



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 1978 and has been in the basement of the Burlington County Footlighters since 1983.

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 alignment and track alignment. Years of cycling switch machines lead to eventual replacement. Somebody has to crawl under the layout to replace, repair, re-wire, etc. Each and every club member must share 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, or hand laying switches. If you are willing, you will be taught by helping and observing those who already can do. A wise man once said, “there are no stupid questions, only stupid answers”.

You will be given another sheet called Applicant Goal Sheet. Listed on it are the necessary things we want to see before we vote an apprentice member to full status. Read it, consider it, and understand it along with your copy of the Club's *Constitution* and *By-Laws*.

There is no mandatory attendance requirement. But remember, if you aren't 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?