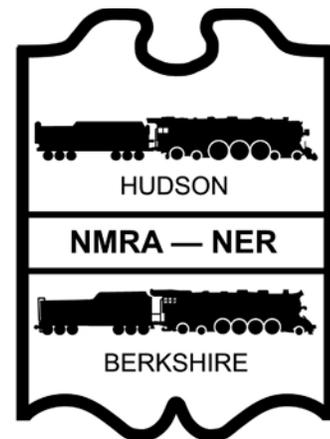


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Next Division Meeting Friday, September 27, 2019 at 7pm

A Journey from Binghamton to Scranton

by Charles Newton

At the Malta Community Center
1 Bayberry Dr, Malta, NY 12020

We'll be traveling south from Binghamton to Scranton via 'new Pennsylvania Division' on the former DL&W, and returning to Binghamton north via 'old Pennsylvania Division' over Ararat, and Conrail Delaware Division to Binghamton. The timeframe is in the 1979-1985 era.

The Division would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the members of Adirondack Live Steamers (ALS) for allowing us to visit for the traditional beginning of summer hiatus meeting. We try to do a large outdoor get-together or trip for our June meeting as a kickoff to summer. We return to regular programming in September, so we want to make sure everyone (including member's families!) have fun!

I don't know if there was an official count, but there were dozens of members, spouses, significant others, friends, children, and grandchildren all enjoying the food, grounds and train rides so graciously provided by ALS. There are few places in the country that we can take a train ride over the bridge and through the woods these days. While the accommodations may not be the most comfortable as compared to the Zephyr, the atmosphere at ALS is wonderful- the hospitality, the facilities, the adventures of going out for a peaceful ride in the woods, and the relaxing atmosphere. (Dare I also say, the silence of cell phones due to the lack of coverage in the area?).

Thank you to the Membership of ALS for allowing us to visit, and those dual-membership folks who took time to be the hosts instead of the visitors. Perhaps we can organize a group of people in the fall or spring to assist with closing or opening the facilities!

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The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

I hope all of you enjoyed the normal fun Summer activities with family and friends -- while still finding some time for model railroading!

In just under two weeks I'll be heading out to Empire Junction in Syracuse. From what I can tell, it's going to be an awesome Regional Convention. While most of the extra fare activities are already sold out, it's still not too late to register – *there will still be plenty to do!* Looking at the most recent registrations summary, it is clear already that HBD will be well represented. While at the Convention, some of us will be meeting with our counterparts from the Central New York Division to kick-start the planning for a joint activity some time during 2020.

Fall is almost here and it's time for HBD to swing back into action, starting with our next Division meeting on September 27th. Full details are included in this Form 19. As always, Artie Krass has put together an interesting program for us.

Advance notice of our October meeting is also contained herein. Big events in November and December!

First, we have our Open House at Mike Hachey's in Schenectady on Saturday, November 2nd. (This will serve as our monthly meeting.) Held during "National Model Train Month," the event will be a celebration of our Division and its members, current (active and, at least until now, not so active) and, importantly, prospective! Ben Maggi is Chair of the Planning Committee and has everything well in hand.

Then on Sunday, December 1st it's time once again for our annual Great Train Extravaganza in Albany. This year, the first Sunday in December falls at the end of the Thanksgiving Weekend. This has happened to us once before and attendance (vendors and visitors) didn't seem to be much effected. Continuing from last year, James Lauser is our GTE Chairman and is already doing an excellent job.

Thanks, Artie, Ben and James – much appreciated!

For HBD, November also heralds our annual election of officers. This year, the following positions are up for re-election:

- Greg Whittle's Board of Director position. Greg has graciously agreed to run for office again but, like myself, he would be quite happy to see others step up and put their hats in the ring
- Artie Krass' Vice President position. After many years as President and Vice President, Artie has decided not to run for re-election. He's done a great job for HBD and we owe him much! I'm confident he will remain an active member of HBD and we wish him the best, including continuing his steady progress towards achieving his certification as Master Model Railroader. Thus far, one candidate has expressed interest in



Hudson Berkshire Board Elections November 2019

We will be holding an election in November for 1 Board member position (currently held by Greg Whittle) and for the Office of Vice President (currently held by Artie Krass who is not running for re-election).

Please contact any Board member by the meeting on September 27, 2019, if you are interested in running. Nominations will be CLOSED after that meeting so we can prepare ballots for the upcoming election. Candidates may be existing officers or directors, members recruited by a selection committee, or a member nominated by at least two members. In the latter case the Board of Directors will contact the candidate to assure that he is willing and able to serve in that office.

SAVE THE DATE

HBD Open House

**Celebrate the Division and National Model Train Month!
Socialize with fellow members,
recruit new members**

**Saturday, November 2nd Noon to 5
Mike Hachey's House, Schenectady**

Just a reminder to keep your NMRA membership up to date!

Great weather, great atmosphere, food, and coal-fired LIVE STEAM traveling through the woods at ALS. What could possibly be better!





THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer traveling, attending sporting events, or just hanging out at home. Did anyone travel ON a train, or attend any rail-themed places/events?

If so, we'd love to hear from you. Throw us some pictures with some description/context of what we are looking at, and any additional details about your trip or the event, and we'll see what we can do! Complete articles are also always welcome. We never look a gift horse in the mouth!

While we seem to see fewer and fewer trains, they still are the workhorse of the country, carrying raw materials to factories, and finished goods to market. While that is an extreme over-simplification of it, that's all there is to it! But they also carry passengers. Special loads. All kinds of odds & ends.

A little trivia, as I am leaving for vacation myself not long after this issue goes to press.... What are two of the smallest rail lines in the country that carries literally millions of passengers short distances. AND are still live steam fired!

I'll give you some clues- they are not owned by a Railroad, are not the full size giants we normally ride, and yes indeed are Live Steam. They are located in 2 of our warmest states, and are named after famous people from the Company that own them. They travel in a 1.5 mile circle continuously in their life, and the locomotives were found in Mexico and brought back for overhaul.

Give up? Yes, they are the Walt Disney (World/Land) steam trains! Look for some pictures of these working steam engines in our next edition!

Erik

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The NMRA has partnered with the following list of vendors to provide discounts with your NMRA membership? Log into the NMRA protected area to retrieve any codes needed to order from these great vendors!

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Our 50th Year!

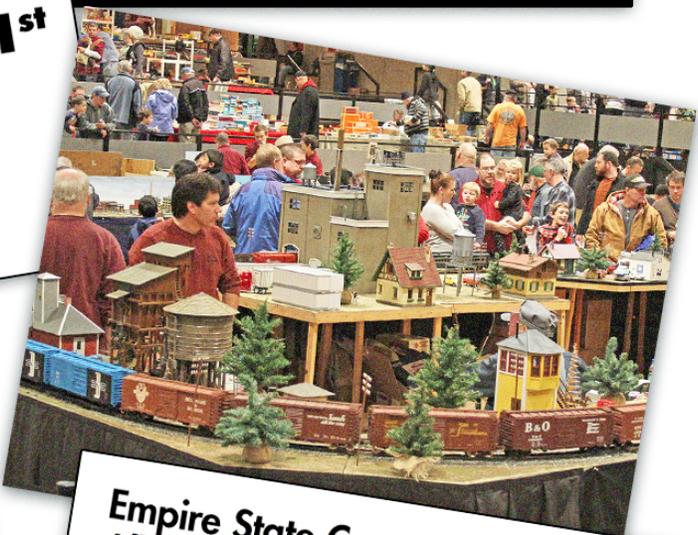
Great Train Extravaganza



2019

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10am - 4pm
Adults still only \$7
Children 12 and under free



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- Door prizes
- Roaming Railroad train rides
- Giant Lego layout for kids of all ages
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Heading north, take Exit 3.
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Coming in October!

The October meeting will be on Friday night, October 18th from 7 pm until 9 pm at a location TBD.

The meeting will be a "Show and Tell" on freight car weathering. Looking for members to bring their weathered rolling stock and be available to give a brief talk/slide/demo to the group on the techniques they have used to weather their rolling stock. We will supply some undecorated 50' boxcar shells for members to try out weathering on.



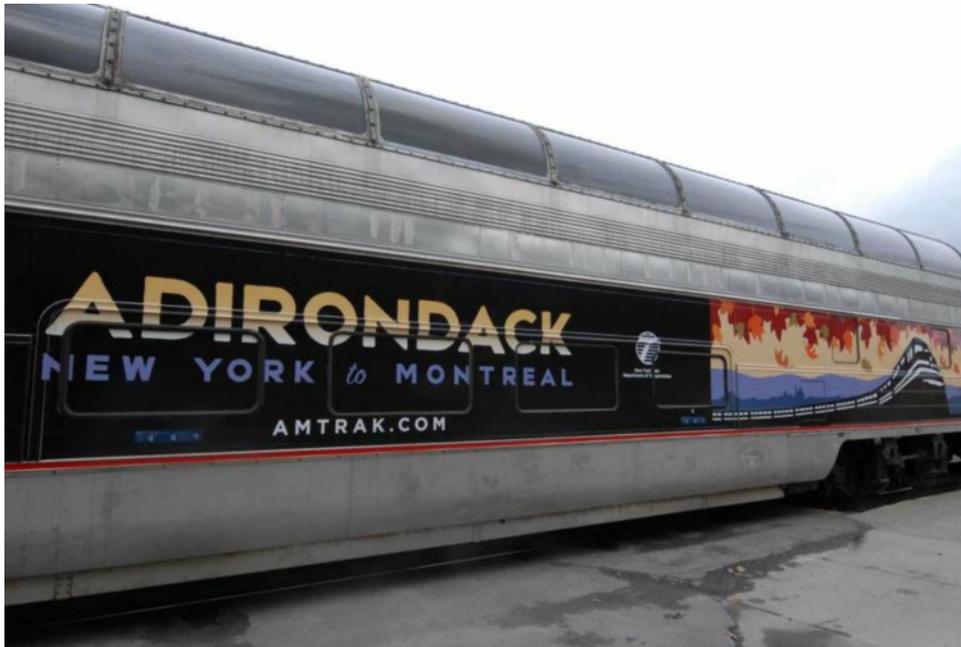
Gateway 2020

The 2020 NMRA National Convention will be held July 12-18 in St. Louis, Missouri

This Month in History
Sept 1909

Robert S. Lovett succeeds E. H. Harriman as president of the Southern Pacific Company, parent company of the Southern Pacific Railroad

Beyer, Peacock and Company of Manchester, England, steam the first Garratt articulated steam locomotive built to the design of Herbert William Garratt, K1 for the North East Dundas Tramway.

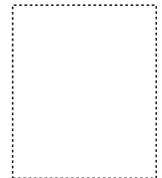


At the end of August, Amtrak announced that the “Great Dome Car” would be retired from the operational fleet and stored at the Beech Grove shops.

The car was tacked on the rear of the Adirondack between Albany and Montreal for patrons to enjoy the fall foliage since 2007. Several Division members acted as guides along the route over the years, pointing out areas of historical importance along the route.

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