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July

- 11 8:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members & TED People Only
17 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

August

- 9 8:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only
21 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

September

- 19 9:00am-5:00pm Plotting tracks for Certification Workshop
7:30-8:30pm Board Meeting
20 8:00am-4:00pm Certification Workshop

October

- 10 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only
11 "Bark in the Park" - Tracking Demo. - Tewksbury
16 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting
31 9:00am-4:00pm Track Plotting for Test
6:00-9:00pm Pot Luck Dinner with the Judges

November

- 1 8:30am-4:00pm Tracking Test
14 9:00am-4:00pm VST Seminar - with Mike Clemens
4:00-5:00pm Board Meeting

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- 13 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only

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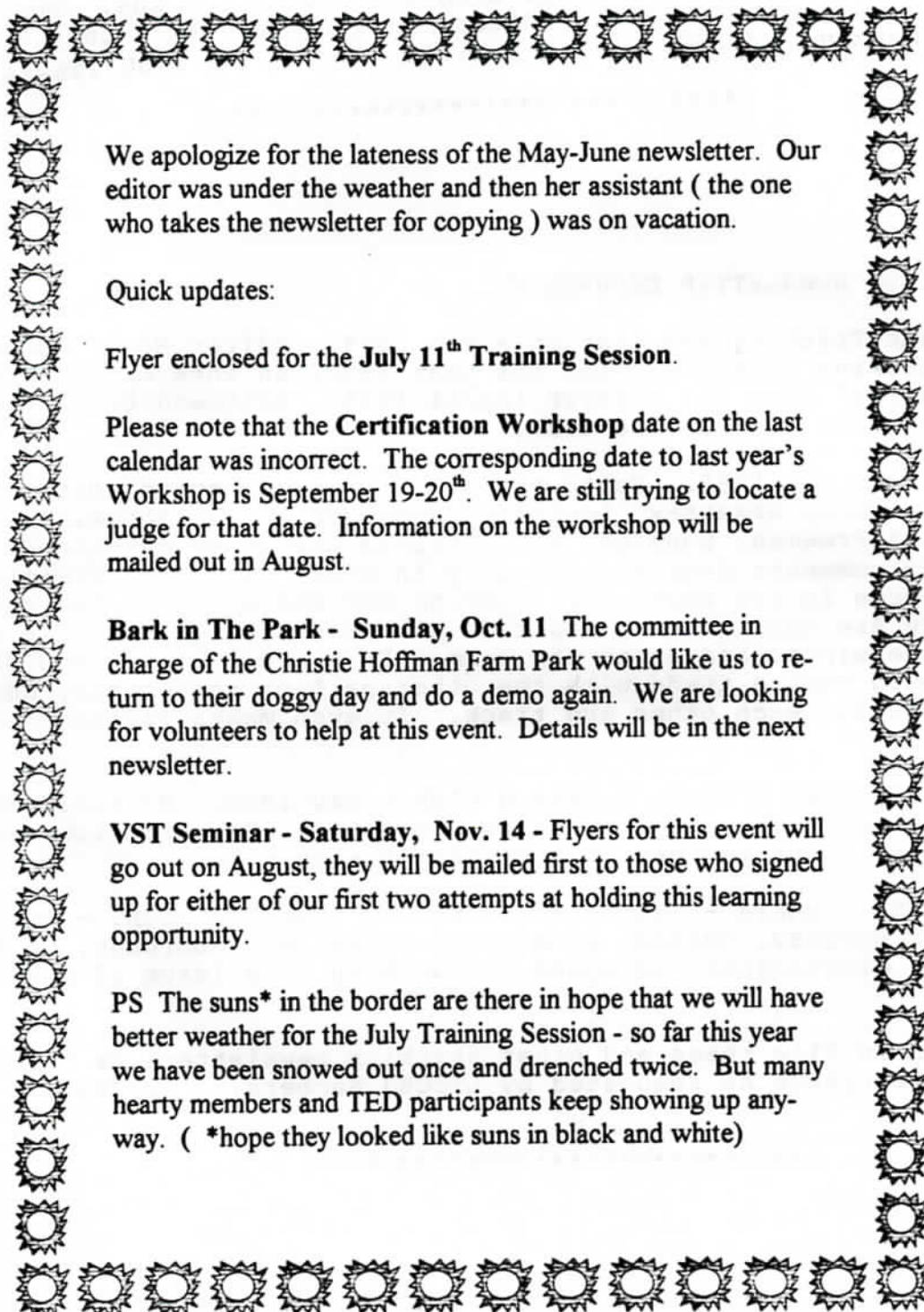
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We apologize for the lateness of the May-June newsletter. Our editor was under the weather and then her assistant (the one who takes the newsletter for copying) was on vacation.

Quick updates:

Flyer enclosed for the **July 11th Training Session**.

Please note that the **Certification Workshop** date on the last calendar was incorrect. The corresponding date to last year's Workshop is September 19-20th. We are still trying to locate a judge for that date. Information on the workshop will be mailed out in August.

Bark in The Park - Sunday, Oct. 11 The committee in charge of the Christie Hoffman Farm Park would like us to return to their doggy day and do a demo again. We are looking for volunteers to help at this event. Details will be in the next newsletter.

VST Seminar - Saturday, Nov. 14 - Flyers for this event will go out on August, they will be mailed first to those who signed up for either of our first two attempts at holding this learning opportunity.

PS The suns* in the border are there in hope that we will have better weather for the July Training Session - so far this year we have been snowed out once and drenched twice. But many hearty members and TED participants keep showing up anyway. (*hope they looked like suns in black and white)

Hoping for lots of Brags and Tid-Bits for our next issue. The
Deadline is: July 25, 1998. Editor: Janet Horn, 861 County Road
519, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. 908-996-4922

TRACKING CLUB NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES

MTA -Midwest Tracking Association - May 1998. Editor Micki Conley reviews Tracking Statistics for the year 1997, an interesting summary of "Statistics" from the GAZETTE (April 1998), followed by pertinent comments on "the luck of the draw."

STA On Track - May 1998. Southwest Tracking Association: Metropolitan Houston, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas. Editor: Marj Freeman, Houston, TX, reprints the above mentioned summary and comments from Micki Conley in MTA. From Marj Freeman: "... the tests in the south are tapering off and those in the rest of the country are just getting started. All trackers need to live in the south in the winter and spend the summer in the north! Do you suppose that we could work a trade with the other half of the country and arrange to visit each other and track. It even makes vacation condos sound good!"

NOSE NEWS - Indian Nations Tracking Club - May 1998. Editor: Bob Brown, 22727 East 81st, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Subscriptions are available for \$5.00 per year. Published bi-monthly.

GONE TRACKIN' - PAFTA - Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Assn. - April 1998. Anne Hershey, Editor, 25 Heather Place, Hillsborough, CA 94010. Interesting discussions, no space to quote in this issue of COMMON SCENTS.

I will keep on file these and other tracking newsletters as I receive them, for reference as requested by LTCCNJ members. ...JPH.

New Applicant for Membership

Mrs. Priscilla Morgan, Coopersburg, PA. Weimaraners; whippet.
Comments or objections must be filed with the Club Secretary, Mimi Ruch, 179 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876



Pegs' Tracks

Seems like T.E.D. was just last weekend, but a month has gone by already and we even have the first follow-up session under our belts (or should I say "raincoats").

Members are welcome to come out to these follow-up sessions. The June topic is "Lead Handling." Even if you don't think you know enough to teach the T.E.D. people, you can learn along with them. And we need you to help out - laying tracks for these new people. There is usually enough time and space for you to work your dog - and there are lots of "strangers" to lay your dogs' track. So come out on June 14th and join us. Information and directions are on a flyer in this newsletter.

The next training session will be on Sat., August 9th will be more on Map Making and how to plan a track before you start to lay it.

Barbara Greenfield will be calling members next week to see how many of you can come out on June 14th to help. We like to think all of our members are willing to help out at least a few times each year. Some of us are present at every activity - and some of you we never see. If you are one of those we seldom see, why not surprise us - come on June 14th or Aug. 9th - you'll have a good time - we promise.

The Bad News: In our last newsletter we announced that Barbara Greenfield would be receiving the Ken-L Ration Good Sportsman Medal (Formally known as the Gaines Medal). Well, it seems we were a little premature announcing this, as we received a letter the day after the March 28th brunch from the manager of Professional Services for Heinz Pet Products.

The letter simply stated that unfortunately, they are no longer able to offer these medals, effective immediately.

The letter was dated Feb. 12th, was not on company stationary and was unsigned.

The Board of LTC considered this very unprofessional on their part. Especially the timing of the letter, arriving the day after we announced awarding the medal. A letter is being sent to the manager of the Professional Services and to the President of the company regarding their untimely, shabby way of notification. We are reminding them that our members may chose not to buy their products in the future.

The Good News: is that the LTC Board will be establishing our own award, and Barbara will receive the first one as soon as it is ready.

If you want to drop them a line yourselves the address is Heinz Professional Services, P.O. Box 3750, Lawrence, KS 66046-0750. If they respond and send you coupons to entice you to buy their products I suggest giving the coupons to a shelter.

For Sale

Baseball Caps with
the LTC logo
(Yellow cap with Green logo)

\$ 10.00

Large Tote Bags
(Green with Yellow Logo)
Zippered, roomy bag to keep
your tracking gear in

\$ 15.00

Available at Training Sessions
and meetings

1998 T.E.D. Follow-up # 1

I would like to give you an update on the T.E.D. We had our first follow-up on Saturday May 9th. My phone was very busy the whole week before and the number of participants coming totaled 17.

Seven of our members came to help demonstrate turns and work with each person on the level that they were working on.

I want to thank **Kathy Davis, Kevin Davis, Joanne Mac Kinnon, Peg Forte, Mimi Ruch and Rick Andrews** for coming out on a very rainy, very soggy day. I was really surprised that all but two of the participants who called showed up because the weather was so bad. I really must say that everyone was in good spirits and no one grumbled about the rain and wet dogs. The session was very productive and we all had a good (wet) time.

Thank you all for being good sports, but that's what tracking is, "a good sport," isn't it?

T.E.D. Chair, **Barbara Greenfield**

Addendum to Barbara's comments from one of those "soggy" members:

It was great to see such enthusiasm from this year's T.E.D. participants. There are a couple who already show promise of being ready for the test in the fall.

Barbara Greenfield deserves an extra big thank you for how well everything has gone this year.



Muffy Tries VST

This arrived, from Muffy and Priscilla White shortly after T.E.D.

Dear Peg and everyone at Lenape - especially Barbara, Thanks so much for excusing me from my "Duties" at Lenape (on April 25th) so that I could try this test.

It was great. No one passed, but Muffy did great. Got about 1/2 way through before she missed a turn in the middle of a parking lot - but did great before and after that.

All the dogs were much older and had TDx's, but Muffy is definitely ready for the "big Time." And I'm in awe when I see her work a parking lot as easily as a field, of course the best part is "no Ticks."

Priscilla and Muffy

The VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test they were entered in was run by The Tracking Club of Massachusetts on the grounds of the Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA. Priscilla's notes about the site follow:

This "site" is fabulous. Not at all like I imagined (deep-nose on the tarmac!) - more like a huge college campus - miles & miles. The tracking club seemed to have full access to the entire area. Someone that tracks with them is connected with the base. There was also a good number of "Contaminators" that should go along with this type of track. For instance, they were mowing the lawn on my track (they mowed my track and Muffy did not bat an eyelash) and one person, - they were washing an ambulance with soap and water on hers - (Springer) and the dog just went tracking through ☺

There were six dogs entered in this test, three Bassets, two German Shepherds and a Springer Spaniel.

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 1998

Next Board Meeting: Friday, July 17 at 7:30 pm, Lebanon Twp Municipal Bldg

Present:

John Etchells
Peg Forte
Joanne MacKinnon
Mimi Ruch

Absent:

Vicky Brown
Kathy Davis
Barbara Greenfield
Ralph MacKinnon
Linda Riley

A quorum was not present, so no action was taken on items not previously approved. Board members are urged to remember to call if they cannot attend. We can reschedule if we will not have a quorum.

The discussion was called to order at 7:50 pm.

Correspondence: We received notice from the AKC that disaster plans must be drawn up for all events after 1/1/99. Several people inquired about membership and were sent letters describing the club's activities along with a membership application form and copy of the most recent newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Balance for the period 3/29/98-6/19/98 was \$6,840.46. Income for the period was 1,804.29 (of which 1216.30 came from TED) and expenses were 1,687.60 (of which 626.96 were for TED). John's analysis of income and expenses for one year shows that 46% of our income is from TED while 16% of our expenses are from TED. Thirty percent of our income is from annual dues.

Miktus Donation: Florence Miktus again made a donation of \$200 to the club. We could use this as an awards fund (needs approval by quorum).

TED Follow-Ups: It rained again for the second follow-up. Ten people were scheduled to come, but 5 showed up. The July session is Saturday the 11th. Topic: scoping out a field. Peg will call Hope to be leader.

Land Report: We can continue to use the Christie Hoffman Farm (Fairmount Farm Park) for our training sessions. They plan Bark in the Park for October 11 and want another tracking demo.

Certification Workshop: The date on the calendar was incorrect. It should have read Sept 19/20. This would give anyone who was certified the opportunity to send in an entry to Berks by 9/23. Peg has left messages for Romaine Halupa, Joyce Geier, and Carol Parkinson-Simpson to see if any of these people would be available to judge for us. Mollie Heide has been working on getting land near her. Peg will call Beverly Olsen to see if she could arrange for us to use the Monmouth Battlefield park. John will be chief tracklayer for the workshop. Mimi will be secretary. Flyers should go out at the beginning of August.

November Test: We've been approved by the AKC for 8 tracks. There is still enough land in the Lebanon Twp area for this. John will be chief tracklayer. Barbara will be secretary.

VST Seminar: It's still on for Nov 14. No snow please! Peg will get flyers ready for mailing in August.

Newsletter: John will send Janet money for more stamps. Peg will update the calendar and the flyer for the July training session.

Vests, aprons, and stuff: Peg's vendor found some aprons and pouches that might be suitable for carrying tracking supplies. The pouches would be about \$6.00 with logo. Golf shirts are also available at about \$20.00. John found a vest in Cabela's Fall catalog (see page 69: light weight orange vest for \$25.00)

Award for Barbara: Peg will order a beige marble trinket box with our logo on top from our trophy supplier (expense previously approved). We'll call it the "Outstanding Service Award" unless someone comes up with a better idea fast. (Board Members note: this item has been deleted from Barbara's copy of the minutes.)

Topic for future meeting: Ralph is working Friday evenings and will not be able to attend meetings, so we may wish to replace him on the Board. We may also want to review what is the best meeting time for members.

Discussion completed at 9:35 pm.

RECAP of BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 25, 1998

Present: Vicky Brown, Kathy Davis, John Etchells, Peg Forte, Barbara Greenfield, Joanne MacKinnon, Mimi Ruch.
Absent: Ralph MacKinnon, Linda Riley.

The meeting was called to order by President Peg Forte at 4:30 p.m. The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as written. Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 4/24/98 was \$7006.

Service Award: Peg received a letter from Puperoni the day after the annual brunch stating the company was no longer giving these awards. Peg will pursue an award similar to Bayshore's as described by Vicky with the trophy person we have been using. The Board voted to have Peg write a letter to Heinz expressing our dissatisfaction with the way the company handled informing clubs that the awards would no longer be available.

TRD: The food by One Main, a new locally owned deli in High Bridge, was excellent. The entire day went very well with a group of interested participants. Map-making took longer than the other stations. It would be a good idea to mark the field for starting participants' dogs the night before so that each group is allocated sufficient space for the size dogs in the group. We need to give the herders better instructions on where all the stations are. Possibly we could have signs for the stations. The May 9 follow-up will be at Fairmount Farms Park pending permission from the park administrator. Barbara will need leaders for the June 14 and July 11 follow-ups.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

TID-BITS / TITLES

New Agility Titles: Ronn and Maeline Loos' rescue collie, Luckipenni UDX, OA (Open Agility) CGC, TDI, finished her NAJ (Novice Jumpers with Weaves) the new Agility title the AKC instituted in February.

The Loos' rescue collie Chloe CGC, TDI finished her NA (Novice Agility) the same weekend. Chloe has a rather interesting background, (writes Maeleine). She was in a Humane Society shelter in Birmingham, Alabama, when her time was up and she was scheduled to be put down. Collie Rescue of Metro Atlanta, GA, agreed to take her, where she remained for four months. One of the Collie Rescue groups Maeleine contacted went on the Collie Rescue line on the Internet and Chloe's next home was in Bedminster, N.J.

With the exception of their collie OTCH Jodi, TD the Loos have finished one UDX, 5 UD's, one CDX, 3 TD's in addition to their Agility titles, all on rescued German shepherds and collies.

Thanks to Maeleine for this round-up on the Loos' title, and congratulations to her and Ronn and their wonderful rescue dogs!

New Champion: Eastern Waters' Caroway Seed, Chesapeake Bay retriever owned and handled by Janet Horn, won her second major at Bucks County KC, and finished Championship two weeks later at Carroll KC in Westminster, MD. "Carrie" has brought me pleasure since I got her at the age of eight weeks, and she has made many friends. She is now two years old and we are busy deciding what to do next.

UPCOMING TRACKING TESTS

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc. - Sept. 8, Tues. - The Spangler Farm, Mechanicsburg, PA. Close Aug. 19. Entry limit: 4.

Shrewsbury Dog Training Club, Inc. - Sept 13, Sunday - Highridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner, MA. Closes Sept. 2. Fee: \$40. Robert Maki, Trial Sec., 70 Main St., Rutland, MA 01543. Judges: M. Garrod; R. C. Parsons.

West Highland White Terrier Club of America - Sept. 30, Wed. - Thornfield Farm, Cross Junction, VA. Closes Sept. 16. Entry limit: 5.

Ed. Note: The two Terrier^{and Corgi} Club events listed above look like Specialties; however, if any Lenape members have these breeds, Specialty Tracking Tests are fun, and usually welcome breed support.

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Concord Dog Training Club, Inc. -Sept. 27, Sunday - High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner, MA. Closes Sept. 16. Fee: \$75. Ms. Marianne F. Wood, Trial Sec., Box 56, 148 Washington St. Ayer, MA 01432. Total Entry Limit: 8.

West Highland White Terrier Club of America - Sept. 30, Wed. - Thornfield Farm, Cross Junction, VA. Closes Sept. 16. Total Entry Limit: 2.

UPDATING UPCOMING TRACKING AND TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TESTS
Dog Tracking Club of Maine. Maine State Society for the Protection
of Animals -Oct. 4, Sunday - River Road, South Windham, ME. Close:
Sept. 16. Fee: \$50. Robert Cuzner, Trial Sec., 120 Dennett St.,
Portland, ME 04102. Judges: M. Garrod; Mrs. R. C. Meyer.

James River Kennel Club, Inc. - Oct. 4, Sunday - Sanbriar Farm,
Route 47, 2 miles South, Pamplin, VA. Close: Sept. 23.

Berks County Dog Training Club - Oct. 11, Sunday - Blue Marsh Lake
Day Use Recreation Area, RD 1, Leesport, PA. Close: Sept. 23.
Total Entry Limit: 8.

North Shore Kennel Club - Oct. 18, Sunday - Coolidge Estate, Andover
Street, North Andover, MA. Close: Oct. 7. Fee: \$ 45. Nancy Gauthier,
Trial Sec., 1537 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845. Total
Entry Limit: 6. Judges: Mrs. C. A. Bolan; J. F. Hanson.

Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc. - Oct. 18, Sunday.
Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. Close: Sept. 30. Fee:
\$40. Patricia Daye, Trial Sec., 50 Bay St., Bronx, NY10464. Total
Entry: 4. Judges: M. A. Clemens; Mrs. C. A. Simpson.

Tracking Club of Vermont - Oct. 18, Sunday - Walker Fields, Weston,
VT. Close: Oct. 1. Fee: \$45. Elaine Stuart, Trial Sec., RR
1, Box 3094, Killington, VT 05751. Judges: M.Garrod;Mrs.R.C.Meyer.
Concord Dog Training Club, Inc. - Oct. 25, Sunday -- Nashoba Valley
Hospital, Washington Street & Old Ages Road (Groton, MA). Close:
Oct. 14. Fee: \$40. Mrs. Marianne F. Wood, Trial Sec., Box 56,
148 Washington St., Ayer, MA 01432. Total Entry Limit: 7.

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West Highland White Terrier Club - Sept. 30, Wed. - (See Above)
- Rita Kline, Trial Sec., Box 284, Lamont, PA 16851. Entry Limit:
3. Judges: Mrs. D. H. Thompson; D. H. Nyman. (Ed.Note: This Test
has been rescheduled from a Virginia site to Elkton, MD.)

Hudson Valley Tracking Club - Oct. 4, Sunday - Mohonk Fields, Brook
Farm, New Paltz, NY - Close: Sept. 16. - Fee: \$ 75. - Sarah Wilson,
Trial Sec., 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525. Entry Limit: 8,

James River Kennel Club, Inc. - Oct. 4, Sunday - Sanbriar Farm,
Route 47, 2 miles South, Pamplin, VA. Close:Sept. 23.

Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc. - Oct. 18, Sunday -
Monhonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. Close: Sept. 30. Fee:\$70.
Patricia Daye, Trial Sec., 50 Bay St., Bronx, NY 10464. Total
Entry: 4. Judges: M.A. Clemens; Mrs. C. A. Simpson.

VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

Hudson Valley Tracking Club - Oct. 25, Sunday - State Office Bldg
Complex, Albany, NY. - Close: Oct.10. Fee:\$75. Cathleen Hodor,
Trial Sec., Rd 1,Box 31,Leeds,NY 12451. Entry Limit: 8. Judges:
Miles Garrod; Arthur Twiss.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Sunday, July 11, 1998 - 8:00 - 11:00

**at the Tewksbury Farm Park
(now known as the Christie Hoffman Farm)**

This training sessions is for 1998 TED participants and members only

Topic : Laying Regulation Tracks

(How to use a field for a regulation track, pitfalls to avoid)

The topic will be covered at the beginning of the session, then we will pair up
and practice what was covered and/or lay tracks for each other.

Please call by July 8th to let us know you are coming

We need to know how many are coming and in case of *extremely* inclement weather,
who to notify in case we have to cancel the session.

Contact: Peg Forte 1-908-832-7231

Directions:

From Flemington / Whitehouse: (Route 22 or Route 78): Take 523 North to Oldwick and Route 517 (523 turns right across from Hildebrandt Nurseries just before you enter Oldwick - stay straight and you will be on Route 517). Go through Oldwick and continue on Route 517 to Fairmount. At the traffic light by the Fairmount Methodist Church (little white church with white steeple and red doors) diagonally across from cemetery, turn left onto Route 512. The Christie Hoffman Farm driveway is the third driveway on the left.

From Chester / Long Valley: Take Route 24 and 513 to Route 517 South (left turn at light in Long Valley). Stay on Route 517 until you reach the intersection with Route 512 (cemetery will be on your right and the Methodist Church will be diagonally across the intersection). Turn right onto Route 512 and enter the Christie Hoffman Farm Park at the third driveway on the left.