

INTRODUCTION

This is the third issue of the Hudson Berkshire Membership Directory. It provides a listing of the names, addresses, phone numbers and E-Mail addresses, plus a few other bits of model railroad information about our members. Its purpose is to provide a ready phone list, promote member interaction for idea exchange & layout visits, and in general, help all of us to get to know each other a little better. We hope you find it useful.

We are pleased that every member of the Division has chosen to participate and provide his or her address and phone number. Please bear in mind that this is privileged information and as such is not to be copied or handed out to non-members or hobby shops.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

Hudson Berkshire is a division of the Northeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association. While most of the members reside in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy, New York area, an additional contingent is from the Adams-Pittsfield, Massachusetts region. The geographical range of division members roughly extends from the Catskills and the mid-Hudson area, north to the southern Adirondacks, east to the Berkshires, and west into the Mohawk Valley.

Division leadership is comprised of: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Director, Western Director and *Form 19* Editor. Principal Division activities include six to eight meetings a year held in member homes and area clubs for the purpose of viewing layouts, displaying models, presenting clinics, showing slides and videos, and general fellowship among the members and guests. Other activities have included: hosting regional conventions, group trips to out-of-area layouts, and mini-clinics at area train shows.

Annual division dues are currently \$5.00. Members receive a subscription to *Form 19*, the division newsletter, which is regularly published approximately seven to ten days before each meeting, as well as the current edition of the Directory. In addition, individual name tags are also available, and may be ordered at minimal cost through the Secretary-Treasurer.

DIVISION HISTORY

The Division was formed at Glenn Wagner's house in December of 1966 by a group of fourteen area model railroaders which included in addition to Glenn: Dave Messer, Jim Odell, George Herbert, Tony Steele, and others. A constitution and by-laws were written, and it was named the **Hudson Mohawk Division**.

Early Division mailings consisted of post cards. By December of 1967 the *Form 19* was born and Order No. 1, the first issue, was sent out. George Herbert was the organization's first Editor. At the December 1967 meeting the first elections were held. Dave Messer was elected President; George Herbert, Vice President; John Hollner, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jack Schramm, Director.

Order No. 2 issued in March of 1968 shows the Division as being recognized by the NER & NMRA with full division status.

By Order No. 4 issued in September of 1968, the name had been changed to the **Hudson Berkshire Division** to better reflect the geographical distribution of its members.

In 1969 Bill Carter was elected as a Director for the Berkshire area establishing the Division's tradition of having an Eastern Director from the Adams-Pittsfield, Massachusetts area and a Western Director from the Albany-Schenectady-Troy, New York area.

The year 1993 marked the publication of our first Membership Directory.

Election of officers was held typically in November more or less every year starting about 1970. However since 1973, officers have been elected for multi year terms, and the frequency of elections has been by consent of the membership. The table on the following page chronicles the ensuing changes in leadership as recorded by the *Form 19*.

<u>MONTH</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE</u> <u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u> <u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR</u>	<u>WESTERN</u> <u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>EASTERN</u> <u>DIRECTOR</u>
1967	Dave Messer	George Herbert	John Holmer	George Herbert	Jack Schramm	Bill Carter ('69)
1970	Dave Messer	George Herbert	Bill St. John	George Herbert	Bob Karl	Bill Kennedy
1972	Bill Kennedy	George Herbert	Bill St. John	Jeff Martin		
Nov.'72	Bill Mischler	Jim O'Dell	Bill St. John	Jeff Martin	Dave Messer	Don West
Nov.'73	Bill Mischler	Jim O'Dell	Lou Wasserman	Bill Kennedy		
Nov.'77	Bill Mischler	John Misiaszek	Ed McLaughlin	Bill Kennedy		
Nov.'78	Tony Steele	John Misiaszek	Ed McLaughlin	Bill Kennedy		
Nov.'81	Tony Steele	Jim O'Dell	Ed McLaughlin	Bill Kennedy		
Nov.'83	Tony Steele	Jim O'Dell	Bob Hamm	Tony Steele		
Nov.'84	Paul Delasco	Dick Elwell	Bob Hamm	Tony Steele		
Sep.'85	Paul Delasco	Dick Elwell	Bob Hamm	Lou Sassi		
Apr.'88	Bill Mischler	Ken Nelson	Don Buesing	Lou Sassi		
Feb.'92	Ken Nelson	Bob Hamm	Don Buesing	Bill Mischler	Jeff English	Dick Elwell
Apr.'94	Bob Hamm	Jeff Martin	Geoff Wood	Bill Mischler	Ken Nelson	
Sept.'97	Henry Propst		Dick Hosmer	Bill Mischler	Ken Nelson	

The Division has hosted four NER regional conventions. The first was in Williamstown, Massachusetts in May of 1978. Albany, New York was the site of the next two, one taking place in May of 1982 and the other in October of 1990. In May of 1996, we hosted our fourth regional in Saratoga Springs, New York.

ABOUT OURSELVES

The Division currently has 89 members: 74 men and 5 ladies (God Bless Them). New members are always welcome and we encourage the membership to invite fellow model railroaders to attend a meeting and to join us. We would also appreciate the help of everyone in updating our membership list, alerting us to those who may have resigned or moved from the area. We also invite members to host one of our regular meetings during the year. Please speak to one of the officers if you would be willing to act in this capacity.

Geographically, we have 42 members in the Albany-Schenectady-Scotia-Latham area, 14 in the Saratoga Springs-Ballston Spa region, 4 in the Troy territory, 4 in the Clifton Park section, 5 in the Burnt-Hills-Charlton neighborhood, 11 in the Berkshire section comprising Adams, Pittsfield, Lenox and Lenoxdale, Massachusetts, and several from other localities including one Pennsylvanian.

There are 68 modelling efforts progressing in HO, 2 in HOu3, 5 in 1 1/2" (live steam), 2 in O scale, 2 in S scale, 3 in Sn3, and 4 in G scale. There are 50 home layouts underway, an increase of 7 over our last issue, and 45 members welcome visitors.

Many local railroad clubs are represented among our group including the Adirondack Live Steamers, the Berkshire Model Railroad Club, the Catskill Mountain Model Railroaders, the RPI Club, the Saratoga Model Railroad Association, the Schoharie County Model Railroad Association, and the Schenectady Model Railroad Club. There are 28 Division members in the NMRA and 17 in the NER. Many memberships are held in various historical, collector, and operating societies. Those interested in joining any of these special interest groups should contact current members for information.

We are proud to have one Master Model Railroader in our ranks, Dave Messer. In addition we have an active group working on the NMRA Achievement Program. Masters Certificates are currently held by various individuals in the categories of Civil, Electrical, Scenery, Chief Dispatcher, Official, Volunteer, and Author. We invite participation by other members, and encourage the contacting of Bob Hamm, Division AP Chairman, for information about the program.

ASSOCIATION AND CLUB ABBREVIATIONS

ALS	Adirondack Live Steamers	NEB&W	New England Berkshire & Western (RPI)
ARHS	Anthracite Roads Hist. Society	NIHRH&TA	New Haven RR Hist. & Tech Assoc.
BLHS	Bridge Line Hist. Society	NMRA	National Model Railroad Association
BMRRC	Berkshire Model Railroad Club	NRHS	National RR Hist. Society
B&MRRHS	Boston & Maine RR Hist. Society	NYCSHS	New York Central System Hist. Society
BRHS	Burlington Route Hist. Society	PRPS	Pangburn Road Paraferrroequinologist Society
CMMRR	Catskill Mountain Model Railroaders	R&LHS	Railway & Locomotive Hist. Society
CRHA	Canadian RR Hist. Association	RRHS	Rutland RR Hist. Society
CVHS	Central Vermont Hist. Society	SCMRA	Schoharie County Mosel RR Assoc.
ELHS	Erie Lackawanna Hist. Society	SMRA	Saratoga Model RR Assoc.
ESPA	Empire State Passenger Assoc.	SMRRC	Schenectady Model RR Club
FBN	Friends of Burlington Northern	TCA	Train Collectors Assoc.
FCSTC	Friends of Cumbres & Toltec Scenic	TTCS	Toy Train Collector Society
FEET	Friends of the East Broad Top	TTOS	Toy Train Operating Society
NARP	National Assoc. of RR Passengers	U&DHS	Ulster & Delaware Hist. Society
NASG	National Association of "S" Gaugers	UPHS	Union Pacific Hist. Society
NER	Northeast Region (of NMRA)	UTA	Upstate Train Assoc.

LAYOUT ETIQUETTE

When visiting other layouts, please keep these points in mind:

1. Even though many model railroaders like to have visitors, few enjoy having them show up unannounced. Call ahead for a mutually agreeable date and time. Also, if you do have a visit arranged, be sure to show up. Chances are the host has spent some time getting ready for you.
2. Respect the host's property, both inside and outside. Be sure to wipe your feet before you go in!
3. It is always a good idea to ask permission before taking photos or videos.
4. If you bring guests who are not familiar with the rules of etiquette, take a few minutes to explain them. You can be doing them and yourself a favor.
5. Never pick up someone else's model. If you need a better look, ask the host.
6. Never lean on someone else's layout. Elbows off!
7. Don't touch, scratch, feel or move anything on the layout! If you lack self control, put your hands in your pockets. If you are curious about something, ask the host.
8. Don't be so quick to point out a "better way". The difference between a "helpful hint" and a "put down" is defined not by how it is meant but by how it is received. Just as you may have abilities your host lacks, remember that he probably has some which you lack. We all have our strong points.
9. Be tolerant of different levels of skill, ability and accomplishment. Chances are, you are viewing the best he can do. Remember, nobody is born with experience, and few first models are best models.
10. If you are with a group, don't dominate the host's time. Others may have questions or comments, too. The same goes for the best viewing areas or photo spots. Let everyone enjoy the layout.
11. When you leave, not only should you thank your host, but whenever possible, also thank the hostess for allowing you in her home.
12. You should start to conclude your visit after about one hour. Stay longer only if the host invites you to do so.
