



Burlington County Model Railroad Club

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Welcome to Applicants

This sheet will explain briefly what we are and what we expect from our members. In corporate language, a “mission statement”.

The club was formed in 1979 and has been in the basement of the Burlington County Footlighters Theater since 1985.

While running trains on such a large layout is a prime motivator for joining our club, membership has its duties also. Temperature changes affect benchwork and track alignment. Years of cycling switch machines leads to eventually needing to replace them. Somebody has to crawl under the layout to replace, repair, re-wire, etc. Each and every club member must share in these chores to keep the layout from becoming a static display.

We don't expect a new member to be an expert on DCC, scenery, hand laying switches, or anything else. If you are willing, we will teach you, and by helping and observing those who already have experience you will learn the skills you need.

You will be given a copy of the ‘Applicant Goal Sheet’. Listed on it are the basic, but necessary, knowledge and traits we want to see each apprentice member demonstrate before we vote on them for full member status. Read it, consider it, and understand it along with your copy of the Club's *Constitution* and *By-Laws*. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

There is no mandatory attendance requirement. But remember, if you are not here frequently enough, how will the existing members be able to know whether you are capable of operating the layout and if you are a “good fit” into the camaraderie of the club? And, conversely, how will you know if the club is a good fit for you?