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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 MAY 21, 2023 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

MARK WITHIAM
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AT THIS MEETING AND IN THIS ISSUE . . .

Photo by Mark Withiam

HO Model Railroad: The Cayuga-Owasco Branch (COB) of the Lehigh Valley RR is an HO Scale layout inspired by the 70+ years of Lehigh Valley service of Mark's grandparents. The COB is a two-level switching layout that borrows heavily on the named places the LV served between Cayuga and Owasco Lakes. The COB models the diesel era, focusing from the early 1950's to end of the LV.

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

Clinic: Ed Olszewski will present a clinic on Modeling in the UK OO scale.

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")

Don't Get Left at the Station . . .

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PAYMASTER'S REPORT

13 Jan 2023 – 25 Apr 2023

The Paymaster's report is more complicated than usual because the division had accounts in two different banks. The decision to change from Bank of America to Empower Federal Credit Union was made by the Board of Directors because Empower FCU has more branches and fewer fees for non-profits. Empower FCU requires each depositor to have a savings account as well as a checking account so a separate savings account line will be included starting with this report. The initial transfer on 7 Feb 2023 was divided between the checking account ($2,000.00) and savings account ($25.00).

The Full Paymaster's Report may be found on Page 6.

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 aslaugh1@verizon.net**

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.

7/1, 8/1, 10/30

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

From the Freight Shed

Drew James, Superintendent

Sometimes I get a little discouraged when I see one of our local layouts dismantled or become non-operational. Unfortunately, this is a natural occurrence as members become older or experience health issues, or move away and our division isn't immune from it.

However, there is a happier flip side as well. It is exciting to see new layouts being built and new members joining the division! I am aware of several new layouts under construction or in the planning stages. Our editor, Ed, is in the process of moving and planning for his new New Haven layout which promises to be bigger and better than the one he just took down. Last summer we visited Bob Wilkin's beautiful Mohawk Valley Central layout for the first time. Bob Davidson (who generously allows us to use his place of business for our annual meeting) is building a New York harbor switching layout. The CNY Model Railroad Club has a new layout based on Central New York well underway in their NYC station in Elbridge. Although, Bob Vickery's layout is not new, he just hosted his first session for "Ops 'Till You Drop" last month. I'm sure I'm missing others as well. If you have a new layout, we'd love to hear about it.

One of the new layouts in the division is Mark Withiam's Cayuga-Owasco Branch, Lehigh Valley Railroad. Mark is building an operations-oriented layout based on an Upstate railroad. When I last saw it, the track wasn't all in and there was no scenery yet, but it was clear that Mark has a great concept and is taking his time to do things with high standards and quality. I know you will enjoy seeing and learning more about his layout. Also, you are sure to enjoy Ed Olszewki's presentation on his recent dabbling into UK OO scale. It is the same, but very different, from HO scale…

Ops 'Till You Drop was a big success with 40 participants from across the Northeast, Canada, and right here in CNY! Many thanks to Bill Brown for organizing the event, the layout hosts, and others who helped pull off the weekend. It continues to be my favorite event on the model railroading calendar.

I have to do a little business. As per last month's Red Markers we are updating our Bylaws as per legal advice we have received and will be putting these changes up for vote at our upcoming meeting. There are three changes.

- 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 the 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.

The complete changes are found on page 5.

See you all May 21 at Mark's!

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!

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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Scene is on Bill Brown's CNYMOD module. Inspiration by Dave Babson, modeling and photo by Bill Brown.

THIS DISPLAY IS DEDICATED TO JAMES K. HEIDT, FOUNDER OF THE CENTRAL NEW YORK DIVISION OF THE NMRA, AND A RESPECTED AREA MINISTER OF GOD

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 within 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.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Bank of America account
Balance, 13 Jan 2023 $5,772.08
Income
20 Jan 2023 – Banquet- $260.00
30 Jan 2023 – Banquet - $60.00
26 Feb 2023 – Voided check returned to balance - $23.61
Total Income $ 343.61
Expenses
21 Jan 2023 – Banquet - $1,050.00
8 Feb 2023 – Name badges - $46.98
28 Feb 2023 – Bank service charge – $6.50
31 Mar 2023 – Bank service charge - $6.50
Total Expenses $1,109.98
Transfers
7 Feb 2023 – Funds to Empower account - $2,025.00
25 Apr 2023 – Bank of America account balance - $2,980.71
Total Transfers $5,005.71
Balance, 25 Apr 2023 $ 0.00

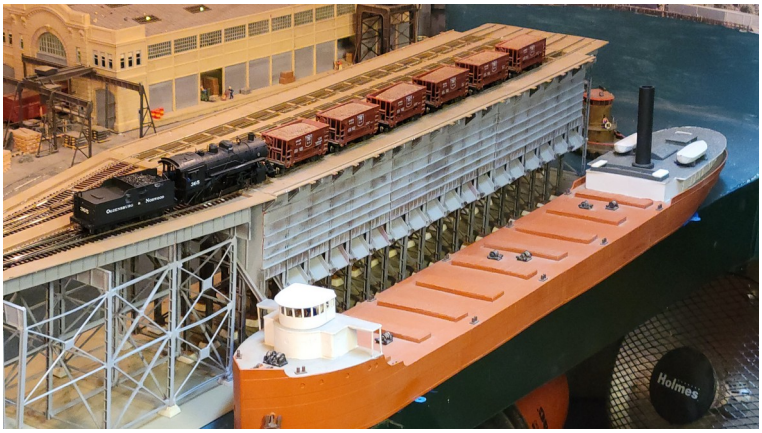
Empower FCU account
Balance, 7 Feb 2023 0.00
Transfers
7 Feb 2023 – Initial deposit - $2,000.00
25 Apr 2023 – Bk of Amer balance - $2,980.71
Total Transfers $4,980.71
Income
28 Feb 2023 – Ops til You Drop, 2/26 meeting sales - $481.00
31 Mar 2023 – Region dues sharing, Ops til You Drop - $103.99
10 Apr 2023 – Ops til You Drop – $36.00
Total Income $620.99
Expenses
22 Feb 2023 – Checkbook purchase - $25.35
10 Mar 2023 – Name badge - $15.66
21 Mar 2023 – Check endorsing stamp - $26.99
10 Apr 2023 – Red Markers - $16.53
25 Apr 2023 – Ops food - $54.65
Total Expenses $139.18
Balance, 25 Apr 2023 $ 5,462.52

Savings Account
Opening balance - $25.00
Interest -$0.02
Current balance - $25.02

Summary of Accounts: Checking $5,462.52
Savings $25.02
Total of Accounts $5,487.52

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Albee
Paymaster

Scenes from 2023 Ops 'Til You Drop



Top left: Dave Martini orients his crew on the CSX Northeast. Top right: Steam on Jim Heidt's O&N. Middle left: Rich Shopland and James Lauser guide a train through Silverton on Bill Brown's Narrow Gauge. Middle right: Ned Spiller runs a Manifest on Bill's LARC. Bottom: Action on the ore dock at Ogdensburg on the O&N. Ship model by Rick Mniece.
(2 O&N photos by Angel Bernard, 3 others by Bill Brown.)

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:
CNYMOD 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

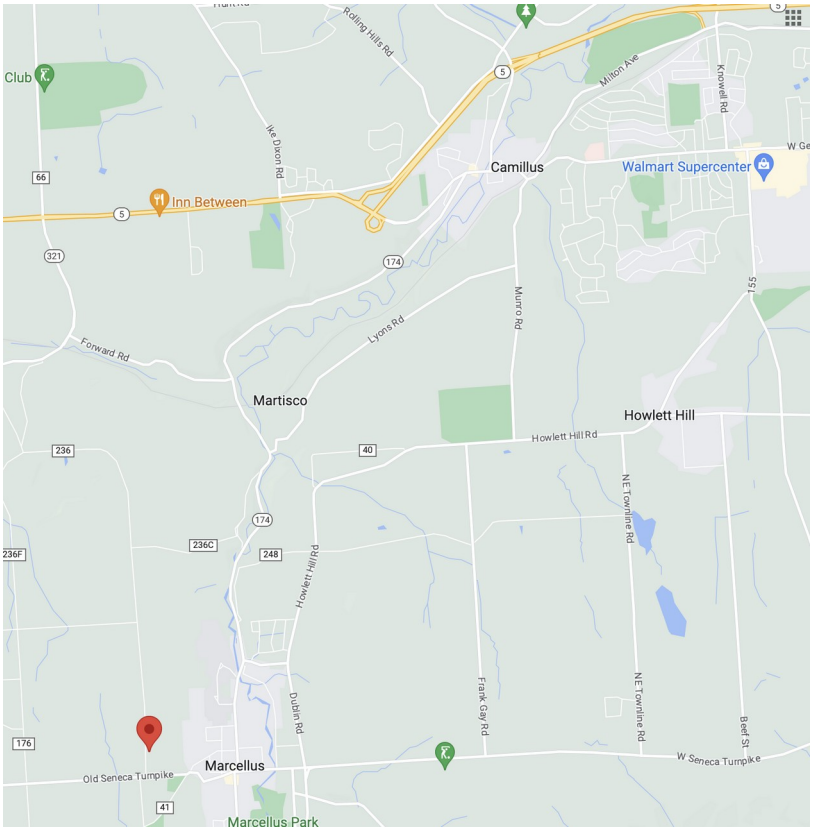
August 20
3:00 – 5:00PM
Train Watching – Tractor Supply

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



Mark Withiam
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Mark's home is just outside the Village of Marcellus. For most of us either NY 175 to Marcellus or NY5 to the Camillus exit and then NY 174 will get you into the vicinity.

As always, don't take our word for it. Use your personal GPS to get there.

The meeting will be in the garage. The layout is down a flight of stairs in the basement. Please bring a chair and dress for the temperature. Parking is available in the driveway (2x2 – 8-10 vehicles) and along the even (east) side of the road along our property (nose in – no ditch) and to the south parallel to the ditch).

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