

# CNYLSRS *Newsletter*

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## Club Business

It's that time again where our club elects new officers to run the activities for the next 2 years. At our 12/5 meeting our members will be meeting to elect those officers. As announced at our last membership meeting on 9/12, the Nominations Committee will be soliciting and taking down names of members that would like to step forward to lead the club in 2016 and 2017. Led by Al Friedman with help from Bruce Haney and Sal Leonardi, Jr., they will be tasked with presenting a list of members for the ballot to be cast in December. Watch your e-mails over the coming weeks as the Nominations Committee will be providing more details on deadlines, etc.

If you're interested in



putting your name on the ballot, contact

Al, Bruce or Sal as soon as possible. All positions are open for this election. New ideas come from new faces. Let's make our club a growing and rewarding experience for all!



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## Summer Garden Tours

While the summer may have gotten off to a slow start weather wise, that didn't deter our members from having some of their train gardens open for the season. Our club offered six open house dates to the public this year including our layout at Burdick's for the second year in a row. We appreciate the Cramers, Lorans, McCumbers and Kostoroskis for extending their hospitality to the public. Bruce Haney helped with coordinating the effort with the September open house at Burdick's, which was a success with several club members helping to man the layout and discuss garden railroading with the public...*thanks Bruce!*

The Lorans held two open house events this year and after the second one in August, our annual club picnic was held. Several members and spouses attended to



have fun running or watching the trains run, enjoy each other's friendship and of course the food. *Thanks again to Bob and Marie for hosting us at their home!*

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*Article submitted by Gordon Davis*

## Old Mother Hubbard

Not the one about a bone for her dog, it's about Camelback locomotives. Mother Hubbards (a form of dress) was the term used by Lackawanna employees for their center-cab locomotives, other Anthracite coal haulers used Camelback. The reason for the center-cab configuration was that these engines burned the above-mentioned fuel as well as culm (the refuse of the mining process). The firebox configuration was known as a Wooten after its inventor the master mechanic of the Philadelphia & Reading, latterly known as The Reading. The wide grate area was required for a thin fire was needed to produce the required BTUs. Hence the cab was mounted astride the boiler, the fireman relegated to a slightly sheltered platform at the rear. Among the regional carriers that used these locomotives were the Delaware & Hudson (some being converted to conventional cab location), the Reading, Lehigh Valley (event Pacific camelbacks), Lackawanna, Ontario & Western, Jersey Central (the last to operate them, 4-6-0's in commuter service). There were others including some western lines, however, in limited use.

PIKO offers us a wonderful representation of an 0-6-0 Camelback switcher and I'm told that it is a great engine and runs well. They must be excused for taking the model to extremes in paint schemes. Jersey Central's Blue Comet was never hauled by a blue switcher.....a blue 4-6-2 did these duties. There are a few preserved Camelbacks; Strasburg houses a Reading 0-4-0, Baltimore's B&O museum a Jersey Central 4-6-0 as well as their own 4-6-0 of an earlier time. A Lackawanna 4-4-0 is at the St. Louis area's rail museum; however, subject to recent litigation as to ownership. It would be nice if it was sent to Steamtown. The photos above left are of locomotives from the Anthracite region.

## NRHS Train Fair—11/7 & 11/8

Jim Higgins will be coordinating our participation at this year's Train Fair held at the NYS Fairgrounds on 11/7 & 11/8. Set up at the Toyota Building will start at 1:00 PM and go until complete (9 PM at the latest). Typically members who help in transporting the club's materials used in setting up the display meet at Burdick's by noon the day before the show opens (that would be 11/6). Vehicles to help transport the fencing, carpets, buildings, track and electronics to the fairgrounds from Burdick's will be needed. Please confirm with Jim that you can come on the 6th to help with transport.

If you can't make it to Burdick's to help with the transport, please meet us at the Toyota Building to help with unloading and set up. We have this down to a science and we're normally out of there by 4:00 PM. Several folks will bring their own loops of track and buildings to set up in the middle of our display, which will be surrounded by at least two loops of track and a point to point. If you're interested in setting up your own small display, contact Jim Higgins so he can incorporate your thoughts into the plan. Remember....we can accommodate all modes of locomotive power (DC, DCC, DCS, RCC and battery). So bring your trains to run on either or both days.

Show times on Saturday the 7th are from 10:00 AM—5:00 PM. Sunday's show times will be from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. As usual, we need as many hands and vehicles on deck for our "take down" as possible. Take down will happen after the show closes at 4:00 PM on Sunday.





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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, 11/7-8, 2015	NRHS Annual Train Fair—NYS Fairgrounds—Toyota Building
Sunday, 11/15	1st Qtr Newsletter Input Cut-Off Date
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 - Seminar "Operations on a Scale Layout" - Roger Caiazza
Saturday, 12/12/15	2015 FLLS Annual Meeting
Saturday, 1/9/16	CNYLSRS Annual Member/Spouse Dinner (details to follow in separate e-mail)

## Family Train Day—November 28th

Our next Family Train Day is to be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, **November 28th, at Burdick's from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM**. This event usually draws quite a crowd and in past years, has brought us a few new members. With our participation at the Train Fair earlier in the month that helps promote the hobby of G scale railroading, we have the opportunity to draw new members who also enjoy large scale trains as well as entertain families looking for a break over the long holiday weekend.

We encourage members to bring loops of track to put on the floor of any gauge trains they have and want to show off. A wooden train set is used to let the smallest of our guests enjoy themselves with some hands-on play time. Of course the layout is open for up to six trains to run. Even more if folks are running battery or DCC.

So come participate and enjoy the day having fun interacting with the public. I'm sure you'll be glad you did!



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