

WESTERN NEW YORK
DIVISION OF THE
NMRA

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **From the Cab**
- **Links and Notes**
- **Member Profile**

INSIDE THIS
ISSUE:

From the Backseat	2
Our NMRA Heritage from the Past	2
AP Report	3
Links and Notes	4
Member Profile	5

Our Next Meeting

April 17th

10:00 AM

Using [FreeConferenceCall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com)

The Lantern

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 9 JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

From the Cab

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the lockdown does have a Silver lining for me. I have spent more time in my basement, and we have had some super clinicians give remarkable presentations. Some of the clinicians we have had are both Regionally and Nationally known. Plus, we have been able to get some of our Division members to tell us what they are modeling or working on at their bench. Don't get me wrong; I am ready to see people and visit you guys. But all and all, I have survived this with the help of my hobby.

So, to that thought, we will (We Hope) have our first Face to Face meeting on June 19th at 10:00 AM (Directions to follow) at the Erie Freight House. July, we do have our annual picnic scheduled at [Mud Creek Central](#). Our illustrious Assistant Superintendent, Frank Pastore, is serving as the Chairman for the picnic this year. There will be a small fee for this event, and we are still working out the details. Watch our website and your email for more information on both of these events. www.WNYDivisionNMRA.com.

We have more great programs for you; in April, we will have from our Division, Dave Hornung and Paul MacPherson, talk about their projects. Clark Kooning will be back with the award-winning "15 Minutes with Clark" program, and finally, Nick Ozorak will talk about his podcast, "The Roundhouse." I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!



WNY Division Picnic

This year, the Western NY Division picnic will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the [Mud Creek Central Railroad](#) located at 7349 Tonawanda Creek Road, Lockport, NY 14094. Approximate arrival time 10/11 am. Cooking will start at approximately noon.

The division will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, rolls, condiments, paper plates, and napkins for a nominal fee of \$5 per person. You may wish to bring a side dish to pass, snacks or dessert. Please bring your beverages and chairs.

Any NMRA member is Welcome, including the Lakeshores Division, Division 12 from Erie, PA., and the ID Division members and family.

The Mud Creek members will offer rides on their 7 1/4" railroad at \$5 for two rides, or you can donate to their organization. The Club has 22 acres of land, including a clubhouse, machine shop, and ample parking.

Andy and I will be taking a headcount on how many members will be attending. Spouses and guests are welcome.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Frank Pastore
Picnic Chairman
H 716-694-9024
C 716-909-6898

frankcpastore@yahoo.com



From the Back Seat

A story of a boy growing up in the '50s.
by Gary Reynolds



Erie Mikado pulling freight train.

Article and Photos by Author

It was a drizzly afternoon and believe it or not, I am sitting in the front seat of my uncles car as we drive around train spotting. I slept over his house last night and the plan was for us to get up early to go fishing. He usually takes me around the peninsula to the north pier. We sit on the pier and fish for perch as they are coming in the channel. After we get home and clean the fish, he makes sandwiches of boiled ring boloney. Well, all that was canceled because of the morning rainstorm. Instead, he let me sleep in and is now taking me for

a ride in the country so we can spot some trains. We stopped at Stuckey's to get several pecan log rolls and are now sitting just off a grade crossing waiting to see what will come down the rails. We actually hear it long before we see anything. Then around the curve comes huge 2-8-2 Mikado steam engine struggling up the slight grade. We hear the hiss of the boilers as the fireman lets off steam and feel the ground shake as the mighty engine passes. The engineer gives a wave and we start the ritual of counting the freight cars. Ah, this is better than any fishing trip ever!

Our NMRA Heritage from the Past



About seventy years ago, I joined the Model Railroad Club Buffalo as a junior member. Little did I know what I would learn over the next two years before I started college. At the time, the Club was in the same downtown building as Jack Singer's gym. Also, next door was the infamous Palace Burlesque.

This Club has a lot of history. It was one of the founding organizations of the NMRA back in the 1930s. The Niagara Frontier Region was born here in the Western New York area. The Region hosted the National Conference in Buffalo in the late 1930s. The Club became well known for its large O gauge layout. Also, it had a neat ON3 inner layout built by Vince Ryan. He was a master builder, constructing all of his equipment from scratch. When I joined, he was well known nationally for his devotion to narrow gauge. If you see the Club's current layouts, you can get a glimpse of their CTC panel with locations named for some of the past members.

One of those was for Albert Kamm. Al taught drafting at the UB School of Engineering, where I was going to attend. Another name was Joe Zeppo, who lived in North Tonawanda and recently passed away. He was immortalized in the O Gauge layout's park as a general on his horse. Joe was an HO guy. Glen Staubit worked at Ruth's Hobby Shop on Genesee Street. Glen went on to become an architect's specialist for constructing miniatures of future projects. His HO layout was a Model Railroader's dream. The scenery and lighting were a masterpiece.

The Club also had an HO layout powered by a large cluster of batteries, as did the O gauge layout.

Because I started attending UB, I gave up my membership. I have forgotten a lot of the names, but a few remain. You can make a lot of friends in our hobby that becomes lasting memories.

Authored by **Ron Tober NMRA # 157367**

AP Report

Well, I have been the division AP (achievement Program) chairman for a few months now. I am still learning a lot about the different certificates that can be obtained and all the work that is required to achieve them. So far, I have received two, AP Electrical and AP Scenery. I am also working on two more, AP Structures

“Part of my job is to help you with this portion if you wish to apply for any of the certificates..”

and AP Cars. What I have found out so far is that each certificate requires a lot of paperwork. Part of my job is to help you with this portion if you wish to apply for any of the certificates.

I am also learning how to be a judge. Whether you enter something in a contest or are going for an AP certificate, it needs to be judged. Although the general requirements are the same, judging for an AP certificate is not as stringent as a contest.

That brings me to what I want each of you to think about, and that is going for the Golden Spike Certificate. It is the easiest and usually the first AP award that is obtained. It is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby rather than expertise in a particular area. If you have a layout, you may already have completed these tasks. The areas the certificate covers

- o Rolling stock
- o Structures and scenery
- o Trackwork
- o Electrical

If you are interested, please feel free to contact me (APChairman@wnydivisionnmra.com), and we can discuss the specifics. We can then set up a time to visit your layout and assist you with the paperwork.

Gary Reynolds

The Before and After

Article and Photo by Author

So, as I was taking an overview of my layout, something didn't seem right. I was not too fond of the look of one area, and I had received a long-awaited car portal. There in front of me was the answer. So I spent a little time, had some fun, and made some changes. What do you think?

Frank



Before



After

NMRA Persons at Risk

The NMRA has a policy for people at Risk. Andy, who and what are you talking about. A Person at Risk is an under age person. So the NMRA now has a policy that states we **CAN NOT** have a program directed toward children. We must basically operate like the Boy Scouts, permission slips, two people present at all times, and a host of other rules. I will have the NMRA policy and permission slips placed on our website for your review and use. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Andy

3D Printing Resources

Most of us have seen some fantastic 3D printed parts and viewed them with envy. Accurate, precise, and apparently low cost, we are envious. If you are like me, you know you are not going to do 3D printing yourself. We would instead buy than make. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to find the makers. They are typically small and don't advertise. We want to put together a catalog of the potential suppliers, using our members' recommendations. This catalog would be on the Division website. To make this work, please send Bob Maskrey your references, the names of printers you know or have heard about. Include the company name, person to contact, phone number, email address, or URL.

Thank you.

Bob Maskrey

bmaskrey@msn.com



Links and Notes

Click on any of the logo's to be taken to their websites.



Directions:
Ctrl & Click Here for a Map

Get off the I90 at the Smith Street Exit and go south on Smith Street to South Park Ave, turn left and head east on South Park to Lee Street, then turn left on to Lee Street and 100 Lee is on the left side of the street. Parking and an entrance are in the back of the building; however, a Handicap entrance is only available in the front of the building.



Use a QR Reader to go to Western New York Division of the NMRA website. Yes fans we have our own webpage.
www.WNYDivisionNMRA.com



OUR NEXT EVENT

Join Us Saturday, April 10 and Sunday April 11



The 2021 National Association of S Gaugers has **POSTPONED** their convention until August 2022. Watch our website and this newsletter for updates



World's Greatest Hobby program starts at Noon right after our Division meeting. Click on the logo for more information.

Good Reasons to keep your membership

THREE BIG BENEFITS OF NMRA MEMBERSHIP:



Those are the discounts that manufacturers and hobby shops in our Partnership Program are giving us right now. Partners like Micro-Mark®, Model Rectifier Corporation®, Badger Airbrush®, Unret Details®, Hot Wire Foam Factory®, Logic Rail™ Technologies. And over 30 more companies. It's savings that can actually pay for your membership!

And are you taking advantage of our other big benefits? Like 150+ national convention clinic videos. Or over 15 hours of "how-to" videos produced by the biggest names in model railroading videos. Or our directory of model railroad layouts all over the world that you can visit. The list goes on and on.

If you haven't visited www.nmra.org lately, you're missing out on some really great stuff. Starting with a boatload of discounts!



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

NMRA members can log in at www.nmra.org and click on the Benefits tab to view the NMRA Partnership Program. Please patronize all of our partners for some fantastic discounts as an NMRA member!

- *NScaleWorks** NScaleWorks offers N-scale scenery and rolling stock detail items, as well as custom designed and printed decals.
- *Tichy Train** Manufacturer of rolling stock and structure kits in N, HO, S, and O, as well as a wide array of detail & structural parts.
- CatzPaw Innovations** Modeler's Decals & Paint
- Clever Models** Model Railroad Benchmark
- Deluxe Materials** Model Train Catalogue
- East Coast Circuits** Motrak Models
- Great Decals** MRC (Model Rectifier Corp)
- Green Frog Productions** OK Engines/Streamliners
- Hot Wire Foam Factory** Old West Scenery
- Jason's Brass Poles** Ram Track
- K.I.S.S. Method Inc** RR-Civits
- LARC Productions** Rusty Stumps
- Logic Rail Technologies** Scale Model Plans
- Micro-Mark** Scalecoat Paint
- MinuteMan Scale Models** Scenery Solutions
- Showcase Miniatures** Team Track Models
- The N Scale Architect** The Train Show, Inc.
- Trainmaster TV/WRH Store** Trainmaster TV/WRH Store
- Unretal Details** Unretal Details
- USA Airbrush Supply/** USA Airbrush Supply/
- Badger Airbrush** Badger Airbrush
- WiFi Model Railroad LLC** WiFi Model Railroad LLC

*Indicates newest Partner

NMRA Magazine

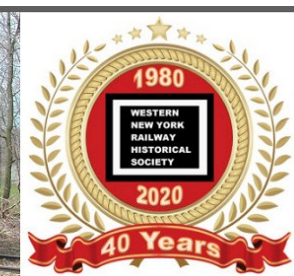
[Click here for Partnership Program](#)



Jim Torgeson has agreed to keep us updated on Facebook. Many Thanks, Jim

Western New York Layout Tours

Western New York Layout Tours is scheduled for October 23rd and 24th. This is a Non-NMRA Event. Please watch this newsletter or our website [Http://WNYDivisionNMRA.com](http://WNYDivisionNMRA.com) for updates and further information.



Western New York Division of the NMRA



Contact Information

Andy MacVie

Superintendent@wnydivisionnmra.com

716-445-6805

Frank Pastore

AssistantSuperintendent@wnydivisionnmra.com

716-909-6898

Ron Kemp

ChiefClerk@wnydivisionnmra.com

716-990-9903

Gary Reynolds

APChairman@wnydivisionnmra.com

716-225-2269

Remember that the National NMRA and the Regions are not where the hobby works, it works locally. We are the NMRA. Come and join us .

The best part of being a member of the NMRA is the friends you meet along the way.



Member Profile



I have always been interested in the transportation industry and especially rail transportation, so I studied at Northwestern

Transportation Center for my Masters. Along the way, I have had the opportunity to work at the P.C. New Haven RR as Tower Operator, a "Yardmaster" at B.F. Goodrich Akron (E.L. Served), Illinois Central in Finance and Planning, for Amtrak for 19 years Coast to Coast and KPMG California and NEC Planning. Along the way, I have had great opportunities to learn, do some great railfanning, and meet so many wonderful

people, some of whom have become lifelong friends. I also spent some time on Wall Street doing Architecture work, where I honed my appreciation for the beauty in structures. There are so many beautiful buildings in and around Buffalo, but the one that really grabbed me was the DL&W Depot downtown.

I am a member of the Layout Design SIG and have a pretty good idea of what I want. My 20X25 layout will have, and you guessed it, the DL&W Depot as the centerpiece. Besides the passenger service, the depot had many interchanges

with different yards and Railroads. This design should work perfectly for my vision of an active operating railroad.

Peter Westphal
I am the NMRA

Why name this newsletter "The Lantern", because we are tired of being in the dark and we are signaling that we are going to make some changes.

The editor

Happy Birthday to the following Jan

Birthdays

Andrew Henry

Happy Birthday to the following Feb

Birthdays

John Hahn

Jim Henry

Donald Umlauf

Happy Birthday to the following March

Birthdays

Brian Carlson