

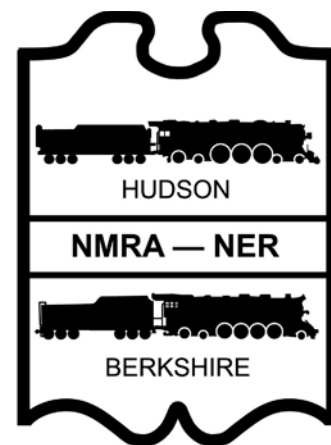
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**The Official Newsletter of the
Hudson-Berkshire Division
of the NER NMRA**

November 2019



**Next Division Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2019
Noon to 5!**

**Mike Hachey's
4026 Ryan Place, Schenectady, NY, 12303**

Come and go as you are able, Pizza will be served! Bring a friend to introduce them to the hobby!!

We'd like to thank everyone for the donations at the October meeting- \$150 was raised from the Raffle and additional \$250 from individual donations to benefit the Toys for Tots Fund! That's at least another 5 sets we will be able to donate to the Marines!

Our yearly Call to Arms!

Well, maybe that should be, call FOR arms? Arms to help us push, pull, lift, guide, and support all the various jobs and chores needed to make our annual *Great Train Extravaganza* great every year!

Through the organization's leadership, and the many facets of support from the membership, we have helped re-invigorate the show and continue to draw the crowds from all over the Capital District and beyond (Vermont, Mass, the North Country, downstate, Western NY). The Show is by far our largest fundraising event, contributing to our Toys for Tots program. It also contributes to the monthly operating expenses of the organization (mailing the Form 19, refreshments at the Monthly meetings, paying any fees our monthly host locations require, keeping our annual bus trip to Springfield at a reasonable cost, to name some).

It's 2 days a year, but there is work being done 12 months a year to make sure the show continues to be as successful as it is. Advertisements have to be placed 6 months out, lawn signs ordered and then later placed, contracts negotiated and signed, the list goes on. James and Sarah Lauser orchestrate the moving parts, with support from the Leadership Team, and All of YOU! This is a team effort, please help in any way that you can, the emails and calls will be going out starting shortly to kick off the countdown to GTE day- we appreciate anything you can do!

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The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

Wow, time sure flies by, like the Doppler Effect of a named passenger train roaring past your vantage point right along the right of way. It seems like it was only a week ago that I penned my last Ready Line column!

I'm so excited about all our exciting upcoming events:

- Saturday, November 2nd: HBD Open House at Mike Hachey's in Schenectady. *If you know people who are interested in model railroading but are not yet NMRA members, please bring those folks with you!* Any questions or suggestions? Want to volunteer to assist on the day? Then please let Ben Maggi know soon (585 506-2680). To clarify, this will be our HBD Meeting for November. And we will be holding our annual elections at Mike's at 4pm. See announcement elsewhere in this issue regarding the elections.
- Sunday, December 1st: Our annual Great Train Extravaganza in Albany. James Lauser and I just met with our Accounts Manager at the Albany Times Union to negotiate this year's ad campaign (in print, in various publications, and on-line). Please remember, we don't normally hold formal HBD meetings in December. We will be reaching out, asking for help in many ways (sign distribution, Saturday load-in, ticket sales, ticket takers, various tables, and clean-up) so please be generous with your time, this is the #1 fundraiser we have, which allows us to do many of the things we do, with many more events in the planning stages!
- Saturday, January 25th: Our annual bus trip to Springfield, MA to attend the Amherst Model Railroad Show at the "Big E." The organizers claim the show is the largest *in the USA*. I've been to the largest shows in Europe (in the U.K. and in Germany) and I can attest that the Big E Show is the largest *in the world!* Please see sign-up sheet elsewhere in this issue. Thanks, Artie Krass, as always, for organizing this great event!

Our Leadership Team meeting on October 11th was well attended. Thanks, Paul Hoffman, for hosting. We covered a wide range of topics. Plans for the Open House and for GTE were top priorities, as was planning for next year's Budget (our finances are on a calendar year basis). We also discussed re-vitalizing our Toys-for-Tots campaign and ordering a new batch of HBD polo shirts some time next year.

Well, that's it for this month. I really hope to see most of you – *and your guests* -- at Mike Hachey's in November!

Irwin



Our 50th Year!

Great Train Extravaganza

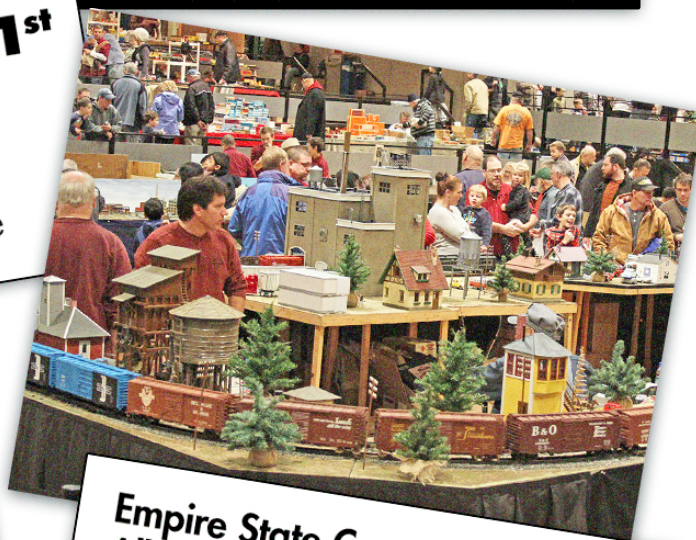


Public model train show and sale.
Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Sunday, December 1st
10am - 4pm

Adults still only \$7
Children 12 and under free

- Operating model railroads
- Sales of model trains, train sets, parts and accessories, building kits, scenery items, books, videos, DVD's, photographs... everything related to model trains and railroading
- Door prizes
- Roaming Railroad train rides
- Giant Lego layout for kids of all ages
- Over 300 tables!



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Top left: Artie manning the Division table at the GTE.

Top Right: A Whistlepost, or a prop?

Bottom: The Lauser's pose outside a car on their Orient Express vacation.





Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts January 25th 2020

Please fill out the attached form and make your checks payable to the **Hudson Berkshire Division** for the correct amount to reserve your place on the bus. Please **mail** your form and check to our Division PO Box, as indicated below. The cost, including show admission ticket, for a Hudson Berkshire NMRA member is **\$25**, and for a member invited guest it will be **\$37**. The bus will make stops in Wilton, Clifton Park and Albany to pick up and drop off riders. We will be making one stop on the Mass Pike each way - there will be no stop for a formal dinner on the way home. The bus will make a stop at a rest area on the Mass Pike and refreshments may be purchase at that time.

Seats on the bus are on a first come, first serve basis starting at the November Meeting and we need to have 50 seats sold by December 15th or we may need to cancel the trip. If the Division does cancel those who signed up will get a full refund, although we cannot refund individuals who sign up and then cannot make the trip.

Pickup: 6:00 AM - at the Wilton Mall north end by Dick's - light pole C2

Pickup: 6:30 AM - Clifton Park Exit 9 - at The Crossing bus shelter, across the parking lot from Big Lots and the Tower (this is not the Park and Ride Lot!)

Pickup: 7:00 AM - Albany Crossgates Mall - lower level lot near JC Penney's

Rest stop on the Mass Pike in-route to Springfield

Arrive at Springfield approximately at 9:00 AM

Depart Springfield at 5:00 PM sharp!

We will stop at a rest stop/area on the Mass Pike on the way home.

- Please make checks out to the **HUDSON BERKSHIRE DIVISION** in the amount of **\$25.00** for each member and **\$37.00** for each guest which includes admission to the show. This is a first come, first serve event with a signup/payment deadline of December 31, 2019.
- Please send payment and signup form to:
Hudson Berkshire Division
PO Box 83
Clifton Park, NY 12065-0083
Attn: Artie Krass / Bus trip
- You will be contacted upon the receipt of your signup form and check - if you do not hear from Artie within 10 days of mailing your form and check - please contact Artie (ajkwings@yahoo.com or 518-229-6080).
- Bus will depart on time - we cannot wait for individuals!
Any questions please contact Artie Krass at 518-229-6080 or ajkwings@yahoo.com



Hudson Berkshire Division Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts Saturday January 25, 2020

Name: _____ Cost \$25 - checks only no cash

NMRA # _____

Contact phone # or email: _____

Guest: _____ Cost \$37 - checks only no cash

If guest is an NMRA member need their NMRA # _____ and their cost is \$25

Contact phone # or email of guest: _____

Please check pickup location: Albany ☐ Clifton Park ☐ Wilton ☐

If the Division does cancel the trip those who signed up and paid will get a full refund, although we cannot refund individuals who sign up and then cannot make the trip.

MAIL TO:

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Clifton Park NY 12065-0083

Attn: Artie Krass / Bus Trip

**FREE.
FOR SALE.
WANTED**

We haven't had much call for this in the Form 19 in recent memory, and all of a sudden, we have quite a few!

First up, we have a member that is looking for a good home to Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, and Trains magazines.

Model Railroader - 7 boxes with a few random magazines starting in 1951, but the main collection from 1979 on
Railroad Model Craftsman - 6 boxes with a few random magazines starting in 1971, but the main collection from 1978 on.

Trains - 3 boxes with a few random magazines starting in 1994, but the main collection from 2002 on.

I think the collections are fairly complete, but I am sure that a few issues are missing here and there. We have moved multiple times, I have pulled a few out for a reference and they may not have made it back to the box, etc.

Floyd & Sue Barwig can be reached at either couchrock@nycap.rr.com or at 518-283-1604.

Joe Martinec needs some help in determining the best way to put in a piece of track to make a large curve with correct end alignments. Joe is at 1245 Sumner Ave, Schenectady, NY (near Ellis Hospital). He would very much appreciate someone contacting him at 518-688-7280 or joefmartinec49@aol.com

Wanted: Ben Maggi is looking for a new, un-assembled kit of the Mechanicville XO Tower (kit #601) that was produced about five years ago by CHR Structures. CHR Structures is not producing any more kits and the local hobby stores do not have any. I am not sure how many of these kits were produced but the numbers were probably low. The kit originally sold for \$79.99. If you have an un-assembled but fully intact kit and are willing to sell it please contact him at (585) 506-2680. Thank you.



**Hudson Berkshire Division Election of Officers
(Vice President & one member of the Board of Directors)
Candidates Statements of Qualification**

Position: Vice President:

No Candidates

Gregory Whittle, position: Board of Directors

I have been a member of the NMRA for over 20 years and affiliated with the Hudson Berkshire Division for a number of years prior. I was Division president for two years and have served on the board of directors for ten years. Since I have been with the Division and a part of the local model railroad scene for so long, I am able to advise the board on the viability of actions that may have been previously undertaken. I act as moderator for the Division Yahoo group and invite members to join and contribute to the site content. When I was president I undertook the first comprehensive survey of member interests in Division activities and goals. As I continue to serve as a board member, I have always made myself available to receive comments and suggestions from the membership and to express their concerns at board meetings. I am a member of OPSIG, LDSIG and other groups and have attended several national and regional events where I have met other model railroaders who are prospective Division members but who are unaware of our activities. I believe that involving all model railroaders within our coverage area in some way in Division activities is the key to our continued growth.

HUDSON BERKSHIRE DIVISION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2019 Ballot Mark an 'X' in the space after the name or write in a qualified* member's name

Vice-President: _____ **Other:** _____

Director: Gregory Whittle _____ **Other:** _____

* A qualified member is any current full NMRA member residing within the Division.

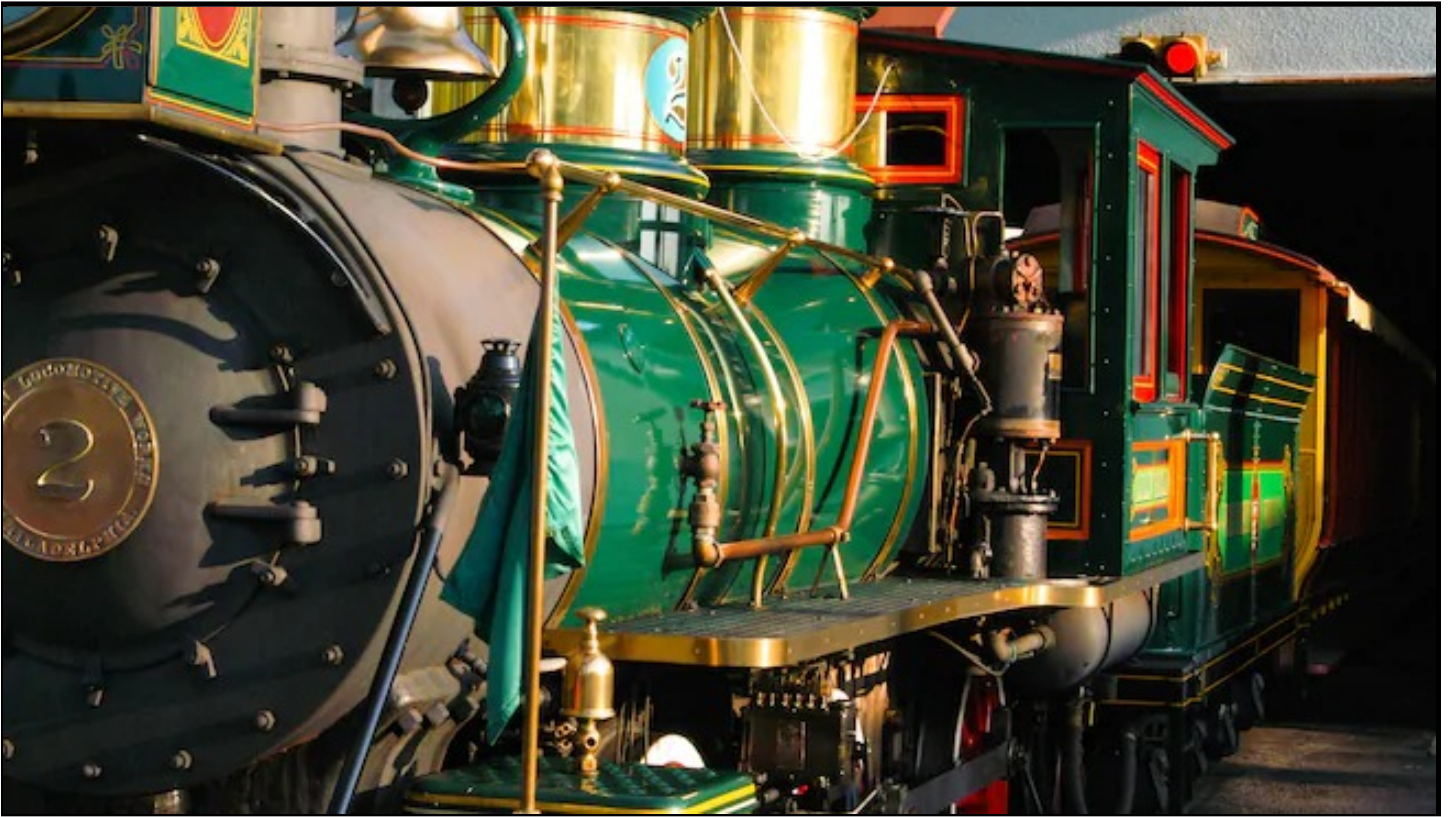
In order for your completed ballot to be valid, you must be a full NMRA member and write your name and NMRA membership number on the back of the ballot. If you receive in print form, cut off this section; your name is on other side. 'Rail Pass' membership does not confer voting rights during the trial period.

To vote: 1) Mail the completed ballot in an envelope, marking the envelope "ballot enclosed," to:

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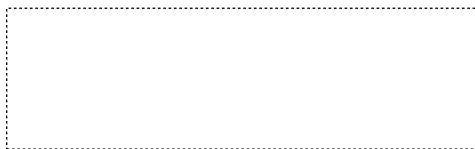
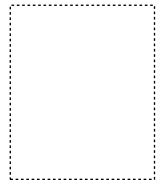
All ballots sent by mail must be received by November 2 to be counted. Or 2) Present a completed ballot in an envelope to a Division officer by the deadline date or 3) Present the ballot at the November 2 meeting at Mike Hachey's in Schenectady..

Trivia of sorts!
Steam? Check!
1: 1 scale? Hmmm....



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