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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.
SERVING MODEL RAILROADERS IN AND AROUND CENTRAL NEW YORK STATE

NEXT MEETING . . .

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

MARK WITHIAM
MARCELLUS, NY

"Goose at the Palace" - 1st place in Model photo contest at February meeting - *Photo by Bill Brown*

HO Model Railroad: Mark is building an operations-oriented Lehigh Valley layout which the division will be visiting for the first time. More information to follow in May Red Markers.

Division Business: We need to vote on changes to the By-laws. See page 5.

Clinic: Information will be in the next Red Markers.

Raffle: Returns at this meeting. If you have items to donate, bring them as well.

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"Loose Spikes" . . .

(Notes from the "Ashpit")

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PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Paymasters Report will be in the next Edition of Red Markers

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.

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

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

FROM THE FREIGHT SHED

DREW JAMES, SUPERINTENDENT

I apologize for having to interrupt our normally scheduled railroad activities for some non-railroad related business. As we discussed at the annual meeting, our division is in the process of becoming a 501c3 non-profit with the IRS. As I have little or no experience with this process, I reached out to the Northeastern Region requesting assistance and received several helpful responses. In particular the superintendent of the Sunrise Trail division, Dennis DeAngelis, who just so happens to be a lawyer in the State of New York offered to help us. When you go to this year's NER convention be sure to thank Dennis.

Dennis reviewed our governing documents for compliance with the state and IRS rules in order to avoid potential issues when we submit our 501c3 application. The good news is that he believed our documents were in good shape with only a couple of minor changes needed. We have incorporated the recommended changes into a draft document which our division's board has reviewed and approved. Our bylaws require any changes to be published twice in Red Markers and then to be voted upon at a division meeting. We are planning to vote on the changes at the May meeting.

There are three changes which are shown in this Red Markers. The first change is simply to eliminate our mailing address and legal point of contact from the bylaws. We will need to keep this information current with the state and IRS and our intent is to provide the name and address of the current superintendent or one of the other officers. The second change is driven by state which does not allow proxy voting for board meetings – i.e. board members can not assign their vote to someone else. We have never done this in practice, but needed to clarify in our bylaws that proxy voting is not allowed. The final change is to add a conflict-of-interest statement in the unlikely event that someone had a financial interest in a topic being discussed or voted on.

If anyone has any questions or comments on these changes, please reach out to me and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

I hope to see you at our May meeting at Mark Withiam's. Mark is building an operations-oriented Lehigh Valley layout which the division will be visiting for the first time. I was impressed with his progress and the high quality of the workmanship when he invited a couple of us over to see it awhile back and I know you will enjoy it as well.

Drew

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.

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Proposed CNY Division By-laws Revisions

Current Language

I Office

The principal office of the Division shall be in the village of Clockville, County of Madison, State of New York and the name of the resident agent in charge thereof is Jim Heidt, P.O. Box 25, Clockville, New York 13043

III Division Officers and Other Officials

C. 2. Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called and chaired by the Superintendent. A member of the Board of Directors has only one vote, regardless of the position or positions that member may hold, at any Board meeting, Annual Business meeting or General Membership meeting.

Proposed Revision

I Office

The division shall maintain a mailing address withing the division boundaries and keep the address current with appropriate government entities such as the IRS and New York State.

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D. Conflict of Interest Policy. No person shall recommend the sale of any good or service or the purchase of any good or service in which they or a family member have a financial interest without disclosing their financial interest to the Board at the time they make the recommendation. In such case, the person making the recommendation shall be required to abstain from voting on the recommendation and shall leave the area where the vote is taking place. Purchase of such good or service shall be required to be passed by the majority of the remaining Board members.

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
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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

March 24 - 25
Ops Around the Clock
Lakeshores Division

Saturday/Sunday
April 22-23
Ops 'til You Drop

May 21
Mark Withiam, Marcellus
Details in this issue

Saturday July 15
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

"Yukon Bound" won 1st Place in the Prototype Photo category at the February meeting.
Photo by Bill Brown

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