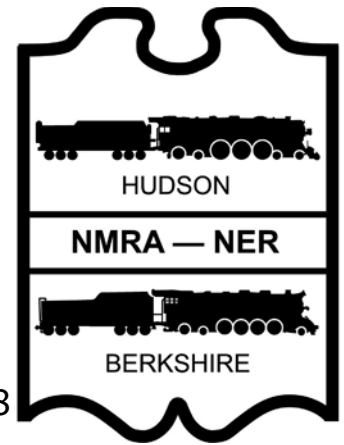


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The Official Newsletter of the Hudson-Berkshire Division of the NER NMRA



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Next Meeting Friday November 16 at 7:00 PM

Upstate Model Railroaders

"Promoting the past, the present and the love of trains since 1990"

22 Hudson Falls Rd, South Glens Falls, NY

Located in the Chase Sports Complex/Epic Ventures Building



We are again visiting the Upstate Model Railroaders in Glens Falls for our election meeting and to see the progress of the only open model railroad club in the area

with fixed location and layout. In fact they have six layouts in the space they occupy. They are open to the public every Wednesday evening so that they can operate trains. UMRR members are there to provide training and educational experiences regarding model railroading and teaching the history of railroading in the northeast and the importance of railroads in our lives, from the early 1900's to present day. The club's motto is "Promoting the past, the present and the love of trains since 1990."

At the Chase Sport's Complex, UMRR hosts six operating railroad layouts in different sizes, namely: Standard-, O-, S-, HO-, N- and Z-gauges as well as Lego™ trains. This provides visitors with experience in the wide variety of model trains with the goal of sparking interest and participation. The Sport's Complex location has taken the group out of mainstream traffic that they had at their former 190 Glen Street location. So to extend the club's outreach, they are taking model railroading back into traffic and extending their outreach to those who don't know that they are train enthusiasts yet. Indeed some members have created a mobile layout.

The Hudson Berkshire Division will be holding its traditional raffle at this meeting. Raffle proceeds will go to the UMRR Club to continue their outreach program.

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The Ready Line

By Paul Hoffman

I've thought long and hard about what to say in this final Ready Line. It's been a wonderful ride full of twists and turns and unexpected opportunities. The view has been magnificent!

I'd like to think that I have left the Division in a better place, one that is sustainable for the long haul. With our acquisition of the GTE, the financial future of the HBD should be assured. But remember, the show doesn't just happen, it takes work and desire.

I would like to say a few words that I hope will speak directly to the membership. This is your Division and you are the key to its success or failure. Our membership is growing older and we are seeing fewer volunteers for the leadership positions. While we might not be able to fix the aging problem right away, there are solutions, and by the way, the lack of volunteers is a more insidious problem. Without folks willing to step forward and offer or implement those solutions, the Division will not survive, despite our excellent financial position. I have served on the BOD in various capacities for nearly 18 years as have other Board members. While it is nice to have continuity in leadership, it is a bad way to get new ideas and fresh eyes on our problems. We have had better success then most when it comes to new blood, I look to folks like James and Sarah Lauser, Benjamin Maggi, Irwin Nathanson and Artie Krass. All of these folks are members who rose to the challenge and have generously volunteered their time and efforts, to say nothing of their expertise. This trend must continue in order to keep the Division fresh and interesting.

To wit, we need a new *Form 19* Editor and we have been asking for over 18 months now. Bert, who does a great job, award winning actually, has stayed on despite the fact he no longer has the time or energy to do so. His sacrifice is laudable, but he needs relief. The *Form 19* is one of our most important devices. It is the forum for information about upcoming events, it is a bastion of news and information and it is the primary way we expose folks to the HBD. It is, for all intents and purposes, our marketing department. It is an organ that needs careful tending and for the right person, a place to shine and express your creative energies! Step up and take this role, you will be glad you did. Help us move the *Form 19* into the 21st century yet still maintain ties to our roots and love of railroading.

Irwin Nathanson will be voted into office as President this November; as the only candidate, that is pretty much assured. He will have a vision and objectives he wants to accomplish. I



know Irwin; he will also be looking towards you, the members, for direction and input. Don't let him down, join him on this journey, support him as you have supported me. Together our Division will be greater than the sum of its parts.

The Hudson Berkshire Division is among the strongest in the Region and I dare say among the top in the NMRA. Be proud of that fact, be proud that you have helped build that. But don't be complacent, without your help it will not remain that way, it will deteriorate and turn into a relic of its former glory. We have all seen that with formerly wonderful organizations that are no longer around, not because the interest in trains stopped, the interest from the members stopped.

Don't let that happen. Step up, go all in with the team and help make the HBD better than it has ever been. **BE THAT MEMBER!**

Here is my final sign off to the HBD and it is as true now as when I first started using it as a closing line. Thank you for your support and thank you for being part of this great train ride. Long live the Hudson Berkshire Division!!!!

As President (now member) of this organization, the buck stops with me. If you have a problem or an issue, please work with your fellow members and do all that you can to help solve the problem. Our doors and thoughts are always open to a fellow member and we welcome all to become involved. Please remember to renew your membership in the NMRA and to encourage anyone interested in trains to climb aboard.



Upcoming Events

December 2nd

The Great Train Extravaganza, 10AM-4PM at The Egg at The Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY. Setup on Saturday, December 1st. (See flier and note; page 10)

January 26, 2019

Division sponsored bus trip to the Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show event being held at the Eastern States Exposition Center in West Springfield, MA



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FUN for the Whole Family!!

ADMISSION Adults \$5.00 Children Under 12 **FREE**

December 9 • 10am - 4pm
Chase Sports Complex
 22 Hudson Falls Rd., South Glens Falls

REMINDER

The Hudson Berkshire Division will be holding its traditional raffle at the November meeting. Raffle proceeds to the UMRR Club to continue their program and outreach.



On October 27th a Canadian Pacific 'business train' traveled from the Montreal, Canada area down the former D&H line to Albany's Kenwood Yard. There it remained overnight Saturday and Sunday, leaving for Montreal on Monday morning. GTE Manager and Associate *Form 19* photographer, James Lauser traveled to Albany to get some great pictures of the train tied down in Kenwood Yard inside the fencing.

The business train had three F9s on the front, two generator cars, and assorted accommodation cars, 16 total - a rather large train for just 'checking out' the trackage. Rumors circulated that CP might be considering selling this asset to NS. Expand the above picture in the *Form 19* on the Division website and you will see that James even captured some stars in the night sky.

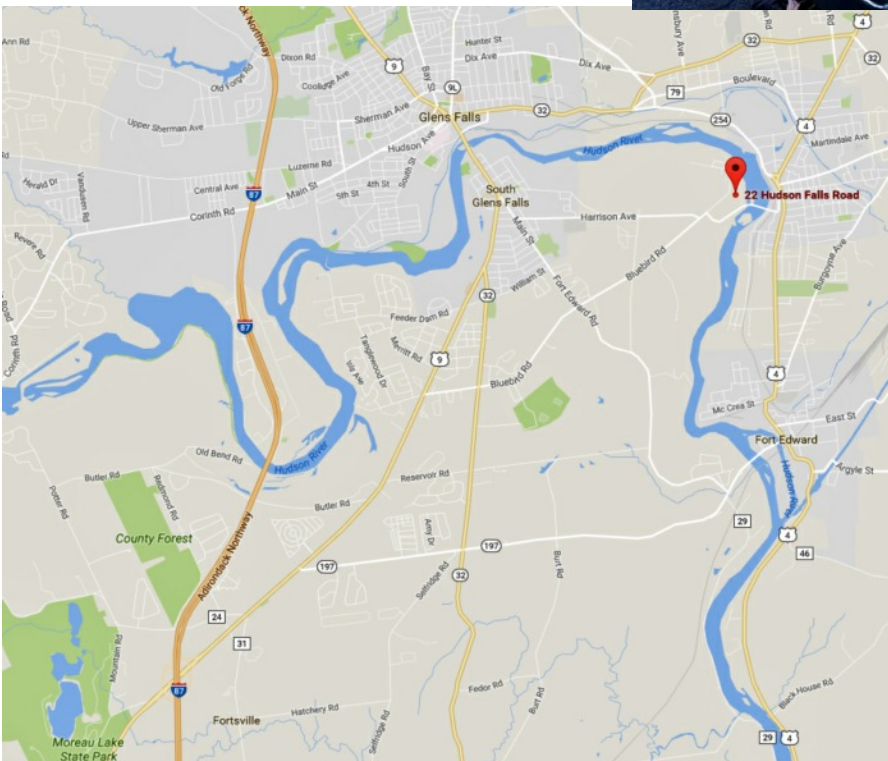


Excellent photography by James and his Nikon camera. The bright lights on the train and in the yard are challenges to exposure and lens flair. In the photo left, James captured the traffic on the hill at the south end of 787 in a fine long exposure. He was standing on the shoulder of Church street in Albany looking into the yard thru a telephoto lens. There was a CP cop nearby looking at him.



At left the UMRR's 'mobile layout' attracted attention on Glen Street during the hot air balloon festival weekend in Glens Falls. And below the layout is getting the base of some scenery and it continues to get enhancements. The UMRR members work hard and in innovative ways to reach out to the community to entertain, educate, and attract people to the hobby.

If you can't get people to the model train, take the model train to them. Really a great idea - especially in a vibrant area like Glens Falls where there are many activities, like the Hot Air Balloon Festival, to attract locals and tourists alike. It takes effort and a plan.



Directions: Take Exit 17N of the Northway (I-87) to Route 9. Proceed north on Route 9 for 3.2 miles and turn right at the light onto Bluebird Road / County Rt 27. Go 3.1 miles and turn right onto Hudson Falls Road. Go just .2 miles. The Epic Building is on the left. Follow the driveway around the **left** end of the building and park in the back. The door for entry is towards the center of the building and has an entry ramp as well as stairs.



Papermaking from ground-wood pulp began in New York in 1869, with the establishment of the Hudson River Pulp & Paper Company in [Corinth](#), NY. This picture is from an article on early lumbering in the Adirondacks but did not say it was in Corinth. Look above the pile starting on the left and you can see the train stretching across the picture



Someone was asking about the Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad shops in Green Island. Here are a couple of pictures of the shop and service facilities building before it burned several years ago.

The Rensselaer and Saratoga Railroad was chartered on April 14, 1832. The railroad was largely conceived and built by businessmen of Troy in response to Albany's construction of the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad and the extension called the Saratoga and Schenectady Railroad.

Despite its name, the railroad only reached to Ballston Spa and relied on the Saratoga and Schenectady to give it access to Saratoga Springs. When an agreement was not forthcoming, investors seized an opportunity to buy up Saratoga and Schenectady stock and take control of the railroad.

Later acquisitions included trackage to Whitehall and a line of steamers that plied Lake Champlain, allowing tourists to travel from Troy to Canada entirely by steam conveyance for the first time.

The last expansion involved building new sections of track between Green Island and Watervliet that linked Albany and Troy for the first time. All of the leases, purchases, and road construction carried out by the Rensselaer and Saratoga resulted in a little railroad empire consisting of 175 miles of track and control of the Upper Hudson and Champlain Valleys. The R&S RR merged with the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, effective January 30, 1945.





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Hudson Berkshire Division Election of Officers (President & one member of the Board of Directors)

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Candidates Statements of Qualification

Irwin Nathanson is currently the Division Vice President. He is stepping down from that position to run for President. If so elected, the Constitution requires that he appoint a Vice President to fill the remainder of his term.

Irwin Nathanson, position: President:

I have been active in the NMRA since moving back from England in 2005. I have been division Vice-President for three years. I'm working towards my Master Model Railroader certification, currently with the Golden Spike and two Achievement Awards. If elected, my priorities for the Division will be growing/retaining membership, interesting/informative/fun Division meetings, continuing the annual January bus trip to the Amherst Railroad Society's Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield, MA, and continuing the successful track record of the Great Train Extravaganza now that HBD is the sole show owner/manager.

The *Form19* received the following from current BOD member Artie Krass; "I have decided not to run again for my position as Director. I have decided to help the new President, when elected, to be his VP (for one year, if no one else desires to be appointed VP). I therefore am putting Paul Hoffman's name as a candidate for the position on the BOD for the upcoming election in November. I have spoken to Paul about this and I believe Paul is in agreement about running for this position on the Board." The *Form19* has received confirmation from Mr. Hoffman.

Paul Hoffman, position: Board of Directors:

Traditionally, the outgoing President has stayed on in an advisory capacity as the second Board member. I am happy to continue this going forward and humbly submit my name for the Board of Directors.

HUDSON BERKSHIRE DIVISION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION Fall 2018 Ballot Mark an 'X' in the space after the name or write in a qualified* member's name

President: Irwin Nathanson _____ Other: _____

Director: Paul Hoffman _____ 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:

Hudson Berkshire Division
P.O. Box 83
Clifton Park, NY 12065-0083

All ballots sent by mail must be received by November 16 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 16 meeting at Upstate Model Railroaders in Glens Falls.



Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts January 26th 2019

Please fill out the form on the next page 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 and for any NMRA member guest is **\$25**, and for a member invited non-NMRA member 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 purchased 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.

On January 26th pickup points and times will be:

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, 2018.

- 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 on 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, contact Artie Krass at 518-229-6080 or ajkwings@yahoo.com



A gas station with too clean a drive area and a bit of soft focus. The picture was found on the internet. It is an example of a printed building. Yup, printed with a color printer and carefully assembled - by doing 'a bit more' than just folding it and gluing the seams. The treatment of doors, windows and other architectural details create depth and shadows. An inexpensive and fun way to add (extra) structures to you layout.

If you have experience with printed structures, speak to a Division Officer; we'd like to hear your thoughts on this type of model. Perhaps we'll create a clinic session on it. (No, you won't have to give it.)

**Hudson Berkshire Division Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show
Springfield Massachusetts Saturday January 26, 2019**

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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Great Train Extravaganza

2018



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

Sunday, December 2nd
10am - 4pm

Adults still only \$7
Children 12 and under free

- Operating model railroads
- Sales of model trains, train parts and accessories, kits, scenery items, videos, DVDs, everything related to trains and railroading
- Roaming railroad rides
- Refreshment stand
- Door prizes
- Giant Lego layout for kids of all ages



Empire State Convention Center, Albany, NY

From I-787 heading south, take Exit 3A; Heading north, take Exit 3.

Follow signs to Empire State Plaza to Visitor Parking.
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GTE is Almost Here

James Lauser, GTE Chairman

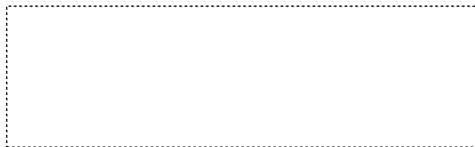
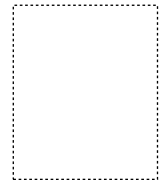
The 2018 Great Train Extravaganza is almost upon us. Just like the last several years, the venue is completely booked, including several new vendors and layouts. We also have an aggressive advertising campaign going in print and online to hopefully drive up attendance, and we'll be putting out our ubiquitous lawn signs soon.

Now it's your turn to help out. The GTE can't operate without its dedicated volunteers. We need people to help set up and tear down, sell and collect tickets, count money, and help out guests on the show floor. If you're interested in volunteering, go to gtealbany.com/volunteer or give me a call at (518) 528-5453.

There is another thing you can do. If you don't volunteer, attend, and bring a friend. Come and add to the energy and enthusiasm. Talk to your friend or someone you meet. Tell them about trains and model trains. And enjoy your time there as thousands of others do.

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