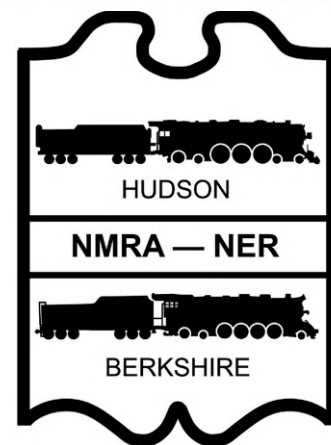


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Next Division Meeting

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Malta Community Center
One Bayberry Drive, Malta, NY 12020

John Valachovic Presentation

**"Designing Operations on a small layout and how operations can
guide your layout design."**

From the Editor By MARK SKLAR

For this month's meeting we will be back at the Malta Community Center. I am looking forward to hearing John's presentation "Designing Operations on a small layout and how operations can guide your layout design." See John's description of the presentation on page 3.

Our division will be voting for new leadership next month. Ballots will be included in the November Form 19. See the candidate statements on page 5.

Mike Hachey tells his story "Am I Too Old For A Road Trip?" of going to the NMRA Nationals in St. Louis. Mike's story starts on page 7. Thank you Mike for the contribution. (No Mike, you are not too old for a road trip.)

I have been working on a couple of 3D printed passenger cars. I will post pictures in the Form 19 when they are completed. If you have completed a project, please send me some pictures so that we all can see them.

See you here next month.

-Mark



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The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

Elections

As you all know, Benjamin Maggi has been doing a great job as our Treasurer for the past several years. He has now volunteered to run for HBD President in November! Please see Ben's qualifications statement elsewhere in this issue. (Please note that Ben will continue in his role as Treasurer.)

Current board member James Lauser has decided not to run again for this Board position. James will continue as our Great Train Extravaganza Chairman which will keep him very busy. In this role, he will remain engaged on your Leadership Team.

Recently retired, long-standing, and very active HBD member Mike Hachey has decided to run for the Board position being vacated by James. This will be Mike's first participation in your Leadership Team, and we are looking forward to his contributions. Please see Mike's Qualifications Statement elsewhere in this issue.

Upcoming Division Meetings

As usual, your Vice President, Doug Dederick, has put together a very interesting agenda for October and November. Full details regarding the October meeting appear in this Form 19. But please put both dates on your calendars now!

Great Train Extravaganza

Plans are well underway for GTE 2022! Likely you've already seen our classified ads in "Model

Railroader," "NMRA Magazine," and other publications. Our contract with New York State for use of their Convention Center has been signed.

Unfortunately, although the state significantly raised their prices last year, they've already announced further significant increases next year. So, our plan is to do some research into alternative sites for GTE 2023. Possibilities include Hudson Valley Community College in Troy and the Convention Center in Saratoga Springs.

James will soon be calling for volunteers to help set up, run the show, and tear down on December 3rd and 4th. We'll also need volunteers to set out our road signs in advance of the show. (Surveys of GTE visitors consistently indicate that these signs are very effective in bringing people to our show!)

Springfield Bus Trip

After a long break due to COVID, we're once again planning our annual HBD bus trip to the mega Amherst Railroad Society Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield in January. Please see the announcement in this Form 19. For one low price, members get comfortable transportation to and from the event plus admission. There's nothing extra for parking etc. And the bus parks right next to an entrance so you've got a place to hang out during the day or to store your purchases during the show. And no long walk through muddy or snowy parking lots to your car! Many thanks to Artie Krass for making all the arrangements!

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Fall is Here...Great Time to Take a Scenic Tourist Train Ride!

Two articles in my local weekly newspapers caught my attention. The first, the featured first page article in the September 15th issue of "The Chronicle," covered the current operations of the new Saratoga, Corinth and Hudson Railway which runs 90-minute train rides between Corinth and Greenfield Center. And -- wait for it -- their Conductor is our own member, Corey Ward. Corey has

been a very active and enthusiastic HBD member. But he's now in college so we don't see him that often. You can see the complete article here:

<https://www.glensfallschronicle.com/hal-raven-train-maven-now-operates-one-of-his-own/>

The second was also a first page article, this time in "The Sun" on September 24th. The article focused on a major milestone: the re-opening (after 40 years) of the route of the Adirondack Railroad from Thendara to Tupper Lake. Plans for next year

include connecting Tupper Lake and Lake Placid. Here's a link to the article:

<https://suncommunitynews.com/news/99159/marking-a-milestone/>

OK, That's it For This Month

I'm signing off now. I hope to see you in Malta on October 21st!

Irwin

Upcoming Meetings/Events

October Meeting

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"Designing Operations on a small layout and how operations can guide your layout design."

This clinic will cover how the desire to do operations guided my layout design and how I designed an operating scheme to fit a small layout. Some of the theory of operating on a layout with limited switching will be covered along with the creation of the paperwork and processes for running sessions.

November Meeting

Friday, November 18th @ 7PM

We will be at Don Klose's O scale layout in Schenectady, NY

Watch for details in the November Form 19.



!!! 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!

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.



HBD is back on track or, rather, HBD is back on the bus...

... to the Big E Show in Springfield, MA on Saturday, January 28th, 2023!

Plan now on joining us...look for all the details in the November 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. Ballots will be included in the November Form 19.

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 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.

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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](#).



August Meeting Report

We had 14 members attend the meeting at Joe's house. It was a beautiful day. I think everyone got a chance to ride a train and everyone enjoyed the outing. We made \$50 on the Raffle for the TFT Fund. A big THANK YOU to our host Joe Kavanagh. All in all it was a great day!





Am I Too Old For A Road Trip?

By Mike Hachey

Jackie and I attended the 2022 NMRA National convention and this is our experience. We drove out there and back, covering about 2,300 miles.

We left home on Friday the 5th of August. We drove to Altoona to see the famous Horseshoe Curve. We got to the park at 10:00am Saturday when it opened. We were told that the funicular that you can ride to the top was not operating. We would need to walk up 194 steps to see the trains. It was worth it. We saw 3 freight trains and an Amtrak passenger train, all within about an hour and a half.



Our next stop was a place near Cincinnati called EnterTrainment Junction. This is a huge building

all about trains. It features a 25,000 square foot G scale layout. There are 90 trains, 1,200 cars and some amazing scenery and buildings. There is also a gift shop and a hobby shop and several activities for the kids.

We arrived in St. Louis late Sunday evening and registration was Monday morning. During the week we attended many excellent clinics. My favorite was a 2-part one by Greg Johnson. It was all about modeling old brick industrial buildings. He showed several pictures of old brick factories and mills and several that he built for his layout. Part 2 was about how he built them. He used a laser cutter and built them with acrylic and mdf. I liked it so much that I'm considering buying a laser cutter.

Some of the layout tours were canceled, but we did a self-driving one and saw 4 wonderful layouts. One was the K10 Layout/hobby shop. It was about an 80 x 60 layout with an attached hobby shop. Not only was the hobby shop fully stocked, but there was a lot of

merchandise stocked under the layout throughout the room.

We did a couple of non-rail tours. One was at Grant's farm, home of the Busch family and their iconic Budweiser Clydesdales. The tour also included free beer samples. We also did a tour of St. Louis, which included a ride to the top of the Gateway Arch. The tram capsules were way too small for someone my size. We did squeeze in and the view was priceless.

The celebration room was chock full of excellent models. I went through it at least 3 times. There were some nice layouts at the hotel/conference center. A large HO_{N3} and a large N scale free-mo one that you could sign up to operate.

As with any convention, there is so much going on that you could never do all the things you want. I am already planning on attending the Texas convention next year. I may take the train. I most likely won't drive to that one.

Mike Hachey





Am I Too Old For A Road Trip?

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The End



**The turntable and roundhouse at the Conway Scenic Railroad.
North Conway, New Hampshire, July 19, 2022. Mark Sklar Photo.**

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