



Join the Bristol-S-Gaugers as they celebrate their 70th Birthday at the New England S-Press 2018 NASG Convention



We've got fantastic tours, a huge Trade show with 5 layouts, great clinics, a tasty banquet, plenty of activities for families AND a big birthday bash to get the festivities started. **No, we don't want any presents! But we have great giveaways for you including the chance to win a free night at the convention hotel and many other prizes for early registrants!** Visit www.bsgr.us website!

Reserve the dates July 24 - 29, 2018!

Featured Tour - Ride Vermont's Green Mountain Railroad!



On our Featured Railroad Tour, you will experience riding in one of the original Sante Fe flute-sided coaches while enjoying Vermont's Green Mountain rivers, wildlife and rolling green hills that can only be seen from the railroad!



2018 NASG CONVENTION CARS

A pair of S-Scale America MOXIE tank cars, modeled after two original cars used to transport Gentian Root Extract, and Pure Cane Sugar to the plant for MOXIE beverage production. Convention Cars will be available individually, or as a pair. These cars will complement your 2008 MOXIE wood reefers too!

Only 200 pair of these tank cars are available. PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY, these are sure to sell out fast!



The Boxboro Regency is located directly off Interstate 495 at Exit 28, just 20 miles from the Mass Pike and less than an hour to Boston. Guests can also take advantage of the MBTA Commuter Rail into Boston. The hotel offers 143 nicely appointed guest rooms with a guaranteed room rate of \$109 per night plus state and local taxes for single through quadruple occupancy.

Arrive in time to join us Wednesday evening for our Free Birthday Bash and Ice Breaker Social. Link up with your S gauge friends and make new ones as we celebrate our 70th year as America's First S-Gauge Club and officially Open the 2018 S-Press Convention!

The first 70 non-Bristol Club Registrants are entered for a chance to win a free night at the hotel, or a pair of Moxie Convention cars, gift certificates good at any Trade show hall vendor, plus other Early Registration incentives. We will also have a Silent Auction in the Trade Show Hall and a Live Auction after the Banquet.



Check the Fantastic Schedule of RAIL and Non-RAIL tours

Tuesday, July 24th - Our timetable begins with two great all day trips to choose from!



Our **Lake Winnepesaukee adventure** starts and finishes in Meredith, NH and includes a 2-hour ride aboard the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, a 2 ½ hour scenic cruise aboard the M/S Mount Washington cruise ship, plus an opportunity to visit & shop in the



lakeside village of Weirs Beach. There are several choices for lunch on your own onboard the Mt. Washington ship.

We are also offering a **visit to famous Newport, RI** summer getaway for the wealthy in the 1920's. We will tour two mansions including "The Breakers"; NYC RR owner Cornelius Vanderbilt's fantastic 70-room summer "cottage" at the shore. and "Marble House"; the 50-room cottage of William Vanderbilt, a famed America's Cup skipper. You will have time to explore the area of Thames St & Broadway, where there are many shops and places to have lunch on your own.



Wednesday, July 25th

Watch both prototype and model trains on this **combined tour of Palmer Station and S-Gauge layouts** in the Springfield, MA area. First, George Reneris' DCC operated, hi-rail layout noted for numerous custom built animated displays and converted locos. Next, we visit the beautifully restored **Palmer Railroad Station** which, in the recent



past, was the 3rd largest station in Massachusetts and helped give Palmer the nickname "The Town of Seven Railroads". Active passenger and/or freight trains pass by both sides of the station. Lunch will be on your own at the Steaming Tender restaurant inside the station. Afterwards we head to the hi-rail S-scale layout of Dave Plourde. Dave is an accomplished artist, which is evident in his hand-painted backdrops and exquisite scenery. This layout was featured in Classic Toy Trains magazine.



Also on Wednesday another combined trip includes a **tour of Boston** with a ride on the **Famous Duck Boats**. The fun begins as soon as you board your "DUCK", a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle. While you enjoy the ride, a knowledgeable tour guide will narrate your sightseeing tour of Boston. Highlights include the State House to Bunker Hill, Boston Common and Copley Square to Government Center to fashionable Newbury Street and Quincy Market plus a splash into the Charles River for a waterside view of Boston skyline.

Thursday, July 26th - Convention Featured Tour!

All day Thursday is set aside for **the primary tour of the 2018 NASG Convention – a trip to the Green Mountain Railroad**. We will have the unique opportunity to ride in one of the original seven Santa Fe SuperChief fluted-side passenger cars. The Green Mountain owns five of the original seven Santa Fe streamline cars and all have been beautifully restored!



We will use at least three of them for our 35-mile ride through the Vermont countryside on the round trip from Bellows Falls (former site of the original "Steamtown") to Ludlow, VT. The tour will include photo run-by opportunities and a boxed lunch. This will be a fantastic trip for the whole family with great scenery and a relaxing ride to catch up with familiar S gauge friends and make a few new ones! We promise to get you back to the Regency in time for dinner and the first opening of the Convention Trade Show Hall.

Friday, July 27th - Trade Show All Day and Non-Rail event

Convention Trade Show opens from 9am to 6pm –

Hall large enough for 100 tables and 5 operating layouts. **NO rail tours** so you can interact and meet with all the vendors in the huge exhibit hall and enjoy all the operating layouts as well. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase lunch while in the exhibit hall for your convenience.

There will be a Silent Auction in the Trade Show Hall so you're encouraged to bring some of your own surplus items to sell!!



Non-Rail Event- We are offering a tour to **Old Sturbridge Village**, a fabulous recreation of an 1830's New England Village. Old Sturbridge Village plays a vital role in preserving early American history and has been an iconic New England destination since 1946. Enjoy lunch on your own at Village Café or the Bullard Tavern Cafeteria then perhaps a bit of shopping at the Minor Grant Store & Bakeshop. Leave the Regency at 9 a.m, and return at 5 p.m.



Saturday, July 28th Convention Trade Show opens from 9am to 2pm – NO rail tours!
We anticipate over 100 tables for vendors and 5 operating layouts.

Non-Rail Event - Explore **Minuteman National Historical Park** and experience the opening battle of the American Revolution brought to life as visitors explore the battlefields and structures. Make your first stop the park Visitors Center to see "The Road To Revolution" an award winning, multimedia theater program that gives an excellent introduction to the historic events of April 19, 1775. Leave by tour bus at 9am and return at 3pm. Lunch and shopping on your own and take in more historic sites in Lexington and Concord area.

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LAYOUT TOURS are scheduled for Tuesday, July 24th and Friday, July 27th. Visit several Bristol Club member layouts – including Rob & Phyllis Sieger's which was featured in May 2017 issue of S-Gaugian and Tommy Robichaud's layout featured in Classic Toy Trains magazine, November 2009.

A listing for Sunday's self-drive layouts will be included in your welcome packet.

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MODEL CONTEST- We will host a Model Contest and hope you have begun your train projects to show at the convention. All the traditional categories will be available for your model submissions. Contest Awards will be presented at the Saturday evening Banquet.

CLINICS –Railroad related clinics and Non-Rail Clinics

Update on DCC Railroading- What's new with DCC presented by Bristol Club member, Michael Greene.

Passenger Car construction -Bob Hogan, master craftsman and Bristol Club member, provides all the details.

Gilbert American Flyer Engine prototypes- presented by Carl Byron, B&M Historical Society member.

Civil War Railroads – Presented by Roy Jones.

These are just a few of the exciting clinics planned. Check our website www.bsgr.us for details and future updates.

Non-Rail clinics include a cooking demonstration, "How to make a Sugar Scrub" and other fun events. More info coming soon. Updates will be posted on our website.

See you at the New England S-Press 2018 NASG Convention!