this building.

We hope you have enjoyed this synopsis of the history of our Society. Please now enjoy the trains we are running, which, except for the Phoebe Snow, are owned by our members. And, if you have any questions, ask any of our members, who are wearing gold vests.









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DESIGNED AND DRAWN BY  
F.P. Woodruff

## The Overland Railroad

This is the third railroad that the HO members have built. The first, built at our Hoboken home, was a 10'x25' rectangle, using Atlas commercial track. The second was constructed here in Marlstadt, in 1956, with Atlas HO rail and fiber ties. It was totally designed by Henry Wilhelm in 1969. In 1986, after trying to improve this railroad on numerous occasions, the HO members decided to tear it down and build a brand new layout. As you can see, the current one has a bit more detail than the original.

This layout consists of 5 ½ scale miles of track, not including the yards or branch line, with 227 switches. It rises approximately 38 inches from its base elevation with a maximum of 2% grade. The layout is built on a homosote bed with hand-laid wooden ties and Atlas 83 rail. All the track work and switch work was hand-built by the members – there is no commercial track on this layout.

Please, enjoy our show, and if you have any questions, just ask one of the members. We are easy to spot, as we are wearing blue vests.