

CNYLSRS *Newsletter*

ISSUE **2014**

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Special Note on New Newsletter Format

Beginning In April 2014, we will be issuing the CNYLSRS Newsletter on a quarterly basis. To help facilitate that we're communicating information on a timely basis, it is important to send your pictures and articles to my e-mail address by the end of the second month of each quarter. That will give us time to pull all the info together and get it published by the beginning of the succeeding quarter. Newsletter due dates: **1st Qtr**—Nov 15th, **2nd Qtr**—Feb 15th, **3rd Qtr**—May 15th and **4th Qtr**—Aug 15th.

Your pictures and articles can be of anything pertinent to our club or the hobby in general. Outdoor layout pictures, workshop info, important calendar dates, and info from the Executive Committee are all examples

A Word document is the preferred method by which we'll convert your submission into the newsletter format for publishing to our website. If possible, please embed your pictures into the Word document. Of course we will also accept articles that you compose in an e-mail. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

Thank you, Paul & Diana Torrey (Webmaster and Newsletter Publishers)



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Outdoor Running Season is Here?

Article submitted by Paul Torrey

We've been spoiled the past few years with our milder than normal winters. Not so for the winter of 2013-2014. With over 130" of snow at the airport and over 300" north of Oneida Lake and with cold weather that didn't seem to want to break, spring couldn't come soon enough for a lot of us! Now that we're into April, we've been teased with a couple of days in the 80s, but as I type this article (4/27/14), it's only 45° with light rain and a high expected to be 54°. Not exactly outdoor running weather!but soon we'll be enjoying our trains outdoors with family and friends. I've included a shot of Tom Bard's layout showing what we have to look forward to in a few weeks when the trees have leaves and warm breezes gently erase the memories of the winter of 2013-2014.





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Article and pictures submitted by Guy Garnsey

Workshopsa visit from NCE's Larry Larsen

Larry Larsen of NCE and Bob Loran discussed DCC operations at the club's session March 15th. Larry covered the fundamentals of DCC operation using this popular technology. About 15 CNYLSRS members were joined by several NMRA members who attended the presentation. A special thanks to Larry and Bob for conducting a very informative workshop.

Future workshop presentations are being planned on the following topics:

- **Garden Ponds**
- **Bridge Building**

Watch your e-mail for more details!



Larry Larsen

Bob Loran

CNYLSRS... *helping our community!*

Family Train Day (April 12, 2014)

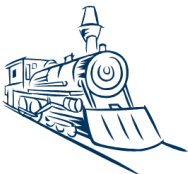
The Family Train Day held on Saturday, April 12th was a big success. The event was dedicated to raising funds for the Food Bank of CNY. There were a number of raffles that helped raise monies for this worthy cause. Gordon Davis coordinated the event and all that attended had a great time. There were tons of kids as usual and trains were running on the floor as well as the layout. Thanks Gordon!



Food Bank
of Central New York

Money raised at this family-fun event went to support the Food Bank of CNY. Thanks to all who came out to run trains and contribute to the success of the event!

The next Family Train Day is currently scheduled for November 29th at Burdick's from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM. See you all there!



For Sale

Carl Cramer is upgrading his system to DCC and he's looking to liquidate some of his standard DC engines. He's had a list that was circulated over the past couple of months. Not sure what's left, so send him an [e-mail](#) or give him a call to see if he has any goodies left.



Got Something to Sell?

Members that have items to sell can send information to [Paul Torrey](#) and he'll make sure that they get advertised in the next newsletter.

Clean Up Day

On April 5th there was a "Clean Up Day" at the layout. Thanks to the group that came out to help with the tasks (Bruce, Hank, Al, Guy, Tom, Paul, Bob and Jim E)!



Welcome New Members!

Please welcome two new members to our club: Richard Smock and Ryan Kennedy.

Richard Smock is a member of the FLLS and he has participated with the "Operating Special Interest Group" of our club, which often meets and runs on Tuesday evenings at the layout. He and his wife Lynne live in Walworth, NY.

Ryan Kennedy lives in Amherst, NY. He is 20 years old and enjoys large scale trains, which he mostly runs indoors. Ryan is autistic and lives with his parents who also have a summer home on the lake in DeRuyter. They often spend their summer weekends at their DeRuyter home and enjoy visiting garden railroads in our area.

Layout Activityat Burdick's Driver's Village

There has been plenty of action at the layout over the winter months. Led by Jim Exner and Bob Loran, we have seen additions of new switches around the layout along with lights that indicate whether you're running on the mainline, branch or into the freight yard. The old #10 switches used in switching between the two outer loops (#1, 2, 3 and 4) were changed to Aristo #6 switches. Needless to say, the improvement is noticeable with no derails to date. Great job Bob and Jim!

A shout out goes to those that helped with the removal and installation process....Hank, Jon, Bruce, Dave, Guy and Paul. In addition to the main line improvements, there was a change over to a #6 switch under the mountain that leads to the freight yard (see picture on right). We now have more flexibility on the layout with the installation of DCC. With a club donation of a NCE DCC unit by Sally Tullar in Wayne's memory, we can now operate with DCC on the outer and middle main loops of track. Dave Wierowski and Bob Loran were critical to the installation and tweaking of the DCC. "Center Off" toggle switches inside the power cabinet allow you to use DC or DCC. This enables those of us that run DCC equipped engines to operate on the layout. A very nice upgrade!

Thank you Sally...every time we run, we will think of you and Wayne.





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A Birdseye Viewsort of!

Recently at our March workshop, I took this picture from the 2nd floor of Burdick's. I was a little taken aback by the view I was seeing. As I thought about it, I realized that I had never been up on the second floor to observe our layout before. Even after 8 years, I'd never done this. It really looked great! Seeing the trains operating from this viewpoint was impressive. It made me proud to be part of this group knowing that we accomplished something that many people enjoy. Next time you're upstairs, take a minute to look over the rail.



Article and picture submitted by Paul Torrey

Club Officers

President
Guy Garnsey

VP Layout
Jim Exner

VP Shows
Gordon Davis

Secretary
Jon McCumber

Treasurer
Bob Loran

Calendar of Upcoming Events

DATE(S)	CLUB	EVENT
Sunday, 6/8/14	FLLS	FLLS hosts area GRR Clubs
Friday-Sunday, 6/27-29, 2014	FLLS	FLLS Spring Open House
Friday-Sunday, 8/1-3, 2014	FLLS	FLLS Invitational & Picnic (non-public)
Saturday, 8/9/14 4:00 PM	CNYLSRS	Club Picnic & Meeting at Marie & Bob Loran's
Saturday, 9/20/14	CNYLSRS	Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village
Friday-Sunday, 9/26-28, 2014	FLLS	FLLS Fall Open House
Saturday-Sunday, 11/1-2, 2014	CNYLSRS	State Fair Train Show – CNYLSRS Layout
Saturday, 11/15/14	CNYLSRS	Membership Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village
Saturday, 11/29/14	CNYLSRS	Family Train Day @ DV Layout 10 AM – 1 PM
Saturday, 12/13/14	FLLS	FLLS Annual Meeting
Saturday, 12/20/14	CNYLSRS	Annual Meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village
Saturday, 1/10/15	CNYLSRS	Annual Member/Spouse Dinner (to be confirmed)



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A Message from the President....

Fellow Members,

May 2014

Outside layout season is upon us and I'm sure many members are cleaning up from the winter's effects and starting to bring out their trains. We look forward to the member open houses (see schedule included with this newsletter). I'd encourage anyone with a layout, no matter how modest in development, to have an open house so we can all see what you are doing and enjoy the company.

We're working to provide an educational program with each membership meeting. Our first in March was on the subject of DCC controls with Larry Larsen from NCE presenting. Larry gave an excellent presentation on the control possibilities for DCC. In addition to CNYLSRS members, we were joined by a number of NMRA members (who I hope we continue to partner with). Our second clinic in April was on weathering rolling stock presented by Roger Caiazza, who gave us pointers on making our stock look realistic using chalks and paints.

A number of the members attended the East Coast Large Scale Train Show in York, PA in March and came home with treasures for their layouts.

The club has hosted two Family Train Days at Driver's Village with the second being a benefit for the Food Bank of CNY. Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks to Gordon and his team for organizing.

The club picnic at Loran's is in August and our next membership meeting is in September.

Lastly, I want to recognize in each newsletter club members who have been especially important in contributing to the club's success. This month I recognize **Bruce Haney**, a (very) long time key member. In addition to being an officer and president for many years, Bruce is currently our membership chair. So Bruce, three long whistles to you for all you do!!

Hope to see you all soon!!

Guy

'14 Garden Railway Tours



The Central New York Large-Scale Railway Society invites you to visit their varied garden railways throughout this summer and early fall. We have spaced them throughout the season for your convenience. Garden railroading is a combination of gardening and model railroading. One may find model railroads operating in a shade garden, a miniature village, small layouts and large, a night operation...no two layouts are the same! For your convenience, you can obtain directions to each site by going to www.mapquest.com. For further information, we have included the host's



A few courtesies.. please don't block your host's or their neighbor's driveways, no pets, keep children under control, observe the open dates and times, and don't ask to use your host's bathroom. For those taking photos or videos, please do not obstruct their subject. Of course, Rule #1 is to have fun! Visit our web site at: www.cnylrs.net

Saturday, May 31, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Members Only)

Guy & Kathie Garnsey, 3648 Black St, Scipio Center, NY 13147 (345-3210)

A narrow gauge layout featuring trestles, bridges and a tunnel. The hand built stone viaduct is a must see, along with the Harry Truman House and the log mill! Picnic afterwards. Bring a dish and battery-operated trains to run.

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Robert & Marie Loran, 102 Mohawk Ave, Central Square, NY 13036 (668-9582)

A magnificent large layout with distinctive water features and multiple operating trains.

Saturday, July 19, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Carl & Thelma Cramer, 7141 East Carter Rd, Rome, NY 13440 (336-4941)

The C & T Castlerock Shortline RR is a 500 square foot layout. Come see the town of Castlerock, the airport, the pond and flowers.

Saturday, July 26, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Davis, 315 Viking Place, Liverpool, NY 13088 (451-3199)

*The Near Madding & Far Fromit Light Railway is a European themed layout of modest size populated by storybook and cartoon characters with an occasional troll living under the bridge. A pirate ship floats on the pond. Trains operate from a variety of European countries and occasionally the island of Sodor. **There is no rain date.***

Saturday, September 13, Noon—5:00 PM

Mr. Keith Kostoroski, 209 Syracuse Street, Oswego, N.Y. 13126 (342-3409)

This garden railway features a Marine theme starting at the garage, running along a retaining wall to the back yard. New additions keep the crew busy and entertained.

Saturday, September 13, Noon to 4:00 PM

Mr. Jim Leach, 10 Harris Street, Fulton, N.Y. 13069 (402-2399)

A constant work in progress...this front yard garden railroad includes the original oval and access to a 3 track staging yard. Trains will run rain or shine. The basement layout is a forced perspective with HO & N scale trains.