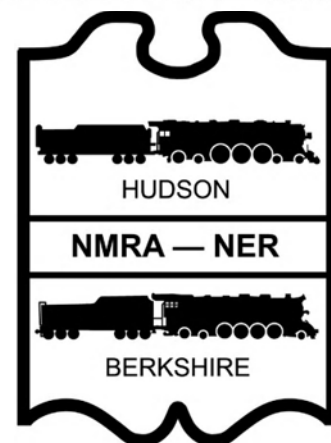


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NY Rte 157, Voorheesville, NY 12186
Glen Doone Pavilion

From the Editor By MARK SKLAR

Starting with this issue we will be going back to publishing the Form 19 monthly. This month the division will be meeting for the first time since February...Yay! Doug has all the details on page 4. Thank you Doug for arranging this meeting. Remember the form to attend this meeting is on page 8.

As Irwin mentions in his column many of us have been working on our layouts and many would like to see our modeling efforts. I am asking everyone to please send your modeling or prototype pictures for all to see. To start this off Charlie Newton has contributed some beautiful D&H slides from the past on page 6, and I have contributed pictures of my most recent project on page 7.

Also in this month's Form 19 Bill Doyle shares a personal story on the rails that has some luck involved. If you have a story you would like to share with the division I will be grateful. I only have three stories left in the bank. The story can be prototype or modeling.

That is all for this month. Stay safe.

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The Ready Line

By Irwin D. Nathanson

As covered elsewhere in this issue, in-person events are planned for September and October. *We will be closely following current New York Department of Health safety guidelines and the locations have been carefully selected to minimize all risks.*

Space is still available for our meeting at Thatcher Park on 26 September. Doug has put together an exciting program for us, not to be missed! If you have not signed up yet, please submit your Form and Check right away! The Form is reproduced in this issue.

A virtual event is still planned for November. So HBD is back on the rails! Many thanks to Doug for getting us back on track!

Please keep us posted regarding what you have been working on while being locked down during this challenging time. Brief write ups and a few photos are all we need. Please send your write ups to:

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This can be in a single e-mail addressed to all three guys (Mark, Artie, Paul). Your work will be shared with other HBD members via the Form 19, our web site and our **FaceBook** page.

What have I been working on? Just for fun I built a wood/metal kit from 1954, a nice small Alexander Scale Models "Little Hook." I have also finished a plastic Kibri German work barge with dragger crane and a wood Labelle 1880s Combine, both of which I am going to have judged for possible Merit Awards towards my Structures and Cars Achievement Awards.

As I write this (1 September), the Big E Show in Springfield, MA is *still* on for 30/31 January 2021. Sadly, my hunch is that it will likely be canceled soon. Even if the show still somehow goes ahead, we will *not* be chartering a bus to take us there this year. The Leadership Team would not want to subject HBD members to being confined in such a tight space as a bus for so many hours, not with COVID-19 still around!

Normally held in conjunction with National NMRA Conventions, this year's Annual General Membership Meeting will be virtual. It's coming up on September 13, so if you have any questions in advance please send them to National VP-Administration John Stevens at VPAdmin@nmra.org. You also need to contact him in advance for a formal invitation to the GoToMeeting if you would like to attend.

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The Ready Line

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Please note that, according to our By-Laws, our Annual Elections will be held in November. More details in next issue, but these positions will be on the ballot: President, Board Member. Please contact anyone on the Leadership Team if you are interested in running for either position.

Well, that is all for now. Hopefully, many of you will feel safe and comfortable joining us this month and next. We will do our best to make these events safe and enjoyable for all.

Stay safe,

Irwin



UPCOMING EVENTS

Clinics

Saturday September 26th 10AM to 3PM

John Boyd Thacher State Park
NY Rte 157, Voorheesville, NY 12186
At the Glen Doone Pavilion

Socially Distanced train Watching

Saturday October 17th 10AM to 2PM

Lock 10 Amsterdam NY
Located off NY route 5S
(rain date October 24th)
Details will be in our October Form 19 issue

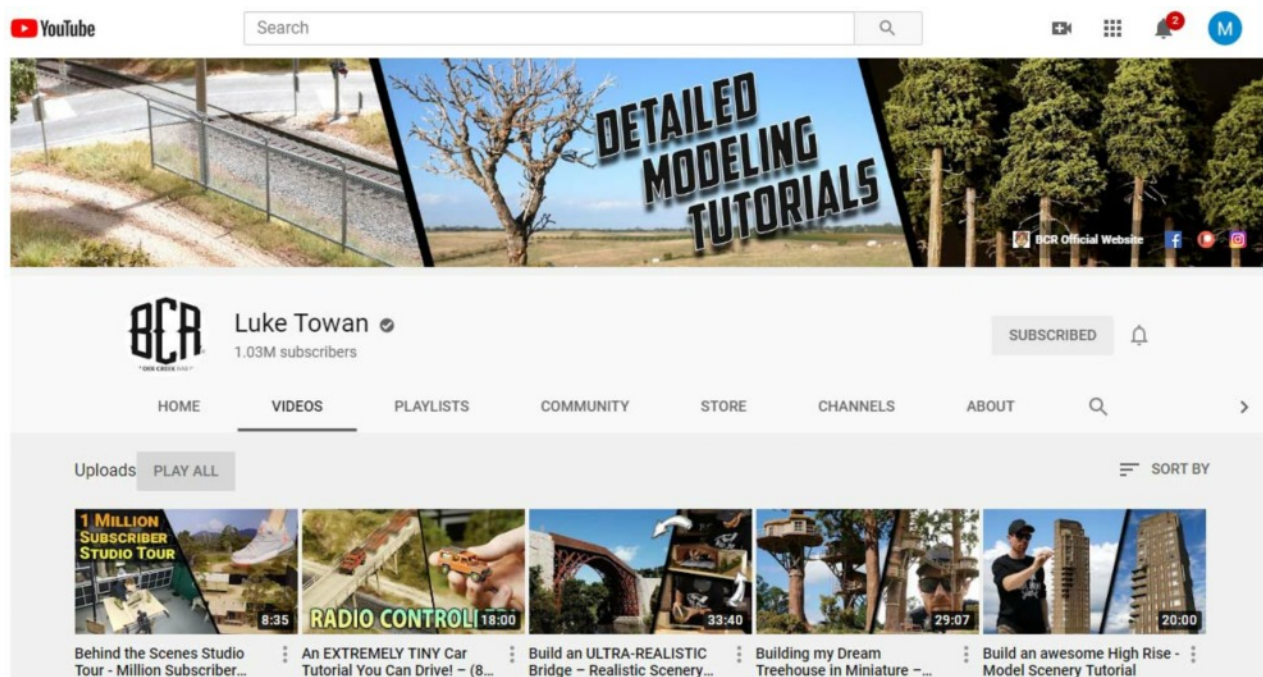
Virtual Meeting

Friday November 20th

Details will be in our October Form 19 issue

On-Line

Luke Towan has a YouTube channel that has superbly produced modeling tutorials. Luke is an airline pilot and lives in Australia. His channel has over one million subscribers. Lukes's scenery techniques produce outstanding results and he makes it look easy. I built his static grass applicator which he shows how to build step by step. It works great and I use his money-saving recipe for scenic cement. If you haven't seen Luke's channel, I highly recommend you go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/LukeTowan/videos> .
(ed.)





Next Division Meeting
Saturday, September 26th, 2020 10am to 3pm
John Boyd Thacher State Park
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Glen Doone Pavilion

By Doug Dederick

This month we are looking forward to our outdoor social gathering at John Boyd Thacher State Park. I for one am looking forward to seeing and talking with many old friends and fellow Hudson Berkshire members. I know all of us are still trying to navigate through all that has happened this year and what lies ahead while still maintaining CDC protocols (please see our guidelines below), but I am confident we will get past this.

Our meeting will be held at the Glen Doone Pavilion located off of NY route 157. The pavilion has a roof with open sides. This is a great location for us to spread out and maintain your own comfort zones. I would suggest bringing your own lawn chairs so you can relax and enjoy the day. I would also suggest bringing your own snacks to eat as long as it does not require cooking. We will have limited beverages (bottled water and canned sodas) available at the pavilion. There is a restroom within a 5 - minute walk from the pavilions as well. During the day we will have three clinics for you to enjoy. They are as follows:

Clinics

1. Modeling water using shower glass by *Kevin Surman*

Kevin has used this technique on his own layout for ocean bays and inlets with outstanding results. He will take us step by step on how to create these types of scenes on your own layouts.

2. Using "Trim coil stock" or "Trim Siding" By *Doug Dederick*

Doug will show us how to use this material to cove (curve) corners on your backdrops. Both inside or outside corners along with some other uses.

3. Our "Open Clinic" ask the masters by *Bob Hamm* and *Kevin Surman*

Here is a chance to ask our own NMRA Master Modelers questions on modeling. This will be an open forum for questions regarding modeling. From scratch building to wiring and everything in between. So if you have been putting off some projects because you are not sure where to start or how to do it, now's the time to ask the ones who have been there and done that!

We will also have a brief HBD business meeting. This is important because we have not had a meeting since February.

This should be a fun filled day spending time with friends and our HB family. As Family members remember to be safe and respect each other's space and comfort zones. Below is a set of guidelines we all need to practice during this event to help make this a safe and successful event.

If you would like to attend this event please complete the attached form on page 8 and submit it as soon as possible. Please include check made payable to the "Hudson Berkshire Division"

NOTE : If the event is canceled by the state of NY or due to Covid 19 concerns money will be fully refunded. However this is a **rain or shine event** and will **NOT** be canceled due to weather.

—Sorry no guests, only HBD members.—

HBD Event Policy / CDC guidelines

1. Mask **must be worn at all times** when within close proximity to others. Note this includes covering the nose.
2. Mask **must be worn** while in the restrooms.
3. Hands must be washed using soap and water or hand sanitizer. We will have some hand sanitizer and /or wipes located at the pavilion as well.
4. When outdoors please maintain 6 feet or more of separation.
5. Respect others' comfort zones.





The Speeder ride - Canaan, CT

By Bill Doyle

Sometimes the railroad gods smile on you and good things happen when you find yourself in the right place at the right time. I don't recall the reason why my wife and I found ourselves in Canaan, CT one afternoon. For many years, we went through there on our way to a family party in New Haven, and I never passed up the chance to see what was staged around the beautiful and unusual depot.

The line past the depot belonged to the Boston & Maine, then Guilford and now the Housatonic Railroad, running north/south from Pittsfield MA toward Danbury CT. In years past, a switcher was stationed there for service at the nearby Specialty Minerals plant and quarry. I believe they produced limestone products. In one of my pictures, a B&M RS-3 in blue is located next to the depot, while a later picture found a Geep in Guilford colors. For many years, privately owned cabooses were stored on the tracks that ran east/west along the depot.

On the Sunday we stopped, we found a couple was sitting on a speeder next to the depot. My inquiry revealed that they were part of an organization of

encountered en route to an active limestone quarry several miles down the track. We explored around the quarry and associated buildings and picked up several small stones as mementos. I discovered an old wedge snow plow attached to a gondola rusting away on an inactive siding. A leisurely trip back to the depot ended our very interesting trip with this interesting couple.



Kathi and couple that own speeder



Bill & Kathi Doyle on speeder.

speeder owners who regularly scheduled excursions throughout the country. They had traveled all the way from Florida thinking that that day was a scheduled meet. Somehow they mixed up the dates and found themselves alone at Canaan. Our conversation with them resulted in an invitation to ride with them on the speeder. Were we interested?? Who could resist an invitation like that!! So off we went riding south from Canaan. The owner's wife flagged each grade crossing we



Owner flagging crossing

Lessons learned - never travel without a camera/cell phone; always check out the local railroad facilities; and strike up conversations with the folks around railroads. As the lady from the NY State Lottery says "Hey, you never know".

In the next part of the story Bill writes about the historic Union Depot of Canaan, Connecticut. (Ed.)





HBD Member Projects and Photos



First we have the southbound Winter Olympic Passenger Extra at Port Henry, NY along Lake Champlain in February 1980, Photo by Charles W. Newton



This shot is at Saratoga Yard with IC&E (Iowa Chicago and Eastern) power and the D&H 7312 coming back from the industrial park, July 6, 2011. Photo by Charles W. Newton



HBD Member Projects and Photos



Sunset brass HO scale New York Central K5a Pacific
Painted and restored with TCS WOW decoder by Mark Sklar

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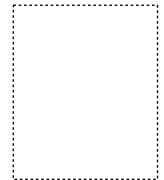
Cost \$10 per/person- checks only no cash: _____

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