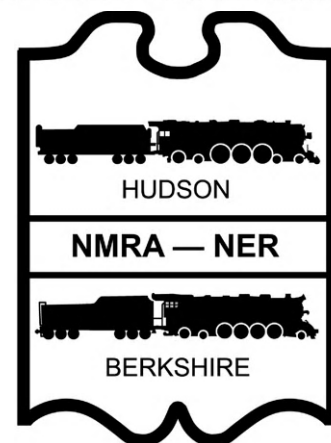


# FORM 19

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**2701 Lavin Ct suite 1, Troy NY 12180**

## **From the Editor . . . . By MARK SKLAR**

This month our Vice President Doug Dederick has put in a huge effort to organize our Hudson-Berkshire Division and the Central Division for layout tours in our area. This month's Form 19 has all the information you need to join in on the activities including a social gathering in Troy at the end of the day. We hope you can join us for this event as it is a great way to informally visit these five great layouts. We need to let Doug know who is attending so he can schedule the visits. Email the information on page 9 to Doug Dederick at [dougdederrick7@gmail.com](mailto:dougdederrick7@gmail.com) or mail the form to:

HBD  
PO BOX 83  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Remember to save the date, June 18, for our last meeting of the season. We will be at beautiful Thatcher Park for our traditional family picnic. Doug has reserved a covered pavilion for us.

See you here next month.

-Mark



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# The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

I promised our Editor, Mark, that I would keep this short this month to allow as much space as possible for other articles, especially ones about our upcoming Joint Meeting/Layout Tours with the Central New York (CNY) Division. So, I won't be getting back to Mark's suggested list of Ready Line topics until next month.

Only two months to go before we take our traditional Summer Break over July and August (i.e., no "Form 19s," no HBD events). And when we return in September, it's already time to start planning GTE 2022! (Actually, as Publicity Manager, I start our Advertising Campaign in July.)

So, what have we in store for the next two months?

As covered in detail elsewhere in this issue, for May HBD and CNY members will be visiting *five* great layouts ranging from Lake George to Saratoga Springs, to Rensselaer and finally to Troy for a Pizza Social/Dinner. I strongly encourage HBD members who have not yet done so to sign up for this event *now*! In addition, if possible, please bring a guest with you, someone who is

interested in trains and model trains and who might be interested in joining our division once he or she sees who we are and what we have to offer!

For June we will be holding our Family Picnic, the first since the beginning of the pandemic. This will be at Thacher State Park, on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Look for detailed information in the next "Form 19," and in Artie's Constant Contact e-mailings.

As some of you may know, our relatively new NMRA National President, Gordy Robinson, has promised better transparency at the National level. True to his word, he recently sent out a mailing (hard copy) showing exactly how our dues are being spent. One of my predecessors tried obtaining this information from a former National President but he was "stone-walled" and didn't get any concrete information. If any of you didn't receive that mailing from the NMRA, just let me know and I'll send you a copy.

Take care, everyone, stay safe and happy modeling!

Irwin

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## HBD Upcoming Meetings/Events

### May 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday

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Located @

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Troy NY 12180

*All attendees MUST be vaccinated for the May meeting.*

### Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Family Picnic at Thacher State Park  
Starting 10am  
Thacher State Park  
Horseshoe #1 Pavilion  
(Last meeting until September)

## May Open House Special Announcement

We hope you can join us for this Hudson Berkshire and Central Division special event open house. \*This will be held on Saturday May 21st ( 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM ) with a Social Gathering @ 4:00 PM so please mark the date on your calendars.

We will have 5 layouts open, Doug Dederick, Rich Smith, Kip Grant, Irwin Nathanson, and Kevin Surman. There will be 4 groups such as group A, B, C & D so we don't have everyone show up at the same location, at the same time. Right now Group A will be everyone from the Central Division. Groups B, C & D will be determined based on how

many we have sign up (see sign up form this issue or the web site). Car pooling is recommended.

**Special request for ALL Hudson Berkshire members.** I would like for everyone attending this event to bring a guest. This would be someone that might be new to the hobby or someone that might be interested in our organization or maybe someone that doesn't even know who or what we are all about. This is a perfect time to talk with our members and to get to know us and this great hobby. Please help us spread the word about the hobby and the Hudson Berkshire Division. A social gathering (Park Pub in Troy)

will follow after the open house at 4:00 PM.

Get to know each other and our neighbors from the Central Division. There will be a charge of \$12 per person at the time of our gathering. Bar drinks will be on your own. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this special event.

Please look on the following pages and our web page for all the details.

**\* MUST be vaccinated to attend.**



## Layout Visits Joint CNY- HBD Meeting 21 May 2022

Host	Modeled Locale	Scale	Era	Size	Style	Throttle Control	Handicap Access?
Kip Grant	Fort Edward to Glens Falls, NY	HO	1962	13' x 19'	Linear Walk Around	NCE Wireless	No

**Description:** The layout depicts rural upstate NY with small towns and open spaces. The host scratch built many of the structures based on recollections from his childhood in Glens Falls and Hudson Falls. A nicely detailed and sceniced "proto freelance" layout inspired by the Delaware & Hudson's Lake George Branch in the fall of 1962. The branch interfaces with the main line at Junction Yard. Switching crews at Junction and Sonnyvale serve about a dozen local customers with their own spurs and many more via team tracks. The branch measures 45 ft. in length with a shorter branch serving an industrial area known as Fenimore. Switch lists for operating sessions are also prototypical and reflect the ebb and flow of day-to-day traffic. In nearly 200 operating sessions, no two days have ever been

alike. A custom-designed computer program uses Kip's collection of period Lake George Branch switch lists and each crew's switch lists appear as they did 60 years ago, adding to each operating session's authentic feel. The layout is built upon traditional L-girders topped with plywood and sheet foam. The S2, S4, RS2, RS3, and RS11 locomotives feature ESU sound. The layout is featured in "Great Model Railroads 2011" and "Railroad Model Craftsman," April 2013 gracing the covers of each magazine.

**Access:** Entry is via the front door, and then down a flight of stairs to the basement. Entry into the layout is walk-in.

Host	Modeled Locale	Scale	Era	Size	Style	Throttle Control	Handicap Access?
Kevin Surman	Newark NJ down to the Jersey shore	HO	1950s	Medium Basement Multi-level	Linear Walk Around	MRC Prodigy	No

**Description:** The New York & Long Branch Railroad is loosely based on the prototype which connected the industrial north to the Jersey Shore. The railroad is operated by both the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is set around 1957 and has an interchange with the Lehigh Valley in Perth Amboy and the Raritan River at South Amboy. The layout is 21' x 34' with a second level and additional 8' x 12' staging area. Motive power includes steam, diesel, and some electric under catenary. MRC Prodigy Advance DCC system is used for control, with 8 throttles used by operators during monthly operating sessions. The host is masterful at capturing the essence and feel of scenic locations along the New York and Long Branch

Railroad from the busy passenger operations in downtown Newark to the salt marshes along the Jersey coast, to the highly industrialized areas around Perth Amboy and South Amboy, and to the small-town destinations of Atlantic Highlands and Red Bank. There are numerous award-winning scratch-built structures throughout the layout. This layout is featured in November 2013 "Model Railroader."

**Access:** Entry is via the side door into the house, then down 5 steps to the basement. Entry into the layout is walk-in.

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## Layout Visits (continued)

Host	Modeled Locale	Scale	Era	Size	Style	Throttle Control	Handicap Access?
Doug Dederick	Montana	N	Late 1950s	30 x 15 feet	Linear Walk Around	NCE Wireless	No

**Description:** The Great Northern Railroad Kalispell Division represents a double track main from Whitefish, Montana to Great Falls, Montana via Shelby, Montana. The railroad passes through Columbia Falls and along the Southern border of Glacier National Park including Belton, Essex, and Summit, before reaching Shelby. There is also a branch line from Columbia Falls to the town of Kalispell. The railroad features named freight and passenger trains, along with local freights. There are 3 yards. A large yard located at Whitefish with engine facilities, a small yard at Kalispell and staging yard at Shelby. The layout operates point-to-point

and uses switch lists. Benchwork and backdrops are completed with 50% scenery completed. The railroad captures the beautiful Rockies with a careful blending of foreground scenery, photo backdrops, and wonderful clouds, highlighted by the rugged 2% climb over the Marias Pass, which requires the addition of helper engines. A featured structure is the scratch built, award winning Whitefish station.

**Access:** Entry into the house is two steps up, and then down a flight of stairs to the basement. Entry into the layout is walk-in.

Host	Modeled Locale	Scale	Era	Size	Style	Throttle Control	Handicap Access?
Rich Smith	Fictional City in WI	HO	Late 1950s	Small Basement	Island	NCE	No
	Central WI	HO	Mid 1950s	Medium Basement	Linear Walk Around	NCE	No

**Description:** Rich has two layouts. The City of Wauwatoga is a play on words between the host's hometown just west of Milwaukee, named Wauwatosa, and the city where he resides today, Saratoga Springs. This terminal-style layout models the Milwaukee Road in a fictional city with a passenger station, a yard, an engine terminal, icing station, and plenty of local industries. Wauwatoga is also the terminus of a branch line from the town of Viroqua. Points east and west are represented by hidden staging, as is the Viroqua branch. Local industries include the Derby Meat Packing Company, Tischbein Furniture, Quickflash Oil Company, the Wauwatoga Freight House, Klein-

Heinz Dairy, Piggly Wiggly Wholesale Grocers and more. The layout was originally wired for DC cab control but has been configured running DCC. While visiting Wauwatoga, you can also view progress on the host's dream layout under construction, Milwaukee Road's Lacrosse and River Division, First District, 2nd Sub-Division in the mid 1950s. Many of the buildings have been scratch built. The City of Wauwatoga layout is featured in "Model Railroader," December 2006.

**Access:** Entry is via the side door next to the garage (ring bell), then down a flight of stairs to the basement.

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## Layout Visits (continued)

Host	Modeled Locale	Scale	Era	Size	Style	Throttle Control	Handicap Access?
Irwin Nathanson	US, Germany, and England	HO OO	Transition	Medium Basement	Linear Walk Around	NCE Wireless	No

**Description:** Inspired by Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany Diamond Point Railways is three separate but interconnected railways: United States (HO), Germany (HO), and England (OO). The overall layout room size is 18 X 25 feet, with 2 X 16-foot staging yard underneath Germany reached by helices at each end. The layout features steam, early diesel, and electric locos, most with sound decoders. The mainline runs are USA 45', Germany 60', England 30', and around the room 75'. The minimum track radius is 18", and the maximum grade is 2.5%. Code 100 track is used with manual and Tortoise throws. The trackwork and scenery are 100% complete. The structures are mostly kit built, plastic and (very realistic) card. A key feature of the layout is the large amount of animation in all three countries. Also, there

are cities, small towns, roundhouses, and turntables in all three countries, plus a lot of interesting rolling stock. The layouts are certainly not prototypical, but rather reflect the host's images and feelings of each country. However, all the buildings and motor vehicles in Germany, for example, are authentic German, and the same is true for the US and England.

**Access:** Entry into the house is from the side door facing the driveway, then one step down to the finished house entrance, through an unfinished utility room, then two more steps down to the finished train room in the finished basement. The unfinished utility room has a low ceiling in some places. *Watch your heads until you get to the clothes washer and dryer!*

## HBD Facebook Groups

The first group is the Hudson-Berkshire Members Group. This group is only for members of the Hudson-Berkshire Division and will be a place for you to post questions and to do things like look for operators for your operating sessions. This will be set private so the general public can not see the posts.

The second group is the Hudson-Berkshire NMRA Group. This group will be a place for you to post interesting things you find on the internet, show announcements, other Facebook posts and content from your own Facebook Groups and the like. It will also be a place that the general public will be able to see and post to. We envision this to be similar

to other Facebook Groups you may see that has members publishing content from their own projects. You will be able to share to the Group and from the Group to your own Page or Group.

### Hudson-Berkshire NMRA Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/809686920433872>

### Hudson-Berkshire Division Members Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/689005115785009>



## May 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Open House / Joint Meeting Information

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Central Division	James L. & Guest	Doug Jones & Guest	Ben Saint - Cyr
X	Vic Roman	Diane & Tony S.	John V. & Guest
X	Mike H. & Guest	Mike LaCasse & Guest	Mark S.
X	Ben Maggi	Al W. & James S.	Robert & Corey W.
X	Joe Martinec & Guest	Ed Skowronek	
X	Bert P.		
X			
X			
Mike Evans			
Fred G.			

This month we will have 5 layouts open for visitation along with a social gathering / joint meeting with the NMRA Central Division afterwards. In order to make this all work **it is imperative that we all follow the schedule below as close as possible.**

### MAY 21<sup>st</sup> SCHEDULE

LOCATION	A Group	B Group	C Group	D Group
Irwin N. 609 Diamond Point Rd., Diamond Point, NY 12824	10:15	2:15	11:15	2:45
Kip G. 1195 Ridge, Rd. Queensbury, NY 12804	11:30	1:00	10:00	1:45
Kevin S 5 Sherri, Rd Saratoga, Springs, NY 12866	12:45	11:00	1:00	12:15
Rich S 15 Friar Tuck Way, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	1:45	12:00	12:45	11:40
Doug D 32 Van Dyke Dr South. Rensselaer, NY 12144	3:10	9:45	2:15	10:30

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**NOTE:** This schedule allows for about a half hour visit depending on travel time between layouts.  
**PLEASE plan accordingly** There is very little wiggle room!

**NOTE:** It is strongly recommended that you bring a lunch as there will be no time to stop between layouts. Some layouts may have snacks available.

**Group A Layout visits in order**

1) Irwin N. (2) Kip G. (3) Kevin S. (4) Rich Smith (5) Doug D.

**Group B Layout visits in order**

1) Doug D. (2) Kevin S (3) Rich S. (4) Kip G. (5) Irwin N.

**Group C Layout visits in order**

1) Kip G. (2) Irwin N. (3) Rich S. (4) Kevin S. (5) Doug D.

**Group D Layout visits in order**

1) Doug D. (2) Rich S. (3) Kevin S (4) Kip G. (5) Irwin N

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**This schedule was done 3 weeks prior to and is subject to change. A Final schedule will be posted to our web page along with our “CC” emails two days before our event.**

**Any questions please email Doug Dederick @ [dougdederick7@gmail.com](mailto:dougdederick7@gmail.com)**

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In order to better manage the attendance at the May Get Together and schedule the layout visits we are asking that you complete the information below and either,

Mail Completed form to:

**ATTN: May Meeting**  
**PO BOX 83**  
**Clifton Park, NY 12065**  
**OR**

**\*email the information to Doug Dederick at [dougdederrick7@gmail.com](mailto:dougdederrick7@gmail.com)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information (phone and/or email)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be traveling/carpooling with anyone? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, with whom:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

You have probably received an email from the Northeastern Region office announcing that the latest issue of the Coupler is now online. The NER website is - [NER Coupler](#).

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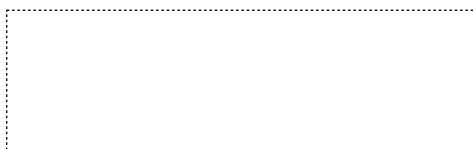
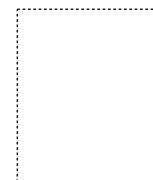
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