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

NEXT MEETING . . .

DIVISION BANQUET
SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024 12 – 4 PM
THEODORE'S RESTAURANT
(formerly Rusty Rail)
3231 SENECA TURNPIKE, CANASTOTA, NY

AT THIS MEETING AND IN THIS ISSUE . . .

Banquet Menu includes Baked Ham, Baked Chicken, Sausage & Meatballs, Roasted Red Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Pasta Primavera, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, and Coffee, Tea & Soda. Cash Bar. Buffet served at 12:30 PM.

$20.00/person – Reservations due by January 14, 2024

Send checks payable to CNY Division, NER/NMRA to:
Charles Albee, 215 Falls Blvd, Chittenango, NY 13037

Division Business: Nomination of Officers for 2024 will be in order. Election is at the Annual Meeting in February.

Featured presentation: "Lakeshores24" where we will learn about all the planned activities for the **2024 NER Convention** in Rochester.

Enjoy running your trains in your nice, warm basement. But remember that the stuff we model ran in all sorts of weather. These are New Haven EF-4 "Virginians" at SS.44, South Norwalk, CT in the 1960's.

(Bob Gambling photo, from the collection of Rick Abramson, via the NHRHTA Forum.)

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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, and to any other members who identify as CNY Division members. 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

17 Oct 2023 – 4 Dec 2023

Balance, 17 Oct 2023	$ 4,439.36
Income	
20 Nov 2023 – 11/12 Raffle-$109.00	
Total Income	$ 100.00
Expenses	
19 Oct 2023 – Red Markers-$13.28	
10 Nov 2023 – Donation to meeting host-$100.00	
14 Nov 2023 – Name badges-$31.54	
16 Nov 2023 – Name badges-$31.54	
Total Expenses	$ 176.36
Balance, 4 Dec 2023	$ 4,372.00
Savings Account: Opening balance - $25.08	
Interest -$0.01	
Current balance - $25.09	
Summary of Accounts: Checking $4,372.00	
Savings $25.09	
Total of Accounts $4,397.09	

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 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.

Red Markers Publication Deadline
1/31/24

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

FROM THE FREIGHT SHED

DREW JAMES, SUPERINTENDENT

Christmas is a time of celebration and spending time with family and friends and, of course, it is also train season! Many of us got our start in the hobby by receiving a train set as a gift. In my case it was an HO AHM set I received when I was 10 or 11 and I still have fond memories of adding more cars, expanding the track, and constructing Lego buildings. Even earlier I can remember running my Dad's Lionel trains around the Christmas tree.

Our November meeting at the Clay Historical Park was a success! We had a large turnout including several new members and guests. It was interesting walking through the Cigarville Station on the property - a station many of us frequently drive by, but have never been inside of before. The meeting room was perfect for us. Many thanks to Connor Hawes for presenting a clinic on his amazing weathering techniques. Wow!

Our editors are looking for more content for Red Markers. Please consider submitting a photo and description of your latest model, an update on the progress of your layout, a helpful tip or technique you have learned, a trackside photo, etc. We'd love to hear from you.

This issue contains the details of our January banquet. The board has decided to keep the same bargain price as last year - a full meal including dessert for only $20! I hope you and your spouse or guest will join us for what is always an enjoyable afternoon. We will learn about the many activities which await us at the 2024 NER convention in Rochester hosted by our friends in the Lakeshore's Division.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Drew

Loose Spikes, *(Cont. from pg. 2)*

Future Conventions:

NMRA National convention
2024 Surfliner
Long Beach, CA
August 4 – 11, 2024
https://
surfliner2024.org

2024 NER convention
Lakeshores 24 – Rochester
September 19 – 22, 2024

NERX Returns!
March 18 – 21, 2024
Watch on Facebook and YouTube

Ops Around the clock
March 22 & 23, 2024
Lakeshores Division

Ops 'til You Drop
April 27 & 28, 2024
Central NY Division

TTCS Train Show

Utica Union Station
January 21, 2024 9:30 – 3:00 PM
We will be taking our layout to this show. Roger Beiswenger will be seeking volunteers to staff the table.

Amherst Railway Society Show

West Springfield, MA, Jan. 27 – 28, 2024

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 X!@cnynmra

The NMRA Interchange is a new place to ask questions, provide answers, post events, share ideas and make friends.
It is implemented as a Discord server.
Information on the NMRA members page

https://
www.nmra.org/nmra-interchange

CNY Division Tool Loan Program

Ed Olszewski, Division Storekeeper
and Member Aid Chair

The list of tools available for loan is on the CNY Division website in the "Tool Room" tab:
https://cnynmra.org/tool-room/

In summary, we have Fast Track HO and HOn3 turnout and crossover jigs, track spacing gauges, rock molds, HO camera car, a static grass applicator, and a speedometer useful for speed matching your DCC locomotives.

Send the Division Storekeeper an e-mail to cnynmra@gmail.com with the words "Tool Loan" in the subject line, listing the tool(s) you wish to borrow.

We would like to continue to add to the Divion store. If you have tools you no longer need and would like to donate them to the, contact the Storekeeper and let him know what you have to donate.

2023 Great NYS Train Fair

Our Layout is always a popular item at the Train Fair. Shown here, Ed O'Rourke and Mark Withiam work with a few young engineers, while Bob Verkuyl talks up a prospective member. This year one of Ed's friends donated her father's HO scale cars, which are always happily received by the kids. Next stop for the layout is the TTCS Show at Utica Union Station January 21, 2024. contact Roger Beiswenger, Train Show Co-ordinator, at rogerfbeis@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.
(Photos by Roger Beiswenger)

From The Dispatcher's Desk

Western NY Layout Tour

Ed O'Rourke, Drew James and Mark Withiam made a road trip to the Buffalo area to visit a number of the layouts on the tour. There were a number of very impressive layouts, including several O Scale and Lionel efforts. A fun day, well worth the time. Frank Pastore says it will be a one-day event next year to avoid conflicting with Bills games.
(Photos by Ed O'Rourke)

Gary, an MMR, wasn't supposed to be open but was nice enough to let us in for a visit anyway. Beautiful HO scale modeling with incredible detail.

Frank told us he grew up poor and never had a train as a child. He has been making up for it over the last 50 years or so. Incredible collection.

Jim has a beautifully detailed Lionel 3-rail layout.

Mitch has a very nice modern era HO layout on the upper level, with Lionel O underneath.

Ed and Ed

Division Meeting at the Clay Historical Park

The November Division meeting was at the Clay Historical Park, which includes the restored Cigarville station on the old New York Central line. It was moved across the tracks before the restoration. Member Connor Hawes gave a presentation on his weathering techniques. Photo at right is an example of his work.
(Photos by Roger Beiswenger)

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. Sun; 1:00 PM or by appt. New members and visitors are always welcome, $5 donation is suggested over 18. Starting scenery on the new layout. cnymrrc22@gmail.com www.facebook.com/Central New York Model Railroad Club & Historical Society

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

2024 CNY Division Schedule

Meetings 2-4 PM unless otherwise noted!

SATURDAY JAN. 20, 2024
12:00 – 4:00PM
Banquet – Theodore's, Canastota
DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25
Annual Meeting – Bob Davidson
"Exhibits and More," Liverpool

SUNDAY APRIL 14
Dave Martini, Liverpool

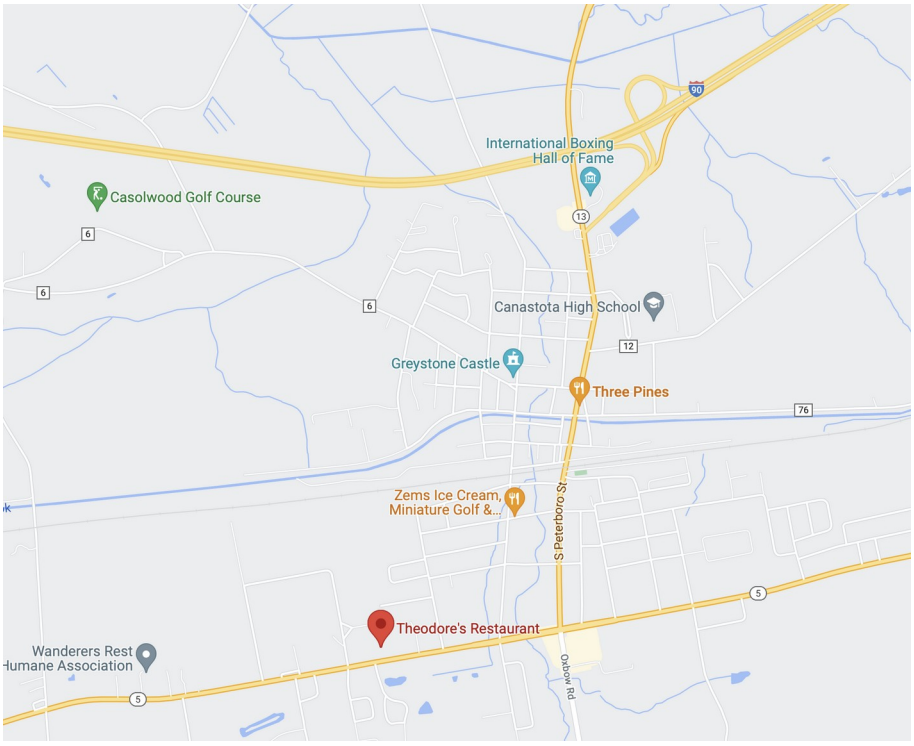
SAT/SUN APRIL 27&28
Ops 'til You Drop

SUNDAY MAY 19
Tom and Ben Lynch, Camillus

SAT/SUN NOVEMBER 2&3
Great NYS Train Fair

OTHER MEETINGS TBA

Theodore's Restaurant, 3231 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota, NY



Theodore's is the former Rusty Rail, site of many previous CNY Division Banquets. Located on Rt. 5 west of the Peterboro St. Intersection in Canastota.

As always, don't take our word for it. We strongly recommend you rely on GPS to get you there.

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