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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL NEW YORK DIVISION OF THE NORTHEASTERN REGION,
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.
SERVING MODEL RAILROADERS IN AND AROUND CENTRAL NEW YORK STATE

NEXT MEETING . . .

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

BOB DAVIDSON
EXHIBITS AND MORE
7843 GOUGEN DRIVE, LIVERPOOL

AT THIS MEETING AND IN THIS ISSUE . . .

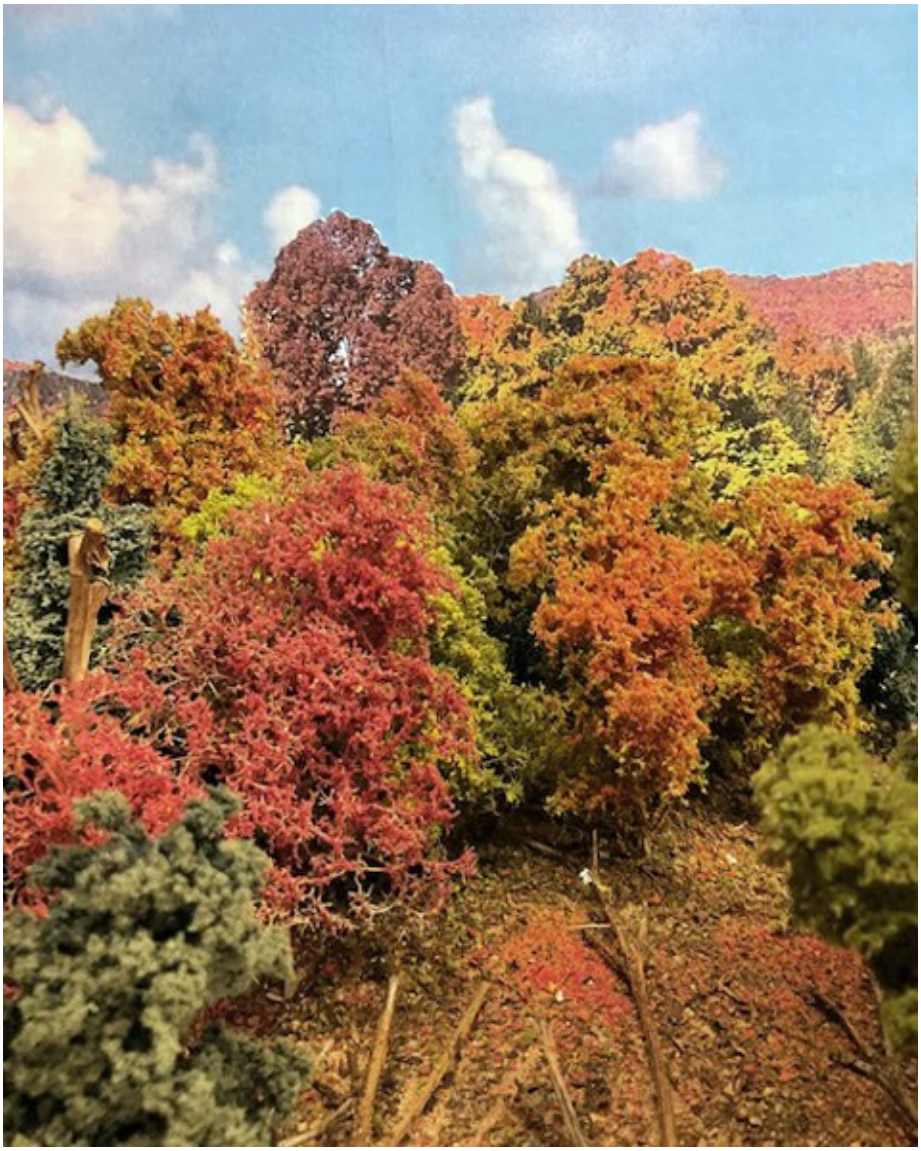

Photo by Bill Brown

Swap meet: As we did last year, bring your unneeded items to sell, trade or donate to the Division raffle. Note that this is for Division members only – no dealers please.

Division Business: Elections of officers for the year is the main item on the agenda. See page 6.

Clinic: "Creating a Believable Fall Forest" - Through live demonstration and Powerpoint Bill Brown will demonstrate several tree making techniques for creating a bright fall season forest scene. A sample of the finished product is at left.

Photo Contest: Bring a photo or several for a popular vote contest. Two categories: prototype and model.

Raffle: Takes a vacation this meeting. We have exhausted our supply of raffle items donated by David Bates. If you have items to donate, bring them to this meeting.

The "Brass Hats"
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"Loose Spikes" . . .

(Notes from the "Ashpit")

Don't Get Left at the Station . . .

To stay onboard and keep receiving *Red Markers* e-mail notices, you need to be an NMRA member in good standing. Email notification is sent to all NMRA/NER Members residing in the geographic area of the CNY Division, any other members who identify as CNY Division members, and any NMRA member who requests access. If you do not have email or online capacity you may receive a US Mail edition of *Red Markers*.by contacting the Chief Clerk, who's name and address appear in The Brass Hats sidebar on this page.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT

27 Oct 2022 – 13 Jan 2023

Balance, 27 Oct 2022 $5,412.61

Income

8 Nov 2022 – Donation-$100.00	
13 Nov 2022 – Donation, Raffle-$136.00	
2 Dec 2022 – Banquet, Donation-$280.00	
9 Dec 2022 – Banquet-$240.00	
5 Jan 2023 – Banquet-$80.00	
Total Income	$836.00

Expenses

2 Nov 2022 – Red Markers-$27.54	
12 Nov 2022 – Loanable Tools-$213.25	
5 Dec 2022 – Loanable Tools-$220.19	
13 Jan 2023 – Name Badge-$15.55	
Total Expenses	$476.53

Balance, 13 Jan 2023 $5,772.08

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Albee, Paymaster

Division Name Badges are available at no charge for the initial badge. **Badges are only available to CNY Division Members**. Replacement badges are $15.00. Contact **Andy Slaugh.**

REMEMBER - Contact Chief Clerk Tom Lynch if you ever have trouble receiving your "Red Markers." Also, if you need to change your e-mail address or post office address drop the Clerk a line. The Division Chief Clerk's contact information is listed in "The Brass Hats" sidebar to the left.

Please have your articles and any items for "Loose Spikes" to us by the date listed below. Remember, EARLIER IS ALWAYS BETTER! Thanks for your support,

Ed & Ed.

3/10, 4/1, 5/1, 7/1, 8/1, 10/30

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

FROM THE FREIGHT SHED

DREW JAMES, SUPERINTENDENT

As I write this, our banquet is a few days away. Based on the RSVPs, it looks like we should have a great turnout – more than double last year's weather-challenged event. Many thanks to Jim Heidt, Bill Brown, Rick and Linda Mniece, and Charlie Albee for helping to put on an enjoyable event.

We have a new up to date website thanks to Ken Cameron! Our old website used an out-of-date application which will no longer be supported by the region (which hosts our site). There is still a lot of content which needs to eventually get added to the site including the Red Markers back issues, our governance documents, and hopefully a lot of pictures of our local layouts, but our key information is now available on line.

Our new website includes information on our annual "Ops Till You Drop" weekend coming up in April. This event is not just for out of towners and we hope to see more division members participate. No experience is necessary. If you are an inexperienced operator, the layout hosts will pair you up with a regular. Unlike on the prototype, mistakes result in chuckles and learning rather than injuries or worse. Remember, every so called "expert operator" was a newbie at some point. As a host, I enjoy having first timers operate on the CS&P. Our friends and neighbors in the Lakeshore's Division are hosting a similar event in March in Rochester which I encourage you to participate in as well as it is sure to be fun.

Many thanks to Roger Beiswenger and the other volunteers who have supported our presence at several local train shows as well as the large show in Springfield. Our Port of Oswego switching layout continues to be a hit with both kids and adults and is a great way to introduce them to the hobby and the NMRA!

The division recently made some significant additions to our tool loan program. A list will be out in the next edition of ***Red Markers.*** These tools are available at no cost to you as a benefit of being a division member. Thank you, Ed Olszewski, for managing this program for us.

I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Life Member Dave Bates. Thanks to his generous donations some time back, we have had a bounty of items for our raffles and swap meet tables. However, we are now in need of items and raffles make up an important part of our income. Please go through your shelves or boxes under your layout and consider donating items which you no longer need and bring them with you to the annual meeting in February.

Drew

A Dad and his children run the Division layout at the State Fair Show. *(Photo by Roger Beiswenger)*

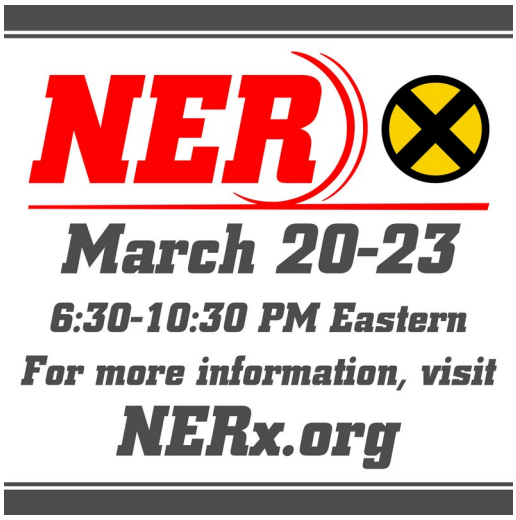
LOOSE SPIKES, *(Cont. from pg. 2)*

FUTURE CONVENTIONS:

2023 National Convention – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas

August 21 – 26, 2023

https://
www.2023texasexpress.com



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

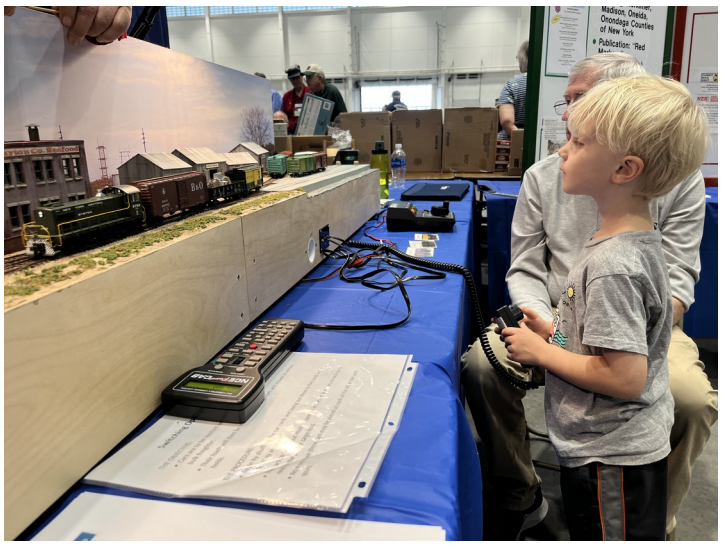
FACEBOOK is a great place to post layout photos, ask questions, or seek information about the hobby and events.
There is an **NMRA** page, a **NORTHEASTERN REGION, NMRA** page, and **THE CENTRAL NY DIVISION OF THE NMRA** page. See what is happening all over the world in model railroading.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

@cnynmra

From The Dispatcher's Desk

Photos from NRHS and TTCS shows, from Roger Beiswenger



Ed and Ed

Last Run

Dave Bates

David L Bates, 81, of Elbridge passed away December 16th at Upstate University Hospital after a stroke. Born in Ohio, Dave worked for many years at AT&T and its descendants, contributing significantly to the development of the 911 and Enhanced 911 systems. Dave was a life member of the NMRA, and one of the first members of the Division. He had been inactive for a while, but recently donated his Model Railroad collection to the Division for use in our raffles.

2022 CNY Division Financial Summary

Balance, 1/1/2022 ---------- $5,842.18

Income

Raffle - $415.00
Donations - $502.00
Events- $894.00
NER/NMRA - $95.63

Total Income ----------$1,906.63

Expense

Meeting Expense - $289.46
Events - $1,250.34
Miscellaneous - $501.28

Total Expense –---------- $2041.18

Balance, 12/31/2022 ---------- $5,707.63

Income

Donations include funds received from individuals and groups. "Events" category is money received for Ops 'til You Drop and the banquet. NER/NMRA: When you pay your NMRA dues, a portion is sent to the NER which then sends a portion to the division.

Expense

Meeting expense includes Red Markers which is printed and mailed to those who not have email and donations made to clubs for hosting meetings. "Events" category is costs related to Ops 'til You Drop and the banquet. Miscellaneous includes costs of the division's loanable tools.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Albee, Paymaster

Nominations for 2023 Officers received at the Division Banquet

Drew James – Superintendent
Rich Mniece – Assistant Superintendent
Charles Albee – Paymaster
Thomas Lynch – Chief Clerk

Voting to take place the annual meeting February 26, 2023

It's a Small World Department

In 1992 new member Roger Caiazza (left) and member Ed Cox (right) co-wrote an article in Garden Railways Magazine about Ed's father's garden layout, one of the earliest on record. 30+ years later, they met at the Division Banquet, and Ed had the magazine with him.

The Central New York Division of The NMRA Presents:

"Ops Til You Drop" Weekend 2023

- Saturday and Sunday, April 22/23, 2023
- Three Sessions Totaling 10.5 Hours of Railroad Operations On Three of Eight Top Layouts in the Syracuse NY Area
- Open to NMRA Members and their guests. Non-NMRA Members Should Join The NMRA Before Returning For a Second Year

The Leadville and Red Cliff of Bill Brown
The Canada Spokane and Pacific of Drew James
Ogdensburg and Norwood of Jim Heidt
CSX Northeast of Dave Martini
THE D&RGW Colorado Narrow Gauge of Bill Brown
The B&A Central Of Dick Hehir
The New Haven Railroad of Ed O'Rourke
The Sioux City Lines of Bob Vickery

The Schedule:

Saturday April 22th

12:00 Noon – Arrive at First Assigned Layout for Orientation
12:30pm to 4:00pm – First Operations Session
4:15pm to 4:45pm – Travel to Your Second Assigned Layout
4:45pm – 5:30pm – Dinner Served at Second Layout Site
5:30pm to 6:00pm – Orientation at Second Layout
6:00pm to 9:30pm – Second Operations Session
9:30pm – Travel to Your Hotel

Sunday April 23th

8:00am to 9:00am – Common Breakfast (Site TBA)
10:00am – Arrive at Third Assigned Layout for Orientation
10:30am to 2:00pm – Third Operations Session

Cost: $12

Covers Your Saturday Dinner and Snacks at Each Session
You Will Be Responsible for Your Hotel Cost and Sunday Breakfast

Mail by April 1 with your check for $12 to:
Bill Brown
6002 Singletree Lane
Jamesville, NY 13078
Checks should be payable to "CNY Division NMRA"

List Participants who are Riding Together and Must Be Assigned to The Same Layouts:

Name_____ Email:_____ NMRA #_____
Address_____ Cell Phone_____
Name_____ Email:_____ NMRA #_____
Address_____ Cell Phone_____
Name_____ Email:_____ NMRA #_____
Address_____ Cell Phone_____
Name_____ Email:_____ NMRA #_____
Address_____ Cell Phone_____

Layout Requests – Note that each person on this form will be assigned to the same layouts. There are only a limited number of slots available for each layout so first forms received will get priority.

Select 3 layouts and number them 1, 2, 3 with 1 being your top choice. Layout assignments will be made approximately 2 weeks prior to sessions. There are no guarantees we can honor your preferences but we will try.

_____Layout #1 - The Canada, Spokane and Pacific of Drew James
_____Layout #2 - The Leadville and Red Cliff Modern RR of Bill Brown
_____Layout #3 - CSX Northeast of Dave Martini
_____Layout #4 - The Colorado Narrow Gauge of Bill Brown
_____Layout #5 - The B&A Central of Richard Hehir
_____Layout #6 - The New Haven Railroad of Ed O'Rourke
_____Layout #7 - Ogdensburg and Norwood of Jim Heidt
_____Layout #8 – Sioux City Lines of Bob Vickery

Layout #1 - Canada Spokane and Pacific of Drew James –
The HO Canada Spokane and Pacific Railroad (CS&P) is a freelanced bridge line jointly owned by Burlington Northern and Canadian Pacific set in June, 1981. A long mountainous single track mainline connects five modeled towns with Spokane, Washington with Calgary, Alberta on this 40'x 35' point to point railroad. The design features wide aisles and a comfortable lounge for off duty crews. The scenery is 100% complete. The layout is operated by wireless NCE DCC and all trains are headed by sound equipped diesels. A replica US&S CTC machine is utilized for dispatching. Operating sessions feature a wide variety of local, manifest, and through freights as well as streamlined passenger trains. There is a large yard in Nelson, BC as well as several opportunities for switching at over 20 industries.

Layout #2 - Leadville & Red Cliff of Bill Brown
The LARC fills a 2400 sq foot basement and was featured three times in Model Railroader Magazine. The layout depicts the Rio Grande Tennessee Pass line through central Colorado as it would appear today if it had not closed in the 1990s. The LARC is controlled by Digitrax wireless DCC with CTC control and full signaling. This expansive layout features 6 foot high mountains, deep valleys, over 300 structures, 400 pieces of rolling stock, 80 sound equipped engines, and stunning scenery. One special attraction is the computer day/night sequence in which the lights dim, the sun sets behind the mountains, and hundreds of building lights go on and off individually during the night…all during the operations!

Layout #3 - CSX Northeast of Dave Martini
The CSX Northeast is a 24'x40' prototypical, freelanced CSX/Conrail merger prior to the breakup of Conrail. The layout features a single track mainline from Cleveland OH to Buffalo NY both represented by staging. Overhead freights pass through Euclid OH, Erie PA, Fairport Harbor and Dunkirk NY. There are several industrial switching areas and a helix to a 2nd deck and the fictional S&N Railroad. Unit trains of coal and cement are generated that travel east, while sweeper trains handle online switching duties. The West end features the shortline Central Ohio Railroad that interchanges with CSX at Euclid OH. Mainline trains are dispatched by a master schedule while locals and yard jobs work from switch lists. The layout is DCC (Digitrax) with operating signal on the West end of the Division.

Layout #4 – D&RGW Colorado Narrow Gauge of Bill Brown
Sitting above Bill Brown's modern LARC layout is a second level that takes one back in time. The D&RGW Narrow Gauge was featured in The July 2013 issue of The *Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette* and the June 2018 issue of *Model Railroader*. The plan features several intertwined aspects of Colorado Narrow Gauge including some aspects of the Rio Grande Southern from Ridgeway to Ophir Loop, The Rio Grande from Salida to Silverton, and the Silverton Railroad to Red Mountain Town. Most is set in 1949 with the exception of The Silverton Railroad which is set in 1910. All steam engines are sound equipped and the plan features timetable/train order dispatching.

Layout #5 – The B&A Central of Dick Hehir
The B&A Central is an 11' x 11' (plus staging) freelanced layout representing a fictitious part of The Boston and Albany Railroad connecting the two towns of Westfield and Mill Creek Mass. At Westfield there is an interchange with the New Haven, and at Millcreek there is an interchange with the Boston and Maine. All three railroads share some mainline trackage. Freight service operates from all three railroads with passenger service also connecting the towns. Don't let the small size fool you, there is a great deal of operating action on this finely sceniced pike with an operating turntable, staging and a need for helper service. This is an ideal session for those who are new to Ops or just want to see how much activity can take place on a room size layout.

Layout #6 – New Haven Railroad of Ed O'Rourke
Ed is modeling the New Haven Railroad as he remembers it growing up along the "Electrified Zone," around New Haven Station in the early 1950's. Mainline passenger trains exchange electric motors for steam or diesel in New Haven. Mainline freights are pulled by electric, diesel and steam. Trains run point to point from two staging yards, one representing New York, Washington, and Maybrook, the other functioning as Boston, Springfield, Montreal and Cedar Hill Yard. Electric operations are under (non-powered) catenary. Ed has also modeled the Canal Line and New Hartford branch, which is an out and back switching turn and RDC passenger trains. Scenery is 100% complete.

Layout #7 - Ogdensburg & Norwood of Jim Heidt - The HO scale Ogdensburg and Norwood is a circa 1948, Class 1 bridge line connecting Canada with southern New England, using late steam and early Alco sound equipped locos via Digitrax radio control. The 400+ feet mainline of the Northern Division is a double deck, centered by a distinctive helix and terminated by two, separate and independently motorized staging elevators. Four other staging areas add in all the prototypically accurate interchange and branch line traffic. This layout also features theater-style lighting, no repeat scenes, unique and easy facia-mounted turnout controls, and lighted town names on facia - all designed for the visitors. Add in the 1940s touches of lighted analog scale time clocks, OS to dispatcher by phones, signals but subject to timetable and train order, and switching by waybills, the O&N ops is a fundamentally unique prototypical experience based on generational family inspiration. Finally, Jim is ill, but thankful to have best friends in a crew to continue providing customer service on the O&N. No abandonment yet!

Layout #8 - The Sioux City Lines of Bob Vickery
The Sioux City Lines is an HO model of the Great Northern, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, and Illinois Central single track main line operations in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota and is set in the late 40s, 50s, and early 60s. The Sioux City Lines features wireless DCC and sound equipped motive power. The layouts design includes a large CB&Q / GN interchange yard (approx. 35 ft.), an IC yard (approx. 20 ft.), and single track mainlines (approx. 200 ft.) connecting a double ended staging yard. Mainline operations feature 25 to 30 car freights operating through 5 towns (currently) with local switching operations.

Lodging and Group Breakfast

Please note that the hotel where we have always reserved rooms and held the Sunday breakfast has closed. We are working on arrangements for this year, possibly at the Holiday Inn on 7th North Street. We will let you know about any hotel arrangements and Sunday breakfast location at a later date. We should have more info shortly.

Covid 19 Safety

All participants should bring a mask in case the individual layout owner requires them. At this time they are optional but as everyone well knows conditions could change. Note that by requesting participation in this event each person agrees not to hold any layout owner or the CNY Division liable.
Also be advised that should the event be cancelled due to local, state, or CDC requirements a full refund will be given.

NMRA's Partnership Program

Partnership Program

The ***NMRA Partnership Program*** is a member benefit that truly has a tangible payback. We've partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes, giving them exposure on our website in return for receiving generous discounts for NMRA members all year long. Some provide members with special codes, others prefer a phone or email order, but all appreciate the additional business from our members. And of course, our members appreciate the extra savings...savings that can actually pay the cost of NMRA membership! Be sure to check back often as new Partners are being added all the time.

Area Model Railroad Groups:

The Central New York Model Railroad Club and Historical Society: 4986 Jordan Rd. Elbridge NY 13060. Fri., 7:30PM. New members and visitors always welcome, $5 donation requested over 18. Visit our blog. Building a new layout. www.cnymrrc.com

The Syracuse Model Railroad Club:
The Club has been forced to dismantle its layout and move out of the Eastwood Post building.
Info: info@syracusemodelrr.org

Salt City N-Trak, Ltd.:
Meeting schedule / location TBA. N-TRAK modular layout which often tours. Info: www.facebook.com/saltcityntrak or email SaltCityNTRAK@gmail.com

FUNTRAK:
The Frankfort United N-Trak Model Railroad Club, Inc. meets at members homes, meetings are scheduled and posted in FUNTRAK's newsletter each month about two months ahead of the actual meeting date. Info: **Brian King** at 315-292-7066.
http://funtrak.net

Cayuga Valley Model Railroaders:
Wed. 7:00PM at the club at 3 East Genesee Street, Auburn, over Speno Music Store. Info: Call Tom Way 585-369-8403.
www.facebook.com/cayugavalleymodelrailroader
www.cayugavalley.weeby.com tmaway@frontier.net

Oswego Valley Railroad Association:
The group sponsors several train shows in Oswego County. Contact Charles Hewitt thepartstruck@gmail.com On FaceBook @ Oswego Valley Railroad Assoc.

Central New York Modelers:
The CNYMOD group is located in the Museum of Science & Technology (The MOST) in Downtown Syracuse. Info: at www.cnymod.com or by contacting President **Andy Rezsnyak** at 440-4511 or e-mail cny187@gmail.com.

Central New York Large-Scale Railway Society:
Meets at Driver's Village, where they have an extensive layout. http://cnylsrs.net. Info: **John McCumber** at jmccumbe@twcny.rr.com.

The Bullthistle Model Railroad Society:
Third Wed. of the month, 7:00PM at their headquarters at 33 Rexford Street, Norwich, NY, and open Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00PM and on special events... all in creating visual and operable multi-scale displays of historic railroading in Chenango County. Info: Club President, **Philip Fairchild** at (607) 847-8551, lpfair@frontiernet.net

CNYNRHS Model Railroad Group
This group maintains a O Gauge high-rail scale modular layout in wareroom behind JR Junction Train & Hobby, 2716 Erie Blvd. E., Syracuse New York 13224. Currently meeting 7:00-9:00pm most Thursday evenings. It is recommended to call ahead at 315-451-6551. More information: www.cnynrhs.org or E-Mail modelrr@cnynrhs.org

European Train Enthusiasts, CNY Chapter
Round robin meetings. 'N' scale modular layout, Info: **Tom Lynch** at 315-762-2777, tommy1@me.com or @UpstateNYETE on FaceBook

2023 CNY Division Schedule

Meetings 2-4 PM unless otherwise noted!

SATURDAY JAN.21
12:00 – 4:00PM
Banquet – Theodore's, Canastota

FEBRUARY 26
Annual meeting
Bob Davidson, Liverpool
DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE

MARCH 24 - 25
Ops Around the Clock
Lakeshores Division

SATURDAY / SUNDAY
APRIL 22-23
Ops 'til You Drop

MAY 21
Mark Withiam, Marcellus

SATURDAY JULY TBA
12-4 PM
Division Picnic
Finger Lakes Live Steamers

AUGUST 20
3:00 – 5:00PM
Train Watching – Tractor Supply

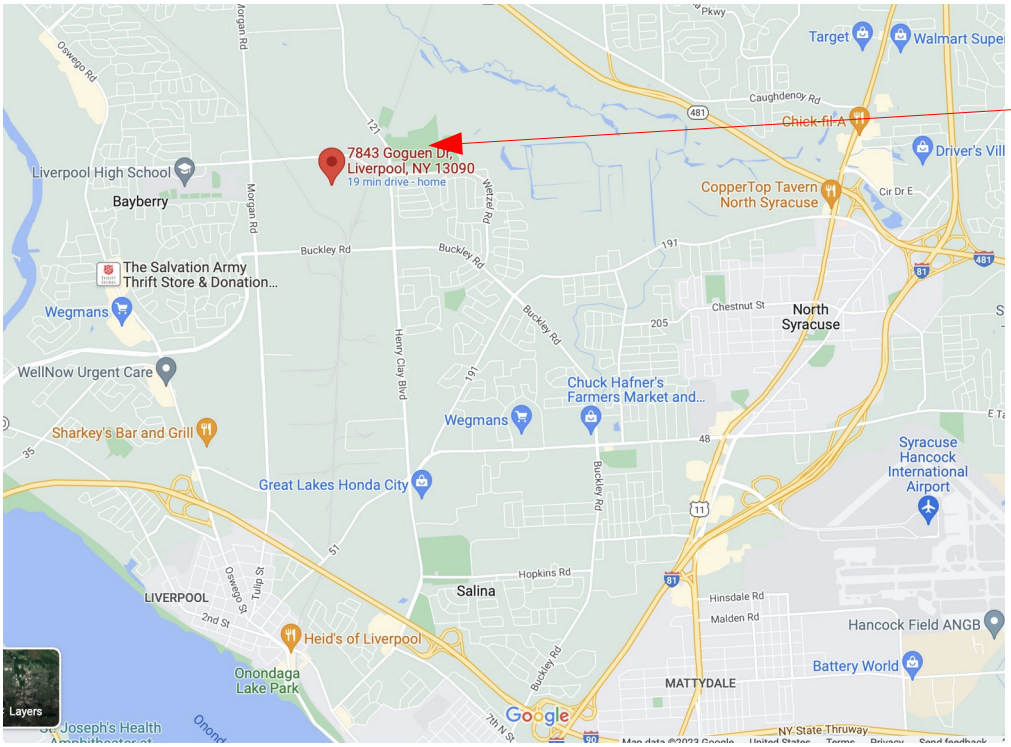
SATURDAY SEPT. 16
Division Layout Tours

OCTOBER 5 – 8
NER Convention
Uniondale, Long Island, NY

NOVEMBER 4 – 5
Great NYS Train Fair

NOVEMBER 19
TBA

Bob Davidson, Exhibits and More, 7843 Gougen Drive, Liverpool



We met at Bob Davidson's business last year. Gougen Drive is in Liverpool, off Wetzel Road, between Morgan Road and Henry Clay Blvd. We recommend you use your GPS to bring you to the exact location.

Central New York Division, NMRA
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