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

NEXT MEETINGS . . .

CNY DIVISION FAMILY PICNIC
SATURDAY JULY 20, 2024 – 12:00 – 4:00
DREW AND KAREL JAMES,
4762 LYNNVILLE WAY, CLAY, NY

AT THIS MEETING AND IN THIS ISSUE . . .

YOU SHOULD BRING: You own seating and non-alcoholic beverages (there will be bottled water available) AND A DISH TO PASS BASED ON YOUR LAST NAME. If your last name begins with:

A through M - Please bring a salad (bean, pasta, garden, fruit etc) or a side dish (casserole, baked beans, etc.)
N through Z - Please bring a dessert or pre-meal snack (cookies, cake, cheese and crackers, etc) of some sort, but not chips which will be provided by the division this year.
Store bought items are perfectly acceptable.
The Division will provide Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, water, utensils, plates, rolls & buns, condiments etc.

Model Railroad: Drew's CS&P Layout was featured in the June MR. Here's your chance to see it in person.

Division Meeting: No business is conducted at the picnic. Just come and enjoy.

Jim Heidt MOW Award: Find out who this year's winner is.

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

TRAIN WATCHING
TRACKSIDE BEHIND TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.
MANLIUS CENTER ROAD, EAST SYRACUSE, NY

Train Watching at the CSX Dewitt Yard: Every year in August we meet trackside behind Tractor Supply, near the site of the old NYC and Amtrak station to watch trains. We will grill some hot dogs and hamburgers, left over from the picnic, as long as someone can bring a portable gas grill. The Division provides condiments and paper goods. You bring your own seating, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverage.
Note, the event takes place rain or shine!
If you can bring a portable gas grill, email Rick rmniece@gmail.com

Division Business: No business at this event.

Clinic: CSX Railroad will provide a free clinic on current prototype practice and intermodal operations.

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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.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT

1 May 2024 – 8 July 2024

BANK ACCOUNTS

Checking Balance as of 1 May 2024	$4,791.75	
Total DEBITS for period	$2,943.13	
Total CREDITS for period	$206.00	
Checking Balance as of 8 Jul 2024		$2,054.62
Savings Balance as of 1 May 2024		$25.15
Total DEBITS for period	$1,000.00	
Total CREDITS for period	$2,500.70	
Savings Balance as of 8 Jul 2024		$1525.85
Share Certificate (CD) Balance as of 1 May 2024		$00.00
Total CREDITS for period	$1,000.55	
Share Certificate (CD) Balance as of 8 Jul 2024		$1,000.55

EXPENSES

Name Badges	$15.77	
Ops 'til You Drop	$428.92	
Red Markers Newsletter	$13.44	
Total EXPENSES for the period		$458.13

INCOME

Raffle/Sales	$106.00	
Donations	$100.00	
Ops 'til You Drop Reservations	$15.00	
Savings/Share Certificate Interest	$1.25	
Total INCOME for the period		$222.25

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Withiam, 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 have trouble receiving your "Red Markers," need to change your e-mail or post office address.

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
9/1/24

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

FROM THE FREIGHT SHED

DREW JAMES, SUPERINTENDENT

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. I know that summer is not the traditional model railroading season as we spend more time outside, travel, and enjoy visits with family and friends. However, I know that my basement is the coolest place in the house so as the temperature goes up, I head into the basement and work on a project for the CS&P. Lately I have been adding working lights to the layout - streetlights, interiors, etc. I have new scratches on top of my head to prove it. Ken Cameron has been helping me to get the lights integrated into JMRI so we can control them from the computer. This is a tedious job and I might end up with around 100 lights when all is said and done. When I think of Bill Brown's layout with several hundred lights, I am in even more awe at what he has accomplished.

Speaking of the CS&P, it has been four years since Karel and I last hosted the division picnic and we are looking forward to seeing you and your families on the 20th. Come and see what has changed on the railroad. Since the last picnic a replica US&S CTC machine has been built and made operational. Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather as well as the appearance of a freight on the CSX St Lawrence Division behind my house.

The Central New York Model Railroad Club and Historical Society in Elbridge has started operating sessions! All of the track is now installed and powered. The lower level of the layout is the Finger Lakes Railway with two yards and several industries to switch. The upper level is the CSX mainline and is geared to continuous running. Scenery construction will be starting soon. Now is a great time to consider joining the club.

If you haven't already, please consider registering for the NER convention "Lakeshores '24" to be held in nearby Rochester September 19th – 22nd. Our neighbors are putting on what promises to be a great convention. I really enjoy the NER conventions. They are just the right length of time, are affordable, many friends attend, and they always have high quality clinics, layouts, and excursions. I know that there will never be a closer convention except when we host in Syracuse. When you register, don't forget to sign up for op sessions.

Drew

It's a busy day in Nelson, BC, with a manifest freight and a coal drag putting on a show for the passengers waiting on the station platform. Nelson station on Drew's CS&P was scratch-built from prototype plans by CNY Division member Len Amrhein.

(Photo by Ed O'Rourke)

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

FUTURE CONVENTIONS:

NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Conventions.nernmra.org

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 Division 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.

STATION No. VI
2025 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
July14 -19 -- Novi, Michigan

The 2025 NMRA Convention is seeking clinicians. Anyone interested in presenting at the National – this one is a reasonable day's drive – let Ed O'Rourke know, and I will forward your information to Andrew Keeney, the Chair.

FROM THE DISPATCHER'S DESK

We received some photos from Marty Denale of the former DL&W (later EL) turntable at the end of Schuyler Street in Utica. Colton Fox states that it is still visible although very overgrown, easier to see when the leaves are off the trees. Thought the winter scenes might offer respite from the current temperatures. Marty took the photos.

Trains, Trucks, and Tractors

The Division switching layout paid a visit to the Homeville Museum in Homer Saturday, June 15, 2024, staffed by Roger Beiswenger, Drew James, Ben Lynch, Tom Lynch, Bob Pletl, Mark Withiam, and Bob Verkuyl. We certified a number of engineers while promoting the hobby at this event. If you haven't been to the museum, they have a lot of local history displayed, including a lot of antique Brockway trucks, model trains and local military and music history.

Finger Lakes Live Steamers Model Railroader Day

Saturday, July 13, 2024 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Model railroaders of all scales are invited to Finger Lakes Live Steamers for the day. Come and enjoy our larger scale offerings. We've got G gauge both ground running and elevated for those live steam G gauge trains. Our 4.75" and 7.25" gauge tracks support trains we can ride. With some coaching we could let you even run the loco. Enjoy our pavilion, bring a picnic lunch, get out of the basement for a while.
302 Clyde-Marengo Rd, Clyde, NY 14433
www.fingerlakeslivesteamers.org

Modeling the Prototype by Roger Beiswenger

During the regular second Tuesday operations at Marty Denale's layout, the first train through the tunnel from Green had a wildlife encounter. Roger, who volunteers on the Adirondack Railroad says this has happened on the prototype, but this was the first time he's seen it modeled. No report as to whether the crew had venison for dinner. No game warden in sight, but deer is out of season, and weapon is not licensed.

Modeling by Marty Denale, photo by Roger Beiswenger

Speaking of the crew: (above) Ed, John, Rich, Roger and Bob V. (right) Bob P. John, and Rich. We will not use the term "motley" to apply to this crew.

(Two photos by Marty Denale)

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!

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

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 Railroad Club:
Wed. 7:00PM at the club at 245 Genesee St, Auburn. 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:
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

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

MON – THUR. MARCH 18–22 NERX

SUNDAY APRIL 14
Dave Martini, Liverpool
Drew James, Clay

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

SUNDAY MAY 19
Tom and Ben Lynch, Camillus

SATURDAYJULY 20 12 – 4 PM
Division Picnic – Drew James
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Train Watching – Tractor Supply

SEPT. 19 -22
NER Convention – Rochester

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6
CNYNRHS – Central Sq. Station

SAT/SUN NOVEMBER 2&3
Great NYS Train Fair

SUNDAY NOV. 17
Rick Mniece, Cicero

CNY DIVISION FAMILY PICNIC - SATURDAY JULY 20, 2024 – 12:00 – 4:00
DREW AND KAREL JAMES, 4762 LYNNVILLE WAY, CLAY, NY

Traffic on the CS&P. Both trains have recently departed Kettle Falls, WA. The upper train is headed towards the Canada/US border and eventually to Calgary, while the train on the lower track is headed to Spokane, WA.
Drew built the snowshed from a kit.

(Photo by Ed O'Rourke)

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