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MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

November 5 & 6
NRHS "fair" show
here in Syracuse

November 26
Family Train Day

November 26
Bull Thistle Train
Show—Norwich,
NY



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Father Fred's

This past summer the Ciazzas and Spencers ventured north to Nepean (Ottawa) Ontario for a 'run' on Father Fred's extensive garden railroad, one with dispatcher controlled operation and battery/RC locos.

Oh yes, the good looking one is Linda, John is on the left.

A Recap

Looking familiar? Yes, it's a re-cap of a summer of open houses. This is Guy's re-creation of the Rio Grande Southern a Colorado 3-foot gauge system.



Winding Down

As is the garden railway tour season comes to an end, another visit to Bob & Marie's extensive layout is in order. Very few of us have such an extensive selection of buildings, all of Bob's are his handiwork with an assist from Garden-Texture, either kits or plans. Marie has to protect their redwood picnic table from Bob's table saw and the scale lumber bin.



Matthew & Allison

'Bridging' the track for the last run of the season on the Grover's railroad. Charles says the date is October 9th, certainly a later run than I had, by several weeks.



Post-B'Fast Run

Toward the end of the 'season' some of our breakfast regulars came over to the layout for some 'training'. This mine run powered by a Feldbahn 0-4-0T crosses my temporary viaduct (read 1X6 plus a steel angle). This will be replaced in '12 with a true arched viaduct courtesy of Trainworld.

Anyone We Know?

Donald & Mickey, after a summer residing on my garden layout, getting ready for our first Family Train Day, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.



Thanks

The local chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts held their annual large-scale afternoon at the layout with a wide variety of appropriate trains; German beer train, German narrow-gauge passenger, a Stainz hauled freight, Thomas and this Swiss electric.

We thank you for your hospitality.

Streets

As in streets of Syracuse.

The NRHS has re-published and up-dated their 1970 "Railroads in the Streets of Syracuse" commemorating 75 years since the opening of the elevated route through the city. The booklet has a price of \$7.50 and will be sold at their booth at the train fair. A must-have for we local types.

And the Railroad Season Begins

As I wind down with our summer tour material, I'm looking forward to the train fair, the kick-off of the indoor training season. As you can see from my use of file photos, that the barrel bottom has been reached. That is a hint that we are in need of your help. Please take your cameras (and use them) to the train fair for I'd like some set-up and completion shots for the December issue. Should you have any of your summer shots they would be appreciated as well.

Speaking of the indoor season, I am amazed at the number of large-scale indoor layouts shown in the "Gazette." Perhaps a project for one of you this winter?

Looking at the calendar there are but a few weeks before the fair show so I'd getter get to work prepping my trains for the occasion.

See you there!

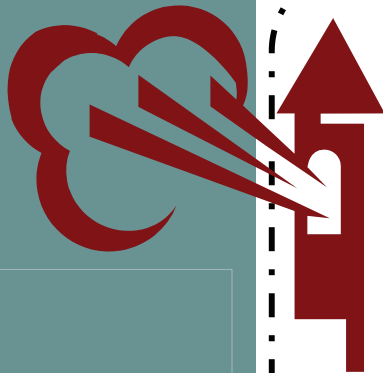
Gordon



What's This?

Guy's RGS equipment transport. The rest of us wrestle with various boxes and bins to get our equipment to the layout. Guy's carts do the job.

Club News...Member Page



PREZ'S TWO TOOTS

Greetings!

November has arrived and we are moving inside having experienced a pleasant summer of garden railroading. November is always a month of anticipation. We

have the NRHS State Fair Show to start off the month, and November ushers in the holiday seasons for the end of the year. Many of us will look forward to gathering at the layout at Driver's Village on Saturday mornings to run trains, enjoy each other's company, and chat with visitors to the layout. Please set aside Saturday mornings on your calendars as days to join us at the layout. We have specified Saturday November 19th as a special day to gather together to clean up the layout for our indoor season. Please plan on joining us for this clean-up day. Some of us who are able to gather on Tuesdays at the layout will gather to work on the layout and socialize on those days as well. If you are available, please join us. Of special note this month is our Family Train Day for the public on November 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will

run trains on the layout for the public and we will also run other model trains on the floor around the layout for the public's pleasure as well. Please support this club activity with your attendance and participation.

We will hold elections for club officers to lead the club from January 2012 through December 2013 at our December 17 meeting. I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as president for the past six years, and I do not want to continue as president. I am pleased with the progress the club has made in that time and I feel the club is in good shape. We have a layout that is a clearly defined asset to the Commons area of Driver's Village and which entertains the customers and employees who frequent that area of the Driver's Village complex. We have a good program of shows involvement which allows us to reach out to the public and to promote our hobby to that public. We have a clearly defined not-for-profit legal status which allows us to help our members to envision and develop their own large scale model railroads with help from our members, and other club resources. We have a lease agreement with

Driver's Village which extends through August 2015. The accomplishments of the past six years have been the result of working with several of you as individuals and as leaders on the Executive Committee. Thank you for your participation and leadership. This is a good time for me to step aside and open the door for someone else to assume the presidency of our club. New leaders bring new ideas and new vitality to organizations, and this is a good time for that opportunity to occur for the CNYLSRS. I assure whoever takes on the presidency that I will do my utmost to help you with the transition into the position. I encourage each and every one of you to consider taking on a leadership role in the club, and to let Gordon Davis, chair of Nominations, know of your interest in serving.

Bruce Haney
President

2011 MEETING DATES

All meetings will be held at 9:30 AM at the layout at Driver's Village. General meetings and Executive Committee meetings are open to members, spouses friends, etc.

Executive Committee Meetings

Saturday, 11/19/11

General Membership Meetings

Saturday, 12/17/11

All dates are tentative and may be changed with sufficient proper notice given to the membership.

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Workshops

Would you like to offer a workshop on a topic of interest to you that you would like to share with other members? If so, please contact Gordon Davis.

Use of the Club's Portable Layout for Shows

The club is now in the nice position of having sufficient track with rail joiners (requiring only a Phillips head screwdriver) to take to exhibitions and community events. If you have an event at which you would like to run model trains to enhance the event's activities and exhibits, you may borrow the portable layout. Please ask our VP of Shows (Ed Feeley) ahead of time for permission to use the layout so that he can reserve the date for your use of it. We would like to make our presence known in the community, so the more events we can contribute to, the better. You may need to use your own trains, power supply and possibly some additional personal track but we have carpeting, buildings, accessories, etc. that you may use as well.

Some Dates to Note.....

(there is a 2012 calendar on the bulletin board at the layout on which to note event)

Saturday, January 14, 2012

2:00 PM—4:00 PM

CNYNMRA meeting @ CNYLSRS Driver's Village Layout

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Pinewood Derby activity in the Commons at Driver's Village

September 5-10, 2012

North East Region meeting of NMRA will be hosted by CNYNMRA chapter at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool

Group Visits Planned at the DV Layout

If anyone knows of groups such as scouts, senior citizens, or others that would like to visit our layout, please invite them to contact anyone on the Executive Committee.

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National Railway Historical Society State Fair Train Show

November 5-6

We will set up our display on Friday, November 4th, beginning at noon at our DV layout by loading the equipment we need for the show. We will be setting up at the NYS Fairgrounds Toyota building from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Show passes for club members will be available from Ed Feeley, Vice President of Shows. We will dismantle our exhibit from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 6th.

REMINDER...Dues for 2012

Club dues of \$35 were due during the month of October. If you forgot to pay your dues for 2012, please send them to Bob Loran, 102 Mohawk Ave, Central Square, NY 13036.



Election of Officers

Election of officers to lead the club for 2012-2013 will occur at our December 17th meeting. If you are willing to serve as an officer please let the Nominations Committee know. Contact Gordon Davis, chair of the Nominations Committee, if you would be willing to stand for election.

Family Train Day

Date:

Nov 26, 2011

Time:

10:00 AM to
1:00 PM

Fun for the
entire FAMILY!

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Burdick's Driver's Village

