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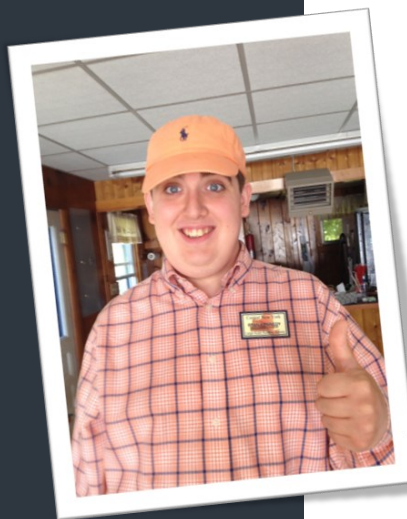
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An Unusual View!

By Guy Garnsey

Recently Guy Garnsey had the opportunity to get a view of his railroad from a birds eye view, literally! Guy's brother has a quad copter and shot a unique video of his garden. Click on the link below (or copy and paste it into your web browser) to view the video:

<http://youtu.be/LflbF7TBToA>



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A letter of thanks from the Kennedy family....

I wanted to take a moment to send our sincere thanks to all of you for a fantastic summer of G scale railroading. My son Ryan joined the club this past spring so that I could be sure not to miss any of your summer open houses. Ryan is 21 and has autism. He has loved trains since the day he was born and it is really his only interest. We do our best at home to give him a layout that will keep him satisfied, but you all know how difficult that is. I had no idea that the layout at Driver's Village existed until the open house you had there this summer. When we arrived and were met by Bruce who gave Ryan his own key to the layout, it was as if we had just one the lottery. We met Bruce and Hank the following Tuesday so they could teach us how to operate the layout properly. I have taken Ryan to use the layout many times since then. In addition to the indescribable joy this activity has brought Ryan, we have met many other community members with disabilities who come to Driver's Village during the week. They too are thrilled to watch the magical layout come to life. I guess I want all of you to realize that your efforts in building and maintaining this marvelous layout are a true blessing for the entire community.



We only live in the Syracuse area during the summer months (for now). So Monday we have to head back to Buffalo, but we will immediately start counting down the days until we can enjoy "Train Club," as Ryan calls it again.

With gratitude,

The Kennedy Family

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Article by Jim Exner

Upgrades to the NYC Main Line

I have spent the summer making upgrades and additions to the NYC Main Line including some new crossover #6 lighted switches and buildings.



The DC power for the switches are routed to the layout through PVC pipe to the junction box (LB). The power will go from the junction box to the two controllers mounted on the side of the joist then to the switches. It is 30" from the junction box to the joist...20" from the junction box to the farthest switch. All switch wire will be connected and run to the controllers.

It is 70" from the junction box to the farthest switch motor. The pictures below will provide perspective on the modifications made.

In addition to the mechanical modifications, I was busy adding some details to the layout. New road installation on the NYC Syracuse Division with crossing boards that were made by Hank Resseguie.

The new track ballast was purchased from eBay. It's real limestone and looks good. It is easy to install especially in switch areas. There will be a final touch up as I get closer to the final set up later in the summer. Some new buildings including a bank

and theater were added. A very nice Texaco service station was installed complete with diecast vehicles.





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All Aboard....

Article submitted by Carl Cramer

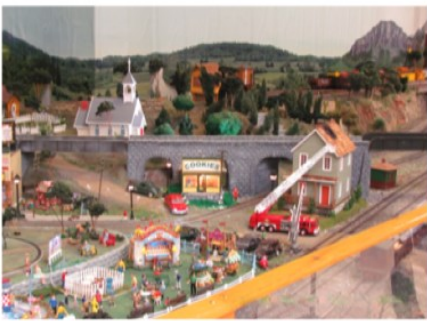
...for the 2014 Open House Tours of the CNYLSRS

This summer five members (Bob Loran, Carl Cramer, Gordon Davis, Keith Kostoroski and Jim Leach) opened their homes so the public could see and enjoy individually-styled G scale outdoor layouts. The enthusiastic members all built their layouts using many natural resources and vegetation and were all highlighted with a variety of handmade, kit assembled, kit bashed and pre-assembled structures. Of course the highlight....the operation of their G scale trains. No two layouts were alike and each reflected their individually depicting model railroading as seen through the eyes of the owner. Visitors I spoke with, young and old, were impressed, amazed and in awe of the trains, the many different structures and the wide variety of plants, not to mention the attention to detail in creating the many realistic and whimsical venues.

As a special additional tour this year, the public was invited to visit and enjoy the club's layout at Driver's Village. Bruce Haney, along with Hank Resseguie, Alex Friedman, Paul Torrey, Jon McCumber and Jim Exner organized this special summer open house. This proved to be very successful as there was good community publicity and an estimated 150+ visitors of all ages stopping by. Several club members brought trains to run, which stimulated the visitors' interest as Thomas the Tank, Grissley Flats Disney characters, a CXS and Pennsylvania Freight along with a Shay logging locomotive and (der) Zug Beer consist meandered throughout the layout. Plenty of continuous action was available as everyone moved around the layout pausing to take it all in. When you walked in the building, it was apparent many visitors were attracted to the layout by the sounds of these various trains. As an added attraction, a DVD of Paul Torrey's layout played for all to view and enjoy. A NYC passenger train was set up at floor level so visitors could get a bit of an "up close and personal" look at the action. The team organizer, Bruce, established three goals for the Driver's Village layout: providing an additional summer open house, provide members an opportunity to better understand how to run on the layout with the recent upgrades and finally, give the public folks a chance to compare a static layout to the living garden layouts. All three were achieved.

All the open house tours visited were ideal for families, members, model train enthusiasts, and the community in general as I have added pictures on the next page of several tours that I visited. Unfortunately "Mother Nature" did not cooperate with Jim and Keith as a cold autumn-like rain and wind became a reality on the day of their scheduled garden tour (9/13).

I would like to thank Bruce for providing some of the informational facts on the Driver's Village layout open house. Enjoy the pictures!



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Bob Loran's Open House



Gordon Davis' Open House



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Carl Cramer's Open House



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

(Other non-related club events can be found on our website. [Click here](#) for details)

DATE(S)	CLUB	EVENT
Saturday, 10/4/14	CNYLSRS	Membership meeting 9:30 AM Driver's Village
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, 11/15/14	CNYLSRS	1st Quarter Newsletter Input Cut-Off Date
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)