

Metro-North Division, NMRA
Holds hands on workshop on building wooden structure kits.

Following the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Metro-North Division in New Canaan, CT, on Saturday, May 12, 2012, twenty two members of the Division gathered for an afternoon of hands on kit construction. The workshop, led by Robert Seckler, the Division's Achievement Chair, gave members an opportunity to construct their own building, under the tutelage of a group of experienced molders.

Meeting in a member's garage, a light lunch was followed by several hours of cutting, painting, and gluing to create a small building that the members took home to their respective layouts. The buildings, generously provided by James Deignan of RR Kits, gave the members the opportunity to use their hands and learn new skills. John Shannon, an attendee said "sitting in a lecture is fine, but getting to actually build the kit, really gives you the hands on feel and knowledge about how these models are assembled."

On hand to assist the attendees were Robert Collett, John Grosner, Roger Cytron and John McGloin, experienced modelers, sharing tips and guidance to the builders in attendance. Response was so overwhelmingly positive to the clinic that future hands on clinics are being planned for the fall or spring.