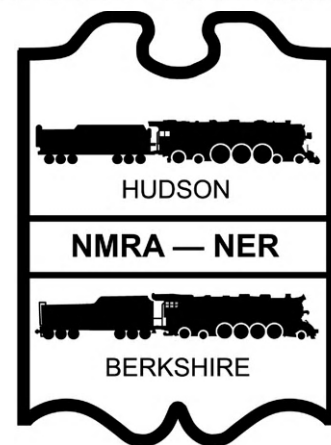


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November Division Event

**Friday, November 15 HBD Meeting 7pm - 9pm
Malta Community Center
1 Bayberry Dr, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Presentation by William Gill**

From the Editor By MARK SKLAR

For this month's HBD meeting we have a special guest, William Gill. He will discuss how he photographs prototype railroad scenes at night. See page 4 for the meeting details and location.

The GTE train show needs volunteers. James Lauser is the GTE chairman and has details on page 3 for volunteering for the show. Volunteers are much needed on December 7th and 8th.

The fall trip to Massachusetts is over, and from what I heard everyone had a great time. Doug Dederick has a recap of the events on page 5 and 6.

HBD elections are this month. Our President Ben Maggi is stepping down so we need someone to step up and take this position. Talk to Ben if you would like run for HBD President. Mike Hachey is running again for director. Bring the ballot on page 7 to the meeting,

I am still looking for member layout picture contributions to include in the Form 19. Please email your pictures to me at mark4527841@gmail.com.

Artie Krass is again organizing the Springfield train show bus trip. This trip is a great deal for members. See the detailed information and sign up sheet on pages 9 and 10.

That's all for now.
See you here next month!
-Mark



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The President's Corner

By Ben Maggi

These last two years have gone by in a flash. It seems like only yesterday that I volunteered to serve as President of the Division, and here I am ready to hand the reins off to someone else. The problem is...there isn't anyone else that has stepped up to take my place. I can't do it again as I have other things on my plate. Doug, Mike, and James can't do it either as they already are serving in other capacities. So who is willing to dig deep and help out the Division? Will it be you?

Our Great Train Extravaganza is coming up in a month and we will need all the volunteers we can get to put on a great show. It doesn't run itself, and I know for a fact that James and Sarah could use an assistant to work with James to take a bit off of his plate. Will it be you?

Currently, Mark Sklar edits the *Form 19* newsletter and he is always looking for interesting pictures, construction articles, descriptions of recent railroad-related travel adventures, or anything else of interest to send to the rest of the members. He cannot write everything himself and then edit it into a great looking newsletter. Who will send him some material to share with the rest of us? Will it be you?

The Division doesn't run itself. It is the combined efforts of a lot of people to make our meetings fun, to get our legal paperwork like insurance and room rentals in order, and to schedule our trips and other events. It sure is easy to show up one night a month to our meeting and listen for a couple of hours at the things I have, or Doug has, or other people have, to say. But that pattern won't go on forever. So who is next? Will it be you?

Believe me, I know many of you have "paid your dues" to help the Division in the past. And for that I say thank you, because I and many others are reaping the benefits of years of hard work. This Division is an amazing group of modelers and many of us owe a lot to the people who came before us. I can think of many members who showed me how to build models, or let me operate on their layouts, or pointed out excellent resources online for information. I am a better modeler because of all of you. So I will continue to give back to the Division in any way that I can. But I cannot do it alone. I need help. Will it be you?

On a different note, our bus trip in October was F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C! I admit that after about

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(President's Corner Continued)

an hour (okay, maybe 30 minutes) staring at the layouts my brain was in overload mode and I just started to take as many pictures as I could to look at (and digest) later. The quality and quantity of the modeling by the North Shore Model Railroad Club and George Sellios's layout was overwhelming. Both were very gracious hosts. In fact, George Sellios said our group

was one of the best he has ever had. Dinner at the Steaming Tender restaurant afterwards was a fantastic three hours. Or maybe more or less. I can't remember everything... my day started out when Harrison woke me up at 2:45AM that morning and ended with me falling asleep at the back of the bus because I was so tired! I hope that someday we can plan another trip in the future to give

back to our members for their hard work. If we do, we will need more people to come out and fill the bus. Will it be you?

A few hands make light work. A lot of hands make a Division run smoothly. Now is the time to volunteer.

See you at the next meeting.
Ben

GTE Show Needs Volunteers

By James Lauser

This year's Great Train Extravaganza is shaping up to be another excellent show. We're at nearly full capacity for vendors and we have a bunch of great layouts.

But remember... We can't have a great show without all of the help we get from all of you. As always, we need volunteers to help vendors load in and out Saturday and Sunday, to help sell tickets, check wristbands at the door, staff the Division table, help with the White Elephant table, and to help run the head table.

The Great Train Extravaganza is what funds most of the activities from the Division. From the buses to Springfield and our recent trip to the

Boston area, to our clinics, picnic, and everything else we do as a Division depends on the funds we raise from the show. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions if you are able.

The setup day for the show is on Saturday, December 7th, and we need people from 9 AM to 4 PM, and the show is on Sunday, December 8th, where we'll need people from 7 AM to when vendors are done unloading, usually roughly 7 PM.

To sign up, please email volunteer@gtealbany.com or call Sarah at 518-378-2851. Email is preferred.

Please visit:

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/HudsonBerkshireNMRA/>

Hudson-Berkshire NMRA Group

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



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Friday, November 15 HBD Meeting 7pm - 9pm

Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Dr, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Presentation by William Gill

"Trains at Night" Project

GTE Train Show

December 8th

Empire State Plaza

Show setup for volunteers is on December 7th.

Springfield Massachusetts January 25th, 2025

Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show

November 15th HBD Meeting

By James Lauser

William Gill was drawn to the railroad landscape at night years after watching out the window of the family car as it paced a train traveling through the Berkshires at night. In the twelve years since starting his "Trains at Night" project, lighting scenes with strobes have become

complicated, multi day projects.

Gill will share recent works, his process, and a new component: building HO dioramas representing locations he has photographed, and photographing them at 'night' on the bench.



Deep River, Connecticut - 2016
New Haven 3025 hauls a train
over the frozen Chester Creek.
William Gill Photo



Fall Bus Trip Recap

By Doug Dederick

What started out with a late start to the day and some nervousness turned into a day full of joy and amazement. Weather-wise we couldn't have picked a nicer day with blue skies and fall colors as we made our way to the North Shore Model Railroad Club. This 95 X 40 foot club layout was quite impressive and enjoyed by everyone, 27 in all. Some of the club members treated us with running trains over the wonderful scenery as we enjoyed each other's company. This was a great way to spend the morning! After lunch we headed to the crown jewel, George Sellios's

Franklin & South Manchester RR. I have one word: "SPECTACULAR" to describe this masterpiece. This was always on my model RR bucket list to see and I can't tell you how happy I was to get this chance, as I am sure many of us were. I have seen pictures of this gem but it doesn't compare to seeing it in person. George was very gracious and he enjoyed having us as much as we enjoyed having the place all to ourselves.

Once we were done drooling over the F&SM we boarded the bus and headed to our private Dining Car at the Steaming Tender Restaurant.

We arrived a bit late due to traffic but as we settled in, everyone was in great spirits as we gathered around the table to enjoy a wonderful dinner. Time seemed to slip by as we talked and enjoyed the company of fellow HBD members. Even though it ended up being a long day for all of us I think many if not all will say it was well worth it!

Below are some pictures of a day to remember.

(Photos provided by Doug Dederick and Charles Newton)





Fall Bus Trip Recap (continued)





2024 Hudson Berkshire Elections

Please print out this page and bring the ballot below to the next meeting or mail it to:

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

**HUDSON BERKSHIRE DIVISION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION
Fall 2024 Ballot**

Mark an 'X' in the space after the name or write in a qualified* member's name

President: _____

Director: Mike Hachey _____ 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: Mail the completed ballot in an envelope, marking the envelope "ballot enclosed," to:

**Hudson Berkshire Division
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All ballots sent by mail must be postmarked by November 8 to be counted.
Ballots may also be delivered in person during the HBD meeting on November 15th.

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Great Train Extravaganza



2024

PUBLIC MODEL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE.

Sunday, December 8th
10am - 4pm
Adults only \$10
Children 12 and under free



- 12+ operating model railroads
- Sales of model trains, train sets, parts and accessories, building kits, scenery items, books, videos, DVD's, photographs...
- Door prizes
- Giant Lego layout for kids of all ages
- Over 300 tables!

Empire State Convention Center
Albany, NY (underneath The Egg)
From I-787 heading south, take Exit 3A.
Heading north, take Exit 3.
Follow signs to Empire State Plaza to Visitor Parking.

Sponsored by the Hudson Berkshire Division of the National Model Railroad Association.
Skip the line, buy your tickets online: www.gtealbany.com

The perfect place to do your holiday shopping.





Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts January 25th 2025

Please fill out the attached form 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 any NMRA member guest) is **\$25**, and for a non-NMRA member invited guest it will be **\$37**. The bus will make stops in Wilton, Clifton Park and Albany (**NOTE: new pickup/drop-off location by Crossgates Mall – more details to follow**) 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 served basis starting at the November Meeting. The bus trip is on and we still have some seats available – if you still want to go, PLEASE send in your signup form and check ASAP!

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.

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 – Outer Parking Lot behind Homewood/Suites Hilton lot
We will stop on the Mass Pike en 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 served event with a signup/payment deadline of December 31, 2024.
- 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 upon 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!

**Hudson Berkshire Division Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show
Springfield Massachusetts Saturday January 25th, 2025**

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: _____

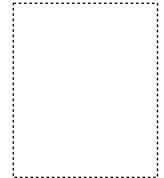
Please check pickup location: Albany _____ Clifton Park _____ Wilton _____

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: Hudson Berkshire Division
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