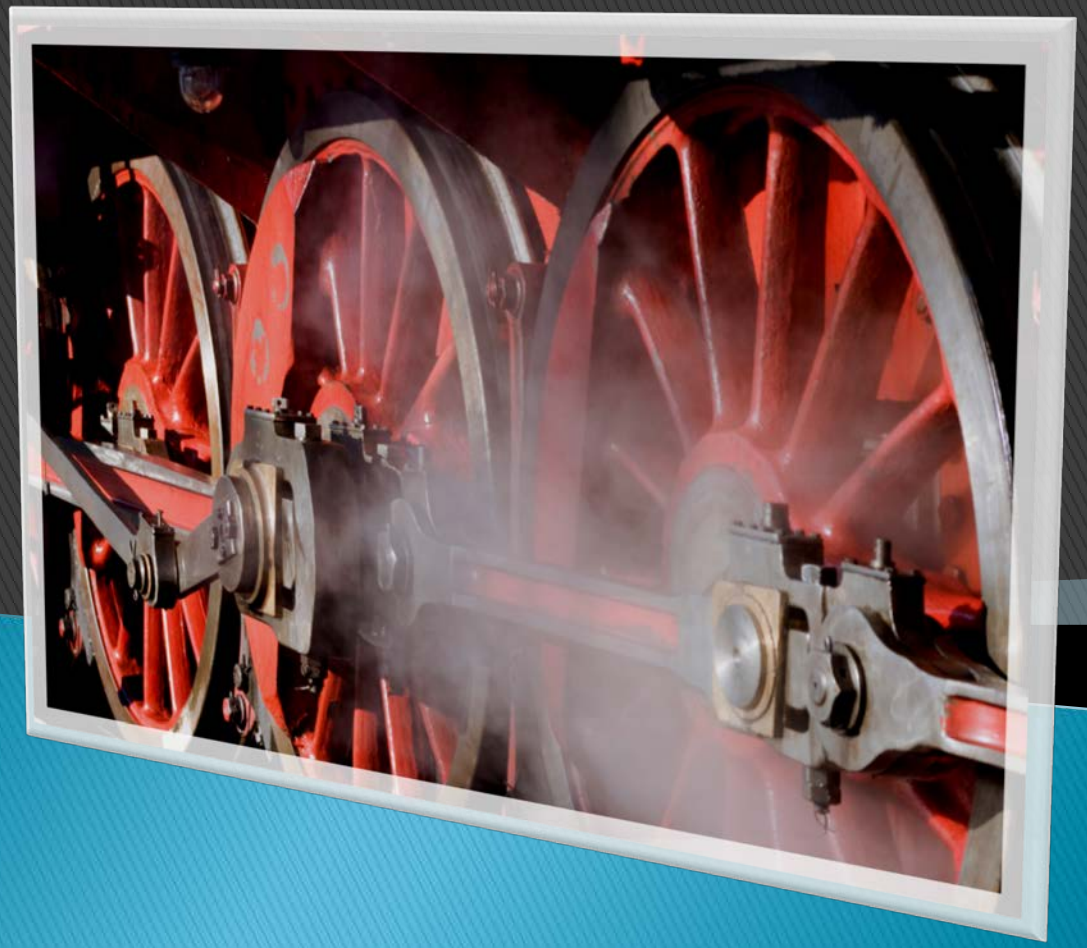
# Central New York Large Scale Railway Society

March 2014



# Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday, March 01, 2014 : Family Train Day @ DV Layout 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday, March 15, 2014 : Membership meeting 9:30 AM Drivers Village and presentation by Larry Larson NCE on DCC systems 10:30 AM

Saturday,  April 05, 2014 : Layout Clean-up & Inventory Day 9:30 AM

Saturday , April 12, 2014, Family Train Day at DV Layout 10 am – 1 pm

Spring is around the corner.  The Gardening season will be coming soon and I'm sure you can't wait to see some of our members outdoor railways and their gardens.  Every member has their own unique style that ranges from the simplistic to complex.  From garden style to city-like style with many features and unique buildings that are either name brand or custom made.  It is a must see to gather different ideas for your own.  Anybody can add a G-scale train layout in their garden.  The schedule for open houses will be posted on the Clubs website.  So be sure to check the website cnyslrs.com for the dates , locations and times of  the open houses for the Summer and Fall season of 2014.

# Information about the DV Layout

- There has been several improvements made at the DV Layout. The instructions are there for all members. If you would like more information on the new changes made to running your train, please contact James Exner. The changes are still in progress.

# Progress at the Driver's Village Making Changes

Bob Loran working on the signal lights for the new switches that were replaced.

These are the new signal lights for the new switches when changing lanes. Each signals are labeled 1 thru 5 to match with numbers on the transmitter.

# From the President

CNYLSRS
President's Message for Newsletter
February 2014
Fellow Members,
2014 is off to a good start for the Club. In early January the past and newly elected Officers and other interested members attended a most productive Planning Meeting at Ed Feeley 's house, during which we brainstormed ideas for club operations and activities per the outline I distributed to all members in advance. Thanks to all who attended.
On January 18th the annual membership meeting was held at Drivers Village, and the nominated slate of officers elected. In addition the financial, layout, and shows reports were presented (see elsewhere in newsletter). The planned improvements to the club layout are eagerly anticipated by those who run trains from time to time.
The new Ex Committee and interested members met following the Membership meeting to continue discussions. In addition the membership survey was distributed, with 19 responses to date. I'd encourage all members to respond, as the survey will help guide our priorities for the year. If you need a survey form please contact me and I'll provide. The results to date are published herein.
A calendar for club events for the year has been drafted, and we will augmenting throughout the year as activities are planned. Please note the dates for membership meetings, as we need your participation to make the club successful.
We're also working to provide an educational program with each meeting, with our first in March being on the subject of DCC controls with Larry Larsen of NCE presenting. This was one of the most requested topics from the member survey. We hope to have a good turnout.
Organizationally I'm hoping the committees will be very active to develop club programs, please if you can become involved with any committee by contacting the Chairpersons. All committee meetings including the Executive Committee are open to all members. We're formally added a Membership Committee with Bruce Haney as Chair. Bruce will be working on recruiting and welcoming new members.
Another goal for the year is to review the Club By-Laws and propose any changes necessary to reflect current organization and operations. Our target is to propose changes at the end of this year.

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# Continue from the President

We're also looking forward to some social activities including tours and get-togethers this year. We've agreed that membership is a family membership and very much enjoy having spouses and family members attend.
On a personal note I look forward to being in contact with each of the members, some of whom I do not believe I've ever met. Please feel free to call or e-mail me any time (315-345-3210 or ggarnsey@beardsley.com).
Lastly, I want to recognize in each newsletter club members who have been especially important in contributing the club's success. This month I recognize Bob Loran, a (very) long time key member. In addition to being an Officer and Treasurer for many years, Bob is one of the layout "masters" who keeps it all running. In addition he and Marie host our annual picnic which not only is great fun but raises revenue for the club. Bob is also always available to members for help with their electronics issues. So Bob, three long whistles to you for all you do!!
Hope to see you all soon
Guy

CURRENT CLUB OFFICERS
**Guy Garnsey**, President
**Gordon Davis**, Vice President for Shows
**Jim Exner**, Vice President for Layout
**Jon McCumber**, Secretary
**Bob Loran**, Treasurer

# Membership Information

**Member Survey Data**

19 responses of 39 paid members (approx. 50%)

Years with Club : 14 average

Home LS Layouts

- None : 1
- Small (<100 ft) : 1
- Medium (100-500 ft) : 3
- Large (>500 ft) : 5

Operation :

- AC : 0
- DC : 13 (clearly most common)
- DCC : 3
- Steam : 2
- Battery : 10 (also common)

Home indoor layouts :

- Z : 0
- N : 3
- HO : 4
- S : 2
- O : 3
- LS : 2

- Dues :
  - Current $35 : 16 (definite consensus)
  - < $35 : none
  - > $35 : 1
- Club Interest :
  - Leadership : 4
  - DV Layout : 9 (definite consensus)
  - Member Meetings : 11 (definite consensus)
  - Open Houses : 13 (definite consensus)
  - Educational Programs : 10 (definite consensus)
  - Club trips : 9 (definite consensus)
  - Fall Train Show : 11 (definite consensus)
  - FTD : 13 (definite consensus)
  - Social : 9 (definite consensus)
- DV Layout
  - Own rolling equipment : 2
  - Own buildings or materials : 3
- Club Meetings
  - Sat AM : 16 (definite consensus)
  - Weekdays : 0
- Meeting Programs :
  - Like : 13 (definite consensus)
  - Modeling : 9
  - Buildings : 10
  - scenery /landscape : 9
  - electronics : 9 (ps DCC session in planning for March)
  - operations : 9
  - weathering : 9
- Social
  - w/open houses : 7
  - whenever scheduled : 11 (definite consensus)
  - train excursions : 4
  - tours : 3
  - picnics : 7
  - service activities : 7

# For Sale

Three Bachmann passenger cars (WP&Y) never run, original boxes, metal wheels & Kadee couplers.
Baggage, Combine & Coach.  $35 each, save $5 on all three.
Gordon @ 451-3199

Thanks,
Gordon

# LOCAL TRAIN SHOWS & TRIPS

- MARCH 8 & 9—A Greenberg Show, The Dome, Rochester
- MARCH 16—TTCS Show, The Diplomat, Rochester
- March 21 & 22—East Coast Large-Scale Train Show, York PA
- MARCH 22 & 23—Model Train Display, Webster, NY
- MARCH 29 & 30—O&W Daze, Oswego RR Museum, Oswego, NY
- Note; The Greenberg Show is last year's local show back at its original spot.
- Glossary;
- TCA—Train Collectors
- TTCS—Toy Train Collectors
- NMRA—National Model RailroadOther listings of shows & sales at;

## Links for train shows

- NRHS—National Railway Historical
- Other listings of shows & sales at;
- <www.trains.com>
- <staff@wghshow.com>
- <Gtexpo.com>
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# Going Back in Time

**Syracuse Stone railroad**
Split Rock Quarry – 1910
Main article: Syracuse Stone Railroad
The Syracuse Stone Railroad, incorporated in Syracuse NY on May 13, 1836' was granted approval by the State to build a road from the city proper to local quarries in Onondaga, New York, located southwest of the city.
[1]

The road was chartered on the same day as the Syracuse and Onondaga Railroad which was organized for the same purpose and completed on October 16, 1838. The Syracuse Stone Railroad was abandoned before construction was even started and was consolidated into the Syracuse and Onondaga Railroad.

# Syracuse Stone Quarry