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Thanks to all who participated!

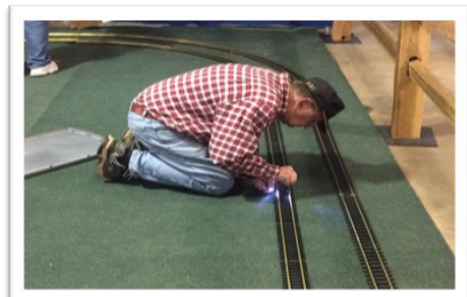
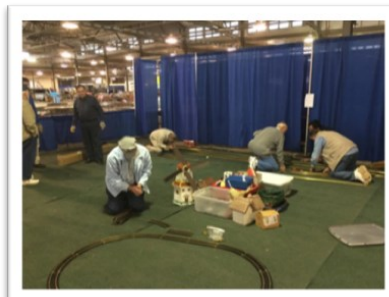
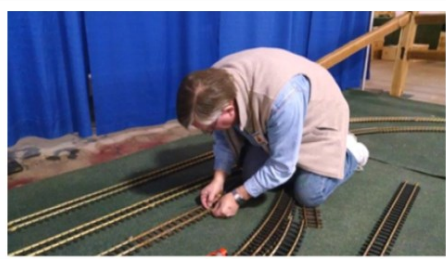
Mark your calendars....the 2015 show is November 7th & 8th.

## 2014 New York Train Fair (11/1 & 11/2/14)

*....and more!*

Once again this year the club participated in the local chapter of the NRHS's Train Fair held at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. Set up was on October 31st this year and as with the past few years, the set up went very well with a number of club members participating in transporting equipment from Burdick's to the fairgrounds. Our display moved to a floor layout many years ago with loops of club and member tracks in a 30' x 35' area. Operating DC, DCC and battery, we're able to give the public a wide variety of modes of operation to view. Since the layouts are on the floor, the children have a great viewing vantage point and parents aren't straining to lift their children to see the trains. All in all, a great weekend for hobbyists and the public.

Thank you to all who participated in the set up, running and tear down. Without you the event wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did. The dates for the 2015 show are November 7th and 8th.



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## Family Train Days (November & December 2014)

As part of our club's goals to increase membership and entertain the public, we try to participate in as many public events as possible. To that end, we participate in



the annual Train Fair at the fairgrounds, we open our gardens in the summer-fall months for public viewing and we also hold Family Train Days at the layout at strategic points during the fall and winter. Typically the weekends after Thanksgiving and between the Christmas and New

Year holidays. Our group utilizes the club layout to run and display trains for the public to enjoy and the kids to actually play with. This year was a great success as we had record turnouts for both events. There were a number of raffles held at the Thanksgiving Family Train Day where Polar Express trains were given away. Great fun for all!!! Stay tuned for more Family Train Days in 2015.

Earlier this year an addition was made to the front area of the layout with the creation of a burning house. Since then, lights, fire engines, police cars and firefighters have been added. A nice piece of animation!

The work performed by the Tuesday and Thursday gang has given the layout much more flexibility and enjoyment. Thanks Bob, Jim, Hank, Jon and Bruce!



Photo provided by Bob Loran

### Layout Happenings

Just a few things of interest to update you all on the layout. If you haven't been to Burdick's in a while, we have an NCE DCC system set up to allow you to run your DCC equipped engines on the outside and middle tracks. Don't forget to use the toggle switches on the top shelf to switch between DC and DCC operation. For DCC, you'll need to turn on the Aristo transformer in the bottom of the cabinet to give the tracks their power (don't forget to turn it off when done!). A great addition and many hours of fun playing with DCC.

Complete written directions on operating the power supplies are present in the cabinet.

There also have been new #6 switches added to make the transitions between the outside and middle tracks much smoother especially when operating long engines and passenger cars. Switches added under the mountain have also helped with gaining access to the freight yard. With the additions of switch lights, you can also tell when you're running on the main or not.



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## New York Central

Article submitted by Jim Exner

### *Syracuse Division, Phase II 8/25—28, 2014 Upgrade*

The Phase I upgrade to east/southbound Main Line was finished earlier this summer to allow this upgrade to the west/northbound. The seasonal track washouts became an issue each spring so the management decision was to rebuild the viaduct with a 15.6' girder bridge to sustain the track ballast from side wind and rain washout. The plan was devised, drawn up and began around the clock on Monday, 8/25, and finished on Thursday evening, 8/28.





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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

(Other non-related club events can be found on our website.)

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DATE(S)	EVENT
Saturday-Sunday, 1/24-25, 2015	Amherst Train Show (Springfield, MA)
Saturday, 3/7/15	CNYLSRS 1st Quarter Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village - Bylaws approval and seminar on 3D printing by Mark Dashnaw
Friday-Saturday, 3/27-28, 2015	East Coast Large Scale Train Show (York, PA)
Saturday, 4/4/15	'15 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 AM Driver's Village followed by CNYLSRS layout clean up and inventory at 9:30 AM
Saturday, 4/11/15	CNYLSRS Family Train Day @ DV layout 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Saturday, 6/6/15	CNYLSRS 2nd Quarter Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village - Seminar on "Getting Started in Garden Railroading"
Sunday, 6/14/15	FLLS hosts area GRR clubs
Sunday, 6/14/15	CNYLSRS Garnsey Open House 2:00-4:00 PM (members only)
August 2015	CNYLSRS Club Picnic 4:00 PM (place TBD)
Saturday, 9/12/15	CNYLSRS 3rd Quarter Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village - seminar pending
Saturday-Sunday, 11/7-8, 2015	CNYNHRS State Fair Train Show—CNYLSRS Layout
Saturday, 11/28/15	CNYLSRS Family Train Day @ DV layout 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Saturday, 12/5/15	CNYLSRS 4th Quarter Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village - election of officers
Saturday, 12/12/15	2015 FLLS Annual Meeting
Saturday, 1/9/16	CNYLSRS Annual Member/Spouse Dinner (place TBD)



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