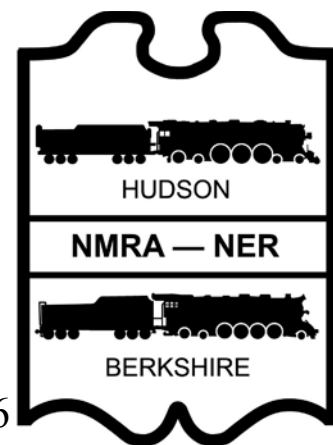


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**The Official Newsletter of the
Hudson-Berkshire Division
of the NER NMRA**



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Next Meeting Friday November 18 at 7:00 PM

Upstate Model Railroaders

22 Hudson Falls Rd, South Glens Falls, NY

Located in the Chase Sports Complex/Epic Ventures Building



The Upstate Model Railroaders have a new home and they have invited the members of the Hudson Berkshire Division to come take a look at it and see what they have accomplished so far.

As of August 2016 the club has moved into three 17- by 40-foot spaces in the Chase Sports Complex/Epic Ventures Building (above) at 22 Hudson Falls Road, South Glens Falls, which is just part of that great looking building. That gives them just over 2000 square feet of space which will enable them to have HO, N, Z and O gauge layouts.

In the large space they previously occupied, and which many of you have visited, in the basement of Aimie's Dinner and a Movie, they hosted eight operating railroad layouts in different sizes, namely: G-, Standard-, O-, S-, HO-, N- and Z-gauges as well as Lego™ trains. Club members ran trains on the layouts using everything from legacy power and controls to the latest digital command control systems. The UMRR Club there was unique in that very few model railroad clubs in the U.S. have the space, membership and commitment to build and operate more than one or two different scale layouts.

They are continuing that tradition with now four different gauge layouts for members and guests to enjoy. They still have open meetings every Wednesday evening to further the Club's mission. Besides providing a place to operate (play with) trains, UMRR has had as one of its goals to provide training and educational experiences for both young and old, beginner or experienced regarding the history of railroading in the northeast and the importance of railroads in our lives, from the early 1900's to present day. Club members are always available during their meetings to teach visitors about the building and operation of model railroads and the rewards of this hobby.

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The Division Point

By Artie Krass

Thanks again to Don Klose for opening up his home so that we could visit his 'O' Gauge Bellevue & Schenectady Railroad. I was sorry that I could not be there myself (prior commitment) but from what I hear it was an enjoyable morning.

This month we will meet on Friday night November 18th at the new home of the Upstate Model Railroaders (UMRR) to which we were graciously invited. For a sneak peek of what progress has been made visit their website at www.upstatemodelrailroaders.com. I am looking forward to visiting their new home.

In addition to visiting with the members of the UMRR, we will also be holding the Hudson Berkshire annual elections – this year for the Office of President and one seat/member of the Board of Directors. The election ballot and candidate statements appear in this edition of the *Form 19* and a copy will also be emailed to all HBD members for whom we have an email address on file. Remember, in order to vote you must be a member of the Hudson Berkshire Division in good standing (dues current with the NMRA/NER).

We will also be holding a raffle at the meeting to benefit the Toys for Tots Fund and the UMRR.

Rich Smith has been busy signing up volunteers for the Great Train Extravaganza (aka GTE) which will be held on Sunday December 4th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. We also need volunteers on Saturday the 3rd to help with the show and vendor setup. Please let Rich know if you can help – thanks.

You will also find in this edition of the *Form 19* the signup sheet for our annual bus trip to the 2017 Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds (the home of The Big E) in West Springfield Massachusetts. We will be going on Saturday January 28th, 2017 for what has proven to be an enjoyable day. The price is right - \$25 for Hudson Berkshire Division members and \$37 for their guests (\$25 if they are an NMRA member) for door-to-door service. See the information page and the signup form for more details. You can visit the website at www.railroadhobbyshow.com for more information about the show.

Marked off – November 2016

Artie



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**Hudson-Berkshire Division Election of Officers
(President & one member of the Board of Directors)
Candidates Statements of Qualification**

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You may mail in your ballot, present it to an Officer, or present it in person at the November 18 meeting.

Paul Hoffman, position: President

My name is Paul Hoffman and I am running for the position of Division President. Artie Krass and his Board have done a spectacular job of running this Division, from the activities to the growth and of course the administration of our very successful Convention. I intend to build on that success and to further the goals of a strong and vibrant model railroading community.

I have held various positions in the Division over the past 10 years, including President and Vice president and I feel that I have the skills and abilities to bring a team together to accomplish great things. I am a long term member of the NMRA and the Santa Fe Historical and modeling Society. In addition I am a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society.

This Division belongs to all of us, the members, and I will do my best to encourage wide participation in a diverse slate of activities that truly reflects our love of the hobby. Thank you for your vote.

Artie Krass position: Board of Directors

My name is Artie Krass and I am running for a seat on the Hudson Berkshire Division Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of previously serving the Division as Vice President and most recently as your President. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish over the past three years, culminating in the Pacemaker Convention this past September. I would like to continue to serve the Division and its Officers as a member of the Board of Directors. Over the past three years I have learned what it takes to make the Division function on a daily basis and I would now like to apply that knowledge as a member of the Board. I hope you will let me continue my service to the Division by voting for me come November 18th.

**HUDSON-BERKSHIRE DIVISION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADERS ASSOCIATION
Fall 2016 Ballot** Mark an 'X' in the space after the name or write in a qualified* member's name

President: Paul Hoffman _____ Other: _____

Director: Artie Krass _____ Other: _____

* A qualified member is any current full NMRA member residing within the Division.

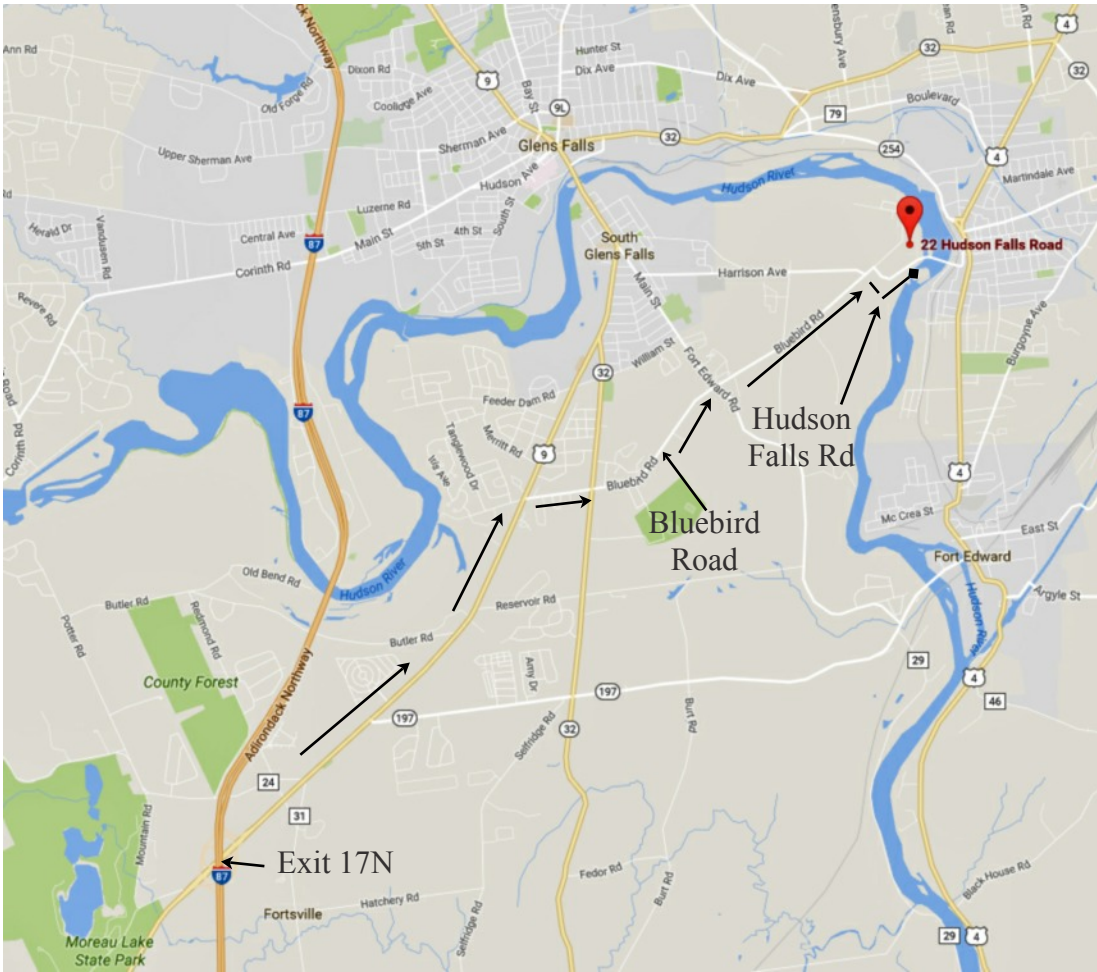
In order for your completed ballot to be valid, you must be a full NMRA member and write your name and NMRA membership number on the back of the ballot. 'Rail Pass' membership does not confer voting rights during the six month trial period.

To vote: 1) 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**

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All ballots sent by mail must be received by November 15 to be counted. Or 2) Present a completed ballot in an envelope to a Division officer by the deadline date or 3) Present the ballot at the November 18 meeting at Upstate Model Railroaders in South Glens Falls.



Directions

Take Exit 17N of the Northway (I-87) to Route 9.

Proceed on Route 9 for 3.2 miles and turn right onto Bluebird Road.

Go 3.1 miles and turn right onto Hudson Falls Road.

Go just .2 miles.

The Epic Building is on the left.

Follow the driveway around the left end of the building and park in the back. Doors for entry will be marked.

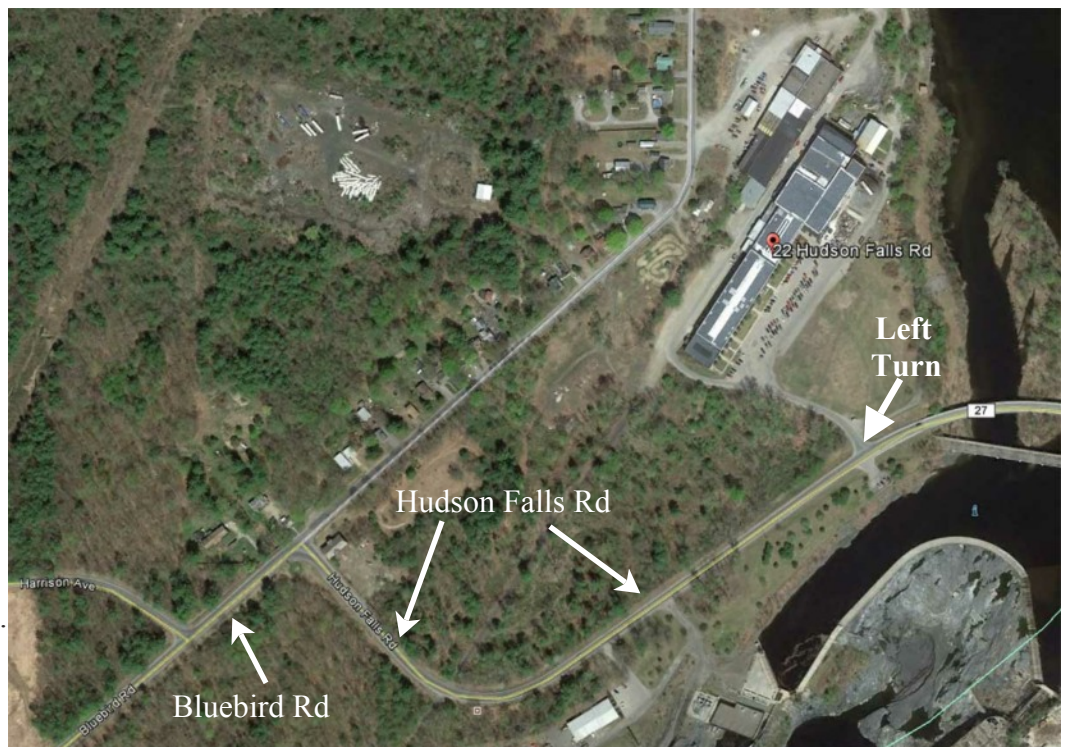
From Bluebird Road, turn right onto Hudson Falls Road.

Go just .2 miles. The road has a sharp bend to the left.

Take the next left turn into the driveway for the Epic Building is on the left.

Follow the driveway around the left end of the building and park in the back. Doors for entry will be marked.

Do not try to continue on Bluebird Road and go around the other building. The road is unpaved.





Hudson Berkshire Division Sponsored Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show Springfield Massachusetts January 28th 2017

Please fill out the form on the next page 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 and for any NMRA member guest is **\$25**, and for a member invited non-NMRA member 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 purchased 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.

On January 28th pickup points and times will be:

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 15, 2016.

- Please send payment and signup form to:

**Hudson Berkshire Division
PO Box 83
Clifton Park, NY 12065-0083
Attn: Jack Cutler / 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!

- Any questions please contact Artie Krass at 518-229-6080 or ajkwings@yahoo.com



**Hudson Berkshire Division Bus Trip to Amherst Train Show
Springfield Massachusetts Saturday January 28, 2017**

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:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4, Sunday -The Great Train Extravaganza with setup on Saturday, December 3
December 11 Upstate Model Railroaders Expo
10 to 4 Chase Sports Complex
January 28, Saturday Bus Trip to the Amherst Rail Hobby Show, West Springfield, MA

Welcome Aboard New Members

Thank you for joining the NMRA and we hope you enjoy the Hudson Berkshire Division

Jeff Easterly, Saranac Lake NY

Willard Kohler, Clifton Park NY

New members and old timers please greet others and introduce yourselves to others you may not know at our meetings. Friendships are one of the great benefits of the Division.

Hoosac Tunnel Trivia

Completed in 1875 after 25 years of work
Length - 4.75-miles
Tons of rock removed - 2,000,000
Nitroglycerine used - 500,000 lbs
Error at the point of meeting 9/16 inch



October Meeting Highlights

From top down: Steam pulls a freight thru amazingly detailed rock cut. Freight station has plenty of activity with loaded platform and activity along side. The 1908 NYC & D&H Schenectady passenger station as detailed on Don's Bellevue & Schenectady RR. A colorized postcard picture of station in early 1900s. (The only picture of station I could find after an hour of searching the internet; Editor) Everyone had fun; front to back Don Klose, Ed Skowronek, Jim O'Hare, Jack Cuttler, Greg Whittle.

From meeting at Don Klose's O-Gauge Bellevue & Schenectady





Odds and Ends



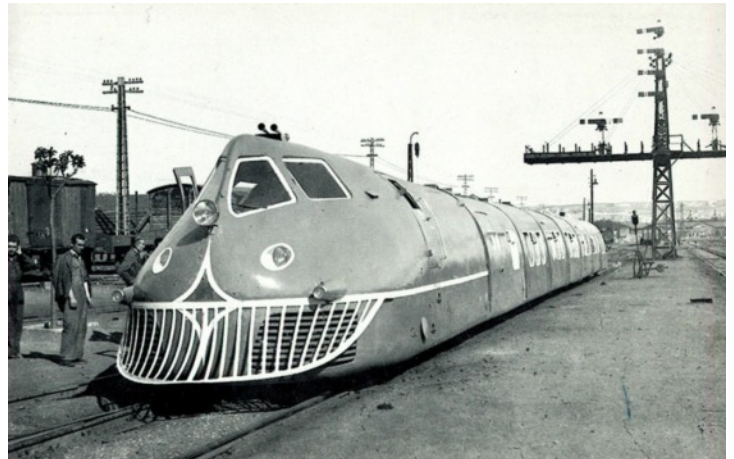
Family heritage - why streamliner looked that way

Denver & Rio Grande passenger engine F7A number 5661 wrecked on 19 December 1963 at Mill Fork, Utah in a head-on collision with a D&RG freight train lead by F7A number 5701. Both F7s were "retired" on January 16, 1964; traded in to EMD on the purchase of 8 GP35s. Note the buckling of the unit behind the cab area – THIS IS BY DESIGN. The buckling of the engine structure absorbed energy and helped prevent the crushing of the cab area thus working to protect the crew. This absorption of energy by controlled deformation of the structure feature is now standard procedure in the design of automobiles.



Above- small steam engine 1904. They don't come smaller.

Below- Return of the PUZZLER. What is THIS?

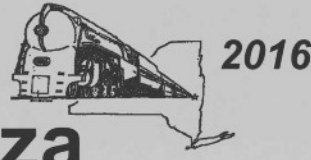


French engine met its end in 1924 when front of boiler blew out taking tubes with it. Only picture we've ever seen like this.





Great Train Extravaganza



Public model train show and sale.
Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Visit: www.gtealbany.com

Sunday, December 4th
10 am - 4 pm

Adults only \$7
Children 12 and under free

Empire State Convention Center
Albany, NY

From I-787 heading south,
take Exit 3A. Heading north,
take Exit 3. Follow signs to
Empire State Plaza to
Visitor Parking.

Operating model railroads

Sales of model trains, train sets, parts and accessories, building kits, scenery items, books, videos, DVDs, photographs... everything related to model trains and railroading.

Free educational seminars

Roaming Railroad train rides
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Giant Lego layout for kids of all ages

The perfect place to do your holiday shopping.

Many other family activities same day/same location.



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Exciting News!

Caboose Hobbies is now under new ownership and will soon be moving to a new retail location in the Denver Metro area. We are thrilled at the opportunity to provide the excellent products and services that you, our loyal tribe of rail fans and model railroaders have come to expect from Caboose Hobbies.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our website for all the latest information and updates, including details about our re-opening party.

From our family to yours, thank you for your continued support. We're excited to serve you!

Sincerely,
Kevin Ruble, Caboose Hobbies
Sharing our passion for trains since 1938



That is not an advertisement above; it appears to be the next chapter in the continuing saga of Caboose Hobbies of Denver, Colorado. In September the *Form19* reported that Caboose Hobbies had been told that the store site they were in had been sold and they would have to vacate the building. At that time the message was that the owners were going to move to a different location to be determined. In October the *Form19* passed on the information that the owners had decided to close the operation and retire rather than face the daunting task of finding a new location and moving all that stuff. As you can see above, a new owner is willing to take on all that work. Stay tuned in.

WHAT?

No Pacemaker Convention Announcement?

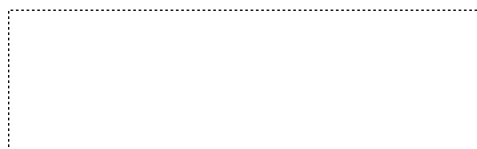
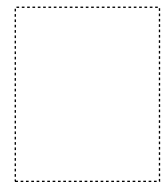
No, no Pacemaker Announcement as all the work by so many people for so long a time paid off with a a very successful regional convention. Thanks again to everyone.

And so, once again, it is up to the Editor and Staff of the *Form19* to come up with something to fill this section of the Form19. We try to find or create something that we hope will be of interest and have meaning for the Hudson Berkshire Division members reading this portion. And for those receiving the *Form19* by mail, this is the first section they see as the newsletter is folded and sealed for mailing.

So in holding to that tradition, the Editor and all the Staff of the *Form19* wish to thank outgoing HB Division President Artie Krass for all of his help, support and encouragement as we have been serving you under his leadership. It has been a great experience. And we all wish you well, Artie. And now maybe you will have time and energy to work on your layout.

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First Class Mail



Above left: a private road covered bridge and a water tower under construction. Note the tree stumps - something to add detail on any layout.

Above: Out of a tunnel and across a bridge. This seems to be the case for many real railroads. Good to put on layout.



Above: Downtown Schenectady with trolley going by, yellow cab, and luncheonette with a lot of detail inside.

Right: In the Wildwood section of Don's layout there is the standard Boardwalk store selling to vacationers. Those are individual tee shirts on circular racks and each has a shiny metal hanger. The "tourist trolley" is bringing more suckers - ah, customers.





South China Rail has just rolled out the first hydrogen powered tram/streetcar. The units are being produced at the factory in the coastal city of Qingdao, China. It uses hydrogen powered fuel cells with advanced control technology to give a range of 100km at up to 70 kmh with one fueling that takes just 3 minutes. Because it uses fuel cells with internal temperatures that never exceed 100 degrees Celsius, the trams produce no oxides of nitrogen, water vapor being the only emission.



The Cincinnati Bell Connector is an electric mode of transportation operating in its first phase on a 3.6-mile loop connecting key communities in the city's urban core.

Running up to 18 hours a day and 365 days a year, the streetcar will be a vital complement to the city's existing Metro and other transportation systems.

The Cincinnati service opened on September 9th and as of Oct. 6, 151,654 rides had been provided, far exceeding projections especially on weekends. So beginning October 8th more streetcars added to the service to accommodate the number of people riding and to reduce wait times.