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

NEXT MEETINGS . . .

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 2:00 – 4:00PM
RICK AND LINDA MNIECE
6291 WOODERTON PATH
CICERO, NY 13039

AT THIS MEETING AND IN THIS ISSUE . . .

Model Railroad: It has been quite a while since last we visited Rick Mniece's layout, so it will be interesting to see what he has been up to since our last visit. Rick has what might be called an "eclectic" selection of modeling interests, from N-scale to Live Steam. What will we get to see this time? You'll have to come to the meeting to find out. The meeting will likely be in Rick's garage, so dress for the weather and bring your own chair, please.

Division Meeting: There will be a sign up sheet for Volunteers to staff the Division tables and layout at the CNY Living History Museum Train Day December 14 in Homer, NY. Let Roger Beiswenger (rogerfbeis@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out.

Model Showcase: It's also been awhile since we had a model showcase, so bring one or a few of your models and show us what you have been working on. If you'd like anything judged for AP Credit, let Dave Martini martinikelly1966@gmail.com know so he can arrange for judges.

Raffle: The raffle returns at this meeting. Who knows what treasure may turn up, so bring your $$$. We are also happy to take donated items.

Rick Mniece gets his locos ready to run at the 2021 Division picnic at the Fingerlakes Live Steamers, while Dave Babson offers moral support.

(Ed O'Rourke photo)

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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

24 September 2024 – 23 October 2024

BANK ACCOUNTS		
Checking Balance as of 24 Sep 2024		$1,927.66
Total DEBITS for period	$61.15	
Total CREDITS for period	$51.83	
Checking Balance as of 24 Oct 2024		$1,918.34
Savings Balance as of 24 Sep 2024		$26.82
NOTE: The ending Savings Balance in the last Paymaster Report should have read $26.82. I apologize for the error.		
Total DEBITS for period	$0.00	
Total CREDITS for period	$0.03	
Savings Balance as of 24 Oct 2024		$26.85
Share Certificate (CD) Balance as of 24 Sep 2024		$2,510.74
Total DEBITS for period	$0.00	
Total CREDITS for period	$9.39	
Share Certificate (CD) Balance as of 24 Oct 2024		$2,520.13
EXPENSES		
Name Badges	$47.31	
Red Markers Newsletter	$13.84	
Total EXPENSES for the period		$61.15
INCOME		
NMRA/NER Dues Sharing	$51.83	
Savings/Share Certificate Interest	$9.42	
Total INCOME for the period		$61.25

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
1/1/25

(Loose Spikes continued on page 4)

FROM THE FREIGHT SHED

DREW JAMES, MMR, SUPERINTENDENT

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Skip Enck last month. Skip was a newer member of the division having moved to the Clinton area, near Utica, a couple of years ago. Prior to that he lived in Corning and was a regular operator on Ned Spiller's layout in Hammondsport. I did not know Skip really well, but enjoyed operating with him at Roger's a couple of times and he came over and operated on the CS&P as well. For a time, he was also active at the Finger Lakes Live Steamers. We will miss Skip.

Skip loved trains and wanted his collection to go to others who love trains. His family generously donated his entire collection to the division. Recently Ned, Bob Verkuyl, and I went to his house and cleaned out his collection and moved it to my garage and basement. Ed O'Rourke came over and helped me sort through all the boxes. Unsurprisingly it is a mix of old and new, junk and treasures, and a few things that had us scratching our heads. It was clear that Skip was one the last remaining scratch-builders of steam locomotives and his favorite railroad was the D&H.

Ed and I sorted the collection into different categories:

1. Trash
2. Keep for our raffles
3. Sell at our annual meeting in February and
4. Sell on-line or to dealers.

In the last category are several brass cabooses and steam locomotives. Additionally, there are several steam locomotives that appear to be higher end, but were not boxed. See Ed's pictures (page 6&7) of this set of engines and let us know if you are interested in looking at them more closely.

Our philosophy is that our members will have first crack at purchasing any items they have an interest in and we will sell the items to members at very reasonable prices if it is something they would like for their collection. Any items which don't sell to division members will either be sold elsewhere or placed in the raffle. Look for some new items in the raffle at our November meeting and then other items for purchase in February. If you have an interest in brass or the steam engines let us know and we will set up a time for you to view the items and perhaps make an offer.

Hope to see you at the Train Fair and then at Rick's for our regular meeting.

Drew

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

FUTURE CONVENTIONS:

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
HTTPS://NMRA2025.COM

NERX

March 17 – 20, 2025 – 6:00 – 10:00 PM
On FaceBook and YouTube live

THE 2025 NER CONVENTION

is in Concord, NH September 11 – 14, 2025, hosted by Seacoast Division.

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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.

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.

From The Dispatcher's Desk

SAVE THE DATE

DEC. 14-15 2024

AT GORDON FIELD HOUSE ON THE RIT CAMPUS
IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

18TH ANNUAL RIT tiger tracks
TRAIN SHOW & SALE

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44th Annual TOY TRAIN COLLECTORS SOCIETY

TRAIN SHOW

SUNDAY
JANUARY 19, 2025
9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

UNION STATION
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Featuring...
- Multiple Operating Displays
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- Inside Historic Train Station
- Train Doctor

For Further Information Contact:
Show Organizer:
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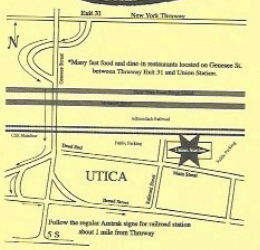
Show Founder: Richard Wielgosz

For Show Updates:
http://www.facebook.com/TTCSUticaTrainShow



Scales represented for sale:
O/O-27 : S : H.O. : N and more
Other items for sale:
Memorabilia : Videos (DVD's) : Photographs and art work : Keys, locks, lanterns and more

For Dates of Future Meets Log Onto:
www.ttcsltd.org

AS ALWAYS, THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN AND FESTIVITIES.

Donation
Adults: $5 Children 5-12: $2
Children 4 and under: free

TRAINS, TRAINS, TRAINS

NOVEMBER 9th, 10am-3pm
21ST ANNUAL GREATER BINGHAMTON TRAIN SHOW

NOVEMBER 17th
TRAIN AUCTION

Opens at 1pm. Auction begins at 2pm

Approximately 1000 Lots of Trains, accessories, scenery, buildings, lanterns, signs, Railroad Memorabilia, Railroad prints, parts. Featuring very early Boston-Maine Train Station Bench-RARE! Prewar, post-war, modern, HO, S, O, G Gauge Trains! Included in this sale The Incredible American Flyer Collection of Jeff Dostal, Oneonta, NY! Also included in this sale, massive Die-Cast collection!

Train Show and Auction held at American Legion Post 1645,
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AUCTION IS IN PERSON ONLY!

TERMS: Cash or good check. 10% Buyers premium.
Go to Auction Zip 36740 for terms and pictures.

Call the Colonel! OLIN'S Est. Jeff Olin

For show and hotel information call: 607-343-5184

Last run - Sherwood "Skip" Enck

Sherwood "Skip" Enck, most recently of Clinton, NY, died in Fredericksburg, VA on September 28, 2024. An engineer in the mechanical and manufacturing sense professionally and in the model railroading sense as a hobby, he was 84 years old.

After graduating from Clarkson University in 1962, he started working as an engineer at Bendix in Sidney, NY. He spent the 1960s and 70s wearing a movie-cliché pocket protector and contributing to designs that reached the ocean depths and the far heights of outer space. Twenty years later, he launched Upturn Industries in Trout Creek, NY. The manufacturing company supplied small, precision-machined parts for public safety, transportation, and military sectors. He derived great satisfaction in finding creative solutions to puzzling problems.

Sherwood loved model railroading and worked in several gauges. Through the years, he enjoyed the tiny intricacies of HO locomotives and cars, but his pride was building two live steam locomotives. He gave rides behind these fully functioning steam engines for several years at the Finger Lakes Live Steamers track in Marengo, NY. He traversed the U.S. and Canada several times by train and car. His adventures took him to all 50 states, numerous national parks with his daughters, and zip-lining in Costa Rica with his grandsons. His interests included gardening, cooking, beekeeping, hunting, and community service clubs. In his retirement, Mr. Enck found enjoyment volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and Foodbank of the Southern Tier in Chemung County

Skip recently became a member of the CNY Division and was active in the group that operates at Roger Beiswenger's and Marty Denale's layouts.

Locomotives from the collection of Skip Enck – Page 7 (Top)

Skip's family has donated them to the division along with many other items. Some will be sold, some will go into the raffle at some point, but these we thought we would offer to *Red Markers* readers first.

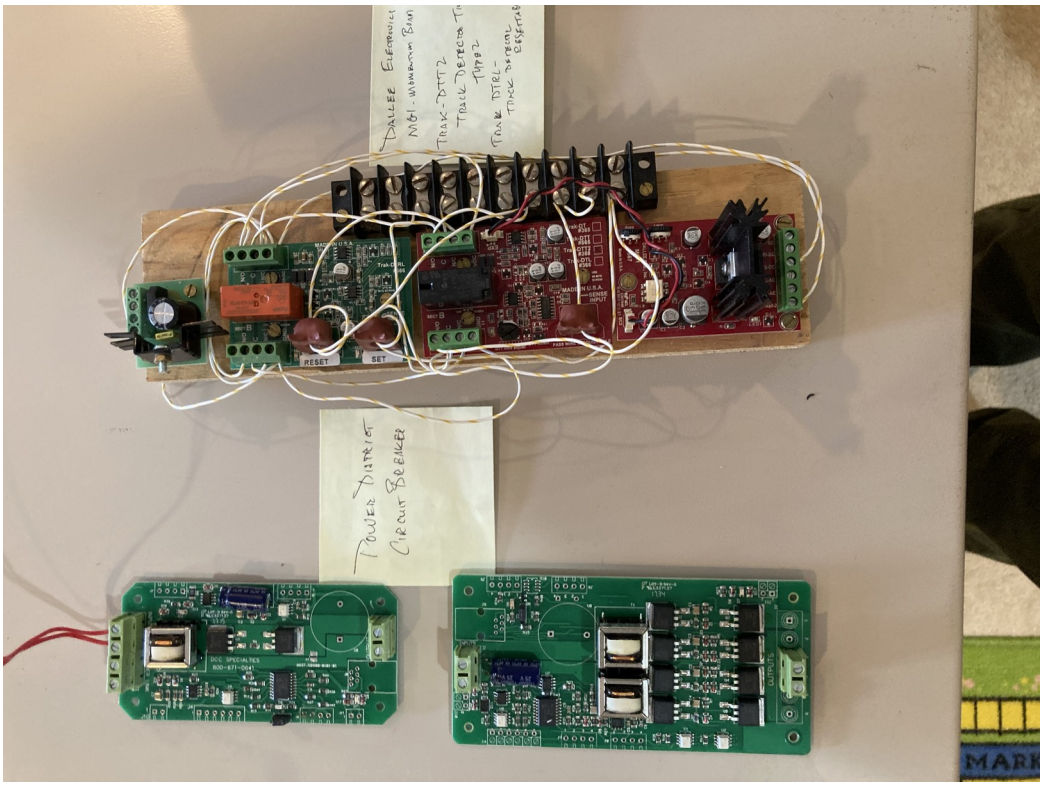
Top to Bottom: D&H Challenger 4-6-6-4, built from a Bowser kit; B&M Consolidation 2-8-0, Japanese built brass (Sunset Models 1979?); O&W Ten-Wheeler 4-6-0, Japanese built brass; Jersey Central Camelback Ten Wheeler 4-6-0, Japanese built (Red Ball?) brass.

We believe these are DC models, and are unsure of their running condition. Any member interested in them, please contact Drew James domerdrew@gmail.com

Also from Skip Enck's collection – Page 7 (Bottom)

Top is a detection circuit from Dallee Electronics; Bottom are two DCC Specialties circuit breakers

DELAWARE & HUDSON
BOSTON & MAINE
2837
35
670


RESET
SET
POWER DISTRICT
CIRCUIT BREAKER

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 – 25 CNY Division Schedule

Meetings 2-4 PM unless otherwise noted!

SUNDAY NOV. 17, 2024
Rick Mniece, Cicero
DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE

SATURDAY JAN. 18, 2025
12:00 – 4:00PM
Banquet – Theodore's, Canastota

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23
Annual Meeting – Bob Davidson
"Exhibits and More," Liverpool

MON – THUR. MARCH 17–20
NERX

SUNDAY APRIL 13
Homeville Museum
Homer, NY

SAT/SUN APRIL 26&27
Ops 'til You Drop

SUNDAY MAY 18
Ed O'Rourke
Jamesville

SATURDAYJULY 27 12 – 4 PM
Division Picnic – TBD

SATURDAY AUGUST 16
3-5 PM
Train Watching – Tractor Supply

SEPT. 11 - 14
NER Convention – Concord, NH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5
TBD

SAT/SUN NOVEMBER 1&2
Great NYS Train Fair

SUNDAY NOV. 16 - TBD

A couple of photos of Skip Enck's locos at the Finger Lakes Live Steamers – a Shay)left) and a Consolidation (right).
(Photos courtesy of Rick Mniece)

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