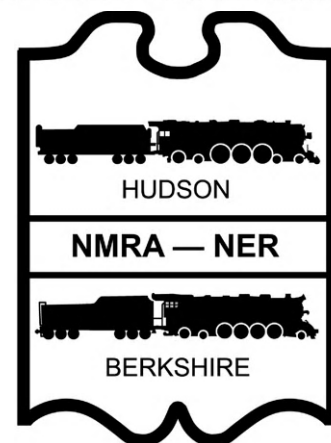


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**The Official Newsletter of the
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November 2022

Next Division Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2022 7pm to 9pm

Don Klose

442 N. Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, NY

This month we will be at Don Klose's O scale "Bellevue and Schenectady Railroad"

From the Editor By MARK SKLAR

It's our busy season and there is lots of important information in this issue of the Form 19. There is the voting ballots, the November meeting, GTE show info and the bus trip to Springfield info.

As the weather cools down I have been doing a lot of work modeling some heavyweight passenger cars for my AP certificate. I am looking forward to the meeting this month at Don Klose's layout. Don has built a spectacular O gauge layout, as there is so much to see in the space given.

This issue contains our HBD President Irwin Nathanson's last "Ready Line" column. Irwin has done a great job the last four years guiding our division, especially during COVID. Irwin is stepping down but will still be active in the division. THANK YOU Irwin for your leadership and commitment.

Remember to vote this month. Print out the ballot on page 4 and follow the directions. Ballots may also be delivered in person during the HBD meeting on Nov. 18th or mailed by Nov. 11th.

I am sad to announce the passing of fellow modeler Dick Elwell of Adams, Mass. See Doug Dederick's memorial to Dick on page 7.

See you here next month.

-Mark



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The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

Elections

As you all know, our elections are this month. Ballots are included in this "Form 19." We have two candidates:

Benjamin Maggi running for President

Mike Hachey running for Board Member

You can cast your ballots by mail, or in person during our November meeting at Don Klose's house. All ballots will be counted then, and the results announced.

Even though there is only one candidate for each position, please do cast your vote anyway to express your support for Ben and Mike.

Upcoming Division Meetings

As usual, your Vice President, Doug Dederick, has put together a very interesting meeting for November. Full details appear in this Form 19. There is no meeting, per se, in December because this is GTE Month.

Great Train Extravaganza

As I mentioned during our meeting last week in Malta, James Lauser, his wife Sarah, and I have been working on GTE since June. As our December 4th event gets closer, it is now time for the rest of the Division to step up. This is our premier event of the year, our primary fund raiser, our biggest public outreach, and a lot of fun!

Volunteers are needed to:

Plant road signs in advance of the event, and collect them afterwards

Help set up the show during the day on December 3rd
Help tear down the show when it closes at 4 PM on the fourth

Thus far, very few people have volunteered. Perhaps members think December is a long way off. Well – it is not. I write this during the last week of October. And the last week of November is pretty much tied-up with Thanksgiving. So there really are not many working days before the show. So – please do not wait – contact James right away:

(518) 528-5453

james@jlauser.net

Springfield Bus Trip

Plans are moving forward for HBD's charter bus trip to the Big E Show in January. Details are in this issue. If you plan to go, please sign up *now*. A lot of you have already expressed interest, but we need a minimum number *signed up* to make this great member benefit a reality. If we do not get that number confirmed in advance, we will need to cancel the trip. And we all do not want that to happen!

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Swan Song

Well, after four years as your President, this is my 40th (wow!) and last Ready Line column...

Looking back over those years, I think that your Leadership Team has done a fairly decent job keeping the division viable, relevant, and financially sound, especially during

some rather trying times. So, I am proud of the role I played on that team.

I am confident that Ben will bring innovative ideas, focus and energy to the position. Over the past four years, I have greatly valued the mentoring I received from past Presidents Paul Hoffman and Artie

Krass. I am sure they will continue to mentor Ben, as will I.

OK, That's It ~~For This Month~~ From Me

I am signing off now. I hope to see you at Don's house and at GTE!

Irwin

Upcoming Division Meetings/Events

November Division Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2022 7pm to 9pm

Don Klose

442 N. Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, NY

This month we will be at Don Klose's O scale "Bellevue and Schenectady Railroad" layout located in Schenectady, NY. Some of you may want to leave a few minutes early to allow for parking on Don's street. Don's layout has a lot to look at but has limited space so please allow for others to view the layout as well. Don will have an area for us to mingle and talk while others are in the layout room. We will also hold a brief HBD meeting to talk about our upcoming train show.

<https://www.bellevueandschenectadyrr.com/>

December Division Event

There is no meeting for December since we are hosting the GTE train show on December 4.

January Division Meeting

Special Presentation

By

Dave Marecek

Trainz Simulator program demo

Watch for details in the December Form 19.

Hudson Berkshire Division Candidates Statements

Two members are running for HBD leadership positions, both unopposed.

Ben Maggi is running for HBD President and Mike Hachey is running for a board of directors position.

See ballot below.

Please read the candidates statements in the following paragraphs:

Ben Maggi; position: HBD President

My name is Benjamin Maggi and I am running for Hudson Berkshire Division (HBD) President. I have been a member of the NMRA for at least a decade, and have served as the Treasurer and on the Leadership Team since 2018. I have volunteered at the Great Train Extravaganza, helped arrange club picnics and outreach events, and have met a lot of you at various meetings and operating

sessions. My current interests are in modeling the Delaware and Hudson in HO scale on a layout in my basement. However, I have a lot of other modeling interests too and believe that the great diversity of the hobby is what makes model railroading so interesting.

While I think it is important to try and grow our Division, one of my main areas of focus will be on increasing the involvement of our current membership and trying to

reach out to some of our farthest members who might feel left out.

I also believe that we can all learn valuable skills from others, regardless of the scale or time period being modeled, and hope that we can feature things in the future that will help us all improve our modeling abilities. I don't claim to be the smartest member, but I am certainly willing to work hard.

Mike Hachey; position: Board of Directors

I have been a member of the NMRA and Hudson Berkshire for several years. I have enjoyed many local Hudson Berkshire meetings, most of the NER conventions and 4 National conventions. I am an active member in a few local train groups. I

have been a model railroader ever since I received a Santa Fe train set for Christmas when I was 7 years old. I currently am working on a layout that fills my basement.

I recently retired and now that I have the time and no excuse, I want to get more involved with the Hudson Berkshire Division. This is a

wonderful organization and I hope to help it continue to grow and improve. Some things I would like to see happen are: Increase membership, especially with the younger people, support the development of members' layouts and talent, and to make sure we all continue to have fun in this wonderful hobby.

HUDSON BERKSHIRE DIVISION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2022 Ballot Mark an 'X' in the space after the name or write in a qualified* member's name

President: Benjamin Maggi _____ Other: _____

Director: Michael 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
P.O. Box 83
Clifton Park, NY 12065-0083**

All ballots sent by mail must be postmarked by November 11 to be counted.

Ballots may also be delivered in person during the HBD meeting on November 18th.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Platel - Cohoes

McBride Family - Clifton Park

William Korn - Slingerland

Andrew Leece

Ben Saint-Cyr

Matt Rossman

Welcome Back

Charles Newton - Gansvoort

Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts January 28th 2023

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 is **\$25**, and for a member invited 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 purchase 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.

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, 2022.

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!

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Hudson Berkshire Division Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts Saturday January 28, 2023

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
PO Box 83
Clifton Park NY 12065-0083
Attn: Artie Krass / Bus Trip

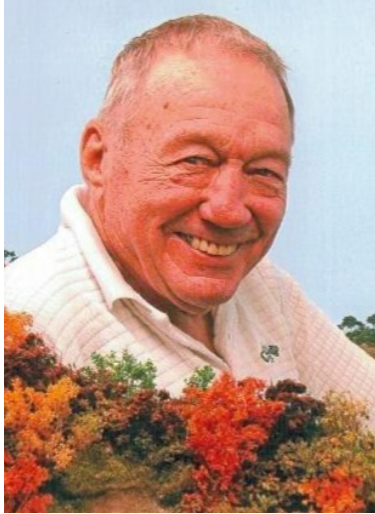
Division Badges Are Available

If you do not have a Hudson Berkshire Division name badge or have lost your original one and would like it replaced, contact Bert Pflegl at bpflegl@gmail.com or by phone at 518-235-8496.

Please provide your name as you want it to appear and the place of residence that you want - just community or city and state.



In Memory of Richard “Dick” Elwell



It is with great sadness that I am informing all of our members that a local and national icon to the railroad modeling community has passed away. Richard “Dick” Elwell passed away this fall after battling cancer for many years. Dick spent all his life in the Pittsfield, and Adams, Massachusetts areas and was a member of the Hudson Berkshire

Division for several years. He also hosted our division several times over the years.

What can one say about Dick? He was one of the most accomplished railroad modelers of our time. Growing up in Massachusetts, it was only fitting that Dick would model “The Hoosac Valley Railroad” in its beautiful fall colors. His layout was featured in several railroad magazines and DVDs over the years and was one of the most photographed layouts. All one needs to do is Google Dick’s name or his railroad to see publications, Facebook forums, YouTube videos, and much more. His name and railroad are well known across the country and perhaps farther. If you were lucky enough to operate on Dick’s layout, it was one of the most pleasurable layouts to operate on and his scenery was like eye candy with so much to look at. He was always a great host and he made you feel right at home.

What can one say? What I can say is: getting to know Dick personally you’ll never meet a more polite, friendly person, a true gentleman. Dick would always treat you like a friend even if he had just met you. I had the good fortune many years ago to operate on Dick’s “old” layout before he moved into his new home. It was my first time operating and I had my ten-year-old son with me (now 33). I was nervous, but Dick was calm and relaxed, he smiled and handed me a throttle and he put my mind at ease. It is a memory I will never forget. Over the years we became good friends, and I will miss him dearly. Dick made many friends, and I am sure they will miss him too. Dick’s “Hoosac Valley Railroad” will live on in the pages of books, magazines, and videos. Dick the person will live on in our hearts and our memories! May he rest in peace.

Doug Dederick

!!! URGENT: HBD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PUTTING OUT GTE SIGNS !!!

We need volunteers for putting out our annual GTE train show signs. We would like to add some new locations along with our usual locations. PLEASE email Doug Dederick at dougdederrick7@gmail.com if you plan on volunteering this year.

GET INVOLVED and be a part of the team!

Signs will be available for pick up at our next meeting on the 18th.

Great Train Extravaganza



2022

PUBLIC MODEL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE.

Sunday, December 4th
10am - 4pm

Adults still only \$7
Children 12 and under free



- Operating model railroads
- Sales of model trains, train sets, parts and accessories, building kits, scenery items, books, videos, DVD's, photographs...
- everything related to model trains and railroading
- Door prizes
- Roaming Railroad train rides
- 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
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White Elephant Table

- The White Elephant Table is a free service for all division members who have unwanted model railroad items to sell at the GTE.
- Volunteers are needed to help at the white elephant tables. Please call Ed Skowronek at cell phone 518-421-6188. If no answer, please leave message.
- In addition, any questions about either form can be addressed by calling Ed.
- Fill out the forms on page 9 and bring them with you either Saturday during setup day or Sunday am (at least one hour before show starts). There are editable pdf versions of the form on our HBD website: <https://hudson-berkshire.org/Documents/White%20Elephant.pdf>

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GTE White Elephant Table Entry Forms

ID #	Name	Phone #	Asking Price
Item#			

Instructions:

Please place your ID and item number, along with the item description and asking price on each receipt.
Cut along dotted lines. Then just cut the item description card individually, Keep the receipt strip intact.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

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Instructions:

Fill in your name and phone number on the top of the list. Create your own ID number by using the first two letters of your last name, followed by your birthday, for example Smith , March 21st = (SM321). Each item will then be numbered in order (1,2,3, ect.) in the box on the left, followed by a description of the item, along with the asking price.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

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<http://www.hudson-berkshire.org/>

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

Hudson-Berkshire NMRA Group

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

“Hudson-Berkshire Division of the NMRA” YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE4Em3wMYwj5Z3ynfNsla8g/featured>

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