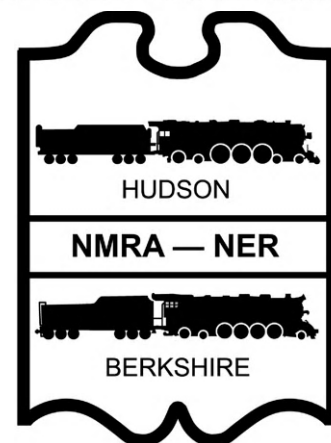


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Central, Lakeshores, and Hudson Berkshire Divisions Joint Meeting
Open House Layout Tours**

Upcoming Division Meetings/Events

**Saturday, October 21st
Field Trip to Chester Railway Station Museum and
Tom Beck's layout tour, Chester Mass.**

**Friday, November 17th
Guest Speaker
Otto Vondrak, Editor of "Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine"**

From the Editor By MARK SKLAR

Normally we do not publish the Form 19 in July and August but this year will be different. This August issue contains special advanced information about our September meeting. The Central Division has organized and invited the Hudson Berkshire and Lakeshores Divisions for multiple layout visits around Syracuse.

Please read the following pages as they contain all the information to attend this event. Remember to RSVP if you want to attend the pizza dinner.

-Mark



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The President's Corner

By Ben Maggi

Normally August finds me lying around the house complaining of the heat, and my only involvement in model railroading involves using a train magazine as a fan. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather last month we had to cancel our family picnic at the Adirondack Live Steamers. That is a real bummer, and if you are as disappointed in that as I am then you will love the train opportunities that we have planned for you in the Fall when regular meetings resume.

September will be special in that we have been invited by the Central Division to visit multiple layouts around Syracuse. They are opening up nine of their layouts for tours, some of which are starting around 10:00AM and most go until 4:00PM (*refer to the schedule for exact details*). We can stop in whenever it is convenient, and you can pick and choose where you want to go. There are many HO layouts on the tour, but also featured are N scale, HO_{N3}, and a large scale garden railway. A little bit of something for everyone, if you ask me! If you would like to join the others for the pizza dinner at a nearby restaurant there will be a charge for that, but otherwise the tour is free. If this sounds like

fun, please see elsewhere in this issue for sign-up instructions. If you want to carpool with a friend over to western New York, that would be fun.

Our October meeting will involve us traveling a little bit east of Albany for a special tour of a historic train station *and* a nearby train layout tour. Finally, to give our cars a little bit of a rest, our November meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library and will feature a remote live presentation by *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine editor Otto Vondrak.

So, enjoy the pool or the beach now while you can. Once the weather starts to turn cooler and we prepare to dive back into our basements to work on our layouts, get ready to come out and enjoy us for some really fun events. And if you have any ideas for future meetings, please feel free to reach out to me or send an email to the Form 19.

See you at the next meeting!

Ben



September Special Event

Central, Lakeshores, and Hudson Berkshire Divisions Joint Meeting

When: Saturday September 16th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

What: Open House Layout Tours

Where: Syracuse, NY Area

Hello everyone, we have a very special event for our September meeting and I hope that all of you can all take advantage of this opportunity.

Here is the information regarding this event for ALL of our Hudson Berkshire members. Please review all the information and develop your plans for the day. There are **nine** (9) layouts to see and I am sure you will not have time to visit all of them so plan accordingly. Visit the layouts in any order (there is no set tour route)

Car pooling is highly recommended so make sure to reach out to your fellow HBD friends.

Parking should not be a problem at any of the locations, however remember that there will be other vehicles, so make sure to leave room for others.

Please see parking details on the layout description pages

Information Details

The six (6) layouts near the Syracuse vicinity will open at 11:00.

There are three (3) other layouts on the outskirts (one to the east, one to the west, and one to the south) that will be opening a bit earlier so guests can stop on their way into town.

Pizza Dinner 4:30 to 6:00

There will be a Pizza Dinner following the event. The price is \$15 per person (payable at the dinner in Cash ONLY) and includes pizza, salad, soft drinks, and tip. There is a MAX LIMIT of 50 so you will need to register for the dinner. **Please RSVP by 9/8 to cnynmra@gmail.com** if you plan to attend.

Dinner Location: Twin Trees, 1100 Avery Ave, Syracuse, NY (close to the Thruway as well as Interstate 81)

The latest layout information can be found at:
[HUDSON-BERKSHIRE.ORG/Documents/Layout Information.pdf](http://HUDSON-BERKSHIRE.ORG/Documents/Layout%20Information.pdf)

The latest tour map can be found at:
[HUDSON-BERKSHIRE.ORG/Documents/Tour Map & Information.pdf](http://HUDSON-BERKSHIRE.ORG/Documents/Tour%20Map%20&%20Information.pdf)



Welcome to the Central New York Division Layout tour. Please see the map on page 8 for relative locations of layouts on the tour in order to make best use of your time.

Canada Spokane & Pacific – Drew James

The CS&P is a freelanced bridge line jointly owned by Burlington Northern and Canadian Pacific set in the early 1980s. A long mountainous single track mainline connects five modeled towns with Spokane, Washington and Calgary, Alberta on this point-to-point railroad. This layout was designed for operations and features wide aisles and a comfortable lounge for off duty crews. The layout features a replica US&S CTC machine and is fully signaled.

Scale: HO Size: 1,500 sq feet

Scenery: 100% Era: June, 1981

Address: 4762 Lynnville Way, Clay Open: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Parking on street. Enter through front door and go down stairs to basement



CSX Northeast – Dave Martini

The CSX Northeast is a prototypical, freelanced CSX/Conrail merger prior to the breakup of Conrail. The layout features a single track mainline from Cleveland, OH to Buffalo, NY both represented by staging. Overhead freights pass through Euclid OH, Erie, PA, Fairport Harbor and Dunkirk, NY. There are several industrial switching areas and a helix to a 2nd deck and the fictional S&N Railroad. The West end features the shortline Central Ohio Railroad that interchanges with CSX at Euclid, OH. The railroad has an operating ABS signaling system.

Scale: HO Size: 24'x40'

Scenery: 85% Era: Modern

Address: 6943 Shannon Way, Liverpool Open: 11:00am-4:00pm

Parking on street. Enter through garage, basement is through kitchen on the right.



Leadville & Red Cliff / D&RGW Narrow Gauge – Bill Brown

Two spectacular layouts in one basement! The LARC was featured in the June 2018 issue of Model Railroader. The modern lower-level layout depicts the Rio Grande Tennessee Pass line through central Colorado as it would appear today if it had not closed in the 1990s. The upper-level narrow gauge layout features several intertwined aspects of Colorado Narrow Gauge. This expansive layout features 6-foot-high mountains, deep valleys, over 300 structures, 400 pieces of rolling stock, 80 sound equipped engines, and stunning scenery. One special attraction is the computer day/night sequence in which the lights dim, the sun sets behind the mountains, and hundreds of building lights go on and off individually during the night. You do not want to miss a chance to visit this nationally renowned layout!

Scale: HO / HOn3 Size: 2,400 sq ft

Scenery: 100% Era: Lower-level standard gauge – Modern; Upper-level Narrow Gauge – 1910- 1949

Address: 6002 Singletree Lane, Jamesville Open: 11:00am-4:00pm

Parking on street. Enter around the back of the house through the basement sliding doors





Central New York Model RR Club & Historical Society

The club resides in the historical New York Central Hartlott station next to the mainline of the Finger Lakes Railway. Inside the station the club is in the process of building a new layout representing railroads in Central New York. The layout is a double deck layout with a model of the Finger Lakes Railway on the lower level and CSX on the upper level. There are three yards representing Solvay and Geneva on the Finger Lakes and DeWitt on the CSX. All the trackwork is up and running and scenery is underway.

Scale: HO Size: 12'x48'

Scenery: Just starting Era: Modern

Address: 4986 Jordan Road, Elbridge Open: 10:30am – 3:30pm

Parking on grass next to station. Note that restroom facilities are not available at the club



The Borodino & Southern RR – Martin Collard

The B&S was started in 1997 as a HO_{n3} narrow gauge fictitious version of the proposed extension (which was never built) of the Marcellus & Otisco Lake RR, which would have extended the M&OL to Borodino and points south to Homer, NY. The B&S was re-gauged to standard HO in 2017. The B&S lies between Otisco and Skaneateles Lakes and serves 31 businesses along the way. Crushed limestone is an important commodity hauled by the railroad. Many of the structures and rolling stock are salvaged from “fallen flag” model railroads. There are a few craftsman kits and many scratch-built structures and some buildings built by Martin’s friends. This is an incredible “museum quality” layout rich in detail with beautiful scenery!

Scale: HO Size: 13'x20'

Scenery: 99% Era: Early 1950s

Address: 1844 East Lake Road, Skaneateles Open: 10:30am – 3:30pm

Parking in the driveway preferred (drive through capability). On one side of road if necessary (DO NOT park on both sides). Layout is on second floor of garage behind house. Access is limited to 5 people max at a time.



Mohawk Valley Central - Bob Wilkins

The “MVC” is a fictional railroad sharing some track with the New York Central in 1952. The older section is of the freelanced railroad serving Plattsburgh, Schenectady, and the Adirondacks. The newer section is shared track with the New York Central and runs between Poughkeepsie and Oneida, New York. The newer section has most of track installed in two levels connected by a helix hidden within the scenery. The top level will feature downtown Oneida. There is a wide range of motive power including even camelbacks, shays, and boxcars. This is a beautiful layout which will take you back to post-war Upstate New York!

Scale: HO Size: 550 sq ft filling two rooms

Scenery 80% Era: Transitional

Address: 631 Florence Avenue, Oneida Open: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Parking in Cul de Sac and on street. Enter through front door.





Cayuga-Owasco Branch Lehigh Valley RR – Mark Withiam

The double-deck COB is a prototypical, freelanced switching layout based on the three LV branches between Cayuga and Owasco Lakes. The layout features several switching areas, a full-service yard at Auburn and a staging yard. It is built with operations in mind. Freight trains haul goods through Groton, Locke, Moravia and Owasco Lake Stations. Mixed trains haul coal, aggregates, and food items through Myer's Point (East side of Cayuga Lake). There are interchanges with NYC and DL&W. A robust helix connects the two levels of the layout. The layout is inspired by Mark's grandparents' combined 70 years of service with the LVRR. This is a chance to see an interesting design with very high quality benchwork, trackwork, and wiring techniques before being covered with scenery.

Scale: HO Size: 11'x26'

Scenery: Just Starting Era: 1950s-1960s

Address: 4404 Limeledge Road, Marcellus Open: 11:00am-4:00pm

Parking in driveway or on street. Enter through the garage, up three steps, door on right in kitchen to the basement.



BD Kaiserslautern - Tom & Ben (15) Lynch

BD Kaiserslautern is an N scale version of the Alzentalbahn (KBS 650) and Pfälzische Ludwigsbahn (KBS 670), part of the Deutsche Bundesbahn (DB) in 1974 West Germany. KBS650 is a single track and non-electrified line from Kaiserslautern (staging) heading north through two small towns and on to Bingen on the Rhine River. Service includes passenger and freight using rail buses, diesel, and steam. The layout models two towns between staging. KBS670 is a busy double track line from Kaiserslautern (staging) to Mannheim (staging) with several towns and a junction to KBS650. It is still under construction and will have overhead catenary. Train Controller software allows for prototypical signaling and mixed automatic and manual running of trains. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/BDKaiserslautern>

Scale: N Size: 12' x 26'

Scenery: 30% Era: 1974 – end of German steam operations

Address: 1031 Wheatfield Way, Camillus Open: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parking on street. Enter through front door and follow signs to basement



The Leatherstocking Line Garden Railroad – Roger & Susan Caiazza

The Leatherstocking Line is a mature garden railroad (celebrating its 30th anniversary this year) that captures the flavor of Upstate New York branch lines around 1920. Motive power is battery and live steam. Rolling stock is uniquely painted and lettered. The layout is a perimeter-type railroad running over 200' in a relatively narrow bed along the outside of the back yard. The layout is a generic railroad featuring scratch-built structures including a flag stop from the Ulster & Delaware narrow gauge, a NYO&W milk station, an ice house, the Cobleskill Coal Company building, and the Worcester NY D&H station.

Scale: Multiple (1:20.3 to 1:32)

Size: 200' mainline around perimeter of yard

Scenery: Garden Railway Era: ~1920

Address: 7679 Bay Cir, Liverpool Open: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

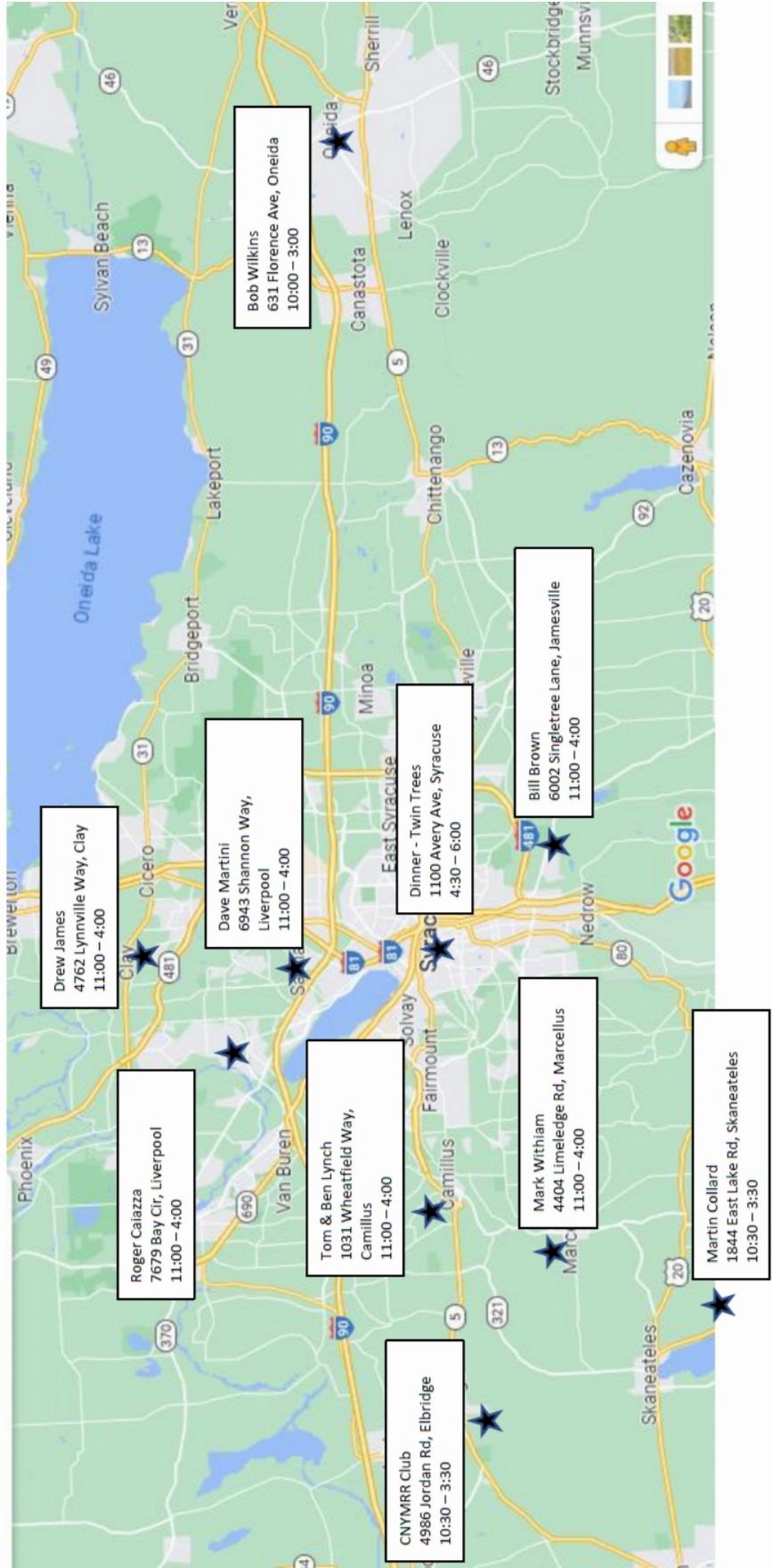
Parking on street. Walk around to backyard





Central New York Division NMRA Layout Tour

- Group dinner from 4:30 to 6:00. Twin Trees – 1100 Avery Ave, Syracuse. \$15 payable at dinner – Includes pizza, salad, soft drinks. RSVP to cnynmra@gmail.com no later than 9/8.
- Tour is open to NMRA members and their guests.
- You may visit the layouts in any sequence.
- Layouts open times as noted. Please do not overstay to allow hosts to make it to the dinner.
- Please read details on layout for parking and entrance information.
- Most layouts require guests to climb stairs. Please do not put hosts at risk if you are not able to comfortably go up and down stairs.



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